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Aanii everyone! It seems the months are just flying by and already we are at the end of October.

I have been very busy again this month, attending events both in the community and outside of the community.

In-Community Events

I attended all of our Regularly scheduled Council meetings this month, doing the 6th virtually, as I was in Toronto on Council business.

On October 1, MCFN held our Truth and Reconciliation Day Event, which was well attended by our Membership. It was a time to remember the children who never returned home, survivors and all those that were impacted by the residential school system. We shared a beautiful supper and miigwech to Clint Atkins and his helpers for catering it.

On October 2, I attended the MCFN Children's Powwow. It was beautiful to see our children in ribbon shirts and skirts/dresses dancing to the drumming. It was a day to welcome our visitors from surrounding Child Centres. Miigwech to the Ekwaamjigenang Children's Centre team for hosting this wonderful annual event.

On October 17, I happily assisted in the annual Fall Harvest in our community. This is a great opportunity to catch up with each other and learn from the various knowledge keepers we have.

I recorded several welcoming speeches and openings for a number of events and conferences in our treaty lands. I am going to do these more often to cut down on travel and being out of the community.

Council Representation

During the afternoon of October 2nd, I attended an Army Cadets flag raising in the town of Simcoe. It is not often that MCFN gets an invitation to do a speech in this area of our treaty territory. It was an honour to represent the Nation.

On October 3rd, I attended and did an opening for the University of Toronto Mississauga Powwow. This was a beautiful pow wow and I'm glad we had the opportunity to take part.

Following this event, I went to do a ceremonial puck drop at the Ford Performance Centre in Etobicoke for an Orange Shirt Project Game. It is very touching and amazing to witness all the good work that places are doing recognizing MCFN.

During the evening of October 4, I attended the Red Dress Gala sponsored by the Sisters in Spirit in Hamilton. Our very own Val King was honoured for all her hard work that she does for the Murdered and Missing Women and Girls. Chi-Miigwech Val, keep up the great work.

I attended the Six Nations Litigation in Toronto on October 5 and 6, for the opening statements from Six Nations, Canada, Ontario and MCFN. It was interesting to hear, and it reminded me of all the work that has happened over the years for land claims. We are keeping close tabs on this case, as MCFN is an intervenor in the matter.

During the week of October 22 to the 26, I travelled to England with a delegation to polish the Silver Chain Covenant and to present to the High Commissioner Hon. Bill Blair on the idea of doing an exhibition in the Canada House on Catherine Sutton. He was very receptive to this, so I will keep you updated on this project.

I closed out the month by attending the Indigenous Service Canada Annual Gathering. It was very informative to me, and gave me a deeper understanding of programs, services and the funding.

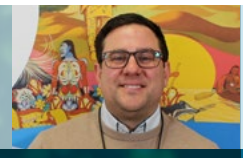
Upcoming Events

Please join me in welcoming our new Chief Administrative Officer, Audrey Rochette. She officially joined MCFN on November 2nd. We are looking forward to having you here.

In closing, I would like to go more in depth on my meetings, events and happenings at an upcoming community meeting. I will review the planned presentations for the remainder of the work year and see what agenda this would be best on.

The clocks have been turned back an hour, and winter is on its way. Everyone stay healthy and be safe.

COUNCILLOR JESSE HERKIMER



Over the last couple of years, I have spent a good amount of time working on our Addition to Reserve (ATR) process and lobbying all levels of government to move to process forward.

After countless meetings with federal, provincial and municipal officials, I have heard the same answer more times than I care to count.

“Depends on Canada.”

At first, I took that as an explanation. Now, I see it as an excuse.

There are policies, legal requirements, environmental studies, reviews and approvals. Each may have a purpose, but when they are all piled together, the result is a system that can make it incredibly difficult for a First Nation to bring its own land home.

When it comes to the Department of Justice (DOJ), the saying “common sense isn’t so common” often comes to mind. I understand that laws and legal requirements exist for a reason, but sometimes you have to wonder how common sense gets lost in the process. We buy land fair and square, yet we can spend years jumping through hoops to bring it into our reserve. At some point, you have to ask whether the process is actually helping reconciliation or simply creating more barriers.

The legal positions government takes can have a real impact on First Nations. My concern is that the system can undermine us through legal interpretations, endless requirements and delays without ever openly acknowledging the consequences. Nobody has to say “no” outright when the process itself can keep us waiting for years.

Take the property we purchased. We bought it fair and square, from a willing seller, using our own resources. It has only been through a few owners since it was stripped from our control.

Yet, to bring this land into our reserve, we must drill into the ground, install monitoring wells and investigate groundwater and runoff. We are also being asked to monitor and sample runoff from the Amrize operation, which Ontario has permitted.

Meanwhile, the effects of runoff and flooding around our community, including the area where the road to nowhere runs, carry potential mitigation costs that could reach millions of dollars.

Who ultimately bears those costs? Our Nation.

