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CARING TOGETHER WEEK 2026

A WEEK OF CONNECTION
Bringing MCFN families and departments
together through care and community

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Busy month for MCFN, Summer is coming to an end, school is back in; welcome back to the staff and students.

In-Community Events

I attended all regularly scheduled Council meetings this month, with the exception of the morning portion of the meeting on the 15th, as I was in Toronto participating in the Canada Investment Summit (more below).

On September 17th, MCFN welcomed the Halton Diversity Roundtable Team to our community to share our history with their staff and colleagues. This is the first time that an organization has reached out to MCFN with the request to come learn about us, by us. I am hopeful that other municipalities and cities within our Treaty Lands will do the same. Chi-miigwech to our Knowledge Keepers Tyrell King and Chris Myke for providing a morning of teachings, and to Laurie and Ken of Moccasin Identifier for their afternoon presentation. Also, chi-miigwech to the LSK Girls Hand Drum for opening the event.

Caring Together Week was kicked off during the evening of September 21st and ran all week, with dinners and activities provided to all. Each night was sponsored by a group of different departments. Overall, it was a great time, and I hope everyone enjoyed themselves. Miigwech to all who came out and to all of the staff that makes this happen each and every year. Chi-miigwech to the Coun-

cilors that came out and assisted where needed.

On September 25th, Council held a Special Meeting/Professional Development session, focused on First Nation Governance, with training on the historical systems and imposition of rules and practices used to organize Canada. The facilitator, Gordon Peters, brought many years of political experience. The session helped Council understand past events, connect them to the present, and consider how to move forward.

On September 26th, our monthly Community Meeting was held. Our annual audit was presented, followed by the announcement that MCFN has acquired a significant interest in The First Nations Bank of Canada. As a shareholder, it positions MCFN in a meaningful role in an Indigenous-owned financial institution with a national reach. This is truly the beginning of MCFN to grow an economic presence within the treaty and traditional lands.

Council Representation

I attended several interesting events to promote the Nation and to ensure that communities, organizations know that Mississaugas of the Credit are the sole treaty holders of the lands they are on. I continue to build relationships with mayors, organizations and all levels of governments.

On September 15th, I opened the Canada Investment summit in Toronto. It was important to attend this as Prime Minister Carney was attending to talk about Ontario's and Canada's resources and minerals. He needed to be reminded that this is the First Nations's homelands and they need to be included in a meaningful way. "Nothing about us, without us"

On September 18th, I attended an art installation entitled, "Celebration of Niiwin (4)," at the Archives of Ontario. The artist was our very own MCFN member, Cathie Jamieson. Very proud of Cathie and her growing achievements.

That evening I was at the Chapel Royal at Massey College to welcome the historic first visit of the gentlemen choristers of the Chapel Royal at St. James's Palace to the three Canadian Chapels Royal. It shows the connection with the Crown and MCFN and the responsibility we all share in carrying those relationships forward in a good way.

On September 21st, I travelled with Sylken Smith to the Lt. Governor's suite to welcome Her Excellency the Right Honourable Louise Arbour, Governor General of Canada, on her first official visit to Ontario. The theme of the Gathering was "Emerging Leaders". Sylken wrote of her ambition in the political arena in her Gr. 8 graduation. Following my welcoming at the event, Sylken recited the Grandfather Prayer in the Anishnaabemowin language. The event itself was a historical moment, as the present Lt. Governor, Edith Dumont was present, along with former Lt. Governor, Elizabeth Dowdeswell, along with former Gov. General, Adrienne Clarkson.

Upcoming Events

The Six Nations Litigation court case will be starting on October 5th. The Community Centre will be open from 8:30 am to 5 pm if any members want to come and listen to the testimony. It is understood that the trial will begin at 9:30 on the 5th. The first three days will be opening statements by Six Nations, the Provincial and Federal Government, followed by MCFN. As a reminder, we are participating as an intervenor in this case. I hope to see you there.

In closing, I wish to make a note about the significance of the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, recognized on September 30th. This is a time to remember the children that were taken from their families and the ones that didn't make it home. It is about listening, learning and action. We must never forget and by continuing to work together, we can build a future rooted in culture, community, strength and the responsibilities we carry for the generations ahead.

COUNCILLOR LESLIE MARACLE



Aanii Everyone! July to September has been a very busy time.

I was in Tyendinaga the first week of July with the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) STEM Camp. We learned about medicines, seeds, fishing and water. It was a great experience, and we need to encourage more of our youth to attend. There is a possibility of MCFN hosting this camp next year.

From July 13-17, most of Council attended the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Annual General Assembly (AGA). During the AGA, 38 National Resolutions were passed, providing direction on issues including catastrophic wildfires, Indian Residential Schools denialism as a hate crime, proposed federal reforms to major project approvals, First Nations Clean Drinking Water legislation and more. These discussions are important as First Nations approach the first-ever First Nations-First Ministers' Meeting.

