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February 27-March 5

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## Fort William First Nation Health, Culture & Recreation Programs



*(Youth Programs will be held at the Community Centre until further notice)*

Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup> - Drum Social - Community Centre 7pm-9pm  
Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup> - Youth Program - 6pm Community Centre  
Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup> - Anishinawbemowin - Community Centre 7pm-9pm  
Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup> - Sewing - Community Centre - 6pm-9pm  
Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup> - Youth Program - Community Centre - 6pm  
Friday March 6<sup>th</sup> - Children's Oral Health - Health Centre - 9am-4pm  
Friday March 6<sup>th</sup> - Eagle Staff - Community Centre - 7pm-9pm  
Friday March 6<sup>th</sup> - Youth Program - Community Centre - 6pm  
Monday March 9<sup>th</sup> - Drum Social Community Centre 7pm-9pm  
Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup> - Youth Program - Community Centre - 6pm  
Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup> - Diabetic Clinic - Health Centre - 1:30pm-4pm  
Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup> - Anishinawbemowin Community Centre 7pm-9pm  
Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup> - Parent's N Tots Community Centre 11am-2pm  
Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup> - Sewing - Community Centre - 6pm-9pm  
Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup> - Youth Program - Community Centre - 6pm  
Friday March 13<sup>th</sup> - Children's Oral Health - Health Centre - 9am-4pm  
Friday March 13<sup>th</sup> - Eagle Staff - Community Centre - 7pm-9pm  
Friday March 13<sup>th</sup> - Youth Program - Community Centre - 6pm  
Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup> - Youth Program - Community Centre - 6pm  
Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup> - Youth Program - Community Centre - 6pm  
Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup> - Sewing - Community Centre - 6pm  
Friday March 20<sup>th</sup> - Children's Oral Health - Health Centre - 9am-4pm  
Friday March 20<sup>th</sup> - Youth Program - Community Centre - 6pm  
Monday March 23<sup>rd</sup> - Drum Social Community Centre 7pm-9pm  
Tuesday March 24<sup>th</sup> - Youth Program - Community Centre - 6pm  
Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup> - Anishinawbemowin Community Centre 7pm-9pm  
Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup> - 55+ Program - Community Centre - 12pm-1:30pm  
Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup> - Sewing - Community Centre - 6pm-9pm  
Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup> - Youth Program - Community Centre - 6pm  
Friday March 27<sup>th</sup> - Children's Oral Health - Health Centre - 9am-4pm  
Friday March 27<sup>th</sup> - Youth Program - Community Centre - 6pm  
Monday March 30<sup>th</sup> - Drum Social Community Centre 7pm-9pm  
Tuesday March 31<sup>st</sup> - Youth Program - Community Centre - 6pm



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**COMMUNITY MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** COMMUNITY RESIDENTS  
**FROM:** FWFN PUBLIC WORKS  
**SUBJECT:** POTENTIAL WATER FREEZE-UP  
**DATE:** 26/02/2015  
**CC:** FWFN PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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**Please be advised that with unforeseen cold temperatures there are a few homes experiencing water line freeze up along Mission Road and we are encouraging home owners in the areas where water line freeze up is occurring to take precautions by opening water faucets enough to allow a steady slow drip.**

**In the event that water lines do in fact freeze, we are asking members to contact our On-Call Service line at 633-3959 to make temporary arrangements for water until such time that we can properly address the issue.**

**Water line freeze-up is occurring throughout the community and throughout the City of Thunder Bay, which effects response time in getting thawing equipment in to assist residences. Your patience is appreciated in this matter.**

**FWFN will make every effort to assist in supplying potable water. However, members are asked to assist in serving as many members as possible by refilling water containers from various sources such as neighbours and family.**

FWFN  
Public Works

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COMMUNITY MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** MEMBERS OF FWFN

**FROM:** IAN J. BANNON  
**DIRECTOR OF LANDS & PROPERTIES**

**SUBJECT:** HOUSING APPLICATIONS – LYNX COURT

**DATE:** 26/02/2015

**CC:**

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Please be advised that FWFN is now accepting applications for the Residential Unit located at Lynx Court.

This unit has been allocated for **Accessible Occupancy** and **members requiring accommodations that meet this allocation are encouraged to apply.**

Applications are available on the FWFN Website [www.fwfn.com](http://www.fwfn.com) and are also available at the FWFN Administration Office. (Reception)

Interested members are asked to complete the applications **as thoroughly as possible** since only those applications meeting the eligibility criteria for an accessible unit will be considered.

Please do not rely on any previous application submitted. Interested members should re-submit for this unit regardless if they have submitted for a previous housing unit or project.

Applications will be accepted until March 06, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully,

Ian J. Bannon  
Director of Lands & Properties

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**COMMUNITY MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** COMMUNITY RESIDENTS  
**FROM:** FWFN HOUSING  
**SUBJECT:** RENOVATION REQUESTS  
**DATE:** 26/02/2015  
**CC:** M.HARDY C.E.O.

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Please be advised that with unforeseen water line repairs being carried out by both Public Works and Housing, all renovation request will be placed on hold until such time that we are able to place control ongoing water line issues.

We have been inundated with emergency calls regarding freezing lines and Septic fields and we are respectfully asking members for their patience in replying to renovation/repair requests.

We will revert back to these requests once we are satisfied that emergency calls are under control.

