Fort William First Nation

Weekly Newsletter for April 12-18

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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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.

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.

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

FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION

JOB POSTING

Position Title: Bus Driver(s)

Position Description: Under the general direction of the Director of Health & Social Services, with direct supervision provided by the Education Manager, transports children between school and home via school bus.

Major Responsibilities:

- Transport children between school and home and/or an excursion as needed
- Ensure children's safety when boarding and leaving the bus and crossing the street while bus is stopped
- Report delays, mechanical problems and accidents to Education Department
- Complete accident/incident reports and distribute these to proper school and Education Department
- Additional duties as required

Qualifications/ Conditions of Employment:

- Must be able to work on short notice
- Completion of secondary school diploma is preferred
- A minimum of one year of safe driving experience is required
- Copy of Driver's Abstract required
- Class "G" driver's license required
- Criminal Reference Check required
- Bus drivers require a Class "B" license in Ontario (copy to be provided with application)
  FWFN is willing to train qualified applicants for class "B" license.

Job Posting Closing Date: Posting open until position is filled. Please direct your application, consisting of a cover letter and resume with three (3) references to the attention of:

Donna Mullen
Human Resources Assistant
P: 807-623-9543 ext. 806
F: 807-623-5190
Email: donnamullen@fwfn.com

When hand delivering, ensure that your application is date stamped and a copy provided to you.

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

FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION

JOB POSTING

Position Title: Bus Monitor

Position Description: Under the general direction of the Director of Health & Social Services and direct supervision of the Education Coordinator, the bus monitor will enforce the bus transportation policies and procedures to ensure students safety while travelling on the bus.

Major Responsibilities:

- Ensure students follow FWFN bus safety protocols and procedures while travelling on the bus
- Report any behavioural issues, incidence and injuries of a child to the Principal of the school as well as the Education Coordinator
- Set and maintain rules for students to abide by while travelling on the bus
- Provide incident reports in the event of on accident/incident
- Attend meetings as required
- Additional duties as required

Qualifications/ Conditions of Employment:

- Completion of secondary school diploma preferred
- Criminal Reference Check required
- First Aid Certificate required

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FREE LOW INCOME TAX CLINIC

FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION

MARCH 2021

Please view income cart below for Eligibility

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10			11	12	13	14
17			18	19	20	21
24			25			
31						

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST DROP OFF ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AT THE ONTARIO WORKS. YOU WILL ALSO HAVE TO SIGN 2 PERMISSION FORMS AND LEAVE A PHONE NUMBER. YOU CAN ALSO EMAIL YOUR DOCUMENTS TO COTYCREWS@FWFN.COM

DROP OFF DAYS: MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAYS

A FRIENDLY REMINDER IF YOUR SICK PLEASE STAY HOME.

FOR YOU TO REMEMBER!

18 years or older can claim Taxes

How far back we can go:

2010

What you will need:

- Income Slips (T4, T5007)
- Heating cost receipts for the year of claim
- What returns are outstanding?
- Tuition (if applies to you)– Not a Priority
- Married or Common Law- Both need to attend
- Pension (if applies to you)
- Support Payments (if applies to you)

If you need assistance or more information to be prepared for your appointment, please call CRA prior to coming in. 1-800-959-8281

Suggested income level from CRA

Family size

Total family income is under...

1 person	$35,000
2 persons	$45,000
3 persons	$47,500
4 persons	$50,000
5 persons	$52,500
More than 5 persons	$52,500 plus $2,500 for each additional person

FOR MORE INFO OR TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT PLEASE CALL 622-6791 OR EMAIL COTYCREWS@FWFN.COM

Fort William First Nation

2021/2022 POST SECONDARY APPLICATIONS

2021/2022 Post-Secondary Applications are now available.

Please email education@fwfn.com to request an application OR find the application on the official FWFN website www.fwfn.com

EVERY student must apply each year.

The deadline to submit the application is Friday May 28, 2021 by 4pm.