On July 18, I stopped by the community picnic. Although it was moved indoors to the Community Centre, it was still a great event with a wonderful turnout and delicious food. It was great to visit with everyone. Miigwech to everyone who helped make the picnic a success.

July 20-24 was the AIAI AGA in Tyendinaga, where voting took place for Grand Chief and Deputy Grand Chief. The positions remained status quo, with Joel Abrams as Grand Chief and Stacia Loft as Deputy Grand Chief. These are three-year terms. Congratulations to them both!

On July 25, I showed my support for our Jays Care Indigenous Rookie League (IRL) at the one-day event in Curve Lake. The IRL brings together Curve Lake, MCFN, Hiawatha and Scugog Island to promote community involvement and build foundations in baseball. It was great to support our youth. Miigwech to Jo General for coordinating, Tim Sault for serving as head coach, and all the coaches, volunteers and caregivers who helped make it an enjoyable summer.

We held a special Council meeting on July 27. It was a long day, and we still need more time for discussion and decisions.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (NDTR) planning meetings with West Haldimand General Hospital and Norfolk General Hospital began July 30. We met regularly to help ensure successful events at both locations.

Miigwech to Ekwaamjigenang Children's Centre (ECC) for their quick action in changing their Graduation Ceremony. It was wonderful to see all the little ones enjoying their special night. Excellent work!

The Aboriginal Labour Force Development Circle (ALFDC) held its strategic planning session August 17-19 at Blue Mountain. The snapshot report was shared at our quarterly meeting on September 10 in Rama. I am a board member of ALFDC.

On August 20, I attended the quarterly meeting at Native Horizons Treatment Centre (NHTC), where I also sit on the board. Our next meeting will be in November.

I was unable to attend the Pow Wow for the full weekend but was grateful to be there Sunday for Grand Entry and the retiring of the flags. Miigwech to the Pow Wow Committee, volunteers and community for another great weekend.

Police Service Board (PSB) monthly meetings resumed August 27. I sit on this board along with community member Nadine LaForme. These meetings can be viewed online through the Haldimand County website.

MCFN supported the West Haldimand General Hospital Foundation Annual Charity Golf Tournament on September 10. Miigwech to our staff who attended on short notice: Craig King, Nadine LaForme, Greg Montour, and Matt Sault.

Caring Together Week is another major event for our community. Everyone looks forward to the meals, activities, and prizes, but most importantly, it is a chance to see the amazing people who work in our organization. Miigwech to the organizers, cooks, entertainment, volunteers, and community for making the week a success. I appreciate that I didn't get sick after sitting in the dunk tank!

My apologies for missing Thursday's event, as Child and Family Services Board meetings have resumed after the summer break. The board meets monthly, along with subcommittee meetings.

Council held another special meeting on September 25 to provide members with information and exercises around governance and governance roles. The exercises were much appreciated.

The community meeting was held September 26, with several announcements. MCFN is now a part-owner of First Nations Bank of Canada. The audit was discussed, along with a presentation from Connie Schumacher, RN, PhD, on "Advancing Indigenous Health System Navigation." Chief Margaret also announced that the Six Nations litigation is beginning October 5. The Community Centre will be booked on prominent dates once those dates are received, and information can also be viewed online. For more information, please visit the MCFN members-only site.

I also attended Truth and Reconciliation events at West Haldimand General Hospital, Norfolk General Hospital, Joseph Brant Hospital and the Dunnville Farmers' Market.

If you wish to contact me, please feel free to do so at 226-387-8851 or 519-717-7205 (personal), or by email at Lesliem@mncfn.ca.

Wishing everyone a safe, happy and healthy life. Enjoy your Thanksgiving, Halloween and Christmas, and keep an eye out for upcoming events.

COUNCILLOR ERMA FERRELL



August 4, 5 & 6 • Multi-Community Gathering at The Gathering Place, Ohsweken

The Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism hosted a three-day workshop at The Gathering Place in Ohsweken. Staff from our Duty of Consultation and Accommodation team and I attended all three days. We learned where many of our ancestors have been laid to rest.

Repatriation of our ancestors is important for First Nations, and presentations were shared on the importance of location and ceremony during the repatriation process. Our Duty of Consultation and Accommodation staff also shared information about the work being done by our Nation.

September 17 • Finance Committee Meeting

Councillor Jesse Herkimer and I met with Acting Finance Director Desiree Schram to review our Nation's finances. A special presentation will be made to all of Council on October 6, 2026, to review the finances and discuss recommendations regarding our investments.

Thank you to Desiree for stepping up and assisting our Nation while interviews are being conducted for a new hire. Desiree will return to her original role once a new director is hired.

