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THE 38TH ANNUAL THREE FIRES HOMECOMING POW WOW



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Coming together to celebrate culture,
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Aanii!

August was a relatively quiet month for me personally, as I had some unexpected personal issues take place. I am, however, back to office full-time and look forward to continuing to represent our First Nation.

In-Community Events

I attended all Regular Council meetings during the month of August, either in-person or virtually through Teams. As a reminder, Council meetings are held every Tuesday beginning at 9 a.m. and are open to our Membership. We meet in the Council House.

Internally, I participated in interviews for our Chief Administrative Officer position, alongside Councillors Jai King-Green and Jesse Herkimer, and Member Pat Mandy. These interviews spanned over a number of days and we are hopeful that a new CAO will be onboarded within the next few weeks.

Lastly, I had the honour of attending the graduation ceremony for the Ekwaamjigenang Children's Centre, held at the Community Centre. These ceremonies are so special to our future leaders and their families. I sincerely appreciate the hard work that the child-care staff put into these events.

Council Representation

During August, I prepared a few video welcomes for events in the treaty lands, including the King's Plate, which is held at Woodbine Raceways. MCFN often provides these video welcomes to non-political events to ensure attendees are provided with information on the Treaty Holder and the area on which they meet.

I also participated in a session with McMaster University at the Community Centre. In 2021, the Indigenous Education Council and McMaster Indigenous Research Institute published the Indigenous Strategic Directions as a framework for McMaster to engage in implementing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action.

We met to review this document and see how McMaster University has done in this area. This meeting was very interesting, and feedback is being sought from other stakeholders to determine how they have done.

Upcoming Events

It's that time of year again, Caring Together Week is right around the corner! Please ensure you take the time to come out to some (or all) of the events happening September 21 to 25.

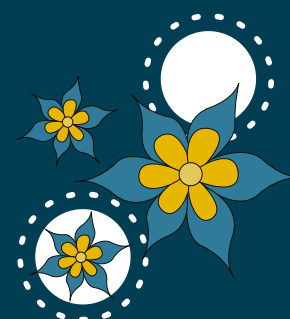
As always, dinner will be served and our staff will provide a variety of entertainment options and educational sessions to the community.

We will be resuming our community meetings this month, with our next gathering taking place on September 26th.

An event will be held on Thursday, October 1st to recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. It will take place at The Grove at 2789 Mississauga Road from 5 – 8 p.m. and will include a social, feast, and other activities!

Additional information will be communicated to everyone once finalized.

I hope everyone had a safe and relaxing Labour Day weekend. It's hard to believe summer is already over and that we are moving towards the fall weather already.



COUNCILLOR ERMA FERRELL



July 2, 2026

I participated in an online meeting to discuss the program for language teachers created by the Ontario College of Teachers, in collaboration with a language speaker.

The program is designed for schools on First Nations that are run by the federal government. This will not affect our school, Lloyd S. King Elementary.

July 13 to 17, 2026 • Assembly of First Nations

Chief Margaret Sault, Councillor Fawn Sault and I boarded Via Rail in Brantford to attend the Assembly of First Nations' (AFN) Annual General Assembly in Ottawa. Councillor Leslie Maracle joined us in Kingston.

Also, in attendance at the Annual General Assembly in Ottawa was Councillor Jesse Herkimer, Councillor Larry Sault, Councillor Ashley Sault, and Councillor Jai King Green. It was very beneficial for newly elected members of Council to observe and to give Chief Margaret Sault an opportunity to vote on the resolutions.

There were more than fifty resolutions to be voted on. If you are interested in the resolutions, you can find copies on the Assembly of First Nations website, afn.ca (formerly created under the name of the National Indian Brotherhood).

July 20, 2026

Pre-planning meeting to discuss artifact repatriation. Adam LaForme and I met virtually with Tara Chadwick from Toronto Museum Services.

We have been working on repatriating an item that was previously owned by Rev. Peter Jones. Our meeting with one of the Museums in the United States will take place on July 27, 2026.

July 21, 2026 • Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) 57th Annual General Assembly

I travelled to the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte who were hosting the Annual General Assembly for the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians.

The association was originally formed in 1969 by members of various First Nations, thus the origin of the name. It was created to fight against the 1969 White Paper. The Federal Government was trying to take away our schools and assimilate us. You can Google the 1969 White Paper to learn more of what was happening in 1969. I am proud to say my parents Ward and Bessie LaForme were part of the original organizers of AIAI. You can Google the founding members of AIAI to learn who the people were who worked together

using their own funds to form this organization. In the summer of 2027, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation will be the host for the 58th Annual General Assembly.