For more information, contact:

Myra Bannon
Edcuation Manager
623.9543 ext 225
Myra@fwfn.com

Brittany Collins
Education Assistant
623.9543 ext 205
education@fwfn.com

FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION SOCIAL SERVICES

FREE LOW INCOME TAX CLINIC

You Must Be:

18 years or older to claim Taxes

How far back we can go:

2010

What you will need:

- Income Slips (T4, T5007)
- Heating cost receipts for the year of claim – Includes those with wood heating
- What returns are outstanding?
- Tuition (if applies to you)– Not a Priority
- Married or Common Law- Both need to attend
- Pension (if applies to you)
- Support Payments (if applies to you)

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All appointments will be over the phone, to arrange an appointment please call 622-6791 or email haileymaclaurin@fwfn.com. Leave your first name, last name, date of birth and contact information; you will get a call or email to arrange for an appointment date, which will be on a Thursday.

For Ontario Works recipients remember your taxes, must be done and submitted to your worker by June

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Census Jobs

Emplois au recensement

Statistics Canada is hiring in your community!

- Schools, housing, and health and emergency services are all planned using census data.
- Use your local knowledge and sharpen skills that are sought after by employers.
- In the current context of COVID-19, we are committed to ensuring the safety of our employees at all times.
- Help your community to plan for the future—apply now!

Important to know:

- There are approximately 32,000 jobs available across Canada.
- Pay varies **by position** from $17.83 to $21.77 per hour (in select Northern and remote communities, rates are from $29.25 to $31.25 per hour), plus authorized expenses.
- Start and end dates vary by position and location, but are between March and July 2021.
- You must be available to work flexible hours during days, evenings and weekends.

Statistique Canada embauche dans votre communauté!

- La planification des écoles, du logement ainsi que des services de santé et d'urgence se fait au moyen des données du recensement.
- Mettez à profit vos connaissances locales et renforcez les compétences recherchées par les employeurs.
- Dans le contexte actuel de la COVID-19, nous nous engageons à assurer la sécurité de nos employés en tout temps.
- Aidez votre communauté à planifier l'avenir : postulez dès maintenant!

Renseignements importants :

- Environ 32 000 emplois sont offerts partout au Canada.
- Le taux de rémunération varie entre 17,83 $ et 21,77 $ l'heure **selon le poste** (entre 29,25 $ et 31,25 $ l'heure dans certaines communautés du Nord et éloignées), en plus des dépenses admissibles.
- Les dates de début et de fin d'emploi varient selon le poste et le lieu de travail, mais se situent dans la période allant de mars à juillet 2021.
- Vous devez être disponible pour travailler selon un horaire flexible le jour, le soir et la fin de semaine.

Apply now / tell a friend

www.census.gc.ca

1-833-830-3106

TTY (a telecommunications device for deaf people): 1-833-830-3109

Postulez dès maintenant et parlez-en à un ami

www.recensement.gc.ca

1-833-830-3106

ATS (appareil de télécommunications pour personnes sourdes) : 1-833-830-3109

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FIRST NATIONS AND INUIT YOUTH EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY
2021 NATIONAL VIRTUAL SCIENCE CAMP
ONTARIO REGION

Where? Virtual - Canada

When? July 5-16, 2021 (Monday to Friday)
Approximately from 10 am- 2 pm each day

Activities? Proposed virtual camp activities camp include:

- Canadian Water First, SNOLAB, Science North, Photography, Hunting & Fishing, Royal Tyrell Museum (AB), SuperNova – Robotics – Oceanography (ATL), Coastal Ecology (BC), Canada Space Agency (QC), Chemistry Lavel University (QC)…
- Will be a combination of hands on activities, virtual talks, tours, and interactions with presenters and campers

Getting There? Each camper will join the camp virtually from their First Nation/community. It will be important that each camper has access to either a computer or iPad and reliable internet connection so they are able to connect to the camp on a daily basis.

