

Weekly Newsletter for June 15-22

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?

Is now on Page 2 of our Weekly Newsletter

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@FWFN1

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.

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/>

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/departement-finance/economic-response-plan.html>

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?

****Autodeposit/e-transfer**** options now available **effective June 3, 2020** – see previous page for details.

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. Alternatively, you may want to set up direct deposit, if so, please refer to the previous page for the correct format to submit this information to us.

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.

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



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", sign and date** 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 that is pre-populated with your name and bank account information already on it, **sign and date it**, print your address and phone number on it and mail it to FWFN Finance. Finance will not process a manually filled out/hand-written direct deposit form that is not bank-stamped and bank-dated by your branch.
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 **original signature**.
4. Please note – Finance does not process any banking updates by e-mail or pictures or hand-written account information.
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 3rd – Friday of each month thereafter. Please provide no later than the Wednesday before the 3rd Friday to ensure any amounts owing to you are processed on the 3rd Friday. Otherwise, your payment may not be processed until the following month's 3rd Friday.

Are You Making a Payment? ****NEW UPDATE Effective June 3, 2020****

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.

****Effective June 3, 2020**** FWFN can accept payments by autodeposit/e-transfer from your personal smartphone banking app. You can register FWFN as a recipient by adding our Accounts Receivable email: accountsreceivable@fwfn.com. Please include a brief message before sending your payment such as: rent, ice rental (include organization name if applicable), invoice IVC#. A receipt will then issued to you by mail.

We can also debit/credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover). 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. **During the pandemic we are not processing any cash deposits.**

FWFN Arena can process receipts if you are paying for your ice debit or credit card. The Arena no longer processes cash. FWFN Arena customers can now set up accountsreceivable@fwfn.com to send in an autodeposit/e-transfer payment – please include a brief reference to your organization if applicable and invoice IVC#.

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 Financial Assistance Program

Further to the May 13, 2020 Chief and Council meeting, a \$300 COVID-19 financial assistance payment has been approved and the details are as follows:

- \$300 per adult member (aged 18 and older on May 13, 2020)
- This payment will be paid by EFT (electronic funds transfer) and will be issued by Friday June 5, 2020
- Funds may take up to 5-days to be deposited to your account so if you have not received your funds by Friday June 12, 2020 then please contact us at that time. Please contact Lori Payne, CPA, CA – Acting Director of Finance for these inquiries starting Friday June 12, 2020 at (807) 623-9543 ext 237.

All payments will be issued by EFT. The only exception is for those members who are non-Canadian residents. These non-Canadian residents will be issued a cheque and it will be mailed to your last updated mailing address.

If your banking information has changed, please see the first Finance page of our weekly Newsletter.



BBQ PACKAGE WINNER IS "Jessica Bannon & Family"



For the On-Reserve Members that Registered into our BBQ Package draw, Check out our Youth & Social fb page to see how we picked our Lucky Winner

Had to of be registered before April 21 2020 & Draw Date : April 22th @3pm



*Thank you to all who Participated
Youth & Social Development Draw*



**SAME WINNER BUT RECEIVED HER
GIFT CARD THAT CAME WITH THE
SAME DRAW!**



STRESSED? ANXIOUS? BORED?

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Time to have a bit of **FUN** during this trying time! **LETS GET CREATIVE!**

This workshop is for anyone who wants to express some creativity! Take your mind off of the negative things happening in your life and focus on being more positive and happy during this pandemic.

What to expect: Painting, Crafting, Positivity, Healing, Gratitude, Wellness & Getting to know yourself better!

****Anyone slightly creative will definitely enjoy these workshops! No creative experience needed!****

All Supplies Included* *Incentive for Anyone Who Completes All 5 Workshops



FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION



July 6th-10th 1pm-3pm via ZOOM
Please contact 622-6791 if you
are interested

Fort William First Nation Food Distribution Program

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2020

LOCATION: FWFN Community Centre- please follow the signs

Enter at the Community Centre parking lot and follow the signs

THE PROCESS FOR PICK UP IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Follow the signs and pylons to gain access to the food pick-up location
2. **REMAIN IN YOUR VEHICLE** – **OPEN YOUR TRUNK BEFORE GETTING IN THE LINE FOR FOOD PICK UP.**
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 6 to arrange a dedicated pickup time.