July 27th, 2026

Virtual meeting with the Toronto Museum Services Staff and the Staff from the MET Museum Adam LaForme and I met with the staff from both the Toronto Museum Services and the staff from the Metropolitan Museum to discuss repatriating the artifact that is housed at the MET.

The staff from Toronto Museum Services have offered to house the artifact at the Visitors Centre at Fort York for a few years. Additional meetings will take place in September and October 2026, to continue discussions on repatriation.

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE AUGUST 2026

Chief or Councillor Name	Absent From Name of Meeting + Date	Sick/Vacation/ Bereavement Used
Chief Margaret Sault	Regular Council Meeting August 25th	Sick
Jesse Herkimer	Regular Council Meeting August 11th	Vacation
Leslie (Sault) Maracle		
Ashley Sault		
Erma Ferrell		
Jai King-Green		
Larry Sault		
Fawn Sault	Regular Council Meeting August 25th	Joined meeting via Teams

Traditional Birch Bark Canoe Brings Community Together

Sharing traditional knowledge, hands-on learning, and Anishinaabe craftsmanship

A traditional birch bark canoe took shape over the course of a week this summer, bringing staff, community members and visitors together for an opportunity to learn, share knowledge and experience the craftsmanship behind an important traditional Anishinaabe watercraft.

The canoe build took place from July 27 to 31 at YZD in North York (the former Downsview Airport, which is now an urban redevelopment project) and was facilitated by Mississaugas of the Credit (MCFN) Elder and Knowledge Keeper Mark Sault and Darrin Lentz. The build offered hands-on learning for everyone who came out to participate. Staff from MCFN, YZD and community members worked alongside one another throughout the week, while people passing by were also invited to stop, observe and learn.



This year marked the fourth canoe constructed with traditional methods, but the first build at YZD.

The week began with an opening ceremony and concluded with a closing ceremony, marking the significance of the work and the teachings shared throughout the process. Gathering the materials for the build requires ex-



tensive preparation before construction could begin. The roots used for lashing the canoe were collected in Thunder Bay and brought to Toronto, where they were stripped of their bark on July 28 and 29.

The birch bark also required careful preparation. After stripping that too, the bark was soaked to make it flexible enough to work with. It was then cut lengthwise down the middle so that the straight edges could be positioned toward the inside of the canoe, while the naturally curved portion faced outward.

On Monday, July 27th, the foundation of the canoe was established, and the bark was carefully bent upward to form its sides. As the build progressed, participants worked on lashing and other elements of the canoe, gaining a greater appreciation for the time, skill and patience required to construct it using

traditional methods.

For those who participated, the build was about more than constructing a canoe. It provided an opportunity to learn traditional knowledge first-hand, connect with others and share in a cultural experience.

The final day of the build included sgraffiti work (an artistic technique of scratching the surface) at both ends of the canoe. The completed canoe was then turned toward the four directions (North, East, South and West) as part of the closing of the build.

From the gathering of materials to the final ceremony, the week-long project demonstrated how traditional knowledge can be shared through hands-on learning and community participation, helping to carry these teachings forward for future generations.



A Prom To Remember

MCFN seniors came together for an afternoon of dancing, laughter and cherished memories

For some, prom is a high school tradition. For others, it is a memory they never had the opportunity to make. Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation's Home and Community Care department hosted a Senior Prom that brought elders from the community together to celebrate friendship, memories and community at the Iroquois Lacrosse Arena on Tuesday, July 28th.

Seniors dressed in their finest attire for an afternoon, and evening filled with music, dancing, laughter and plenty of opportunities to reconnect with friends and family. Stacey Morton, PSW with MCFN Home and Community Care, who coordinated the event, transformed the arena into a beautiful prom setting, complete with dimmed lighting, music, a photo booth decorated with a blue backdrop and fairy lights, and a catered meal.



Dayani King captured the evening through photography, giving attendees photographs to take home and cherish memories of the special occasion. For many attendees, the event was about more than enjoying an evening out. It gave them the opportunity to experience a milestone that some had missed when they were younger.

"[It] was the prom I never had. It was beautiful and fun," Tanya LaForme said. Helen King said the evening was exactly what she had hoped for. She said,



"Just like I imagined it, dim lights, music playing, photo booth and reminiscing and visiting"

"Then came the best part: a very delicious catered meal and soda water for our bubbly drink. Everybody that attended was looking beautiful. All in all, I had a very good time, and everything was perfect. Thumbs up to our hostess for the day, Ms. Stacey."

