

Weekly Newsletter for December 21-27

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”, 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 – 2nd floor, Suite 200 at 90 Anemki Drive – for mailings.

COVID-19 – Update from Finance

As COVID-19 numbers continue to increase during the second wave in Ontario it is more important than ever for everyone to remain vigilant in their efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This includes maintaining physical distancing with one another, practicing good hand hygiene and wearing masks when in enclosed public spaces.

Please continue to visit our local Thunder Bay Health Unit website for the most current COVID-19 data at: <https://www.tbdhu.com/coviddata>.

You may also visit our COVID-19 Action Plan web page for Community Updates, Resources and Important Contact Information at: <https://fwfn.com/covid-19-action-plan/>.

In addition to being a part of the COVID-19 pandemic team, Finance continues to work onsite in order to maintain continuity of services. Responding to COVID-19 pandemic needs and our Community's health and safety remains our primary focus while we continue to do our best to administer all of our Finance functions and as a result, our response times may continue to be delayed. We sincerely appreciate your continued patience and understanding during this time.

Payments to our suppliers

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 limit contact and uphold the physical distancing requirements by public health officials.

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

Bingo Balls

Until further notice, Bingo Balls applications are not being accepted at this time, as a result of limited Bingo Operations during the pandemic.

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

Christmas Boundary Interest Distribution

Further to the November 25, 2020 Chief and Council meeting your December 4, 2020 distribution details are as follows:

- \$500 per adult (aged 18 and older) member from the Boundary Trust Income Allocation
- \$35 per adult (aged 18 and older) member from the Boundary Trust Income Allocation
- \$50 for Elders aged 55-plus (at December 31, 2020) from the OFNLP funds

The above will be paid by EFT (electron funds transfer) and was uploaded to the RBC on Friday December 4, 2020. Funds may take up to 5-days to be deposited in your account so if you have not received your funds by Friday December 11, 2020 then please contact us at that time. Please contact Esther Pervais, Finance Officer for these inquiries.

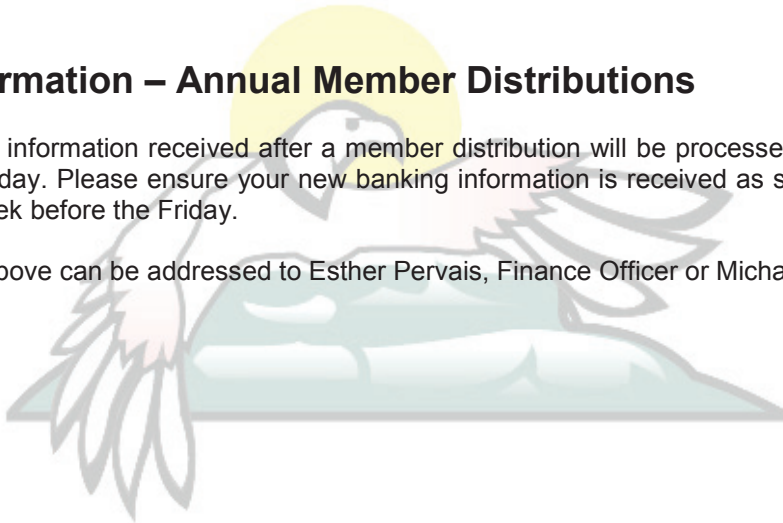
All payment are issued by EFT. The only exception is for those members who are not a resident in Canada. Non-resident members will be issued a cheque and it will be mailed to your last updated mailing address.

If your banking information has changed then you should refer to the first Finance page of our weekly Newsletter. We will require a new direct deposit form, please see the previous Finance page for the required format.

Late banking information – Annual Member Distributions

Any revised direct deposit information received after a member distribution will be processed on a weekly basis until the Christmas break, each Friday. Please ensure your new banking information is received as soon as possible and no later than Wednesday each week before the Friday.

Questions regarding the above can be addressed to Esther Pervais, Finance Officer or Michael D. Pelletier, CEO.





FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION HOLIDAY COMMUNITY MEMO

Fort William First Nations Offices will be closed for the Holidays from December 18, 2020 and will resume business January 4, 2020. The following is a list of Emergency Items Members should have on hand in case of illness or self isolation.