If you can not pick up your hamper, please contact us at the COVID-19 call center 698-0415 to make alternative arrangements. There is no alternate date for pick up for this hamper, please ensure that you are able to pick up your hamper on this date.

ELDERS 65 PLUS DELIVERY SCHEDULE

Delivery will be between 9am-12 noon on June 19, 2020 for elders 65 plus.

Pick up time schedule

For those 64 years and under you can pick up your hamper between anytime between 11 am-7 pm.

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.

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*If you do not know your clan - take
solace in the fact that your clan
knows you.*¹

Alan Corbiere
M'Chigeeng First Nation

¹ Quoted in: Eva Jewell, "Gimaadaasamin, We Are Accounting for the People: Support for Customary Governance in Deshkan Ziiibiing" [unpublished dissertation], Victoria: Royal Roads University, 2018, <https://viurrspace.ca/handle/10613/8527>, page 248.



THUNDER BAY CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

FWFN KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

FOR THE ST ANN SATELLITE CLASS AT
THE COMMUNITY CENTRE IS AVAILABLE

TO REGISTER:
please go online at
<https://www.tbcschools.ca/education/register>
or contact Miss Andrea Lajoie at 807.577.7211

An exceptional program!
A classroom that is in the community
providing a welcoming & safe
environment, cultural & language
teachings and one on one support

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FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION

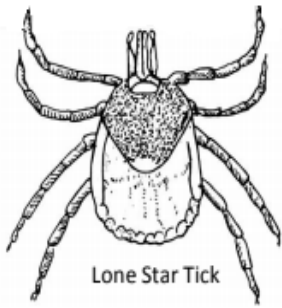
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BANK IS

MONDAY JUNE 15TH 2020

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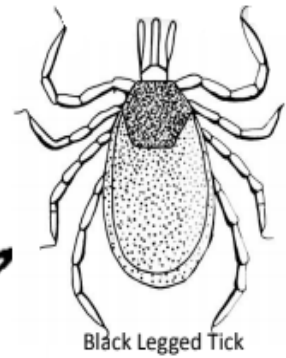
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THERE WILL BE NO FOOD
UNTIL THE OUR NEXT FOOD
DISTRIBUTION IN JULY