Beyond the decorations and festivities, the evening gave members a chance to spend time together.

Seniors who may not see one another regularly were able to catch up, share stories, and create new memories together. The atmosphere was filled with conversation and laughter as attendees enjoyed the music, took pictures, and celebrated the friendships and connections that have grown throughout their lives.

The positive response to the

event has already sparked interest in making the Senior Prom an annual celebration. "Such a fun event. I think it should become an annual part of our activities. I've only heard positive feedback," Sandy Herkimer said.

With an evening full of smiles, dancing, photographs and cherished memories, the Senior Prom showed people it's never too late to celebrate, dress up and enjoy a little prom magic.

Chi-miigwech Stacey Morton for organizing this year's Senior Prom, and to Tara White, Lukas Gegeny, and Chelsea King for their help in making the event possible. Their time, effort, and teamwork helped create a wonderful evening for MCFN's seniors to come together, celebrate and enjoy one another's company.



Three Fires Homecoming Pow Wow Brings Thousands to MCFN

The annual gathering brought MCFN members and visitors together for a weekend of dancing, drumming and community.

The beat of drums, the movement of dancers and the sounds of laughter filled the Grove at the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation over the weekend.

More than 2,500 people gathered for the 38th Annual Three Fires Homecoming Pow Wow and Traditional Gathering from August 21 to 23 at 2789 Mississauga Road. The annual gathering brought together MCFN members, families, dancers, drummers, vendors and visitors from across the region for a weekend celebrating culture, community and tradition.

The weekend began Friday evening with Entertainment Night, offering a celebration before the traditional pow wow activities got underway.

For the first time, karaoke was included as part of Entertainment Night, with Deedee's Karaoke helping get the crowd involved. "It was very popular," Stephie LaForme, Pow Wow Coordinator said.

People really liked it. It was the first time we had karaoke, and everyone seemed to have a good time.



Photo by Dayani King

The evening also featured performances from The Randy Savages, Red LaForme, Mr. Sauga and Burl LaForme, giving community members and visitors an opportunity to enjoy local entertainment and spend time together ahead of the weekend's main events.

On Saturday and Sunday, dancers in their regalia took part in intertribal and traditional dancing, while drum groups provided the songs and steady rhythms that carried throughout the grounds. The gathering also featured vendors showcasing artwork, bead-

work, clothing, jewelry, traditional foods and other handcrafted items.



Photo by Kate Dalton



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For many families, the pow wow is more than an annual event. It is a homecoming and an opportunity for MCFN members who may live elsewhere to return to community, reconnect with family and friends, and participate in cultural traditions. It

is also an opportunity to share those traditions with visitors.

The Three Fires Homecoming Pow Wow is an important cultural gathering for the Mississaugas of the Credit, giving members and visitors an opportunity to come together and for young people to experience the songs, dances, teachings and traditions of their ancestors.

Despite the rain on Sunday, visitors continued to dance and enjoy themselves.

The Three Fires help keep traditions alive by creating spaces where knowledge can be shared



Photo by Christina Hill

between generations and where community members can celebrate who they are and where they come from.

Chi-miigwech to the Pow Wow Committee, all of the volunteers, and everyone who came out to

celebrate and support the Three Fires Homecoming Pow Wow. Your time, energy and presence helped make this incredible gathering possible and keep our traditions alive for generations to come.

Indigenous Rookie League Year-End Celebrations

Saturday, September 12 • 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. • Lloyd S. King Elementary School Ball Diamond & MCFN Community Centre, 659 New Credit Road

Come out and celebrate an incredible season of baseball, culture, connection and community with our Mississauga Nations Indigenous Rookie League athletes!

Our youth recently returned from the Jays Care Foundation Indigenous Rookie League National Classic, held August 26 to 28 in the Toronto area. The National Classic brings Indigenous Rookie League teams from First Nations across Canada together for several unforgettable days of baseball, friendship, cultural connection and celebration.

The Mississauga Nations were proudly represented by athletes from Mississaugas of the Credit, Curve Lake, Hiawatha and Scugog Island First Nation, competing together as one team and one Nation family.

Our Mississauga Nations athletes participated in the National Classic in both 2025 and 2026 — the Jr Mississauga Bears bringing home the “Power of Baseball Championship” both years!

And this year, our Senior Missis-



sauga Nation team brought it home: 2026 Power of Baseball Champions! Our Mississauga Nations are REPEAT CHAMPS!