Basic Emergency Supplies:

- In the event of a boil water advisory or water main break have bottled water on hand.
- At least a three day supply of non-perishable foods (dry cereal, canned foods, juice boxes or bottled juice, manual can opener, powdered milk, sugar, sugar substitute, coffee, tea ect)
- Battery powered radio or hand radio
- Cell phone (fully charged) with charger
- First aid kit
- Extra batteries

Emergency Supplies

- Masks, hand soap, disinfecting wipes or cleaner
- Prescription medications
- Non-Prescription medications such as pain relievers, anti-diarrhea medication, antacids
- Pet food
- Personal hygiene supplies
- Books, games or puzzles

Fort William First Nations Emergency Response Teams will provide limited items to members who have to self-isolate due to positive COVID-19 test result.

Be prepared, stay safe and be healthy.

Sincerely,

FWFN Emergency Response Group

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P7J 1L3



FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION HOLIDAY COMMUNITY MEMO

Fort William First Nations Offices will be closed for the Holidays from December 18, 2020 and will resume business January 4, 2021. The following is a list of services and program information and how to access these during this closure.

Health: The Medical Van service will not be available throughout the holidays. Members will be responsible for their own transportation to their appointments. Taxi Slips will be issued to Thunder Bay Regional Health Science Centre ONLY. Please call the on-call phone at 472-7701. In a true emergency please contact 911.

For any other information please contact the COVID-19 hotline at 698-0415 or email COVID19@FWFN.com

Housing: Furnace calls – 633-3959 for emergencies only.
Frozen Water Lines – Guy Collins at 472-3846
Power outages – Contact housing at 633-3959.

Public Works: Snow Removal – All public works crews are on standby. First priority is access roads followed by Elders Driveways.

Ontario Works: January 1, 2021's assistance will be mailed out on December 18, 2020. If you do not receive your cheque in the mail, please contact the Social Department at 622-6791 messages will be checked every Friday during the closure.

Education: Living allowance will be deposited into participants accounts on the first banking day of the month in 2021

Youth and Social: Youth and Social Development will be closing all online programming throughout the holidays and will resume online programs in January 2021.

***On Behalf of Chief, Council and Staff we wish you all a
MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR
Stay safe and stay Healthy.***



**FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION
HOLIDAY COMMUNITY MEMO**

**During Christmas Holidays 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



COMMUNITY ADVISORY

F O R T W I L L I A M F I R S T N A T I O N

Title: NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL

December 16, 2020

TBDHU STRONGLY RECOMMENDS ALL RESIDENTS AVOID NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO.

IF RESIDENTS MUST TRAVEL, IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED TO STAY HOME FOR 14 DAYS AFTER RETURNING, ESPECIALLY WHEN RETURNING FROM HIGH RISK AREAS.

Due to the rapidly changing and rising case numbers in many jurisdictions, at this time, travel outside of Northwestern Ontario is not advisable and should be for essential reasons only. Similarly, hosting visitors from other areas is not advisable and should be limited to essential reasons.

It is recommended to cancel or postpone any current plans for non-essential travel and consider other options, including connecting or participating virtually.

If residents must travel for urgent or essential reasons (*see below), it is strongly recommended to: **Stay home for 14 days after returning, especially if traveling from a high risk area.**

Carefully monitor yourself for symptoms for these 14 days.

If any symptoms develop, immediately self-isolate and follow the instructions on the Testing Information page to access testing. Self-isolation includes staying separate from other members of your household.

If you as the traveler develop any symptoms, your household members, including those who did not travel, should also self-isolate, even if they don't have symptoms. If they have or develop symptoms, they should get tested as per usual recommendations.

Do not interact with others outside your household. This includes not having visitors in your home.

Consult with your employer and your child's school/child care centre, (if applicable), about guidelines or policies about returning after travel.

High Risk Areas

For COVID-19 levels by region in Ontario, visit the Ministry of Health COVID-19 Response Framework website.

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COMMUNITY ADVISORY

F O R T W I L L I A M F I R S T N A T I O N

For anyone who is traveling:

Download the [COVID Alert App](#) as an extra layer of protection while you are away.

Do a [self-assessment](#) and **do not travel if you have any [symptoms](#), even if mild.**

Avoid close contact with anyone outside of your household while away.

It is strongly recommended that you not attend social gatherings while away.

Take all of the [necessary precautions](#) to avoid exposure during travel (i.e. wear a mask, maintain physical distance, wash/sanitize hands frequently, etc.).

Have a plan in case you develop COVID-19 [symptoms](#) while away and need to [self-isolate](#) and seek [testing](#) immediately.