Virtual Camp Supports: Each Region will have a minimum of 2 virtual camp leaders to support students in their specific region.

Safety? Students will be provided a secure access code to the National Science camp activities. Each Region will have a virtual camp leader that will support their regional campers.

The virtual camp leader will ensure campers are able to actively participate in the camp.

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FIRST NATIONS AND INUIT YOUTH EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY
2021 NATIONAL VIRTUAL SCIENCE CAMP
ONTARIO REGION

Who can apply? First Nation students aged 12 -15 living on reserve and enrolled full-time in a council operated, federal, provincial, or provincially-recognized school (includes private schools and home schooling). Applicants must have demonstrated an interest in science.

Application? Applicants will submit an essay describing

i) the impact of natural resources industries on their life and on their community
ii) why they want to participate in the National Science camp and,
iii) what they could contribute to the camp.

The essay is to be a maximum of one (1) page typed or two (2) handwritten pages. An artistic expression, drawing, sketch, etc. must accompany each essay. The art work is to express what is detailed in the essay.

The selection committee will choose ten (10) finalists based on the content of the essays and art work. The committee will choose the five (5) Regional representatives and five (5) alternates from the ten finalists.

The application must include:

- the student's essay, art work, completed application form,
- a letter of support from the school,
- a letter of reference from one non-family community member
- a signed statement of eligibility and,
- a signed parental permission form.

Applications which do not include all the required documentation will not be considered.

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Deadline? The deadline for submissions of applications is **April 19,2021** Applications must be received by this date. Late applications will not be considered.

Applications are to be submitted by email. A PDF copy the original signed documents can be attached to the email.

Please submit applications to:

Bernadette Wabie
Senior Education Officer
Indigenous Services Canada
195 Henry Street, Unit 6A
BRANTFORD, ON N3S 5C9

Email: Bernadette.Wabie@canada.ca

Selection? **10** finalists will be selected by the committee. **Finalists will be notified by April 23, 2021.**

Acceptance? Acceptance must be confirmed in writing **by April 28, 2021.** If confirmation of acceptance is not received from any of the ten (10) participants by that time, an alternate will be selected.

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FIRST NATIONS AND INUIT YOUTH EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY
2021 NATIONAL VIRTUAL SCIENCE CAMP
hosted by Ontario Region,
July 5, 2021 – July 16, 2021 (Monday to Friday)

ONTARIO REGION STUDENT APPLICATION

Name: _____

First Nation: _____
Address: _____
_____
_____

Date of Birth: _____ **Age:** _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Summer Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Work Phone:** _____

School: _____

School Phone: _____ **School Fax:** _____

School Contact: _____

T-Shirt Size (please circle one): Adult S M L L XL XXL XXXL

Documentation (application must include all)**:**

- ☐ **Completed Application Form**
- ☐ **Student Essay/Art Work**
- ☐ **Letter of Support from School**
- ☐ **Letter of Reference from Non-family Community member**
- ☐ **Signed Statement of Eligibility**
- ☐ **Signed Parental Permission Form**

_____ _____
Signature of Student **Date**

Please submit applications to:

Bernadette Wabie, Senior Education Officer
Indigenous Services Canada
195 Henry Street, Unit 6A, BRANTFORD, ON N3S 5C9
Email: Bernadette.Wabie@canada.ca
Phone: 1- 519-751-2443

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FIRST NATIONS AND INUIT YOUTH EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY
2021 NATIONAL VIRTUAL SCIENCE CAMP
Hosted by Ontario Region
July 5, 2021 – July 16, 2021 (Monday to Friday)

ONTARIO REGION STUDENT APPLICATION

STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY

I verify that _____ is normally resident on reserve, is enrolled in a council-operated, federal, provincial, or provincially-recognized school (includes private schools or home schooling), and will be between the ages of 12 and 15 at the time of the camp.

