

Weekly Newsletter for April 27-May 3

Flyers are to be delivered each weekend by 4pm Sunday evening.
Didn't receive your newsletter this weekend?
Please call Kristy Boucher at 623-9543 ext.217 or
info@fwfn.com with your questions or concerns.

Finance Information Page For:

- Direct Deposit Forms for Member Distributions
- Youth Turning 18 Direct Deposit Forms
- Late Banking Information Annual Member Distributions
- Are You Making a Payment?

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NOTICE TO ON RESERVE HOUSEHOLDS WITH DOGS

Letting your dog run loose, puts them and the community members in danger.

It is up to the pet owner to control their pets, and protect others from them. Pet owners can be held accountable if their pet hurts someone.

Please be advised that Flyer Carriers have the right to refuse delivery to the household in they encounter a dog or dogs in the area that makes them feel unsafe.



Direct Deposit Forms for Member Distributions

Please keep your banking information up-to-date with Finance. If you change your financial institution or have not yet provided any banking information to Finance, the following options are available to submit your Direct Deposit Information:

- 1. Mail in a sample VOID cheque from your chequing account that has your current address information on it. Please enclose a brief note such as "Please update my direct deposit information", <u>sign and date</u> this note and provide your phone number in case we need to contact you.
- 2. If you have online banking, you can print out your own Direct Deposit form, **sign and date it,** print your address and phone number on it and mail it to FWFN Finance.
- 3. You can also visit your financial institution and have them fax FWFN Finance directly at (807) 623-5190 your direct deposit form after you signed and dated it. The fax must be faxed from the financial institution and cannot be faxed from a third-party fax number. Please note, some financial institutions provide this fax service and some do not. In the event they do not, you will need to mail this direct deposit form to us, as we will require your <u>original signature.</u>
- 4. Please note Finance does not process any banking updates by e-mail or pictures.
- 5. If you are providing your banking information for FWFN employee payroll purposes, you will need to consent to release this information from FWFN Payroll to share this information to FWFN Accounts Payable and you will need to sign and date this form along with FWFN Payroll sign off.

Youth Turning 18 - Direct Deposit Forms

Please provide your direct deposit information as noted above at least 1-week in advance of your birthday to the attention of Finance to release FWFN youth funds held in trust. In addition, as the Specific Claim Housing Trust administers the remaining balance of youth funds, please also contact Michael Pelletier Jr, CEO directly at cell (807) 629-0471 to arrange any payment of these youth funds due to you, you will need to provide your banking information to them directly.

Late Banking Information – Annual Member Distributions

Any revised direct deposit information received after a member distribution will be processed on the 3^{rd} – Friday of each month thereafter. Please provide no later than the Wednesday before the 3^{rd} Friday to ensure any amounts owing to you are processed on the 3^{rd} Friday. Otherwise, your payment may not be processed until the following month's 3^{rd} Friday.

Are You Making a Payment?

Any member or customer making a payment (rent, ice rental, arena gym memberships, hall rental, hunting/fishing licenses, craft tables, Health Fair, Good Food Box, Pow Wow vendors, any other payments), Fort William First Nation Reception (2nd Floor of Band Office) must issue you an official pre-numbered FWFN receipt at the time of your payment.

FWFN Reception can now also process your payment by <u>debit/credit card</u> (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover). You may also make your payment FWFN Reception by cash or cheque, you may also mail in your cheque payment to the address noted below. Please reference your invoice number or rental unit address for rental payments.

FWFN Arena can process receipts if you are paying for your ice by cheque, debit or credit card. The Arena no longer processes cash. If you are paying your ice rental by cash, please see FWFN Reception to have your official pre-numbered FWFN receipt issued to you.

Fort William First Nation – Reception is location on the 2nd floor, Suite 200 at 90 Anemki Drive.

Questions regarding the above can be address to Lori Payne, CPA, CA – A/Director of Finance.



COVID-19 – Update from Finance

The health and safety of our people, partners, families and community are our priority. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have temporarily closed our offices to the public. We are operating at minimum essential services only and will be working remotely, our response time to you may be delayed regarding non-essential inquiries and services and we ask for your understanding and patience as we work through these difficult times.

For up-to-date information on COVID-19, please visit:

- Ontario Ministry of Health's website: https://www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus
- Public Health Services Canada website: https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html

You may also visit Fort William First Nation's COVID-19 Action Plan web page at: https://fwfn.com/covid-19-action-plan/

Any emergency calls to the Band Office reception should be redirected to essential services staff or FWFN Emergency Response Call Centre at (807) 698-0415 or by email at COVID19@fwfn.com. The COVID-19 Action Plan web page includes an Important Contact Information area also.

In addition to being a part of the COVID-19 pandemic team, Finance will be onsite regularly to assist with business continuity such as checking mail and responding to COVID-19 needs as our primary focus in addition to doing our best to administer all of our Finance functions such as our payments.

Are you trying to make a payment on your account?

During this interim period, you may wish to inquire with your financial institution on ordering cheques and mailing your payments to us at 90 Anemki Dr, Suite 200, Fort William First Nation, ON P7J 1L3. Alternatively, you mail call in your payment with a credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover).