Now it's time to bring that celebration home!

Join us September 12 as we recognize our athletes, coaches, grown-ups, volunteers and communities who made this season possible. The day will include baseball, a DJ, bouncy castles, a photo booth, catered meal and special recognition of our athletes and their accomplishments.

Bring your lawn chairs and your cheering voices, and help us

celebrate our youth, our Nations and the power of baseball to bring our communities together.

Everyone is welcome!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need your help to make our celebration a success!

For more information, please contact:

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Summer Fun with MCFN EarlyON

"We believe in the potential of every child, the value of play, and the importance of attachment in the development and well-being of children."



Looking to get out of the house, connect with other parents and caregivers, or give your children ages 0-6 opportunities to learn, play, and grow?

Come visit MCFN EarlyON! We offer free, warm, and welcoming programs where children and their caregivers can explore, create, and build meaningful connections together through play, culture, and community.

Stay connected! Check out our monthly calendars online, or scan the QR code to visit the MCFN EarlyON Facebook page for the latest updates!



Summer Programming

This summer has been filled with opportunities to connect with our families and community!

Throughout July and August, we have been enjoying lots of community pop-ups, including:

- Painting in the Park
- Tie-Dye in the Park
- Family Dinners at the Splash Pad
- Community play at Deet Park
- Breakfast Bag pick-ups for EarlyON families
- Childrens Indigenous Book Club pick ups

We've loved spending time outdoors, connecting with families,



and enjoying summer together. Stay tuned for more summer programming and community pop-ups! Our staff have been participating in professional development and trainings!

Summer Trips & Adventures

Our summer adventures have taken us out into the community!

Twin Valley Zoo

We enjoyed a fun day exploring Twin Valley Zoo together with ECC and MMCC, giving families opportunities to connect, explore, and learn about animals.

Windecker Farms

We also visited Windecker Farms, where families enjoyed picking beautiful bouquets and spending time together outdoors.





Important Programming Updates

Please note that our HSS location will remain closed throughout the summer due to construction.

Our HUB location is also temporarily closed due to a wildlife issue while the situation is being addressed. The safety of our children, families, and staff remains our highest priority.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during these temporary closures.

Please continue to check our Facebook page, monthly calendar, or contact our team for the most up-to-date information regarding program locations and schedule changes.

Registration Reminder

With the exception of our Wednesday Drop-In Program, registration is required for all EarlyON programs. Families can register through keyon.com.

If you need assistance registering, please don't hesitate to call or email us—we're always happy to help!

Miigwech for being part of the MCFN EarlyON family.

We hope you have a safe, fun-filled, and memorable summer! We look forward to seeing you and your families at our programs and community events.



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ECC Registration Information

Wait list applications are available on the MCFN website, at the ECC office, by scanning this QR code, or by email request to Shannon.King@mncfn.ca or Pam.Bomberry@mncfn.ca. There is no fee. Placement is based on priority criteria and application date. Families will be contacted when space becomes available.



Note: Expectant parents may add their unborn child to the wait list.

MMCC Registration Information

Waitlist applications available through the Haldimand Norfolk One List from this QR code.



There is no fee. Placement is based on priority criteria and application date. Families will be contacted when space becomes available.

Indigenous Reads Book Club

Interested in reading, learning, and connecting through Indigenous literature?

For more information, please reach out to:
bookclub@mncfn.ca

Imagination Library



Did you know MCFN children ages 0-5 can receive a FREE book delivered to their mailbox every month? Start building your little one's home library today!

This wonderful program helps build early literacy skills, encourages a love of reading, and creates special moments for families to enjoy together.

Each month, your child will receive an age-appropriate book at no cost to your family.

Scan the QR code to register, or contact Jolene Hill for assistance.



Anishinaabemowin Word of the Month:

Wabigwan
(waa-bee-gone)

which means:
Flower

Summer is a wonderful time to practice Anishinaabemowin together.

While spending time outdoors try using the word wabigwan with your little ones throughout the day!

Staying Connected Through Summer

Highlights from Ekwaamjigenang Children's Centre & Maawdoo Maajaamin Child Care



Although our Centre has not been able to open at this time, we have been grateful for the opportunities to stay connected with our families and children through special outings, activities, and events throughout the summer.

We have enjoyed spending time together at the splash pad, where the children had fun playing, exploring, and cooling off on warm summer days. We also shared a movie day filled with laughter, snacks, and time together, creating special memories outside of our usual Centre routine.