September 18 • Niagara Reinforcement Line

The Niagara Reinforcement Project is a 76-kilometre, dual-circuit, 230-kilovolt (kV) line running between the Allanburg Transmission Station near Niagara Falls and the Midleport Transmission Station west of Caledonia.

On Friday, September 18, our NRL Board members met in person and virtually to review our investment. Council invested in the Niagara Reinforcement Line in September 2019, and our Board members review the investment each quarter.

Our investment earns our Nation a minimum of \$800,000 to \$1 million each calendar year. The funds earned from the hydro line are then paid into our investment with Peace Hills Trust, helping to grow our original investment.

In December 2026, we will be saying goodbye to our liaison, Jeffrey Smith, who will be retiring. A new liaison for our Board has not yet been hired.

September 25 • Special Council Meeting

On Friday, September 25, 2026, Council hosted a Special Meeting and invited Gord Peters, a member of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians.

Mr. Peters provided information on the actions of the Government of Canada affecting First Nations, going back to 1876 when the first Indian Act was created, as well as amendments made since then.

Other areas of discussion included the United Nations and how we can better serve our membership both on and off our reserve.

We hope to invite Mr. Peters back to share his information at a community meeting.

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE SEPTEMBER 2026

Chief or Councillor Name	Absent From Name of Meeting + Date	Sick/ Vacation/ Bereavement Used
Chief Margaret Sault		
Jesse Herkimer		
Leslie (Sault) Maracle	September 15	Vacation
Ashley Sault	September 22	Joined via Teams
Erma Ferrell		
Jai King-Green	September 1	Joined via Teams
Larry Sault	September 22	Sick
Fawn Sault	September 1, 8, 15	Joined via Teams

MCFN Shares Culture and History at the CNE

Bringing MCFN history, culture, and traditions to the heart of Toronto through community connection and conversation

Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) brought the community's history, culture and presence to the Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) this summer, giving visitors an opportunity to learn more about the First Nation and its deep connection to the Greater Toronto Area.

MCFN participated at the CNE, August 21 to September 7 by hosting a booth featuring information about MCFN, traditional regalia and a birch bark canoe handcrafted by members.



rectly with MCFN members and learn more about the community beyond the history they may have encountered in books or classrooms.

The birch bark canoe was a particular highlight, offering visitors a chance to see firsthand the skill and knowledge involved in creating this traditional watercraft. Alongside the canoe and regalia, the booth helped bring MCFN culture and traditions into a highly visible public setting.

For MCFN, participating in events such as the CNE is an important opportunity to build relationships, share knowledge and ensure the First Nation's presence and history are represented in

the community.

The participation would not have been possible without the MCFN members who volunteered throughout the event and Caitlin Laforme, manager of Culture and Events.

Volunteers' willingness to speak with visitors and share their knowledge helped create meaningful conversations and gave people an opportunity to learn directly from members of the community.

Miigewch to everyone who volunteered their time, shared their knowledge and helped make the CNE booth a success.

Throughout the event, MCFN members volunteered their time at the booth, speaking with visitors, answering questions and sharing information about MCFN's history, culture and role as the Treaty Holder for the lands on which Toronto and much of Southern Ontario are located.

The booth provided an opportunity for thousands of people attending the CNE to connect di-



MCFN invests in First Nations Bank of Canada

Strengthening Indigenous economic sovereignty through strategic investment and long-term growth

The Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) has acquired a 10 per cent ownership stake in the First Nations Bank of Canada (FNBC), representing a significant investment in Indigenous financial institutions and the Nation's long-term economic future.

The investment makes MCFN one of FNBC's major shareholders and provides an opportunity for the Nation to participate directly in Canada's financial sector while supporting Indigenous economic development.

For MCFN, the investment is about more than financial re-



From left: Councillors Erma Ferrell, Jai King-Green, and Ashley Sault, Drew Hampton (Assistant VP of Commercial Banking for First Nations Bank of Canada), Councillors Fawn Sault, Leslie Maracle, Larry Sault, and Jesse Herkimer, Chief Margaret Sault, Bill Lomax (CEO and President of First Nations Bank of Canada).

turns. It strengthens economic sovereignty, builds relationships and creates opportunities that may benefit future generations. As an owner, MCFN has a financial stake in FNBC's performance and future growth.

FNBC is a federally regulated financial institution focused on serving Indigenous individuals, businesses and communities. Its focus on Indigenous economic development aligns with MCFN's efforts to build economic capacity and pursue long-term opportunities.

The relationship between MCFN

and FNBC may also create opportunities for future collaboration in areas such as housing, infrastructure, business development and renewable energy. While the investment does not guarantee financing or funding for specific projects, it represents a long-term approach to strengthening MCFN's economic position.

The 10 per cent ownership stake marks another step in MCFN's efforts to participate in Indigenous-led institutions, pursue opportunities aligned with the Nation's priorities and strengthen economic sovereignty for generations to come.