Payments to our suppliers

During this interim period, we will continue to make our supplier and member-contractor payments as scheduled to the best of our ability, however, we are committed to responding to our COVID-19 priority needs first and foremost in order to serve our Community to ensure their health and safety during this time.

If you are a member-contractor with no current banking information on hand for EFT direct deposit payment, we will be mailing your payment by cheque to you. All regular supplier payments will be processed by cheque and mailed. There will be no picking up of cheques for personal delivery in order to uphold the physical distancing requirements by public health officials.

Banking updates - direct deposit forms

During this interim period, Finance will only be accepting direct deposit information by mail and by fax direct from your financial institution. Please see the previous page on the correct format.

Bingo Balls

Bingo Balls applications received up to the point of the Bingo operations shutdown due to COVID-19 effective March 12, 2020, will be processed by Friday March 27, 2020. Any applications received after the Bingo Operations shut down will not be processed. Once Bingo operations resume and reopen, applications will need to be resubmitted at that time and will be processed thereafter.



COVID-19 - Update from Finance (continued)...

Applying for El Benefits and Emergency Response Benefit?

It is best to have all the following information with you before you start your online application in order to prevent delays:

- 1. Your ROE if your employer submits electronically, you do not need a paper copy (Note: FWFN submits ROEs electronically)
- 2. Your Social Insurance Number (SIN)
- 3. ID such as driver's license, birth certificate, passport for status card
- 4. Your complete bank account information (you can find this on your bank statement)

Apply online at: https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/ei-regular-benefit/apply.html

Applying for Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) with CRA

Based on information on the CRA website:

"The CERB supports Canadians by providing financial support to employed and self-employed Canadians who are directly affected by COVID-19.

It provides a payment of \$2,000 for a 4-week period (the same as \$500 a week) for up to 16 weeks.

After you apply, you should get your payment in 3 business days if you signed up for direct deposit. If you haven't, you should get it in about 10 business days."

If you have already applied for EI, you will not need to apply for the CERB.

For more information about CERB, please visit: https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/benefits/apply-for-cerb-with-cra.html

Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan

If you are an individual, business or industry – you may qualify for support under Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan.

For more information about Canada's plan, please visit: https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html

Meegwetch – Stay safe and well – We are all in this together, in kindness, Your Finance Team

Fort William First Nation Food Distribution Program

WILL TAKE PLACE

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2020 (today)

LOCATION: FWFN BINGO HALL

THE PROCESS FOR PICK UP IS AS FOLLOWS: (Only come during your assigned pick up time!)

- 1. Follow the signs and pylons to gain access to the food pick-up location
- 2. <u>REMAIN IN YOUR VEHICLE</u> until you are directed to get out and load your hamper.
- 3. Tell the staff member your name and your address. Please note only 1 hamper per household.

Any clients who are experiencing symptoms of the virus are asked to stay at home in isolation and to call the public health authorities. If you are sick, call the COVID-19 call center at 698-04151 to arrange a dedicated pickup time.

Delivery is for Elders 65 plus only and will take place in the morning between 9am-noon.

All other residence must pick up their hamper at the scheduled times.

Pick up time schedule

| 9 AM – 11 AM | Mountain Road |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 11 AM - 1 PM | Chippewa Road, City Road, Quarry Road |
| 1 AM - 3 PM | Back Street, Mission Road, Mountain Lookout |
| 3 PM – 5 PM | Anemki, Little Lake, Fox Court, Lynx Court, Wolf Street, Wolf Court |
| 5 PM – 7 PM | Squaw Bay, Brule Bay, Sandy Beach |

Please note that this is a program to provide limited supplies to each household to assist during this pandemic, it is still the responsibility of the home owner to provide the essential items to their own homes.

Rain check day is Monday April 27 and Tuesday April 28, 2020.



Fort William First Nation Food Distribution

<u>Program</u>



Purpose: To provide food security to Fort William Membership living on Fort William First Nation

- The Food Box will be distributed bi-weekly for 2 months to members who register for the program
- The Food Box will provide non-perishable food items (toiletries, cleaning supplies, and well-baby bundle for children under 3)



Eligibility Criteria

- Must Reside on Fort William First Nation
- Must register for the distribution

Registration

Phone Registration: Monday to Friday 9:00am to 4:00 pm

Contact: Courtney Lee (807)629-0027

Or Call COVID-19 Call Centre @ (807)698-0415

Email: membership@fwfn.com



Fort William First Nation Food Distribution Program

OVERVIEW

- The health and safety of our community is our priority in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- To provide food security to Fort William First Nation Membership living on reserve.

PROGRAM NAME: Fort William First Nation Food Distribution Program

DESCRIPTION

- To provide food to members of Fort William First Nation that register for the program.
- To provide non-perishable food items. (toiletries, cleaning supplies, and a well-baby bundle for children under 3 yrs.)
- The Food Box will be bi-weekly for 2 months to members who register with the program and live on the reserve. Start Date April 24, 2020.

REGISTRATION/CONTACT/HOURS

- Phone Registration: Mon. to Fri. 9am. to 4pm.
- Band Membership Clerk Courtney Lee: (807) 629-0027
- Email: membership@fwfn.com
- COVID 19 Call Centre (807) 698-0415

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Must reside on the First Nation.
- Must register to access service.