_____ _____
Signature – Parent/Guardian **Date**

_____ _____
Signature - School Contact **Date**

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FIRST NATIONS AND INUIT YOUTH EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY
2021 NATIONAL VIRTUAL SCIENCE CAMP
Hosted by Ontario Region
July 5 – July 16, 2021 (Monday to Friday)
ONTARIO REGION STUDENT APPLICATION

PERMISSION FORM

Student Name:_____

Address:_____
_____
_____

School:_____

Parent/Guardian:_____

Statement of Permission:

Should s/he be selected, I,_____

give my permission for my child, _____

to participate in all the virtual activities of the First Nations and Inuit Youth Employment Strategy National Science Camp, to be held July 5-16, 2021, hosted by Indigenous Services Canada in partnership with Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute (KTEI).

I also give permission for my child to be photographed and/or videotaped during the camp and authorized the use of any photos or videos for non-profit purposes such as reports, media coverage, and advertising for future camps.

All submissions will become the exclusive property of the sponsoring organizations. I understand that my child's submission may be used for reporting, evaluating, or communication purposes.

_____ _____
Signature – Parent/Guardian **Date**

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FIRST NATIONS AND INUIT YOUTH EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY
2021 NATIONAL VIRTUAL SCIENCE CAMP
July 5 – July 16, 2021 (Monday to Friday)

ONTARIO REGION STUDENT APPLICATION
PARTICIPANT INFORMATION FORM

Participant's Name: _____

First Nation Name: _____

Status Card Number: _____

Email:_____

Cell Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Person Name: _____
Phone Number : _____

Cell Phone: _____

I have access to a computer/Ipad device that will allow me to stream the virtual camp activities. ☐ **Yes** **No** ☐

I will need support to access a computer/Ipad device so that I will be able to stream virtual camp activities. **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

I will be able to access reliable internet connection from my location.
Yes ☐ **No** ☐

I will need additional support from my First Nation to ensure I can access the virtual camp. Please outline your needs.

_____

If I am selected to attend the camp I am willing to create a little virtual biography about myself, where I live and my interest in Science & Technology that will be shared at the with the National Science Camp participants.

☐ **Yes** **I may need assistance with this task** ☐

Indigenous Services Canada | Services aux Autochtones Canada

Project: Participation in the First Nation Inuit Youth Employment Strategy
2021 National Virtual Science Camp, Ontario Region, July 5- July 16, 2021

Personal Release and Consent Form

I, _____ **(participant's name),** agree to be interviewed, photographed and/or videotaped by the Indigenous Services Canada (ISC), Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute (KTEI), and First Nations partners agree that ISC will own all rights in perpetuity throughout the world in any resulting story, photograph and/or videotape for non-commercial use by the department at any time in the present or future in various forms such as print, video and electronic media.

I consent to the use and disclosure of elements of my personal information, contained in the said stories, photographs and/or videotapes.

I understand that my participation in the said project is voluntary and there will be no royalty fees paid to me by ISC, Trent University, KTEI, First Nations and partners/presenters of the FNIYES National Science Camp for the rights to use this material. The refusal to participate will in no way negatively impact any future dealings I may have with ISC, KTEI or partners/presenters at the camp.

I agree with the above.

Name: …….

Signature: ……..……Date:……..

Signature of parent or guardian if participant is under the age of majority in province of residence.

Parent/Guardian Name: ……..

Parent/Guardian Signature: ……Date: ……

Address: ……..……

Print student's name here: …… Age: …….

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Lakehead Public Schools

Ian MacRae - Director of Education

Jim McCuaig Education Centre
2135 Sills Street
Thunder Bay, Ontario P7E 5T2
Tel: (807) 625-5131 Fax: (807) 622-0961

Thursday, April 8, 2021

Dear parent/guardian,

As per recent announcements, the province has implemented a provincewide stay-at-home order for four weeks in response to worsening trends in key health indicators across the province.

The mental health and well-being of children is a key school Board priority. With the current COVID-19 status in the City of Thunder Bay having recently improved significantly, the Thunder Bay District Health Unit has informed Lakehead Public Schools that the local situation has become appropriate for schools to re-open.