A highlight of the summer was our exciting trip to the zoo,

where the children had the opportunity to explore, learn about animals, and enjoy a fun day with their friends. We have also taken time to celebrate our preschoolers as they prepare for their next big milestone and transition to kindergarten.

While we certainly miss being together at our Centre, these experiences have given us meaningful opportunities to continue building connections, creating memories, and celebrating important moments with our children and families. We are grateful to our families for staying connected with us and look forward to welcoming everyone back when we are able to reopen.



Supporting Families Through Food

Highlights from Food Service

Our Food Services team has been putting together weekly food baskets for our daycare families to take home and enjoy while the daycare remains unexpectedly closed.

Each basket includes a mix of fresh produce, snacks, pantry staples, and simple meal ingredients to help make things a little easier for families during this time. The baskets provide practical food and nutrition support that our children would

normally receive while in our care, while also helping our team stay connected with families.

It has been a meaningful way for Food Services to continue supporting our daycare families and making sure they have access to nutritious food options as we work through the closure together. We look forward to welcoming our children and families back and continuing to provide this support in our community.



FREE Tutoring Available For MCFN Families!

Does your child need an academic boost? From elementary basics to high school success, we have you covered. **Get personalized learning support at no cost to your family!**

Locations:

Sylvan Learning Centre
155 Lynden Road, Brantford, ON
Mondays: 3 - 8 p.m.
Tuesdays - Thursdays: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Fridays: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturdays: 9:30 a.m. - 1:20 p.m.

MCFN Library
468 New Credit Road,
Hagersville, ON
Monday, Wednesday, Friday:
4 - 8 p.m.

Custom Tutoring Options:

If you prefer another tutoring establishment, we can work with you!

To get started:

Call Sylvan Learning Centre at 519-757-0325 to book an assessment

Sylvan will assess your child and recommend a tailored plan.

Billing approval is sent directly to the MCFN Lifelong Learning Department.

Questions?

MCFN Lifelong Learning Department
(905)768-0516

Department of Lifelong Learning

Welcome back, students and staff of MCFN! We hope your summer was filled with memorable moments, laughter, and time spent with family and friends. As we begin a brand-new school year, let's bring positive energy, curious minds, and a readiness to learn. Here's to a fantastic 2026-2027 school year!

As we enter Waabaabagaa Giizis (Changing Colours Moon), September reminds us of the beauty of seasonal change and the opportunities a new school year brings for growth and discovery. We encourage our students to embrace new experiences and continue thriving on their educational journey.

To help students get ready for the school year, back-to-school supply gift cards are still available for families who have not yet collected theirs. Gift Cards can be collected at the Department of Lifelong Learning in the portable next to LSK.

Bus route schedules have been posted on the Member's Only page on mncfn.ca and the LSK schedules have been e-mailed via school messenger. Please keep an eye on your inbox for this important information.

A couple of reminders for September:

- Labour Day (September 7).
- Childcare opens (September 8).
- LSK opens (September 14).
- Fall begins (September 22). Many people love this time of year. Cooler days and nights. Sweater weather.
- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (September 30).

High School Students: The forms for the Food Security Program and Enrollment Incentive are available online or at the LL Department.

Post-Secondary Students: Your Fall 2026 schedules should be uploaded to Dadavan by now. If, for some reason, you haven't done so, please do so immediately.

Like the season around us, may this school year be one of growth, learning, and abundance. We wish every student success as they continue their educational journey and work toward their goals. Keep reaching for your dreams!

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Updates From The Post-Secondary Desk

Supporting students through applications, opportunities, and next steps



Post-secondary education is often associated with established career paths such as law, policing, and nursing. Although these fields continue to offer valuable opportunities, today's post-secondary landscape also includes a growing range of specialized programs that respond to emerging industries, evolving community priorities, and changing labour-market needs.

Emerging Post-Secondary Pathways

- **First Peoples' Aviation Technology – Flight:** Offered through partnerships such as Canadore College, this program integrates commercial pilot training with Indigenous perspectives and meaningful community connections.
- **Indigenous Diabetes Prevention Support Worker:** This community-focused health certification emphasizes wellness and chronic disease prevention, with training designed to support the needs of Indigenous communities.
- **Land-Based Education:** These programs use land and outdoor environments as learning spaces for traditional ecological knowledge, practical skills, and sustainable practices.
- **Indigenous Language Immersion:** Community-based diploma and degree programs support language revitalization

and fluency in languages such as Cree, Ojibwe, and Dene, with an emphasis on practical language use rather than linguistic theory alone.