Consider the contrast with expropriation. When government needs privately owned land for a public purpose, legislation allows it to acquire that land without the owner’s consent, provided the applicable legal requirements are met. There are formal procedures, notice requirements and compensation rights, but government has a mechanism to move forward when it decides the land is needed within months.

Yet when a First Nation purchases land on the open market, we can spend years navigating a process to have that land recognized as part of our reserve.

We are not taking anyone’s property. We are buying land and trying to rebuild our land base. Why does that have to be so difficult?

Working through ATR has opened my eyes to how these systems operate. Reconciliation cannot just be a word used in speeches and government announcements. It must mean something in the decisions being made, the barriers being removed and the time it takes to get things done.

We cannot allow these processes to divide us or discourage us from working together. Our responsibility is to keep building our land base, strengthening our economy and challenging government when its actions do not match its promises.

And that brings me to something I think our community should always remember: beware of the wolf in sheep’s clothing.

Do not let government fool you simply because it raises a flag, hosts an Indigenous event or invites us to participate in a one off project. Those things may be a good starting point, but they are not proof of reconciliation.

Look at the actions behind the announcements. Look at whether our rights are respected, whether barriers are removed and whether our people see meaningful, lasting results.

Real reconciliation is not about putting on a good show. It is about changing the way we are treated when the cameras are gone and the speeches are over.

We are still here, and we are going to keep bringing our land home.

COUNCILLOR ERMA FERRELL



The children's Powwow was held on Friday October 2, 2026, at our Community Centre. Children from the surrounding area Early Learn program were invited to join our children.

Opening remarks were provided by Chief Margaret, and we had two drum groups begin the event with invited dancers to provide the grand opening. Our Teacher Miss Nikki Shawana demonstrated the "hoop dance", and our invited guests in their Regalia, also provided their pow wow dancing skills.

AIAI – Education Meeting - October 14, 2026
An education meeting was hosted by the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) on Wednesday October 14, 2026. I joined the meeting virtually, which was scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The agenda included members from Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to provide updates on programming. Discussions on the lack of increases in Post Secondary funding, and how our data is being used at ISC. Follow ups will take place on the use of data. Some member Nations use own source revenue for their students and the discussion then talked about the importance of reporting how much own source revenue is used. Other topics of discussion were:

1. Jordan's Principle,
2. Additions to Reserve-how many years do First Nations have to wait to add land to their reserves, and
3. High-cost education; ie: Education Assistants for special needs student.

The AIAI staff provided excellent topics for discussion.

Massey College Students Visit MCFN
On Saturday October 17, 2026, eight students from Massey College visited our Nation. The students were provided information on the history of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, by Darin Wybenga. After the meeting with Darin, the students attended the Fall Harvest located next to the Lloyd S. King Elementary School.

A visit to the mural room at our school was not available at this time; however, plans are in place for another visit to learn about our school mural. The group was led by volunteer Mary McGeer who works with Darin and I, to arrange visits from Massey College located in Toronto.

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE OCTOBER 2026

Chief or Councillor Name	Absent From Name of Meeting + Date	Sick/ Vacation/ Bereavement Used
Chief Margaret Sault	October 6th	Joined via Teams
Jesse Herkimer	October 13th	Away on Council Business
Leslie (Sault) Maracle	October 6th October 20th	Joined via Teams Vacation
Ashley Sault	October 6th October 13th	Away on Council Business Joined via Teams
Erma Ferrell		
Jai King-Green	October 13th October 20th	Sick Away on Council Business
Larry Sault	October 6th	Joined via Teams
Fawn Sault	October 13th	Joined via Teams

Gifting the Future: Celebrating Indigenous Culture & Knowledge

An afternoon of storytelling, cultural teachings and connection across generations.

Heritage Mississauga welcomed Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation community members to The Grange for *Gifting the Future*, an afternoon dedicated to Indigenous culture, knowledge and storytelling, with a focus on the importance of sharing teachings with future generations.



The event brought together community members, cultural presenters, and partners for a series of activities designed to encourage learning, reflection, and connection.



Programming included an Elder's Circle, storytelling, music, cultural teachings, demonstrations, outdoor activities and hands-on experiences, providing opportunities for participants to engage with Indigenous knowledge and perspectives.

The afternoon focused on the relationship between the past, present and future, encouraging participants to consider what they inherit from previous generations and what they have a responsibility to carry forward. Heritage Mississauga recognized the contributions of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, along with cultural and community partners, presenters, volunteers and participants who helped bring the event together. The gathering highlighted the role of cultural knowledge and storytelling in strengthening relationships and creating opportunities for people to learn from one another.

Gifting the Future also reflected the importance of understanding heritage as more than the preservation of historical places and objects. It can also be carried through the sharing of stories, teachings and experiences between generations.

Through events such as Gifting the Future, Heritage Mississauga provides opportunities for community members to explore Indigenous culture and knowledge while considering how those teachings can inform relationships and understanding in the future.