Bill Lomax, CEO and President of First Nations Bank of Canada.

Passing Down Traditional Teachings

Gathering to learn traditional skills and carry cultural teachings forward

A group of women gathered at the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation on Aug. 16 to learn traditional skills and teachings through a workshop focused on making waspi-soyana and cradleboards.



Led by MCFN Member Val King, the hands-on workshop gave participants an opportunity to learn, share knowledge and strengthen their connection to cultural traditions.

Participants also completed training that will allow them to facilitate their own classes and share these teachings with others in the community. For Val, passing these skills on was an important part of ensuring the knowledge continues to be shared for generations to come.

The cradleboards created during the workshop will eventually



carry the next generation, representing the care, knowledge and traditions passed down through the women who made them.

The workshop highlighted the importance of hands-on cultural learning and empowering community members to become the next generation of teachers and knowledge keepers.

Caring Together Week 2026

MCFN brings community together for a week of culture, family fun and wellness.

With a different theme each day, the week celebrated community connections, cultural traditions, family, and healthy living. MCFN departments worked together to host activities that offered something for community members of all ages.

The week kicked off Monday, September 21, with a focus on community wellness. Community members enjoyed spaghetti, salad and garlic bread while taking part in activities including art therapy, corn husk doll making, a petting zoo, a scavenger hunt and an obstacle course. Classic Roots DJ provided entertainment, while a popcorn station added to the festivities. Life-long Learning, Lands, Education and Culture (ECC), Membership, Community Care and EarlyON hosted the day's activities.

Tuesday's theme, Honouring Who We Are: Culture and Traditions, celebrated Indigenous knowledge and cultural practices. Community members had the opportunity to participate in archery, fire starting, sweetgrass braiding and an archaeological dig, alongside a medicine table and a special music group. Indian tacos, cookies and strawberry juice were served. DOCA, Lands and Membership, Peacekeepers, Culture, Governance and Communications hosted the day's programming.



On Wednesday, Sept. 23, the focus shifted to youth and families with the theme Families Grow Together: Youth and Family Fun. The day featured a round dance, live music by Burl LaForme, relay games, a tattoo booth and a planting booth. Community members also enjoyed a roast beef dinner and blueberry cake. Administration, Public Works, Housing, Economic Development, Finance, Human Resources and Records Management helped organize the day's events.

Thursday, Sept. 24, focused on wellness and healing, offering opportunities for community members to participate in activities and access health information. Outdoor games, a colour run and an emergency services touch-a-truck experience were among the day's highlights. Information about hepatitis C and cancer screening was also available. Take-away boxed meals prepared by Julie Bomberry were provided. Social and Health, Ontario Works, Employment and Training, Restorative Justice, Community Care and Healthy Babies hosted the day's activities.

The week wrapped up Friday, Sept. 25, with Coming Together as a Community. The final day

featured social activities, a dunk tank, relay games, bingo, and Little Tykes basketball, along with a big prize giveaway. Community members enjoyed fish and rice, corn soup, scones and cheesecake. Chief and Council and Youth Council hosted the closing day's events.

Throughout the week, Caring Together Week provided opportunities for community members to connect, share meals, celebrate MCFN's culture and traditions, and participate in activities that promote physical, mental and social well-being.

The collaborative effort of MCFN departments and organizations helped bring the community together for a week dedicated to celebrating the people, culture and connections that make the Nation strong.



October Community Clean-Up

MCFN Public Works will have garbage and debris bins available for MCFN members at the location just off New Credit Road along Eagle Lane.

This year, a new electronics waste bin will also be available for acceptable electronic items, including televisions, computers and laptops.

Please pre-sort all waste before arriving and follow the instructions provided by Public Works staff to help keep

drop-offs running smoothly. The bulky item curbside pick-up days are Wednesday, October 14th and Wednesday, October 21st, 2026 for furniture-type items only, including desks, beds, couches, chairs, and tables.

Scan the QR code for full details, including accepted items, drop-off procedures, and bulky item collection information.



**RUNNING
OCTOBER 13TH-26TH**

**MONDAY-FRIDAY:
9 A.M. – 6 P.M.**

**SATURDAYS:
9 A.M. – 3 P.M.**

CLOSED SUNDAYS

**MCFN MEMBERS ONLY -
STATUS CARD REQUIRED**

MCFN Business Directory

Do you have a business? Fill out the form below to be included in the MCFN Business Directory and help our community connect with and support MCFN-owned businesses.