In the event that an emergency occurs affecting the Health and Safety of occupants, please contact our On-Call Service line at 633-3959.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

FWFN  
Housing



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## COMMUNITY MEMORANDUM

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To: FWFN Members  
From: Lands & Properties  
Date: February 25, 2015  
Re: Off Reserve Subsidy  
Cc: FWFN Chief and Council

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There has been much inquiry to the off-reserve subsidy program which was announced in the last community report and we wanted to provide an update to the progress we are making with the Policy and Criteria for this program.

FWFN has yet to complete the criteria for this program which will be set up as a **One-time Down Payment Assistance program for first time buyers off reserve.**

We anticipate that the criteria and associated policy will be completed by mid- March 2015 at which time it will be forwarded to Chief and Council for approval.

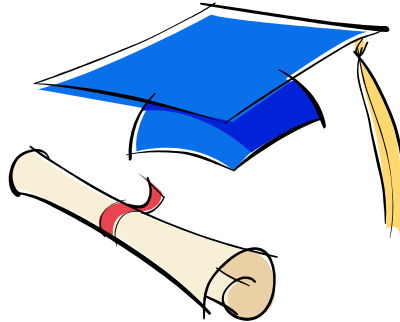
The program is being set up for an annual allocation of \$40,000.00 to assist four families with their first time purchase of a home off reserve by assisting with the down payment to a maximum of \$10,000.00.

We will advise members upon the approval of the program by Chief and Council as well as the application process.

We are seeking the patience of the membership in the development of this newly announced program.

Respectfully,

Ian J. Bannon  
Director of Lands & Properties



## **2015-2016 Post Secondary Funding Applications Are NOW Available**

Are you planning on attending College or University in the 2015/2016 school year?

If so, you will have to apply for funding from Fort William First Nation. This is required for **each and every year** you plan on attending a Post Secondary Institution (*even if you are a returning student*). Downloadable applications are available at [www.fwfn.com](http://www.fwfn.com), or a hard copy can be picked up at the Band Office. Deadline for application is May 29, 2015.

Please ensure you include cost for the full year. Any unexpected cost will not get budgeted for, and may not be covered. Make sure you fill in the application completely.

### **Transcripts**

Please submit your end of year transcripts as soon as possible.

### **Post Secondary Graduates**

If you are graduating this year from a Post Secondary Institution please contact Myra Bannon at 623-9543 extension 225. I will require a copy of your diploma. Graduates may receive a bursary (*if you have never received one before*).

# Training Opportunity for Ontario Works Participants

## Common Core Mining Training

Taranis Training is coming to Fort William First Nation Social Services for Common Core Surface Mining Training at our location March 20th from 12 till 5 pm. This training would grant you entrance to be able to apply for jobs in the mining sector.

**This training must be finalised by being signed off within one year by an employer registered with MTCU to be official.**

Only 20 spaces are available, please call and register with reception at 622-6791.



*Please note: If you have gone over your Employment Benefit dollars for the month, you may not be eligible for this training opportunity.*



## Training Opportunity for Ontario Works Participants

Safety Net Security will be offering the Basic Security Training Course on March 9th to 13th, 2015. It is a 40 hour course that runs Monday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm, which also includes Level A Emergency First Aid.

This course will be run on Fort William First Nation.

This course prepares you for the mandatory government testing you must complete after finishing the course, and allows you to work security anywhere in Ontario.

The Basic Security Guard License allows you to work; as a bouncer, security for events, in malls, banks, industrial locations, libraries and MUCH MORE!

Only 15 spots are available!

For more information, or to book your spot today, CALL 622-6791 and speak with RECEPTION.



## FULL MOON CEREMONY

### March (Ziisbaakdoke-Giizis) Sugar Moon

A time for women to come together to honour Grandmother Moon and ourselves;

ask for renewed strength, guidance, and direction in our lives;

and to pray for all of our families, for our communities, and for people who are less fortunate than ourselves.

**When:** Thursday, March 5, 2015

**Where:** 892 Squaw Bay Rd.

**Time:** 5:00 p.m. The ceremony will be held inside, however, we will be burning our tobacco ties out on the deck in a chimnea.

**What to bring:** tobacco, skirt, warm clothes (for when we burn our tobacco ties outside).

**ALL WOMEN WELCOME!!!**

**I CAN BE REACHED AT 622-8802 EXT 206 DURING THE DAY**

**OR CALL 622-3168 AFTER 4:15 P.M.**

Hope to see some of you beautiful ladies out at the Full Moon Ceremony!!!

# WALKING WITH *Our* SISTERS

THUNDER BAY

## COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

SUNDAY MARCH 8, 2015 @ 1-4 PM

AT THE LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Based on the healing impact that Walking With Our Sisters - Thunder Bay has had on our community, the WWOS Thunder Bay committee is inviting you to join in our 4<sup>th</sup> community conversation.

The conversation will focus on what we, as a community, can do to create better awareness, dialogue, healing, and safety in our community especially as it relates to violence and racism. The heart of this conversation will be around embracing solutions and ways forward that make sense to us: the community. Each of us bring strengths and ideas and we want to hear them!

### AGENDA:

- Opening Ceremony
- Wishes for Our Children
- What the men felt . . .
- Local stats and information on MMIW and violence
- The way forward: ideas to action