A Season In Review

Celebrating a season of baseball, teamwork and community with Jays Care Foundation.

As we reflect on our 2026 Mississauga Nations Jays Care Foundation Indigenous Rookie League season, we have so much to celebrate!



This year, our league reached and positively impacted approximately 100 youth and their families across our Mississauga Nation communities. This included our very own Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, Scugog Island First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation and Hiawatha First Nation. Through baseball, we created opportunities for our youth to build confidence, develop friendships, strengthen their skills and experience a sense of belonging.



Our year-end celebration was a beautiful reflection of what this league represents: community, culture, connection, and celebrating our youth and families.

We began with opening ceremonies led by local youth through prayer, traditional drumming, song and hoop dancing. These moments were especially meaningful as we continue to create safe, welcoming spaces where our languages can be heard, learned, practised and celebrated. Encouraging our youth and families to share whatever language they know is an important part of keeping our cultures alive for future generations.

The day continued with baseball games filled with healthy competition, encouragement, teamwork and sportsmanship. We concluded with an awards ceremony recognizing our youth and their accomplishments, our volunteer coaches, and everyone who worked behind the scenes throughout the season to make it all happen. We wrapped up the day with a catered meal from our local Top Notch Catering, which was absolutely delicious!

This league has always been about more than baseball. It's about bringing our Mississauga Nation people together, strengthening relationships between communities, celebrating our identities, and creating meaningful experiences for our youth and families without the financial barriers of equipment, jerseys and registration fees.



We are incredibly grateful to everyone who contributed to making this season a success, including our youth, families, coaches, volunteers, community representatives, the Jays Care Foundation, and Chief and Council. The success of our season is truly a team effort!



Congratulations to MCFN for earning the most community points, and way to go to Hiawatha for finishing as the runner-up! Every community put in incredible effort and passion, and the opportunity to attend a Toronto Blue Jays game was well earned!

We look forward to continuing to grow together in the years ahead, building community through baseball and creating opportunities for the next generation of Mississauga Nation youth.

Miigwech to everyone who made this season so special!
With gratitude,

Joanne General
League Coordinator
Mississauga Nations Indigenous Rookie League 2026

A Spooktacular October!

Celebrating creative pumpkins, staff Halloween costumes, & community spirit.

Chi-miigwech to everyone who participated in this year's Pumpkin Carving Contest! The Family Support Team was grateful for the overwhelming response and the creativity shown by our community.

Congratulations to all our winners, and a special chi-miigwech to Gary Loft and Shenaya Murphy for helping select the winning pumpkins!

Age 0-5
1st place: Serayah Hill
2nd place: Olivia Victor
3rd place: Oaklen Porter-King

Age 6-11
1st place: Nolan Victor
2nd place: Tyler Royce Hill
3rd place: Hendrick King

Age 12-17
1st place: Dayani King
2nd place: Maddy Henry
3rd: Natasha Maracle

Age 18+
1st place: Mark Green
2nd place: Roxanne King
3rd place: Nathan Baccam
















WINNERS OF THIS YEAR'S MCFN STAFF COSTUME CONTEST:
SOCIAL & HEALTH!



DELAINIE KING
DIRECTOR OF LANDS & MEMBERSHIP



COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

Chi-miigwech to everyone who helped make this year's Trunk or Treat such a wonderful experience for our kids! From decorating trunks to volunteering and bringing the Halloween spirit, your efforts made the evening extra special.

A big thank you as well to all the staff who participated in this year's Halloween Costume Contest! Your creativity and fantastic costumes brought plenty of fun and laughter. We appreciate everyone who helped make this year's Halloween celebrations one to remember!























Massey College Graduates Visit MCFN for a Day of Learning

Graduate students explore MCFN history, culture and community while building connections through an ongoing reconciliation initiative.



On Saturday, October 17, 2026, graduate students from the University of Toronto's Massey College visited the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation for a day of learning, connection and community.

The visit included a tour of MCFN's historic Council House, where students had the opportunity to learn more about the history, culture and experiences of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Following their visit, the group joined community members at the annual Fall Harvest, enjoying the festivities and experiencing an opportunity to connect with the community.

This visit is part of an ongoing relationship between MCFN and Massey College that has continued for approximately five years. Through opportunities like these, the program aims to advance reconciliation by creating meaningful opportunities for learning, dialogue and relationship-building. Bringing graduate students to the First Nation allows them to engage with Indigenous history and perspectives while building a greater understanding of the Mississaugas of the Credit and our ongoing story.

MCFN appreciates Massey College's continued commitment to learning and reconciliation and looks forward to further opportunities to strengthen this relationship.

Celebrating the Places and People We Call Home

Share your stories through AIAI's Elder PhotoVoice project

The Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) is inviting community members from its member First Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, to participate in an Elder PhotoVoice project highlighting what they love about their homes and communities.