BUSINESS OWNER INFORMATION

FIRST NAME: _____

LAST NAME: _____

PHONE #: _____ MCFN MEMBER? _____

EMAIL: _____

BUSINESS INFORMATION

BUSINESS NAME: _____

BUSINESS WEBSITE: _____

BUSINESS PHONE NUMBER: _____ YEAR BUSINESS OPENED: _____

BUSINESS EMAIL: _____

ADDITIONAL DETAILS/HOW YOUR BUSINESS GOT STARTED: _____

DOES YOUR BUSINESS OFFER DELIVERY? IF SO, WHAT AREA: _____

Once completed, please return this form by email to Dale.Sault@mncfn.ca or Amanda.LaForme@mncfn.ca, or drop it off in person at 659 New Credit Road, Building 1.

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.

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



Fall is in the Air!

Fall is in the air! With the leaves beginning to turn, the weather getting cooler, and the days becoming shorter, we've been enjoying spending time outdoors, connecting with the land, and making special memories together.

We started September by harvesting our four sacred medicines from our medicine garden, including Wiinggashk and Asemaa, along with the other medicines growing in our garden.

Families had the opportunity to learn through hands-on experiences, helping to harvest and prepare the medicines. Together, we bundled the medicines, and families were able to take them home to continue their own connections with the medicines and the teachings they carry.

We also handed out beaded corn and beaded orange shirt kits to families, providing an opportunity to learn, create, and connect through Indigenous beadwork.

Families can create their own pieces while exploring the meaning and teachings connected to Orange Shirt Day and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

What We've Been Up To: Positive Discipline

Jolene has started our Positive



Discipline in Everyday Parenting program. This program provides caregivers with opportunities to explore positive approaches to parenting, build strong relationships with their children, and learn strategies that can be used in everyday life.

We made warm, scrumptious Apple pie and even apple pie play dough!

We joined had a wonderful time at Caring Together! It was beautiful being out in the community seeing lots of new and familiar faces. Congratulations to all of our prize winners.

The Fourth Trimester

Ang Bartlett will be joining us at our HUB location with a new program called "The Fourth Trimester."

This program creates a welcoming space for caregivers to talk about postpartum depression, the transition into parenthood, and ways we can support ourselves and one another during the fourth trimester.





The Fourth Trimester will be offered once a month, providing an opportunity for caregivers to connect, share, and feel supported.

Upcoming Events:

For dates check out our KeyON!

Clovermead

Our EarlyON families will be heading to Clovermead in October!

We're looking forward to spending time outdoors, exploring together, and making some special fall memories with our EarlyON families.

Townsend Trail Walk

Join us for a Townsend Trail Walk as we enjoy the changing season and connect with the land.

We'll take time to explore, notice the changes happening around us, and enjoy being outdoors together as a community.

Pumpkin Carving & Halloween Party

Get ready for some fall fun at EarlyON! Families will be invited to join us for pumpkin carving, Halloween activities, and festive fun as we celebrate the season together.

We can't wait to get creative, enjoy some spooky—not-too-spooky!—fun, and make memories together.

Aside from our Wednesday Drop-in programs, registration is required for all EarlyON programs. You can register through www.keyon.com. If you need assistance registering, please don't hesitate to call or email us—we're always happy to help!

Anishinaabemowin Word of the Month:

Aniibiish

(ah-knee-beesh)

which means Leaf

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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.



MCFN EarlyON will be closed on Wednesday, September 30th, in honour of the children who never returned home, Survivors, their families, and affected communities.

We share a poem by R. Stacey LaForme as an invitation to reflect, remember, and continue learning.

*I sit here crying
I don't know why*

*I didn't know the children
I didn't know the parents*

*But I knew their spirit
I knew their love*

*I know their loss
I know their potential*

*And I am overwhelmed
By the pain and the hurt*

*The pain of the families and
friends
The pain of an entire people*

*Unable to protect them,
to help them
To comfort them, to love them*

*I did not know them
But the pain is so real, so
personal*

*I feel it in my core, my heart,
my spirit
I sit here crying and I am not
ashamed*

*I will cry for them, and the many
others like them
I will cry for you, I will cry for me*

*Ill cry for what could have been
Then I will calm myself, smudge
myself, offer prayers*

*And know they are no longer in
pain
No longer do they hurt, they are
at peace*

*In time I will tell their story, I will
educate society
So their memory is not lost to this
world*

*And when I am asked
what does reconciliation mean
to me*

*I will say I want their lives back
I want them to live, to soar*

*I want to hear their laughter
See their smiles*

*Give me that
And I'll grant you reconciliation*

– R. Stacey Laforme

A Warm Welcome Back to Another Wonderful Year!

Highlights from Ekwaamjigenang Children's Centre



Supervisor: Shannon King • Assistant Supervisor: Pam Bomberry

Welcome Back! We would like to warmly welcome all of our children and families back! We hope everyone had an amazing summer filled with fun, family, and plenty of time to enjoy the warmer weather. We are so happy to see everyone again and are excited to begin another wonderful year together.