Opportunities in Renewable Energy

Established fields are also being transformed by advances in technology, sustainability initiatives, and changing workforce requirements. Careers in clean energy, advanced technology, and the skilled trades therefore offer students an expanding range of post-secondary and employment opportunities.

- **Solar Photovoltaic Installer:** Installs and maintains solar panels on rooftops and open land to convert sunlight into clean electricity.
- **Wind Turbine Service Technician:** Inspects, maintains, and repairs wind turbines used to generate electricity from wind power.
- **Nuclear Technology:** This field is receiving renewed attention as safety standards advance and demand grows for reliable, low-emission energy. A small modular reactor project is planned for the Darlington site in Clarington, creating potential future opportunities in engineering, operations, maintenance, and related technical fields.

Skilled Trades Always in Fashion

Skilled trades represent another significant area of opportunity. As many experienced tradespeople approach retirement, employers are seeking individuals who can build, repair, design, operate equipment, and develop practical solutions. Demand remains strong across fields involving plumbing, electrical systems, machinery, construction, and media production.

Training may be available through post-secondary institutions, unions, or registered apprenticeship programs. Skilled Trades Ontario provides information about apprenticeship pathways and Red Seal qualifications, which support the recognition of trade credentials across Canada.

Some Newer College and University Programs

Sheridan College has introduced diploma programs in engineering and biotechnology. The Electromechanical Engineering Technician – Mechatronics and Robotics program provides focused preparation in automation, intelligent systems, and advanced manufacturing. Students may also work toward industry certifications that can strengthen their employment prospects after graduation.

Sheridan's Biotechnology diploma prepares graduates for roles in laboratory operations, production, and quality assurance. The curriculum develops practical knowledge of chemistry, microbiology, and molecular biology, supported by hands-on experience with biotechnology equipment and analytical instruments.

York University's Lassonde School of Engineering has introduced its first professional master's degree, the Master of Engineering in Sustainable Energy Systems. This course-based program prepares graduates for leadership roles in the energy sector through advanced coursework, applied learning, and professional development.

These examples demonstrate the breadth of educational and career pathways now available.

Taking the time to research programs, compare requirements, and consider personal interests can support a more informed and sustainable career decision. Because a career may span several decades, it is worthwhile to choose work that offers purpose, stability, and opportunities for continued growth. A well-matched career can contribute not only to individual well-being and stable employment, but also to the strength and resilience of the broader community. Making educational and employment decisions that reflect one's interests and abilities is therefore not selfish; it is an important investment in a positive and sustainable future.

For hyperlinks to all of these resources, scan the QR code:



Post-Secondary Application Due Dates

Spring/Summer (May-August): Opens December 1st; closes February 1st.

Fall/Winter: Opens March 1st; closes May 1st.

Winter (January-April): Opens August 1st; closes October 1st.

West Nile Virus Quick Facts

Did you know?

The best way to avoid becoming infected with West Nile virus is to prevent mosquito bites. Do this by:

- Wear long, light-coloured clothing
- Use sprays or lotions with DEET or Icaridin

Mosquitoes breed in standing water.

To reduce mosquito habitats near your home:

- Remove standing water from places like tires, toys, flowerpots, and pools
- Clean eavestroughs regularly
- Change pet/bird bath water often
- Tip fishing boats and gear onto their sides to drain
- Use screens on windows and doors

How should you handle dead animals and wild birds?

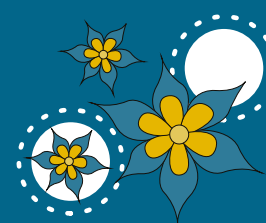
If you find a dead animal, don't touch it with bare hands—always wear rubber gloves.

If you hunt or handle wild animals:

- Wear gloves
- Cover any open cuts
- Wash gloved hands, then bare hands after contact

West Nile virus doesn't spread through eating fully cooked meat.

Report freshly dead crows, jays, magpies, large waterfowl, or raptors suspected to have West Nile to Community Health at 905-768-1181.



Call for Interest: Free 1-on-1 Estate Sessions

Helping members plan ahead with free legal guidance

MCFN Band Members living in Ontario are invited to express their interest in a free, one-on-one session with a lawyer to discuss important estate planning and legal documents.

These sessions will provide members with an opportunity to receive guidance on estate planning, writing or reviewing a will, and preparing Power of Attorney documents. Whether you are

beginning the planning process or would like to review documents you already have in place, this service can provide an opportunity to ask questions and better understand your options.