The project invites participants to share a photograph of a place, person, activity or other aspect of their home or community that holds personal meaning, accompanied by a written explanation of why it matters to them. Through photography and storytelling, participants can share their perspectives and experiences, helping document the connections that make their homes and communities meaningful.

AIAI is encouraging eligible participants to reflect on what they value most about where they live and to express those connections through images and words.

A complete submission must include both a photograph and a written description explaining what the participant loves about their home or community.

The project is open to members of AIAI's member First Nations. MCFN is a member of the association and eligible community members are invited to participate.

Submissions must be received by Friday, December 4, 2026.

To submit a photograph and written description, email Shayna Phillips at sphillips@aiai.on.ca.

Fishing Rod Giveaway Connects Youth with the Land



The Environmental Unit at DOCA is thrilled to announce that staff recently gave away 25 brand-new fishing rods to help MCFN's young community members deepen their connection with the land! This initiative was made possible with funding from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP).

This funding directly supports vital stewardship activities, and land-based connections, ensuring everyone can learn to protect and appreciate our local waters. We want to thank everyone who attended MCFN's Fall Harvest and those who participated in the giveaway.

We encourage you to stay tuned for more fun activities and giveaways coming soon!

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: _____

_____

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

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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.

Gathering Together for the Annual Fall Harvest

Celebrating traditional foods, cultural teachings and community connections.

Our annual Fall Harvest brought community members together for a day of sharing, learning and celebrating the traditions that connect us to the land and to one another. From traditional foods and cultural teachings to vendors, hands-on activities and good company, the event was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our traditions and pass knowledge on to future generations.



A special chi-miigwech to Mark Sault and Eric Sault for their year-round harvesting and dedication to helping bring this event to life. Chi-miigwech as well to all the community members and volunteers who led and assisted with the activity stations, and to everyone who generously donated wild game, berries, pawpaws and medicines to share with participants.



We also extend our sincere thanks to this year's sponsors: 407 ETR, YZD by Northcrest, Ricoh, Arcadis, Acosys, Hydro One, The Bentway, David T. Fortin Architect, the City of Toronto's Waterfront Secretariat and the City of Toronto's Indigenous Affairs Office. Your generosity and support help make this annual celebration possible.

Take a look at some of our favourite moments from this year's Fall Harvest, and be sure to check out the traditional recipe on the next page, originally shared in our Fall Harvest activity book!















Simple Wild Rice & Fruit Salad



3-4 cups cooked mnoonim (wild rice)
1/2 cup maple syrup
1 diced apple
1 cup blueberries
1 cup strawberries
OPTIONAL: walnuts or pecans

1. Combine all ingredients in a bowl.
2. Taste and add more maple syrup as needed to reach your desired sweetness.



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 Fun, Culture & Community!
October has been filled with opportunities to connect with one another, learn from the land, and celebrate the beauty of the fall season. From farm adventures to cultural teachings, our EarlyON families have been making wonderful memories together!

Chii-miiigwech to everyone who made the Children's Powwow possible. It is incredible to see all of the children's centres unite and come together.

A Visit to Clovermead Farm
Our EarlyON families had a wonderful time visiting Clovermead Farm! It was a beautiful opportunity to get outdoors, explore, enjoy the fall scenery, and share special moments together as families. Experiences like these allow children to learn through exploration, curiosity, and hands-on play while building connections with their peers and caregivers.

Fall Harvest & Cultural Teachings
We had the opportunity to attend the Fall Harvest, where we learned about harvesting wild rice, enjoyed tasting cinnamon bannock, and participated in meaningful cultural experiences.

It was a beautiful gathering filled with culture, learning, and a strong sense of community. We are grateful for opportunities to learn from the land, share teachings, and come together to celebrate the knowledge and traditions that connect us.

Trunk or Treat!
Our EarlyON team also participated in Trunk or Treat, and it was amazing to see everyone dressed up and getting into the Halloween spirit!

Thank you to everyone who came out, participated, and helped make the event so much fun. We love seeing our community come together to celebrate and create special memories for our children and families.

Upcoming Programs & Events:

Baby Food Making Classes
MCFN EarlyON will be hosting Baby Food Making Classes in November! These sessions offer caregivers an opportunity to learn about preparing homemade baby food, exploring ingredients, and creating nutritious options for their little ones.

Families can choose the time that works best for them:
November 10, 2026: 9–11 a.m. or 1–3 p.m.
November 24, 2026: 9–11 a.m. or 1–3 p.m.

Interested in joining us? Please email Megan a Megan.Laforme@mncfn.ca to register. We



look forward to welcoming you and your little ones!

Infant Massage

We are excited to start up Infant Massage with Jolene Hill RSSW Infant massage is a beautiful way for caregivers to slow down, connect with their babies, and strengthen the bond they share. Through gentle, nurturing touch, caregivers can learn techniques to support relaxation, promote bonding, and become more familiar with their baby's cues and communication.

Infant massage can also provide a special opportunity to spend intentional one-on-one time together, helping caregivers feel more confident as they respond to their baby's needs.