Fort William First Nation

Emergency Food Distribution <u>Registration Form</u>

| Member's Name | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
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| General Information | Health Information |
| Number of People living in home Number of Children (under 3) Number of Children (3+) Number of Adults (18+) Number of Elders (65+) | Diabetes Cancer Asthma Other Health |
| Lake Superior Fish (Fish is available upon r | request) |
| Whitefish (Fillets) Lake trout (Fillets) | |
| Steelhead (Fillets) | |
| Staff Signature | |
| | |
| Date of Delivery | |

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Kettle & Stony Point First Nation

Magnetawan First Nation

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Wahnapitae First Nation

Wasauksing First Nation

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE: April 20, 2020

FROM: Anishinabek Police Service

CRIMINALS PREY ON YOUR FEAR DURING UNCERTAIN TIMES

Protect Yourself From COVID-19 Related Scams

The Anishinabek Police Service the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Anti-Rackets Branch and the <u>Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre</u> (CAFC) say COVID-19 related scams are ploys to extort money and personal information from fearful, trusting victims.

As COVID-19 continues to spread across Ontario and Canada, fraudsters are taking advantage of citizens' fear during uncertain times. Fraudsters are exploiting this pandemic to facilitate fraud through cybercrime and any other means to obtain your information.

Police are seeing various scenarios but most are the typical urgency and time sensitive circumstances that criminals place on individuals in order to receive personal and financial information. Many of the reports have a medically related theme in order to instantly set further anxiety in order to gain information. From spoofed government, healthcare or research companies to unsolicited calls, emails and texts giving medical advice or requesting urgent personal information, scammers are looking at gaining information about you during these times.

According to information received by the CAFC, some of the more popular scams are:

- Cleaning or heating companies offering duct cleaning services or air filters to protect from COVID-19
- Local and provincial hydro/electrical power companies threatening to disconnect your power for non-payment
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or the World Health Organization offering fake lists for sale of COVID-19 infected people in your neighbourhood
- Public Health Agency of Canada giving false results saying you have been tested positive for COVID-19 tricking you into confirming your health card and credit card numbers for a prescription
- Red Cross and other known charities offering free medical products (e.g. masks) for a donation
- Government departments sending out coronavirus-themed phishing emails tricking you into opening malicious attachments tricking you to reveal sensitive personal and financial details.

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Financial advisors pressuring people to invest in hot new stocks related to the disease offering financial aid and/or loans to help you get through the shut downs.

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Private companies offering fast COVID-19 tests for sale

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Only health care providers can perform the tests

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- No other tests are genuine or guaranteed to provide accurate results
- selling fraudulent products that claim to treat or prevent the disease Unapproved drugs threaten public health and violate federal laws

Curve Lake First Nation

TIPS

Dokis First Nation

Fort William First Nation

Garden River First Nation

Ginoogaming First Nation

Kettle & Stony Point

First Nation

Magnetawan First Nation

Nipissing First Nation

Pic Mobert First Nation

Sagamok Anishinabek

Shawanaga First Nation

Wahnapitae First Nation

Wasauksing First Nation

If you were using your computer when you were scammed, it's possible a virus or malicious software was installed on your computer. Run a full system check using reliable security software. If you do not have security software such as virus scanners and a firewall installed on your computer, a trusted computer professional can help you choose what you need. Scammers may have also gained access to your online passwords or other personal information. Change these using a secure computer. If you paid someone by credit card or through an electronic funds transfer, contact your financial institution or credit card company immediately. They may be able to stop or reverse the transaction.

Learn more from trusted resources and advice

- Refer to Government of Canada COVID-19 health, financial and security resources
- Refer to Financial Consumer Agency of Canada COVID-19 information
- Reference the latest health information from these legitimate sources:
- Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) (Public Health Agency of Canada)
- Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak (World Health Organization)
- Contact your insurance provider to answer any health insurance benefits questions

If you or someone you know suspect they've been a victim of a COVID 19 related scam or any other scam, contact your local police service. You can file a complaint through the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre website or by phone at 1-888-495-8501.

"Recognize, Reject and Report Fraud"

Thanks to Detective Sergeant Ted SCHENDERA - OPP Anti-Rackets Branch ted.schendera@opp.ca



Department: Fort William First Nation CEO/ Public Works

Subject: Public Works Request to Members

Date Prepared: April 13, 2020

Prepared by: Christina Thiessen

Executive Assistant - Office of the CEO

NOTICE TO COMMUNITY

This is an important notice from our public works department to our community members to **ONLY FLUSH TOILET PAPER** down the toilet.

The sewer system cannot handle the pressure of disposable sanitary products, including flushable wipes, alcohol wipes, baby wipes. Even products labelled as "flushable", can cause problems.

If the sewer system is blocked by non-flushable products this can result in wastewater flooding in our homes.

Please be considerate when you flush. If the product is not supposed to go in the toilet, place in plastic bag and dispose.

If you have any questions please see contact information below.