Sessions will be held on a weekday at the Lands & Membership Office. Dates and times have not yet been set, as we are currently gathering interest to determine how many

members would like to take advantage of this free service. If you are interested in participating, or would like more information, please contact:

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COMMUNITY WELLNESS EXPENSE CLAIM FORM-MINOR (Newborn-17 Years) 2026-2027

Mailing Address: LM/Community Wellness 2789 Mississauga Rd., Hagersville, ON N0A 1H0

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- ** All applications must include front and back copies/pictures of 1 piece of **VALID** minor ID and 1 piece of **VALID** parent/guardian photo ID. Please ensure that all information on each ID is clearly visible.**
- ** QUOTES, ESTIMATES AND/OR RECEIPTS **ARE NOT REQUIRED**.**
- ** Custody, CAS, guardianship, decision-making authority documents etc. must be included with each minor application (if applicable). Payments for minor children will be issued to the applying parent/guardian.**
- ** To avoid delays in processing, ensure that all sections are complete, application is signed and all required/supporting documents accompany your application. Ensure payment option is clearly indicated.**

CHILD'S FULL NAME <i>(as it appears on Status Card)</i> :		CHILD'S REGISTRY NUMBER <i>(10 Digit)</i> :	
FULL NAME OF LEGAL PARENT/GUARDIAN:		LEGAL PARENT/GUARDIAN'S REGISTRY NUMBER:	
COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS:		CHILD'S BIRTHDATE (YYYY-MM-DD): / / YYYY MM DD	
LEGAL PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL ADDRESS:		LEGAL PARENT/GUARDIAN TELEPHONE NUMBER <i>(including area code)</i> :	

CHOOSE A PAYMENT METHOD

☐ Cheque Pick Up <i>(L & M Office, 6 First Line. ID required at pick up)</i> ☐ Cheque Mail Out <i>(Ensure address is complete, including city and postal/zip code)</i>	☐ Direct Deposit (Canada Only)* ☐ On File ☐ New Account <i>(Include void cheque or direct deposit form)</i>
X <i>Parent/Guardian Signature</i> <i>Date</i>	Total Receipts: Amount: \$ 1,500.00

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Documents provided for identity of child and parent/guardian: _____ Department's Initials _____

☐ CIS/SCIS ☐ DL ☐ HC ☐ BC ☐ Prov. Photo ID Card ☐ Passport ☐ Other ID (_____)
☐ Proof of Custody/Guardianship **Parent/Guardian ID** ☐ CIS/SCIS ☐ DL ☐ HC ☐ Passport ☐ Photo ID Card

Amount Claimed:		Remaining Balance:	
1500	00	0	00

Account Number:	64 300
Dept. Number:	100 030
Cheque Number:	
Cheque Date:	

Date Received _____

Department Signature: _____

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COMMUNITY WELLNESS EXPENSE CLAIM FORM - ADULT 2026-2027

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- ** POA documents must be included with each application (if applicable). POA must also include front and back copies/pictures of 1 piece of **VALID** photo ID.**
- ** To avoid delays in processing, ensure that all sections are complete and legible, application is signed, and all required/supporting documents accompany your application. Ensure payment option is clearly indicated.**

FULL NAME (as it appears on Status Card):		REGISTRY NUMBER (10 Digit):	
COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS:		BIRTHDATE (YYYY-MM-DD):	
EMAIL ADDRESS:		TELEPHONE NUMBER (including area code):	

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I hereby authorize the use of my address/email for various MCFN initiatives (such as. Voter's List, MCFN Community Trust, Eagle Press Newsletter, Governance Community Engagement, Internal Department's use). Under no circumstances will MCFN share my personal information with outside agencies. ☐ (MCFN MEMBERS PLEASE INITIAL HERE)

X <i>Signature</i> <i>Date</i>	Total Receipts: Amount: \$ 1,500.00
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☐ CIS/SCIS ☐ DL ☐ HC ☐ BC ☐ Prov. Photo ID Card ☐ Passport ☐ Other ID (_____)