Whether you're a new parent or simply looking for ways to deepen your connection with your little one, we look forward to sharing this experience with our EarlyON families. Stay tuned for more information about upcoming sessions!

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!



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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.

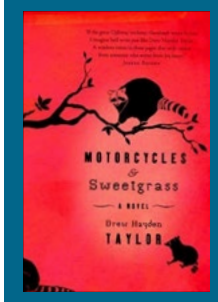
MMCC
Registration Information

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

Motorcycles and Sweetgrass
by Drew Hayden Taylor



Otter Lake is a sleepy Anishnaabe community where little happens — until a handsome stranger arrives on a 1953 Indian Chief motorcycle and turns everything upside down. As Maggie, the community's Chief, is swept off her feet, her teenage son Virgil teams up with his uncle Wayne to drive the mysterious stranger away. With a little help from some unexpected allies, things are about to get interesting!

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

Anishinaabemowin Word of the Month:

Waatebagaa
(wah-tay-buh-gah)

which means:
The leaves are changing colour/fall foliage

We encourage families to explore Anishinaabemowin together and notice the changes happening around us during this beautiful fall season. Try using our word of the month during your outdoor adventures, nature walks, and conversations with your little ones!

Celebrating at the Powwow

Highlights from Ekwaamjigenang Children's Centre



Supervisor: Shannon King • Assistant Supervisor: Pam Bomberry

The children had a wonderful time attending the Annual Children's Powwow, enjoying a fun-filled morning of dancing, drumming, and coming together in celebration.

The vibrant songs and powerful beats of the drum created an exciting atmosphere as children eagerly joined in the dances and learned about Indigenous culture and traditions. It was a meaningful opportunity to connect with one another, show respect for community teachings, and celebrate together.

The smiles, laughter, and sense of belonging shared throughout the morning made it a memorable experience for everyone involved.

What's New at MMCC

Highlights from Maawdoo Maajaamin Child Care

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

This year is flying by, and we can hardly believe November is already here!

During October we were delighted to welcome new friends to both our Infant and preschool programs.

We are continuing to expand our focus on outdoor learning. Our preschool children had the opportunity to participate in programming with Jimi in the Outdoor Forest Classroom at Ekwaamjigenang twice this month and attend the MCFN Fall Harvest event on October 19th.

All of the children went pumpkin crazy this month. There was pumpkin art, pumpkin sensory, pumpkin food, pretty much everything pumpkin you can think of.

October 21st was Child Care Workers and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day. We were so grateful to receive heartfelt emails from parents expressing their appreciation for our educators and the care they provide each day. Here are some of the lovely messages we received:

"Thank you for the care you show E every day! It means so much to us to know she's surrounded by people who care about her and help her grow. You have such a big impact on these little ones and we're grateful for all you do!"

"We are so grateful to be part of such a wonderful, caring environment. Thank you for making my little boy feel so loved, safe, and welcomed!"

"Your work is some of the most important work in the world and in our community, helping to build a solid foundation for littles and our future."

Messages like these mean so much to our team and remind us of the importance of the relationships we build with the children and families in our care. Thank you to all our educators for the amazing gifts you share with the children and families each day!

As we welcome November, don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on November 1st.

We look forward to another month of learning, growing, and making wonderful memories together!







Learning From the Land

Highlights from Food Service

Staff enjoying the opportunity to learn outdoors through a hands-on cooking experience! Together, we made bannock over an open fire, learning about traditional cooking methods and enjoying the experience of preparing food in nature.

Staff also explored sumac, learning about this local plant and its place in the natural world. Activities like these help us further our understanding to help build skills and knowledge of the land, develop curiosity about the plants around us, and strengthen their connection to the outdoors. This is something we can carry forward and implement in our teachings with the children.

Most importantly, these experiences give us the chance to become more comfortable and confident outside. From gathering around the fire to exploring nature and trying new things, every experience is an opportunity to learn, grow, and build lasting memories.

Learning from the land, sharing traditions, and building confidence one outdoor adventure at a time! Chi-miigwech to Jimi Green the Early Years Pedagogical Lead and Andrea King knowledge keeper.







Department of Lifelong Learning

As we move into Gashkadino-giizis (Freezing Moon), we hope students and families are enjoying a successful school year and settling into the routines of late fall. We hope everyone enjoyed a fun and safe Halloween and had the opportunity to spend time with family and friends. Whether you were out trick-or-treating, attending community events, or celebrating in your own way, we hope the holiday created many happy memories.

November often brings colder temperatures, shorter days, and the first signs of winter weather. Please remember to dress appropriately for changing conditions and allow extra time for travel when weather impacts road conditions

November Reminders
Daylight Saving Time Ends: November 1st

Remembrance Day: November 11th

Elementary & Secondary Student Tutoring Program Update: Following Chief and Council's approval of the updated Elementary/Secondary Student Tutoring Policy on October 13, 2026, all tutoring intakes and sessions remain temporarily on hold while we work to secure funding. Once funding is secured, application intakes will reopen under the updated policy, requiring a parent application and a school-validated Teacher Recommendation Form.