Respectfully,

Michael D. Pelletier
Chief Executive Officer
Fort William First Nation
90 Anemki Drive, Suite 200
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P: 807.623.9543 Ext. 233

C: 807-629-0471 F: 807-623-5190



Department: Fort William First Nation CEO

Subject: COVID-19 Community Update

Date Prepared: April 20, 2020

Prepared by: Christina Thiessen

Executive Assistant - Office of the CEO

NOTICE TO COMMUNITY- Update on COVID-19 from Emergency Response Group

As of Sunday April 19th 2020, at 6:00pm confirmed by Thunder Bay District Health Unit there are 51 COVID-19 confirmed cases in Thunder Bay and Surrounding Areas (Including District Communities & First Nation Communities). <u>At this time</u> there are 0 cases in Fort William First Nation.

There is a strong concern with those making unnecessary trips to town. We are asking and reminding everyone to please **only leave your home for ESSENTIAL items**.

- Those who need to leave Fort William First Nation for anything is asked to self isolate
- If you do need to go to town try and keep this at a very minimum. NOT multiple trips (unless absolutely necessary)
- Do not go visiting.
- Pick up what you need and go straight back home.

Reminder: If anyone has not received their colour coded flag packages, please contact us to request one to be delivered to you. This contact information is noted below.

COVID-19 Information & Communication Lines

• Email: covid19@fwfn.com

• Call Center Line: (807) 698-0415

• Website: https://fwfn.com/covid-19-action-plan/

How can I protect myself from getting COVID-19?

You can stay healthy and prevent the spread of infections by:

- washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;
- avoiding touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands;
- avoiding close contact with people who are sick;
- coughing or sneezing into your sleeve and not your hands; and
- staying home if you are sick to avoid spreading illness to others.

If you have any questions please see contact information below. Respectfully,

Michael D. Pelletier Chief Executive Officer

C: 807-629-0471



Department: Fort William First Nation CEO

Date Prepared: April 24, 2020

Subject: COVID-19 Community Update

Prepared by: Christina Thiessen
Executive Assistant - Office of the CEO

NOTICE TO COMMUNITY- Update on COVID-19 from Emergency Response Group

Council has recently made a difficult decision to extend the current curfew rules and retail store closures for a further seven (7) days until at least 6:00pm on May 1st, 2020. This decision was supported by our Emergency Response Group and FWFN Management and shows our leaderships commitment to protecting our community and I applaud them for this action.

As of Thursday April 23rd 2020, at 2:30pm confirmed by Thunder Bay District Health Unit there are 60 COVID-19 confirmed cases in Thunder Bay and Surrounding Areas (Including District Communities & First Nation Communities). <u>At this time there are 0 cases in Fort William First Nation</u>.

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Michael D. Pelletier

Chief Executive Officer, C: 807-629-0471

BBQ PACKAGE WINNER IS "Jessica Bannon & Family"



Thank you to all who Participated Youth & Social Development Draw



COVID-19 FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)

Canada will provide a taxable benefit of \$2,000 every 4 weeks for up to 16 weeks to eligible workers who have lost their income due to COVID-19.

The CERB is available to workers who meet all of the following conditions:

- Residing in Canada, who are at least 15 years old;
- Who have stopped working because of reasons related to COVID-19 or are eligible for Employment Insurance regular or sickness benefits or have exhausted their Employment Insurance regular benefits between December 29, 2019 and October 3, 2020:
- Who had employment and/or self-employment income of at least \$5,000 in 2019 or in the 12 months prior to the date of their application; and,
- Who have not quit their job voluntarily.
- *When submitting your first claim, you cannot have earned more than \$1,000 in employment and/or self-employment income for 14 or more consecutive days within the four-week benefit period of your claim.

On April 15, we announced changes to the eligibility rules to:

- Allow people to earn up to \$1,000 per month while collecting the CERB.
- Extend the CERB to seasonal workers who have exhausted their El regular benefits and are unable to undertake their regular seasonal work because of COVID-19.
- Extend the CERB to workers who have recently exhausted their El regular benefits and are unable to find a job because of COVID-19.
- *There is an online questionnaire will help direct you to the service option that best fits your situation (i.e. eligibility for Employment Insurance benefits or not)

<u>Note:</u>

- While having filed income tax for 2019 is <u>not</u> an eligibility requirement, you will need to confirm when applying for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit that you had at least \$5000 in employment or self-employment income in 2019 or in the 12 months prior to the date of your application.
- You will also need to confirm that you have not earned more than \$1000 in employment and/or self-employment income in a period of at least 14 consecutive days within the first benefit period and for the entire four-week benefit period of any subsequent claim.
- If you are deemed <u>ineligible</u> for the Benefit at a later date, you will be required to pay it back.
- Do not apply for the CERB if you have already applied for El.

To Apply:

Online: Canada.ca/coronavirus

OR

You can also apply over the phone: 1-800-959-2019 or 1-800-959-2041





FWFN Health Centre

You may find yourself in need of services

Some helpful supports are listed below:

APS-Anishinabek Police Service FWFN Detach: 807-625-0232

Child & Youth Crisis Support Line Thunder Bay: 807-346-8282

Thunder Bay Counselling Centre: 807-684-1880

Thunder Bay and Area Victims Services: 807-684-1051

Youth Outreach Worker: 807-623-8511

Beendigan Inc. Crisis Line: 807-346 HELP (4357)

Dilico Anishnabek Family Services: 623-8511

Safe Alternatives: 1-800-366-8288

Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868

Thunder Bay Crisis Response Services: 1-888-269-3100 or 346-8282

Crisis Services Canada: 1-833-456-4566

Balmoral Detox Centre: 623-6515

Talk4Healing Help Line: 1-855-554-4325

FWFN Health

90 Anemki Drive FWFN, ON Phone: (807) 622-8802

COVID-19 and Inuit Child First Initiative support for Inuit children

Many Inuit communities and families face unique challenges, particularly during the COVID-19 outbreak. We know this has affected many of the supports that families rely on, such as school nutritional programs and access to educational tools and services.