☐ Firearms License ☐ Proof of POA/Decision-Making Authority

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SCAN QR CODE
FOR MORE INFO
ON ALL EVENTS OR
VISIT
MNCFN.CA/EVENTS



Upcoming Events

EVENT NAME	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
STORIES & STUDIO DROP-IN SESSIONS	WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 2ND	5 - 8 P.M.	MCFN COMMUNITY CENTRE BOARDROOM
FAMILY TOMATO PICKING	SEPTEMBER 2ND-3RD	9 A.M. - 6 P.M.	AUSTIN'S P.Y.O 2491 COCKSHUTT ROAD
MEN'S GROUP	TUESDAYS SEPTEMBER 8, 15, 22, 29	6 - 9 P.M.	SOCIAL & HEALTH LOWER LEVEL
FITNESS WITH BABY	WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH	11 A.M. - 12 P.M.	MCFN COMMUNITY CENTRE
INTERNATIONAL FASD DAY AWARENESS DROP-IN	WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH	1:30 - 3 P.M.	SOCIAL & HEALTH LITTLE TURTLE ROOM
AFTER-SCHOOL CARE REGISTRATION	WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH	6 - 7:30 P.M.	SOCIAL & HEALTH
BUSINESS PLAN WRITING WORKSHOP FOR ENTREPRENEURS	SEPTEMBER 12TH - 13TH	9 A.M. - 4 P.M.	BISKAABIIDAA 4136 HWY 6, HAGERSVILLE
BUSINESS EXPANSION & GROWTH STRATEGIES WORKSHOP	SEPTEMBER 16TH - 17TH	8:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.	BISKAABIIDAA 4136 HWY 6, HAGERSVILLE
INDIGENOUS ROOKIE LEAGUE: YEAR-END CELEBRATIONS	SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH	11 A.M. - 5 P.M.	LSK BALL DIAMOND + COMMUNITY CENTRE
GRANDPARENTS DAY BRUNCH	SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19TH	10 - 11:30 A.M.	MCFN COMMUNITY CENTRE
INDIGENOUS FALL EQUINOX EVENT	SEPTEMBER 19TH	11:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.	BIIDAASAGE PARK TORONTO
HUNTING • FISHING • HARVESTING COMMUNITY MEETING	SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19TH	12 - 4 P.M.	MCFN COMMUNITY CENTRE BOARDROOM
CARING TOGETHER WEEK	SEPTEMBER 21ST - 25TH	5 - 7 P.M.	MCFN COMMUNITY CENTRE
OW PAPERWORK DUE	SEPTEMBER 16TH - 20TH	BEFORE 4 P.M.	SOCIAL & HEALTH
COMMUNITY MEETING	SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26TH	10 A.M. - 1 P.M.	SOCIAL & HEALTH
TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION EVENT	THURSDAY OCTOBER 1ST	5 - 8 P.M.	THE GROVE 2789 MISSISSAUGA ROAD
OCTOBER OW ASSISTANCE PICK-UP	THURSDAY OCTOBER 1ST	-	SOCIAL & HEALTH
BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT GROUP (NO SEPTEMBER SESSION)	WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7TH	12 - 1:30 P.M.	MCFN COMMUNITY CENTRE

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Word Search: Foods!

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MDAAMNAK (corn)

MSKODIISMINAK (beans)

O'DEMIN (strawberry)

ZHOOSHKJIWAAN (dumpling)

NBOOP (soup)

KOOSMAN (pumpkin)

JIISENHSAN (carrots)

ZIIWAAGMIDE (maple syrup)

WAAK (fish egg)

WAABI-MNOOMIN (rice)

MANOOMIN (wild rice)

MSHIIMIN (apple)

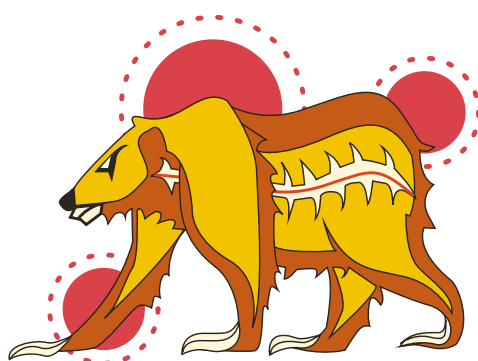
WIIGWAASMINAN (cherries)

ZIIWBAK (rhubarb)

ZHOOMNAN (grapes)

BAAKAAKWENH (chicken)

MBIJIIZGAN (bread)





Vision Statement in Anishinaabemowin:

Ezhi Niigaan waabjigaayewaad Michi Saagiig Mesinige Ziibi Anishinaabe (the vision of these people). Ezhip mino maadzijig (living a joyful life), ezhi waamji-gaazwaad (their identity, how people have identified them), ezhi debwedmowaad (their beliefs), ezhi mimiingaazwaad (what was given to them by the Creation, what they have always had, their heritage), niigaabminunkiiwaad Anishinaabek (is how they have always lived as Anishinaabek).

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