We will share further updates once funding is secured, and we thank our community and families for their continued patience as we work to stabilize this program.

Food Security and Enrollment Incentive: Applications are accepted throughout the month; students are encouraged to complete one for this academic school year to receive monthly support.

Post Secondary Assistance Updates: Applications are now closed for the Winter 2027 semester. Applications for Spring/Summer are open December 1st, 2026, and close February 1st, 2027. The updated Post Secondary Student Assistance Policy is now available on the MCFN Website located under the Department of Lifelong Learning Tab and the Post-Secondary section.

As we move toward the winter season, we encourage all students to stay focused on their goals and continue building positive learning habits.

"Our elders tell us that education is the key to unlocking the future, while honouring the knowledge of the past."

We wish everyone a safe, healthy, and successful November. Miigwech for your ongoing commitment to education and lifelong learning.

KASA Brings Families Together Through Storytelling

On Wednesday, October 14, KASA hosted its first Family Engagement Night, led by Jimi Green, Land-Based Pedagogical Lead. Families and children gathered outdoors around the fire for an evening of storytelling, traditional food experiences, and connection.





The evening began with soup warmed over the fire, fresh apple slices, and trail mix as families settled in to listen to Tyrell King share a Nanaboozhoo story. Everyone then took a break to make bannock on a stick, enjoying the opportunity to prepare food together over the open fire before gathering again for another story about how the turtle got his shell.

Through storytelling, food, and shared experiences on the land, the evening created a welcoming space for families to learn, connect, and make memories together. KASA's first Family Engagement Night was a wonderful opportunity to bring families closer to cultural teachings and land-based learning while celebrating the value of spending time together as a community.

October at Lloyd S King Elementary

October was a busy and exciting month at LSK! Our students have been keeping active, learning, and participating in many wonderful school activities.

We were proud to have 40 students represent LSK at the Six Nations Cross Country meet, with 9 students advancing to the Brant County Cross Country event. Congratulations to all our runners, especially Rownen LaForme, who placed 5th and will represent LSK at the CAGE event!



Our junior soccer team also participated in a tournament this month, finishing in 3rd place! We are incredibly proud of their efforts and the way they represented LSK throughout the tournament. Our students demonstrated excellent sportsmanship, respect toward their opponents, and great school spirit. Congratulations to the team on a fantastic accomplishment!

Our entire school enjoyed a full day of fresh air, sunshine, and outdoor fun as we celebrated Take Me Outside Day! Students participated in a variety of exciting activities, including gathering around the fire for s'mores, drumming, mandala making, a storybook walk along the trail, and outdoor art classes. It was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to connect with nature, get creative, and enjoy the beautiful fall weather together!

As we head into November, we would like to thank our students, families, staff, and community for their continued support and involvement in our school. We look forward to another month filled with learning, school spirit, and opportunities for our students to shine. From all of us at LSK, we wish our families a safe and happy Halloween and a wonderful start to November!

Updates From The Post-Secondary Desk

A quick guide to applying for MCFN post-secondary funding and additional student support



Thinking about Post Secondary, but not sure how the whole process works? Here is a quick rundown of how to apply for funding from Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Post Secondary funding.

First, see our website for information. We have a new Post Secondary Student Assistance Policy (PSSAP) on the website. It is always available to the public, as required by Indigenous Services Canada (ISC). We have procedures, directions, and resources. We even have a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section!

Scan the QR code to be taken to the Post Secondary Resources Hub!

You will need to complete two applications. If you plan to attend post-secondary school, you must apply to your chosen institution and separately apply to your First Nation for funding. Most First Nations publish their funding application, instructions, and deadlines on their websites.

Confirm how to apply. Start by choosing a program and reviewing its application process. Indigenous education institutes may accept applications directly. Ontario college programs generally use the Ontario Colleges Application Service (OCAS), while university programs use the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC). School staff can help you explore programs and understand the required steps. Remember that admission and funding are separate processes—you must apply for both.

Apply by the funding deadline. Even if your plans are not yet final, submit your MCFN funding application on time. You may withdraw it later if your plans change; however, missing the deadline may limit your options. Applications for the May–August 2027 academic term open December 1, 2026, and close February 1, 2027.

Complete all follow-up requirements. After submitting your school and funding applications, monitor your email for messages from Lifelong Learning and respond promptly to any outstanding requests. Federal funding requirements make complete and accurate documentation essential. To remain eligible, apply each year, upload all required documents, and maintain satisfactory progress in your program.

Choose either residence funding or the Living Allowance. You cannot receive both. The funding amounts are intended to be equivalent. If residence costs exceed the available funding, you are responsible for the difference. If costs are lower, the remaining amount will be issued after you successfully complete the academic year.