How can the Inuit Child First Initiative help my child?

If Inuit children experience unmet needs related to COVID-19, families can submit a request to the Inuit Child First Initiative to seek additional support. If a number of families within a community are facing a similar situation, community and regional organizations can submit group requests.

The process and requirements for applying to the Inuit Child First Initiative remain the same. There must be an **identified unmet need** to be addressed for a specific child or specific group of children.

Each request will be considered on a case by case basis. The child or children's need should be outlined in the request, and the product or services requested should match the needs identified.

Some examples of the COVID-19 related requests that we have received are:

- respite services that offer a break to caregivers of children with exceptional needs
- reimbursement for hand sanitizer
- cleaning products for immune-compromised children
- educational assistive devices
- food allowances for children

For more information about how the Inuit Child First Initiative can help Inuit children, visit Canada.ca/supporting-inuit-children.







Can I send a request for funds to pay for groceries or for e-learning tools (such as a computer, tablet or Internet access while my child's school is closed)?

Yes. All requests are assessed on a case by case basis as we understand that each child's needs are unique. The child or children's needs should be outlined in the request and the products or services requested should match the needs identified. You will be asked to provide documentation from a professional to show how funding for the requested product, service, or support will meet the identified need. Email communication from professionals will be accepted in consideration of the unique circumstances of COVID-19. Visit Canada.ca/supporting-inuit-children for more information about the process.

Can I still send in a request if I don't have access to a professional to provide documentation for my request?

Yes. Normally, as part of sending in a request, you are asked to provide copies of documents that identify the appropriate product, service or support to meet a child's identified need. This could be:

- prescriptions
- referrals from a health, social, or education professional (if you have them)
- medical, educational, social assessments identifying the need for the product, service, or support

However, we recognize that during this difficult time, professionals may not be available to provide supporting documentation. This will be taken into consideration when we review your request. This does not mean that no supporting documentation is required, but in some cases, it can be provided later in the process. Examples could include a request from schools to pursue virtual classrooms and substantive equality information from the family or guardian that indicates the lack of ability to secure the educational assistive technologies required to ensure the child can pursue their education while the school is closed.

Can I still send in a request for my child that isn't related to COVID-19?

Yes. Non COVID-19 related requests will continue to be processed under the Inuit Child First Initiative throughout this period. Visit Canada.ca/supporting-inuit-children for more information.

For more information about the Inuit Child First Initiative

- Canada.ca/supporting-inuit-children
- 1-855-572-4453, open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- teletypewriter: 1-866-553-0554



EXTRA GARBAGE DROP OFF LOCATIONS AVAILABLE!!

FORT WILLIAM COMMUNITY MEMBERS: PLEASE NOTE THAT DURING THIS TIME WHILE EVERYONE IS HOME THERE WILL BE EXTRA GARBAGE DISPOSAL LOCATIONS SET UP AROUND THE COMMUNITY TO ACCOMMODATE THE AMOUNT WASTE BEING PRODUCED.

TO ALLEVIATE ANY STRAIN OFF OF OUR GARBAGE TRUCK AND CREW, PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR THE BRIGHT GREEN GFL BINS NOW IN PLACE AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS SHOULD YOU NEED TO DISPOSE OF EXTRA GARBAGE.

- 1 BIN IS LOCATED AT THE MT. MCKAY SKI HILL
- 3 ADDITIONAL BINS ARE LOCATED AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE
- 1 BIN IS LOCATED AT LITTLE LAKE CRESCENT, AND
- 2 BINS ARE LOCATED IN THE PARKING LOT OF THE OUTDOOR RINK IN SQUAW BAY

PLEASE REMEMBER SOCIAL DISTANCING RULES WHILE DISPOSING OF GARBAGE AT THESE LOCATIONS, AVOID TOUCHING YOUR EYES, NOSE AND MOUTH, AND WASH YOUR HANDS UPON YOUR RETURN HOME!



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS PLEASE REACH OUT TO MICHELLE GALONI – WASTE MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR @ MichelleGaloni@fwfn.com. THANK YOU!

(DUE TO MODIFIED WORK ENVIRONMENTS, STAFF ARE WORKING FROM HOME AND ARE CURRENTLY UNABLE TO BE REACHED THROUGH
PHONE AT THE OFFICE, THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.)



JOB POSTING

Position Title: Community Energy Champion (CEC) – Three Year Contract

Position Description: The CEC will assist the Director of Economic Development and the

Economic Development Manager in managing and coordinating energy related activities including engagement and capacity development around energy efficiency and green practices. The CEC will be the lead individual responsible for further development and implementation of a revised green Community Energy Plan (CEP). This will include completing all field work, community engagement and research required for the plan. Once the CEP is complete, the CEC will monitor conservation activities, work with individual home owners on conservation and energy options, and be involved with other energy projects within the community of Fort William surrounding band owned and operated facilities. The CEC will be responsible for completing energy audits within the community of FWFN and providing low cost, energy efficient upgrades to any in need Band owned facilities and residences. The CEC will be the main representative bridging the gap between current energy models and the switch to cleaner energy. The CEC will also be tasked with searching out future funding to implement any future larger energy infrastructure projects that may need to be

implemented.