Lakehead Public Schools is confirming the return to in-person learning for all its schools beginning Monday, April 19th. Elementary students will return to their pre-closure classes while secondary students will begin Quadmester 4 following the same weekly format as before – in-person learning in the morning and virtual learning in the afternoon. Spring break will continue as planned, from April 12th to 16th.

In light of the recently announced measures, it is now more important than ever that we continue to follow health and safety advice from the Health Unit over the spring break to do our part to keep schools open for in-person learning.

At this critical point in the pandemic, the following public health measures are crucial to help prevent and limit the spread of COVID-19:

- Socialize with your own household;
- Stay home and get tested if you feel ill;
- Screen every day, including during spring break, for COVID-19 symptoms before leaving home (https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/);
- Practice good hand hygiene habits, masking, and physical distancing.
- Refer to https://covid-19.ontario.ca/zones-and-restrictions to learn what public health measures are in place in our community;
- Refrain from travelling.

Please check the Lakehead Public School website and Facebook page frequently for more information about asymptomatic testing. We'll update these pages as more information comes to us.

Lakehead Public Schools

Ian MacRae - Director of Education

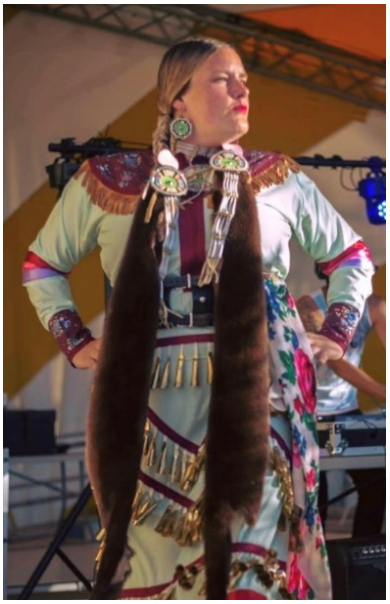
Jim McCuaig Education Centre
2135 Sills Street
Thunder Bay, Ontario P7E 5T2
Tel: (807) 625-5131 Fax: (807) 622-0961

As a reminder, before coming back to school on April 19th, students and staff must screen for COVID-19 symptoms. If your child or anyone in your household is ill, stay home and follow the guidance in the school screener.

Lakehead Public Schools would like to genuinely thank all families and staff for having dedicated energy and effort to support students during the period of virtual learning, and for having followed safety guidelines to help lower the number of local COVID-19 cases. By following public health advice, we can all enjoy a safe spring break and support in-person learning in our schools.

Have a safe, fun and restful break.

The following is a message from the Ministry of Education:
For the week of April 12-18, pharmacies that currently offer testing and assessment centres across the province will accept appointments from students and education staff for asymptomatic testing. The Ministry of Education will be working with school boards to offer school-based clinics. Parents are encouraged to take advantage of this testing capacity to have their children tested to support a safe return to school on April 19. Children attending child care, and child care staff, will also be eligible to access this testing.



Bess LeGarde

Consultation/Liaison Officer
Economic Development

Boozhoo, Hello,

Many of you may know me from my previous position of Recreation Coordinator and Chair/Creator of the Anemki Unity Winter Classic, but also from growing up here in Fort William First Nation my whole life. I am Bess LeGarde 33 years old from the Loon Clan, mother of two handsome young men, Cameron 13 years and Kolby 9 years. My mother Monica LeGarde, and grandparents Barbara and Percy LeGarde Sr raised me throughout my life. Powwows, Ceremonies, and traditional crafting and knowledge are a huge part of my life as well as dancing Jingle and competing across turtle island (North America). Growing up I sat on the Youth council for the Union of Ontario Indians as the Robertson Superior Female Rep, and the Ontario First Nations Young Peoples Council. I have also represented Fort William First Nation playing with Team Ontario in the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships and powwow danced on the Great Wall of China. Some of my hobbies include, playing hockey/baseball, hiking, fishing, outdoors, sewing, beading, harvesting traditional medicine/supplies and being on the land. I am also a 2x Cancer Survivor and Bone Marrow Transplant Recipient, and strongly believe in healthy active living and providing a safe, sustainable future for our children and youth.