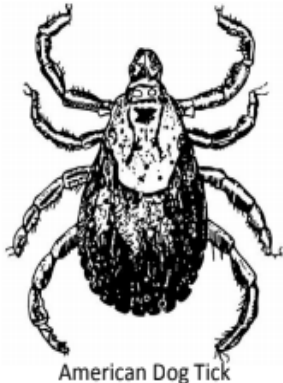


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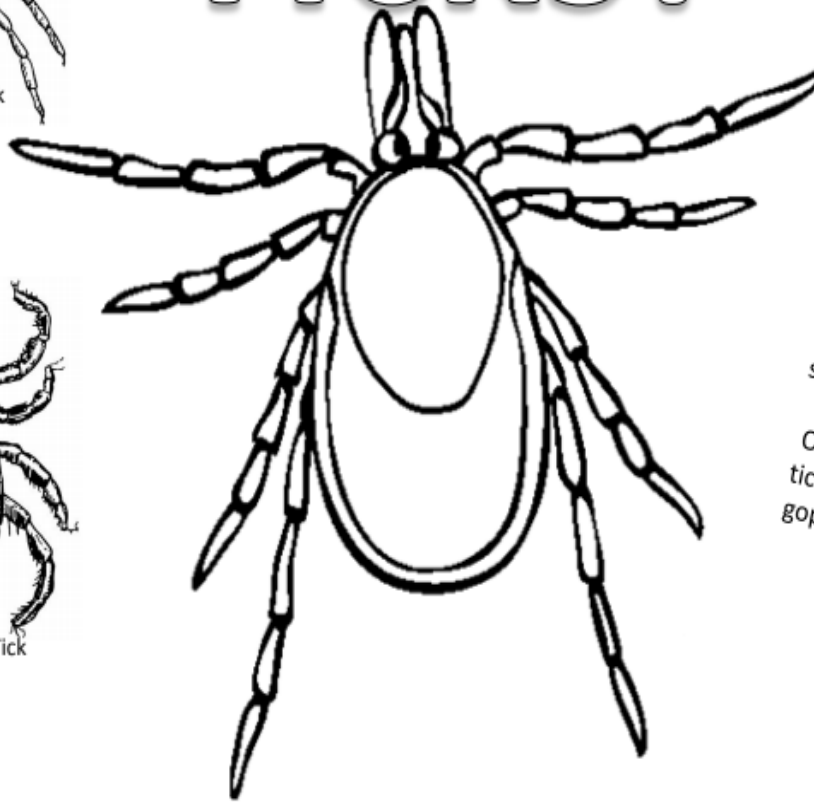
Ticks!



Black Legged Tick



American Dog Tick



Did you know? One of the largest species of tick is found on a sloth!

One of the rarest ticks lives on the gopher tortoise!

What to do if you find an attached tick:

Don't Panic. Take Care to remove a tick properly; in fact, some experts say if you don't have tweezers, it is best to leave the tick attached until you can remove it in the correct manner. Improper removal may cause the tick to "spit" any organism it could possibly be carrying into your body.

Never Twist, turn, squeeze or squish an attached tick as it may contain infectious agents. Do not burn a tick with a hot match or scrape a tick off.

Do not apply any substance such as nail polish remover, petroleum jelly, gasoline or soap to the tick.

During the COVID-19 situation, **ticks** can be dropped off at the office located at 999 Balmoral Street from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Print and complete the **Tick** Intake Form and include it with your **tick** submission.



- Community Colouring -
- FWFN YOUTH & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT -

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS
TICK IN-TAKE FORM**

Health Unit No. _____
Completed _____
PHI _____

PLEASE COMPLETE IN FULL

Today's Date: _____
Day / Month / Year

Follow Up Requested: ☐ No ☐ Yes

Submitted By: _____
First Name Last Name

Home Address: _____
Street
City Province Postal Code

Daytime Contact Phone No. _____ Date Tick Was Found: _____
Day / Month / Year
Email: _____

Tick Removed From (*Host): ☐ Human ☐ Dog ☐ Cat ☐ Other – Specify _____

Please Enter the Number of Ticks Submitted From:

Human	Dog	Cat	Other

Has the * Host travelled in the last 14 days? ☐ No ☐ Yes - Location: _____

Identify probable geographic location where tick was acquired: _____

Additional Comments: _____

For Office Use Only

	Male	Female	Engorged	How Long?
Black Legged Tick				
Wood Tick				
Other				

Additional Comments:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the Health Protection and Promotion Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended and in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990 and the Personal Health Information Protection Act, 2004. This information will be used to maintain an immunization record. For questions regarding the collection of your personal information, please contact the Thunder Bay District Health Unit, 999 Balmoral Street, Thunder Bay, ON P7B 6E7. Telephone (807) 625-5900.



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YOUTH & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

- Youth Centre, Culture & Recreation -

Youth Centre Packages

Limit: 1 Per Household
Youth 10-17yrs – On-Reserve Only
Delivery: Friday June 19th, 2020
Between 2:00pm – 5:00pm
Limited Registrations

To Register Email: (Name, Phone Number & Address)

Mary Charlie
MaryCharlie@fwfn.com



Every Wed
Time: 7-9 pm

ONLINE ANISHNAABEMOWIN

Are you a First Nation Member wanting to know the language?
To register with the program, please contact Gail.
Weekly 18+ program online: Zoom.us



Contact: Gail R Bannon: (807) 629-8521
Email: gailrbannon@fwfn.com



COMING SOON



- Cultural Teachings with Special guests -

To register with the program, please contact Gail.
program online: Zoom.us

Contact: Gail R Bannon: (807) 629-8521

Email: gailrbannon@fwfn.com



YOUTH & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

- Youth Centre, Culture & Recreation -

Date : June 19 2020

Time: 6-9 pm



ONLINE PAINT NIGHT

Connecting Online for the Night Program with your family

Supplies will be delivered 1 per household.