Major Responsibilities:

- Create an up to date, environmentally focused and fiscally sound Community Energy Plan
- Engage with energy sector professionals (IESO, Hydro One, Ministry of Energy, Ontario Energy Board) on a regular basis
- Point of contact for correspondence and opportunities related to energy for the community of Fort William First Nation (FWFN)
- Act as a point of contact and an energy education and conservation resource for the community for all energy related queries
- Complete Audits of the community energy through distribution of surveys and conduct data collection and interviews with FWFN as necessary
- Prepare notices on social media and the community newsletter
- Invite professional energy sector personnel as guest speakers, and provide materials for meetings and information sessions



- Coordinate community information sessions, and community engagement activities ie: logo and poster designs, photo voice presentations, and more as needed
- Procure funding for implementation of CEP by writing funding applications as opportunities arise for assistance related to energy generation, education and conservation
- Research into new and emerging technologies as per the CEP
- Perform other duties as requested related to energy

Qualifications:

- Post-Secondary Diploma or Degree in any area relating to: Science, Energy or Environmental studies
- Experience in First Nation Organization in the area of lands, environment and/or energy is considered an asset
- Knowledge of the First Nation culture and traditions or have the willingness to learn
- Ability to administer programs and initiatives
- Advanced computer skills in Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and social media platforms
- Effective verbal, presentation, written and listening communication skills
- Excellent organization, coordination, and time management skills
- Must be able to complete field work as required in adverse weather conditions
- Must have a vehicle and a valid "G" class license

Salary: To be determined

Closing Date:

Applications, consisting of a cover letter and resume with 3 references, must be received by **4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 8, 2020.** Please direct your application to the direction of:

Donna Mullen Human Resources Assistant P: 807-623-9543 Ext: 806

Email: donnamullen@fwfn.com

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JOB POSTING

Position Title:

Community Engagement Coordinator- Waasigan Transmission Project Three Year Contract

Hydro One's Waasigan Transmission Line is a proposed new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Thunder Bay, Atikokan, and Dryden. (the "Project"). The Project is currently in the development phase whereby an Environmental Assessment is undertaken. The Environmental Assessment is conducted in two stages: Stage 1 the Terms of Reference and Stage 2 the Environmental Assessment study (EA). Currently, Stage 1 the Terms of Reference is being prepared. The Terms of Reference outlines how the EA will be conducted.

Seven First Nations have formed the Indigenous Transmission LP (ITLP) to work together on the Project. These First Nations are: Eagle Lake First Nation, Fort William First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Lac Seul First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Seine River First Nation and Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation. The seven First Nations are working together through ITLP to engage with Hydro One and negotiate benefits from the Project.

Position Description:

The Community Engagement Coordinator will be employed by Fort William First Nation and will serve as a liaison between Hyrdo One and the First Nation. The Community Engagement Coordinator report to the Director of Economic Development and the Economic Development Manager.

Major Responsibilities:

- Provide community engagement protocols to the ITLP.
- Maintain a community consultation log including all Project related communications with Chief and Council, staff, community members and external parties for contribution to the Project Record of Engagement.
- Actively engage with elders, community leadership, staff, and community members to seek feedback on the Project
- Gather relevant data, information and resources related to education and training, community and business readiness, land sharing and environmental assessment work.
- Assess with community resources/needs assessment; take an inventory of potential opportunities, identifying gaps and a plan to capture opportunities.



- Maintain communications with the community leadership and staff, community members and external project team regarding the transmission line project.
- Provide information, project updates and/or make presentations to the Chief and Council,
 Community membership regarding the Project
- Provide regular updates to the ITLP team via bi-weekly summary reports and scheduled teleconference meetings.
- Support the planning activities related to the Project such as coordinating surveys, radio shows, social media channels and translation.
- Assist with any meetings in the community including arranging for meeting space, meals, accommodation and introductions to the community.
- Identify any previous studies (Traditional Land Use & Values, training, employment, etc) that could be useful in the Project planning
- Participate in community planning meetings related to the Project.
- Develop workplans, budgets and schedules for approval by Chief and Council and the ITLP project team.
- Plan, coordinate and lead project related meetings, workshops, document reviews, comment consolidation and dissemination to the project team.
- Keep detailed and defensible labour and expense records, preparing timely and accurate invoices and preparing timely and accurate financial reports.
- Coordinate/facilitate the collection of data being gathered for external use, in particular the Traditional Land Use data
- Coordinate training activities conducted with community member participation, ensuring that candidates are identified, informed and in attendance at training sessions
- Coordinate the activities of any community members contributing to the project, such as
 Environmental monitors, Archaeological Study Monitors, etc., ensuring candidates are identified
 for review by external parties, and attending to their assigned tasks
- Coordinate local community engagement related to the advancement of the Project Environmental Assessment;
- Responsible for the dissemination of Project related information to the community;
- Collect, document, and share community comments, issues, and concerns specific to the Project with Hydro One;
- Collect, document, and share Project information to support First Nation participation in the Environmental Assessment, training, employment and contracting initiatives;
- Liaise as necessary with Hydro One, project consultants, and other participating First Nations related to community engagement, employment, training, business, economic development opportunities, and capacity building related to the Project;
- Liaise, collect, document, and share Project information with the ITLP.
- Perform other duties as requested