In my new position I would like to implement more communication and community engagement sessions when it comes to economic development; mining, forestry, small business, etc. I would also like to be an advocate for our community and build positive relationships with businesses and our people. I strongly believe in transparency and accountability and will work hard to have open communication with all members. Strong traditional knowledge is an asset I carry when protecting our land and resources, I want to ensure all parties are respecting all aspects of developing for our future.

I am very humbled to take on this new role and look forward to a new beginning. Please do not hesitate to contact me in regards to any questions or concerns you may have.

Miigwetch, thank you

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Economic Development Update

Aboriginal Youth Entrepreneurship Program

- 18-39 years of age and ready to start or grow your business in Northern Ontario?
- Financing, Mentoring, and the tools and resources to help you turn your idea into a reality

TO APPLY VISIT: http://www.nadf.org/youth-entrepreneurs

Free Online Caribou Training from Forest Management Companies

- This month, FSC Canada is offering free online training sessions on caribou in the new forest management standard. There are three sessions available, each will cover an overview of FSC Canada's requirements for caribou and how certificate holders can meet these requirements, followed by learning to apply this information through interactive exercises.

INFO/REGISTER: https://ca.fsc.org/en-ca/newsroom/id/1189

FWFN Members Only (Request for Quote) Service Tender for Resolute Sawmill – Ignace, Atikokan, Thunder Bay

- Submission Deadline April 26th 2021 @ 4pm EST and must be on RFQ 2021 BID TEMPLATE

FOR MORE INFO/APPLY: www.resolutefp.com

Emergency Preparedness for Indigenous Communities Virtual Training Event April 13-14 2021

- Register by April 2 2021, use discount code: 1391-RJ
- Contact Rick @ 416-709-7425 or by Email: rjhaman@infonex.com

INFO/REGISTER: www.infonex.com

If you have any questions or concerns please contact:
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COMMUNITY NOTICE

FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION

Title: COVID-19 update

March 4, 2021

Fort William First Nation is asking that members:

- Who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19
- who have been contacted by the Thunder Bay District Health Unit and have been advised to self-isolate
- Or have tested positive for COVID-19

Please contact the COVID-19 Call Center at 698-0415 or afterhours at 472-7701.

Providing the above information will ensure that you are aware of what supports are available to assist you and your family.

Please continue to use the color-coded system provided to community members to help identify those that are unable to leave their homes and may need further assistance.

We are all working towards the safety of our community and look forward to your continued cooperation in these trying times.

Sincerely,
Fort William First Nation Emergency Response Group

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FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION
COVID-19 VACCINE PROGRAM
UPCOMING CLINIC
REGISTRATION

Fort William First Nation is in the process of booking for its next COVID-19 vaccine clinic.

If you are interested in participating in the next clinic
you must register by contacting the
COVID CALL CENTER at (807)698-0415 or
by EMAIL covid19@fwfn.com

You must be a Fort William First Nation Registered Member living on reserve, or a community member living on Fort William First Nation.

Priority will be given to Elders 55 years and older and those with Physical Disabilities.

When registering you must provide the following information

- Your full name
- Address
- Phone number
- Date of birth
- Health card number
- And status number

If you do not provide all of this information you will not be booked in for the clinic.

If you have previously registered you do not have to register again.