Explore Additional Funding Bursaries and scholarships: Apply whenever possible. Prepare a strong application package in advance so you can tailor it efficiently for different opportunities. There is no limit to the number of bursaries or scholarships you may apply for. Did you volunteer? Ask for a reference letter. Favourite teacher at school? Ask for a letter of support. We have bursary and scholarship information on our website, but there are constantly new ones being offered. Keep looking!

Graduate awards: If you have graduated, you may be eligible for a graduate award from MCFN. The application is available on the website. You may apply for one award for each completed post-secondary level; two identical level diplomas qualify for one award.

Funding at another post-secondary level: If you previously completed university studies and are now considering a college program, you may be able to apply again if you have not already used your college funding. Funding is not guaranteed, but support may be available at each of the college and university levels.

Student Responsibilities: When you sign the completed application, you have made a contract. This means you have responsibilities to fill. You can find out what you have agreed to do by reading the Policy posted on the website. When you remain in good standing, we do our best to continue funding your education.

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 *(as it appears on Status Card)*:	**CHILD'S REGISTRY NUMBER** *(10 Digit)*:
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** *(including area code)*:

CHOOSE A PAYMENT METHOD

___ Cheque Pick Up **(L & M Office, 6 First Line. ID required at pick up)** __ Cheque Mail Out **(Ensure address is complete, including city and postal/zip code)**	___ Direct Deposit **(Canada Only)*** ___ On File ___ New Account **(Include void cheque or direct deposit form)**

X ***Parent/Guardian Signature Date***	**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
Dept. Number:	100 030
Cheque Number:	
Cheque Date:	

Date Received _____ Department Signature: _____

MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION

COMMUNITY WELLNESS EXPENSE CLAIM FORM - ADULT 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 2 pieces of VALID ID, one being photo ID. Please ensure that all information on each ID is clearly visible.**
** **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)*:
COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS:	**BIRTHDATE** (YYYY-MM-DD): _____ / _____ / _____ 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 ***Signature*** ***Date***	**Total Receipts:** **Amount: $ 1,500.00**

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

Amount Claimed:		Remaining Balance:	
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Upcoming Events