Everyone has settled back in

and is getting into the routine of the school year. As the weather begins to change, we kindly ask families to send children with appropriate clothing and outdoor wear each day so they can stay warm and comfortable while enjoying time outside.

We are also looking forward to our Children's Pow Wow on Friday, October 2nd, 2026, at

the Community Centre. We are asking that all children wear orange that day as we come together to celebrate and honour the children.

We warmly invite all families to join us for this special day. We look forward to celebrating together and seeing everyone there!

What's New at MMCC

Highlights from Maawdoo Maajaamin Child Care

Supervisor: Kate Schroder, RECE • Assistant Supervisor: Greg Montour, RECE

This past month has been a busy one here at Maawdoo Maajaamin Child Care (MMCC)! With the start of a new season, we have had several exciting changes taking place at the centre.

Following the completion of an electrical project over July and August, we are happy to have reopened our Hagersville location for full-time operations.

We are excited to welcome Aalyha Martin, RECE, to our Preschool Room and Christine Pamplin, RECE, to our Infant Room. We also said baamaapii to our oldest preschoolers as they headed off to kindergarten. They will be missed!

We are happy to say biindigen to the new children and families joining us across our program rooms.

MMCC also hosted a Family Engagement Evening featuring Jungle Jamz Reptile Show, giving families the chance to meet some very cool animals and celebrate together.

We are looking forward to a great year ahead and are excited for the Children's Pow Wow in October!



A Fresh Addition to the Lunchroom

Highlights from Food Service

We're starting the school year with a new salad bar at Lloyd S. King! Each week, students can build their own salad from a variety of fresh ingredients, giving them the opportunity to mix and match different flavours, textures and toppings to create a lunch they enjoy.

When available, produce from our school garden will also be featured at the salad bar, connecting students with fresh, locally grown food right from their own school. The salad bar is a fun way for students to try new foods, make their own choices and discover different fruits and vegetables. With plenty of fresh ingredients

to choose from, students can add more colour, variety and nutrition to their lunch while enjoying a meal they helped create themselves.



Department of Lifelong Learning

As we move into Binaakwe Giizis (Falling Leaves Moon), we hope students and families are settling into their school routines and enjoying the autumn season. October brings cooler temperatures and colourful autumn leaves, so be sure to dress appropriately for changing weather conditions.

We would like to thank everyone who attended our Caring Together Week activities. It was great to see students, families, staff, and community members come together and help make the week a success.

October Reminders

- BHNCDSD/GEDSB PA Day - October 6
- Thanksgiving - October 12
- Halloween - October 31

High School Students:

If you have not yet submitted, please complete and submit your 2026 Food Security Program and Enrollment Incentive forms.

Forms are available online or through the Department of Lifelong Learning office.

Applications for the Maxwell King High School Incentive Program are also available online or through the office. Students wishing to apply are encouraged to submit their applications as soon as possible.

Reimbursements:

High school student course fees and other eligible student expenses may be reimbursed. Please submit your receipts to the Department of Lifelong Learning for review.

Every school year brings new opportunities to learn, grow, and reach new goals. We wish all students continued success throughout October and the months ahead.

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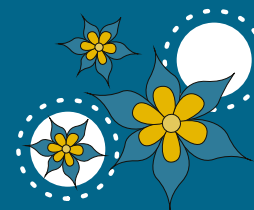
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September at LSK

What an exciting start to the new school year! Although we had a late start to the school year, our students and staff jumped right in and made the most of our first week together.

Students have been busy getting settled into their classrooms, meeting their teachers and classmates, learning new routines, and building new friendships. It has been wonderful to see the smiles, excitement, and positive energy throughout the school!

While we may have started the school year a little later than usual, we are already ahead of the game when it comes to our extracurricular activities! Students have the opportunity to

get involved in a variety of activities, including Drumming, Glee Club, Student Council, and Soccer. These programs give our students opportunities to explore their interests, develop new skills, build friendships, and show their school spirit.

On September 25th, we came together for our Terry Fox Run! Our students were so excited to walk and run together while supporting such an important cause. It was wonderful to see everyone participating with such enthusiasm and generosity. A special shoutout goes to our Grade 5/6 class, who raised the most donations! We are incredibly proud of all our students for coming together to help make a difference.

And the excitement doesn't stop there! We have lots of upcoming events for our students to look forward to, including our Cross Country meet and Soccer Tournament. We can't wait to see our students get outside, be active, work as a team, and represent our school with pride!

A big thank you to our families for helping make the first week a successful one. We are looking forward to a year filled with learning, growth, creativity, teamwork, and plenty of opportunities for our students to shine!

Here's to a fantastic school year ahead!

Lloyd S. King Celebrates the Retirement of Ms. Laurie Sault



Throughout the afternoon and evening of September 16th, students, staff and families came together to celebrate Ms. Laurie Sault and wish her well as she retires from teaching at LSK.