When the date is set for the next clinic
A member of the vaccine team will contact you with an appointment date and time

REGISTER NOW TO GET VACCINATED

Ministry of Health

Ontario

COVID-19 Vaccine Screening and Consent Form

SCREENING AND CONSENT FORM –COVID-19 Vaccine

Version 2.0 – January 23, 2021

Last Name		First Name		Identification (e.g., health card number)	
Sex: ☐ Female☐ Male ☐ Non-Binary ☐ Prefer not to answer				Primary Care Clinician (Family Physician or Nurse Practitioner)	
Home Phone	Mobile Phone	Email Address			
Street Address		City		Province	Postal Code
Date of Birth (month, day, year) ------ / ------- / ------- Age	Is this your **first or second dose** of the vaccine? ☐ First ☐ Second If second, please indicate the date of the first dose: ------ / ---- / ---- (month, day, year)				

Please answer all questions below:

Do you have symptoms of COVID-19 or feel ill today*?, ☐ No ☐ Yes	If yes, please provide details
Have you previously had a severe allergic reaction (e.g.. anaphylaxis) to a previous dose of a COVID mRNA vaccine or to any of its components or its container? ☐ No ☐ Yes	If yes, please provide details
Do you have a suspected hypersensitivity or have you had an immediate allergic reaction *(this would include an allergic reaction that occurred within 4 hours that cause hives, swelling, or respiratory distress, including wheezing)* **to:**	If yes, please provide details
• **A previous dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine** ☐ No ☐ Yes	
• **Any components of the mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (including polyethylene glycol [PEG])**** ☐ No ☐ Yes	
• **Polysorbate (due to potential cross-reactive hypersensitivity with the vaccine ingredient PEG)**** ☐ No ☐ Yes	

Have you ever had a severe (e.g. anaphylaxis) or an immediate allergic reaction to any other vaccine or injectable therapy (e.g. intramuscular, intravenous, or subcutaneous vaccines or therapies not related to a component of mRNA COVID-19 vaccines or polysorbates)? *(this would include an allergic reaction that occurred within 4 hours that cause hives, swelling, or respiratory distress, including wheezing)* ☐ No ☐ Yes	If yes, please provide details
Have you ever had a severe allergic reaction (e.g.. anaphylaxis) not related to vaccines or injectable medications – such as allergies to food, pet, venom, environmental, or latex etc.? ☐ No ☐ Yes	If yes, please provide details
Have you received another vaccine (not a COVID-19 vaccine) in the past 14 days? ☐ No ☐ Yes	If yes, please provide details
Are you or could you be pregnant? ☐ No ☐ Yes	If yes, please provide details
Are you breastfeeding? ☐ No ☐ Yes	If yes, please provide details
Do you have any problems with your immune system or are you taking any medications that can affect your immune system (e.g., high dose steroids, chemotherapy)? ☐ No ☐ Yes	If yes, please provide details
Do you have an autoimmune disease? ☐ No ☐ Yes	If yes, please provide details
Do you have a bleeding disorder or are taking medications that could affect blood clotting (e.g., blood thinners)? ☐ No ☐ Yes	

Have you ever felt faint or fainted after a past vaccination or medical procedure? ☐ No ☐ Yes	If yes, please provide details

* Symptoms of COVID-19 can include fever, new onset of cough or worsening of chronic cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, sore throat, difficulty swallowing, decrease or loss of smell or taste, chills, headaches, unexplained tiredness / malaise / muscle aches, nausea / vomiting, diarrhea or abdominal pain, pink eye, or runny nose or nasal congestion without other known cause or, for those over 70 years of age,,an unexplained or increased number of falls, acute functional decline, worsening of chronic conditions or delirium	** Polyethylene glycol (PEG) can rarely cause allergic reactions and is found in products such as medications, bowel preparation products for colonoscopy, laxatives, cough syrups, cosmetics, skin creams, medical products used on the skin and during operations, toothpaste, contact lenses and contact lens solution. PEG also can be found in foods or drinks, but is not known to cause allergic reactions from foods or drinks. Polysorbate may also cause allergic reactions because of cross-reactivity with PEG.