Limited registrations
FWFN members only.
Online: [Zoom.us](https://www.zoom.us)

Must Register : Bess Legarde: (807) 252-7038
Email: besslegarde@fwfn.com

BIGGEST LOSER "HOME EDITION"

Tuesday & Thursday at 6-7pm online Classes offered : [Zoom.us](https://www.zoom.us)

FWFN members only

Weekly Incentives

Bi-weekly Weigh ins

Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd for Men & Woman.



Must Register: Bess Legarde: (807) 252-7038
Email: besslegarde@gmail.com

COMMUNITY COLORING

Healthy weekly info done with your family in a crafty way!

Located: FWFN Youth & Social FB page & FWFN News Letter

FAMILY FUN CHALLENGE

8 Week Challenge, 8 Fridays Prizes & 1 Grand Prize

Starting : June 1st – July 31st 2020

To Register Email: (Name, Phone Number & Address)

Contact: Marnie Greenwald marniegreenwald@fwfn.com

FWFN COVID-19 TIME CAPSULE

We are Living through history right now, so Complete the 8 pages with your family & place everything in an Envelope with your mailing address on it for your family to open in 5 Years. (provided Envelope if needed)

Email marniegreenwald@fwfn.com to collect & Marnie will stop collecting July 30 Because its going in the ground that day @3pm Located: FWFN Newsletter & FWFN YSD FB Page!



VISIT FACEBOOK: FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION YOUTH & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Department: Fort William First Nation CEO**Date Prepared: June 8th, 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

The FWFN Emergency Response Team has been working with TBDHU to set up the on-reserve Drive Through Testing which took place on Saturday May 30th. They were successful in completing 146 tests at the FWFN Community Centre location. Please keep checking the newsletters for next drive through testing dates and locations within our community.

As of Wednesday June 3rd, at 9:45 am confirmed by Thunder Bay District Health Unit there are 83 COVID-19 confirmed positive tests in Thunder Bay and Surrounding Areas (Including District Communities & First Nation Communities). At this time there are 0 cases in Fort William First Nation.

Confirmed Cases

Status of Confirmed Cases in TBDHU

The following information describes confirmed positive COVID-19 cases among residents of the areas served by TBDHU.

Cumulative Confirmed Cases ⁴ 83	Active Cases 3	Resolved Cases ⁵ 79
Cases Currently Hospitalized ⁶ 3	Cases Currently Admitted to ICU ⁷ 0	Total Deceased ⁸ 1

Reminders and Updates:

FWFN STILL ON LOCKDOWN- 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.
- We recommend not to pickup hitchhikers.
- APS and any Bylaw Officers have the authority to issue compliances notices and notice of fines to those who are not following FWFN Bylaws.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- Please only use coloured flags if someone is sick in your home. If anyone has not received their colour coded flag package, please contact us to request one to be delivered to you. This contact information is noted below.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION-

- **On Reserve Elders**
 - Fruit & Vegetable Deliveries took place Friday June 5th, 2020, with the food hamper delivery.
 - Next Delivery to happen this week
- **Off Reserve Elders * must live within City of Thunder bay**
 - Food hamper delivery of breakfast items took place Friday June 5th, 2020
 - Next delivery to be announced.
- **On Reserve Household- Pickup System**
 - Breakfast/Dairy pickup took place Friday June 5th, 2020.
 - Next pickup is to be announced.

CHIEF & COUNCIL- next meeting is to be held on Wednesday June 10th, 2020 at 5:30 pm

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,



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