The activities you do while travelling can impact your risk of getting COVID-19. If possible, avoid:

public transportation (like airplanes, buses, and subways).

crowded areas where physical distancing is challenging.

noisy events or places where people are speaking loudly, as this causes people to spit when talking.

communities with high rates of COVID-19.

COVID Alert App

Download the COVID Alert App to be informed if you were exposed to COVID-19 during travel or regular day-to-day activities. The more people who use it, the more effective it will be in helping to protect each other and our communities.

Updated information will be posted as it becomes available, please check the website and watch for community notices to keep updated.

Thank you

Luanne Maki

Pandemic Coordinator

Fort William First Nation



*A Safe and Happy
Holiday Wish, from
everyone at SuperCom,
Valard, Sodexo &
Nextbridge*



**Fort William
First Nation**

*A Happy Holiday wish, from
everyone at the Economic
Development Office*

In light of the challenges absolutely everyone has faced this past year, we thought it would be better if we just provided an opportunity or two, to find an easier path toward *Peace, Prosperity, Excitement and Joy*. To that end, Steve Cunningham (contact info below) at SuperCom, has graciously provided some recent Job Updates for the East West Tie Project.

**SuperCom is continually seeking Resumes from the
Community Members. Please Submit resume to:**

resumes@supercomindustries.com

Valard OEWT Camp Maintenance (2) Positions (White River/ Marathon)

<https://www.supercomindustries.com/2020/11/30/valard-oewt-camp-maintenance-2-positions-white-river-marathon/>

Sodexo– First Cook, Second Cook, Kitchen Helper and General Housekeeping

<https://www.supercomindustries.com/2020/12/09/sodexo-first-cook-second-cook-kitchen-helper-and-general-housekeeping/>

Industrial Guard – NORPRO

<https://www.supercomindustries.com/2020/06/22/industrial-guard-norpro/>



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F O R T W I L L I A M F I R S T N A T I O N





January 2021

Fort William First Nation
Ontario Works Calendar

***REMINDER: INCOME STATEMENTS ARE DUE ON

OR BEFORE THE 20th OF EACH MONTH***

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
					01	02		
03	04	05	06	07	08	09		
10	11	12 Family Food Bank 11am-5pm 	13	14	15	16		
17	18	19 Singles Food Bank 11am-3:45pm 	20	21	22	23		
24	25	26	Income Statement Week		27	28	29	30
						28 February 1, 2021 Cheques will be mailed out on this day.		
31						In order to comply with the COVID-19 Restrictions, staff is on a rotational schedule, please allow 24 hours for workers to respond to emails or phone calls.		

WINNERS
OF
THE FAMILY PROGRAM
CHRISTMAS
DRAWS!

**FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS WITH CHILDREN
12 AND UNDER**

Week 1

November 30th

- Lauren Waller
- Danielle Bell
- Deanne
Bannon
- Judy Spence
- Roseanne
Pelletier

Week 2

December 7th

- Austin
Morriseau
- Jessica Collins
- Emma Pelletier
- Brianna Hyslop
- Pam Collins

Week 3

December 14th

- Tara
MacLaurin
- Ashley Martin
- Travis Collins
- Jenny Pelletier
- Bernice
Pelletier

**WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY PEACE, HEALTH, HAPPINESS
AND PROSPERITY IN THE COMING YEAR!**

**FROM THE FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION HEALTH STAFF!
STAY SAFE EVERYONE!**





ATTENTION FWFN MEMBERS

YOUTH & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
WILL BE CLOSING ALL PROGRAMS FOR
THE CHRISTMAS BREAK. PROGRAMMING
WILL RESUME IN THE NEW YEAR!
WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THOSE WHO
PARTICIPATED IN OUR PROGRAMS.

**WE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE
A SAFE & HAPPY HOLIDAY!**

From Our Youth & Social Development Team:

Youth Centre, Culture & Recreation

Amanda Collins, Gail R Bannon, Bess Legarde, Mary Charlie,
Renee Pervais, Marnie Greenwald & Shaylalyn Sabourin.





LET'S MAKE SOME NOISE!

On Christmas Eve at 6:00pm
FWFN Quarantined with Kids is asking
everyone to step outside and ring a bell for 2
minutes to spread Christmas spirit and to help
Santa fly that sleigh!

After a tough year it would be an amazing
memory for the kids and community. End
2020 with a bit of Magic, hope and
togetherness!

FWFN Christmas Eve Jingle 2020