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

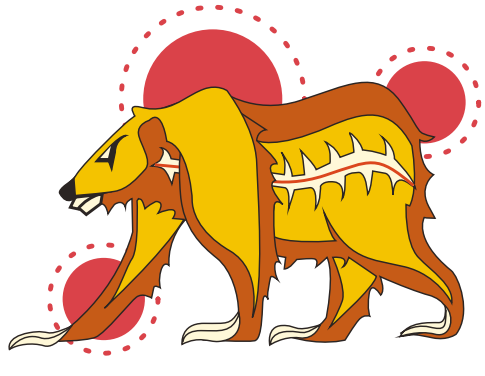
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COMMUNITY YOGA	MONDAYS NOVEMBER 2, 23, 30	6 - 6:45 P.M.	MCFN COMMUNITY CENTRE
MEN'S GROUP	TUESDAYS NOVEMBER 3, 10, 17, 24	6 - 9 P.M.	SOCIAL & HEALTH LOWER LEVEL
BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT GROUP	WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 4TH	12 - 1:30 P.M.	MCFN COMMUNITY CENTRE
STORIES & STUDIO DROP-IN SESSIONS	WEDNESDAYS NOVEMBER 4, 11, 18, 25	5 - 8 P.M.	MCFN COMMUNITY CENTRE BOARDROOM
HUNTING & HARVESTING SKILLS DAY	THURSDAY NOVEMBER 5TH	4 - 7 P.M.	SOCIAL & HEALTH FIELD
RED CROSS BABYSITTING COURSE	SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7TH	9 A.M. - 4 P.M.	MCFN COMMUNITY CENTRE
REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE	SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8TH	10:30 A.M	THE GROVE 2789 MISSISSAUGA ROAD
ZHIZHOOBII'IGE S/HE PAINTS THINGS	SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8TH	12 - 3 P.M.	SOCIAL & HEALTH LOWER LEVEL
MASSAGE THERAPY | ZINIGOJIIBIZH NAA ENDAM	SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8TH	9 A.M. - 4 P.M.	SOCIAL & HEALTH LITTLE TURTLE ROOM
FITNESS WITH BABY	WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 11TH	11 A.M. - 12 P.M.	MCFN COMMUNITY CENTRE
FAMILY SWIM & GAME NIGHT	THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12TH	5 - 7 P.M.	BISKAABIIDAA 4136 HWY 6
GANAWENINDIZON: TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOURSELF	SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14TH	10 A.M. - 6 P.M.	MCFN COMMUNITY CENTRE
AFTER-SCHOOL COMMUNITY SKATE	WEDNESDAYS	4 - 4:50 P.M.	GAYLORD POWLESS ARENA
OW PAPERWORK DUE	NOVEMBER 16TH - 20TH	BEFORE 4 P.M.	SOCIAL & HEALTH
MOBILE CANCER SCREENING COACH BUS	THURSDAY NOVEMBER 19TH	9 A.M. - 3 P.M.	BISKAABIIDAA 4136 HWY 6
ANOKAAJIGAN NONGO: LEATHER GLOVES	SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21ST	10 A.M. - 4 P.M.	SOCIAL & HEALTH
SHKI-GIIZISOGAMIG – FIRST MOON LODGE • PART TWO	TUESDAY NOVEMBER 24TH	6 - 9 P.M.	CONTACT CHRIS.MYKE@MNCFN.CA TO REGISTER
COMMUNITY MEETING	SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28TH	10 A.M. - 1 P.M.	MCFN COMMUNITY CENTRE
SAFE FOOD HANDLER'S CERTIFICATE COURSE	MONDAY NOVEMBER 30TH	8:30 A.M. - 5 P.M.	REGISTER WITH LAURALEE.KELLY@ MNCFN.CA
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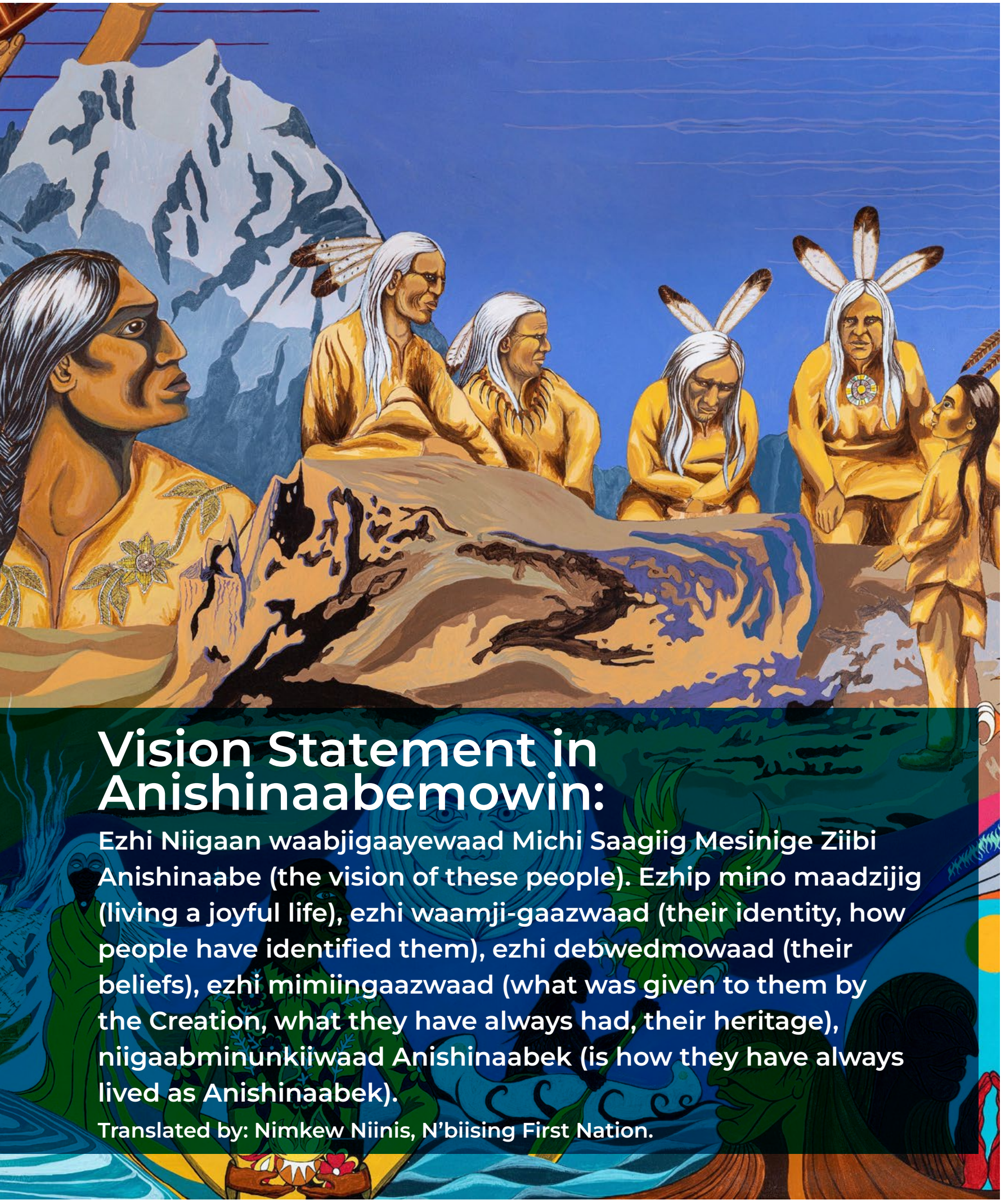
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AAJIGADE (coot)
DIINDIISI (blue jay)
OJIJAAK (sandhill crane)
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Vision Statement in Anishinaabemowin:

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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