Consent to Receive the Vaccine

I have read (or it has been read to me) and I understand the 'COVID-19 Vaccine Information Sheet'

- I have had the opportunity to ask questions and to have them answered to my satisfaction.
- I have had the opportunity to speak with my primary care provider regarding any special considerations that apply to me in respect of the COVID-19 vaccine.

☐ **I consent to receiving the vaccine**

Acknowledgement of Collection, Use and Disclosure of Personal Health Information

The personal health information on this form is being collected for the purpose of providing care to you and creating an immunization record for you, and because it is necessary for the administration of Ontario's COVID-19 vaccination program. This information will be used and disclosed for these purposes, as well as other purposes authorized and required by law. For example,

- it will be disclosed to the Chief Medical Officer of Health and Ontario public health units where the disclosure is necessary for a purpose of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*. And
- it may be disclosed, as part of your provincial electronic health record, to health care providers who are providing care to you.

The information will be stored in a health record system under the custody and control of the Ministry of Health.

Where a Clinic Site is administered by a hospital, the hospital will collect, use and disclose your information as an agent of the Ministry of Health.

☐ **I acknowledge that I have read and understand the above statement.**

You may be contacted by a hospital, local public health unit, or the Ministry of Health for purposes related to the COVID-19 vaccine (for example, to remind you of follow up appointments and to provide you with proof of vaccination). If you consent to receiving these follow up communications by email or text/SMS, please indicate this using the boxes below.

I consent to receiving follow-up communications:
☐ by email ☐ by text/SMS

Consent to Being Contacted About Research Studies

Many research studies will be conducted in respect of COVID-19 vaccines.

You have the option of consenting to be contacted by researchers about participation in COVID-19 vaccine related research studies. If you consent to be contacted, your personal health information will be used to determine which studies may be relevant to you, and your name and contact information will be disclosed to researchers. Consenting to be contacted about research studies does not mean you have consented to participate in the research itself. Participating in research is voluntary. You may refuse to consent to be contacted about research studies without impacting your eligibility to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

If you consent to be contacted about research studies, and then change your mind, you may withdraw your consent at any time by contacting the Ministry of Health at Vaccine@ontario.ca.

I consent to be contacted about COVID-19 vaccine related research studies:

☐ by email ☐ by text/SMS ☐ by phone ☐ by mail

☐ I do not consent to be contacted about COVID-19 related research studies:

Signature	Print Name	Date of Signature

If signing for someone other than yourself, indicate your relationship to that other person:

_____

☐ If signing for someone other than myself, I confirm that I am the parent / legal guardian or substitute decision maker.

Specific Issues re: Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007

The resident's consent to receive the vaccine may be withdrawn or revoked at any time.

Statement respecting section 83 of the Act:

Please note the following legal protection:

Every licensee of a long-term care home shall ensure that no person is told or led to believe that a prospective resident will be refused admission or that a resident will be discharged from the home because,

(a) a document has not been signed;
(b) an agreement has been voided; or
(c) a consent or directive with respect to treatment or care has been given, not given, withdrawn or revoked.

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Agent	COVID-19	Product Name		Lot #		Dose
Anatomical Site	☐ Left deltoid ☐ Right deltoid			Route	Intramuscular	Dose #
Date Given	_____ / _____ / _____ (m/d/yyyy)		Time Given	____ : ____ am pm	AEFI?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Given By (Name, Designation)			Location		Authorized By	
Reason for Immunization	☐ Healthcare worker ☐ Healthcare worker: LTC Home ☐ Healthcare worker: Retirement Home ☐ LTC Home: Resident ☐ Retirement Home: Resident ☐ Advanced age: community dwelling ☐ Other employees in acute care, LTC, RHs ☐ Indigenous community ☐ Chronic conditions					
Reason Immunizations Not Given	Healthcare provider: ☐ Determines immunization is contraindicated ☐ Recommends immunization but no consent received ☐ Determines that immunization will be temporarily deferred					
Your dose 2 of 2 is scheduled for:	_____ / _____ / _____ (m/d/yyyy)		____ : ____ am pm			