Qualifications:

- Preference will be given to a member of the First Nation
- Knowledge of the First Nation's traditional territory, governance protocols, culture and traditions
- Excellent networking and presentation skills



- Strong conceptual, analytical, speaking, and writing abilities
- Proven coordination and project management skills
- Computer skills (at a minimum, the ability to use Microsoft Word, Outlook and PowerPoint)
- Demonstrated organizational skills
- Ability to work with external partners
- Ability to work with minimal supervision
- Ability to travel and drive a vehicle (driver's licence required)
- Ability to work in different environments
- Ability to speak the language
- Post-secondary education or equivalent experience in a relevant field such as economic development or resource development considered an asset

Salary: To be determined

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JOB POSTING

Position Title: Comprehensive Community Planner

Full Time - 2-year contract (with possibility to permanent)

Position Description: This position will coordinate Fort William First Nation's

Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP), The position will need

someone who has communication, coordination and facilitation, and reporting skills. Must be energetic and

personable with a strong knowledge of Fort William First Nation territory, culture and history and is passionate about bringing the voice of the community forward to create a great vision for our people. The Comprehensive Community Planner will report to the Director of Economic Development and the Economic

Development Manager.

Major Responsibilities:

- Host engagement sessions, organizing data, and coordinating the CCP project with support from the Advisory Committee and Band Staff
- Oversee the planning and overall coordination, marketing and provision of ongoing communication with a CCP Planning Team, Administration, Chief and Council, Community members including men, women, youth, elders, and all family groups
- Bring creative energy and approach to facilitating comprehensive community plan
- Coordinate and assist with facilitating CCP process and community engagement
- Explore the community's priorities and opportunities
- Develop Engagement and Communications Strategy
- Work with Chief and Council, Staff, and Community Planners at Nishnawbe Aski Development Fund to design and implement the CCP process
- Review background information and previous planning
- Coordinate and host any of the following initiatives: information sessions, community meetings, focus group sessions (youth, elder, men and women), and/or creation of community survey
- Review information from meetings and create drafts of the CCP
- Write, research, and analyze, communications with staff and Chief and Council and funders
- Report back to staff, Chief and Council and to the community
- Identify any additional information needed to complete CCP document
- Research and gather information for compilation into CCP and other community-based processes
- Update Chief and Council on CCP process

We appreciate all applications. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



- Attend all community events to have strong understanding of community situation
- Review other First Nations CCP's
- Build on understanding of the current situation in the community by talking to as many community members as possible - in their homes, at meetings, for coffee, host workshops, collaborate with other departments
- Discuss visioning and community engagement strategies already in place
- Discuss ideas around reserve infrastructure
- Attend training sessions and workshops
- Learn about and host a variety of information sessions regarding the CCP
- Additional duties as required

Qualifications:

- Grade 12 or equivalent
- Must be fluent in Ojibway and English
- Ability to be neutral and listen to the community and Elders
- Computer and social media literate (MS word, Excel, Power Point)
- Excellent organizational skills
- Willingness to be creative and open to different ways of engaging the community
- Willingness to learn new skills and attend CCP training sessions and workshops
- Excellent written and verbal communication
- Independent and also a willingness to learn from team
- Experience hosting community events or meetings is preferred
- Strong knowledge of Fort William First Nation's structure, territory, culture and history
- Flexible Schedule
- Must have Driver's Licence and own vehicle.
- This position will be subject to a criminal records check.

Salary: To be negotiated.

Job Posting Closing Date: Applications, consisting of a cover letter and resume with three (3)

references, must be received by 4pm on Friday, May 8, 2020. Please

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<u>julieharmer77@gmail.com</u> Monday-Thursday 9-4

Online learning options available







FWFN NIIGAANAABDA CALENDAR (Located in the Community Centre)



May 2020

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Information |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Zoom Virtual Classroom 11am-3pm | Zoom Virtual Classroom 11am-3pm | Zoom Virtual Classroom 11am-3pm | Zoom Virtual Classroom 11am-3pm | 8 | Teacher Hours Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9:00am - 4:00pm Open for on-going registrations! |
| Zoom Virtual Classroom 11am-3pm | Zoom Virtual Classroom 11am-3pm | Zoom Virtual Classroom 11am-3pm | Zoom Virtual Classroom 11am-3pm | 15 | Earn your high school diploma! NIIGAANAABDA offers flexible hours, personalized education pathways, and one- on-one teacher support. |
| Victoria Day HOLIDAY | Zoom Virtual Classroom 11am-3pm | Zoom Virtual Classroom 11am-3pm | Zoom Virtual Classroom 11am-3pm | 22 | Check out the virtual classroom on ZOOM Mondays-Thursdays |
| Zoom Virtual Classroom 11am-3pm | Zoom Virtual Classroom 11am-3pm | Zoom Virtual Classroom 11am-3pm | Zoom Virtual Classroom 11am-3pm | 29 | 11am-3pm Meeting ID: 854 982 962 Contactless booklet delivery and pick up also available. |
| Ask about our variety of <u>ONLINE LEARNING OPTIONS</u> | | | | | Teacher Contact: julieharmer77@gmail.com (807) 472-6973 |



Attention Community Members

Fort William First Nation is implementing the

"COVID-19 Neighborhood Watch System"

Attached is a color-coded flag kit for your household.