Ms. Laurie has been a much-loved member of the LSK family for many years. Her caring and thoughtful nature, combined with her never-ending positive energy, made her a special presence in the lives of students, families, and colleagues.

Ms. Laurie had an ability to make

every school event just a little more fun. Whether it was a celebration, special activity, assembly, or simply an ordinary school day, her fun-loving spirit was contagious. She brought enthusiasm and joy wherever she went, creating memories that students and staff will carry with them for years to come.

She was kind and gentle, patient and thoughtful, and cared deeply about her students. She created classrooms where students knew they were valued, supported and cared for. She also played an important role in promoting language and culture, helping to ensure that students had opportunities to learn, celebrate and connect throughout their school day.

And, of course, there are many things the LSK staff will miss about Ms. Laurie.

They will miss her effervescent laughter and her gentle teasing with both staff and students. They will miss the energy and

positivity she brought into the building each day. They will miss her incredible knack for creating some of the most epic anchor charts and her ability to run an orderly classroom. They will miss raiding her snack cupboard, and her never-ending supply of chocolate.

Beyond the laughter, the snacks, the anchor charts and the fun, what LSK will remember most is the person behind it all. Ms. Laurie leaves behind a legacy of kindness, joy, and a love for her students. She has touched the lives of countless children and families and has been a treasured colleague and friend to so many.

As students, staff and families gathered on September 16th to celebrate her retirement, one thing was clear: Ms. Laurie will be deeply missed around LSK.

Miigwech, Ms. Laurie, for your years of laughter, learning, love and dedication. We wish you all the best in your next adventures.

Updates From The Post-Secondary Desk

Looked at program offerings in Post-Secondary lately?



Indigenous-Led Research & Environmental Science

The WAMPUM Lab, based at the University of Waterloo, focuses on Indigenous ocean, water and climate justice. Its work highlights the critical importance of Land and Water in Indigenous Knowledge Systems and the interconnectedness of environmental protection, Indigenous knowledge and community.

A newly retrofitted mobile research lab is bringing Indigenous-led science directly into communities, creating new opportunities for environmental research, education and engagement.

Led by Dr. Kelsey Leonard (Shinnecock), Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Waters, Climate and Sustainability and professor in the University of Waterloo's Faculty of Environment, the WAMPUM Lab is expanding its community-based research through this custom-designed mobile laboratory.

The mobile lab was created to provide a welcoming space for Elders and youth and to support Indigenous science in community, while valuing place-based knowledge and the knowledge systems connected to Land and Water.

Bachelor of Information – University of Toronto

The University of Toronto offers Canada's first four-year Bachelor of Information program. The program explores how technology, data and digital systems shape the way we learn, communicate, work and participate in society.

Students learn to design, build, analyze and improve information systems responsibly and ethically. Hands-on learning through design studios, labs and applied projects helps students develop skills in coding, analytics and problem-solving while bringing together technical, social and design perspectives.

Electromechanical Engineering Technician – Mechatronics

Ontario College Diploma (Co-op)

This program combines electrical, mechanical and computer engineering to prepare students for work in the growing field of mechatronics. Students gain hands-on experience with computers, electronics, mechanics, automation and robotics, with opportunities to connect with employers in manufacturing and related industries.

Public Administration & Governance

First Nations Technical Institute
Explore education and training focused on leadership, governance and public administration.

<https://www.fnti.net/public-administration-governance>

Orthotic/Prosthetic Technician at George Brown College

This practice-oriented, hands-on program prepares students to work with the tools and specialized equipment used to fabricate orthotic and prosthetic devices.

The program has supplied technical personnel to the prosthetic and orthotic profession for more than 30 years and is described as unique in Canada.

Clinical Methods in Orthotics/Prosthetics Postgraduate Program

GBC offers this joint program with Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre and other facilities focuses on assessing and fitting patients with artificial limbs, braces and splints. The program is described as unique in Ontario.

STEM Foundations (AIII)

One-Year Certificate Program

STEM Foundations helps students build the knowledge, skills and confidence needed to pursue a wide range of pathways in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Explore More Education & Training Opportunities

Collaborative University and College Programs – Ontario Universities' Application Centre
<https://www.ouac.on.ca/>

Skilled Trades Ontario

<https://www.skilledtradesontario.ca/>

Post-Secondary Funding 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.

MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION

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

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

Email: cw@mncfn.ca

- ** 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 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:	
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Account Number:	64 300
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Date Received _____

Department Signature: _____

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- ** QUOTES, ESTIMATES AND/OR RECEIPTS **ARE NOT REQUIRED.****
- ** 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):	
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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)

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

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Upcoming Events

EVENT NAME	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
ORANGE SHIRT DAY COMMUNITY GATHERING	THURSDAY OCTOBER 1ST	5:30 - 7:30 P.M.	MCFN COMMUNITY CENTRE
FAMILY SUPPORT UNIT MEET & GREET	SATURDAY OCTOBER 3RD	12 - 2 P.M.	SOCIAL & HEALTH LOWER LEVEL
FAMILY SUPPORT UNIT MEET & GREET	THURSDAY OCTOBER 15TH	5 - 7 P.M.	SOCIAL & HEALTH LOWER LEVEL
MEN'S GROUP	TUESDAYS OCTOBER 6, 13, 20, 27	6 - 9 P.M.	SOCIAL & HEALTH LOWER LEVEL
ZHIZHOOBII'IGE S/HE PAINTS THINGS	SUNDAY OCTOBER 4TH	12 - 3 P.M.	SOCIAL & HEALTH LOWER LEVEL
MASSAGE THERAPY ZINIGOJIIBIZH NAA ENDAM	SUNDAY OCTOBER 4TH	9 A.M. - 4 P.M.	SOCIAL & HEALTH LITTLE TURTLE ROOM
YOUTH GROUP REGISTRATION	MONDAY OCTOBER 5TH	6 - 7:30 P.M.	OLD DAY CARE
BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT GROUP	WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7TH	12 - 1:30 P.M.	MCFN COMMUNITY CENTRE
FITNESS WITH BABY	WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 14TH	11 A.M. - 12 P.M.	MCFN COMMUNITY CENTRE
AFTER-SCHOOL COMMUNITY SKATE	WEDNESDAYS STARTING OCT 14TH	4 - 4:50 P.M.	GAYLORD POWLESS ARENA
HUNTING • FISHING • HARVESTING COMMUNITY MEETING	THURSDAY OCTOBER 15	5 - 9 P.M.	MCFN COMMUNITY CENTRE BOARDROOM
OW PAPERWORK DUE	OCTOBER 16TH - 20TH	BEFORE 4 P.M.	SOCIAL & HEALTH
FALL FUN AT THE FARM	SATURDAY OCTOBER 17TH	10 A.M.	PRE-REGISTRATION WAS REQUIRED
FALL HARVEST	SATURDAY OCTOBER 17TH	-	659 NEW CREDIT ROAD
FAMILY PUMPKIN PICK-UP	OCTOBER 21ST & 22ND	3 - 6:30 P.M.	SOCIAL & HEALTH
LUNCH & LEARN: POSTPARTUM DEPRESSION	WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 21ST	12 - 1 P.M.	SOCIAL & HEALTH
MOBILE CANCER SCREENING COACH BUS	THURSDAY OCTOBER 22ND	9 A.M. - 3 P.M.	BISKAABIIDAA 4136 HWY 6
COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN PARTY	FRIDAY OCTOBER 23RD	6 - 8 P.M.	MCFN COMMUNITY CENTRE
TRADITIONAL DRESS MAKING WORKSHOP	OCTOBER 24TH & 25TH	10 A.M. - 4 P.M.	SOCIAL & HEALTH LOWER LEVEL
COMMUNITY MEETING	SATURDAY OCTOBER 24TH	10 A.M. - 1 P.M.	MCFN COMMUNITY CENTRE
SHKI-GIIZISOGAMIG – FIRST MOON LODGE • PART ONE	MONDAY OCTOBER 26TH	6 - 9 P.M.	CONTACT CHRIS.MYKE@MNCFN.CA TO REGISTER
NOVEMBER OW ASSISTANCE PICK-UP	FRIDAY OCTOBER 30TH	-	SOCIAL & HEALTH
REMEMBRANCE DAY CELEBRATION	SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8TH	10:30 A.M.	THE GROVE 2789 MISSISSAUGA ROAD

Anishinaabemowin

Word Search: Weather!

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GMIWNAASHI (rain)

PIITAAGNAGAA (snow)

GZHIZGE (heat)

GIIKJI (cold)

ZAAGAATESHKWAA (sun)

ANIMIKIIKAA (thunder)

WAAWYESE (twister)

ZHIIWTAAGNAGAA (frost)

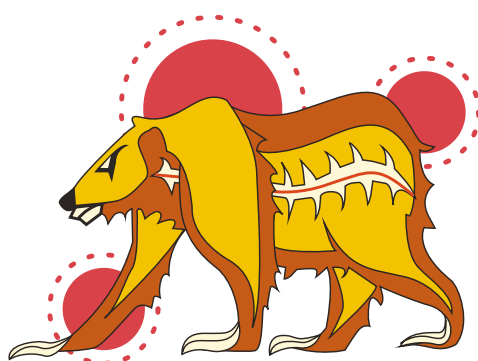
MOOSHK'AN (flood)

BBOON (winter)

DGWAAGI (autumn)

GIIWEDIN (north wind)

MNOOKMI (spring)





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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