This system is an emergency measure, for those **who are sick or self-isolating** to indicate that help is needed.

It isn't intended to replace communication with essential service providers, but to serve as a backup measure - also helps essential service workers, who are minimizing contact by avoiding going into homes and using drop-off instead.

It is the responsibility of the homeowner to ensure that they have the essential items that they need in their homes such as food, medications etc.

In the event that you or someone in your home gets sick, or is self-isolating due to being sick, please ensure that the color-coded flag is placed in a spot that is visible from the road or the driveway, such as a living room window.

For more information, please contact the FWFN COVID 19
Call Centre at 698-0415 or the On Call 24-Hour
Emergency Response at (807) 472-7701.

Together we can fight the spread of COVID-19.

Fort William First Nation COVID-19 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

WHITE: EVERYTHING IS OKAY

BLUE: NEED WATER

YELLOW: SICK AND/OR SELF ISOLATING

RED: INFECTED WITH COVID-19

GREEN: NEED FOOD



THIS NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SYSTEM IS AN ADDITIONAL MEASURE AND DOES NOT REPLACE COMMUNICATION WITH OUR ESSENTIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS VIA PHONE AND EMAIL

Notice

Clients on the Medical Assistance Treatment (MAT) program who are receiving services from OATC & Lucero must access the RAAM Clinic located on Fort William First Nation, 200 Anemki Place

RAAM clinic will be operating on Saturday April 11, 2020 until further notice. Bring proper identification

The hours of operation are:

Monday-Friday: 9:00am-11:00am

Saturday-Sunday: 9:00am-11:00am

For further information call On-call: 472-7701

Or

Emergency Response Call Center: 698-0415



DIVINE MERCY MESSAGE

THE RISEN JESUS APPEARED TO THE DISCIPLES AND SAID "PEACE BE WITH YOU". THESE SAME WORDS "PEACE BE WITH YOU", ARE DIRECTED TO EACH ONE OF US. THE PEOPLE IN THE UPPER ROOM WERE FRIGHTENDED, THEY THOUGHT HE WAS A GHOST.

I ASSUME THAT WE WOULD BE FRIGHTENED AS WELL. WHAT WOULD CAUSE US MOST FEAR,
THE THOUGHTS OF OUR PAST FACING US, ALL OUR THOUGHTS OF DOUBT AND LACK OF
TRUST AND FAITH OR HAVING BECOME LUKE WARM IN OUR TRUST IN HIS FORGIVENESS?

IF THE APPEARANCE OF JESUS CAME TO US NOW WITH THE SAME BLESSING, WE WOULD ONLY HAVE ABOUT 35 PEOPLE PRESENT, 15 OF OUR OWN COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND OTHER VISITORS. ONLY THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WOULD BE HEARING THE WORDS "PEACE BE WITH YOU".

WE NEED TO ASK OURSELVES, DID OUR BAPTISM WHICH OUR PARENTS AND ANCESTORS BROUGHT US TO, MEAN FOR US TO ONLY ATTEND FUNERALS?

WITH THE THREAT OF THE CONORONAVIRUS AT OUR DOORSTEPS. THE MESSAGE OF GOD'S MERCIFUL LOVE NEEDS TO RESOUND FORCEFULLY A NEW. THE WORLD AND OUR COMMUNITY NEED GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY.

THE HOUR HAS COME: POPE JOHN PAUL'S II MOST POWERFUL PROCLAMATION "NOW IS THE TIME OF GOD'S MERCY" WAS DEEPLY INFLUENCED BY SISTER FAUSTINA. IN THIS "CULTURE OF DEATH" ALL AROUND US, GOD IS POURING OUT HIS GRACE AND MERCY AND HIS LOVE. WE ARE REMINDED TO RECOGNIZE THESE SPECIAL GIFTS THAT HE IS OFFERING US IN OUR COMMUNITY. "NOW IS THE TIME THAT MORE THAN EVER IS A TIME OF MERCY. NOW MORE THAN EVER, THE WORLD AND OUR DIOCESE NEEDS GOD'S MERCY!

"IN THE OLD COVENANT, I SENT PROPHETS WIELDING THUNDERBOLTS TO MY PEOPLE.
TODAY I AM SENDING YOU (St. Faustina) WITH MY MERCY TO THE PEOPLE OF THE WHOLE
WORLD. I DO NOT WANT TO PUNISH ACHING MANKIND, BUT I DESIRE TO HEAL IT,
PRESENTING IT TO MY MERCIFUL HEART.. BEFORE THE DAY OF JUSTICE OF I AM SENDING THE
DAY OF MERCY.

THE IMAGE OF DIVINE MERCY IS THERE WAITING FOR US IN OUR CHUCH, WITH THE WORDS
"JESUS I TRUST IN YOU"