



**Fort William
First Nation**

Weekly Newsletter for Oct 4 - 10

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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@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.

Department: Fort William First Nation CEO
Subject: Electronic Voting

Date Prepared: July 28th, 2021
Prepared by: Christina Thiessen
Executive Assistant - Office of the CEO



NOTICE TO COMMUNITY- Electronic Voting

Our Chief and Council have approved our voting system to move toward electronic voting for upcoming vote requirements. With this direction, Fort William First Nation will be working with OneFeather (onefeather.ca) to set up online electronic voting and community engagement solutions. The upcoming votes to use OneFeather technology will be:

- FWFN Specific Claims Housing Trust - Youth Trust Payments
- FWFN Lands Code

This will allow more accessibility for band members to participate in our governance and will represent our First Nation moving toward with modern technology. Band members will be required to create a OneFeather profile following the steps below. Setting up your profile is easy, safe and your personal data is secure and protected. It will only take a few minutes to complete this process. Other traditional paper voting solutions will remain in place for those members who do not have access to smart Edevice technology (phone, tablet or computer) and who may not have a personal email address.

OneFeather has set up a quick engagement event to get you started and activate your profile. You will require a personal email address, your status card number and date of birth. Click the RED button at the link below. Click the RED button - you will be guided through the activation process – it should only take a minute or two.

<https://www.onefeather.ca/nations/fortwilliam>

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

Respectfully,



Michael D. Pelletier, Chief Executive Officer
Fort William First Nation
P: 807.623.9543 Ext. 233 C: 807-629-0471

Department: Lands & Properties Department

Date:

September 30, 2021

Subject: Bears

Prepared By: Wyatt Bannon – By-Law Enforcement



Community Notice

As we are all aware, this year's lack of rain has caused a collapse of this year's berry harvest. As a result, we have seen an increase in bear activity throughout our community as they search for food. Unfortunately, they have found an alternate food source in our garbage, BBQ's, apple trees and even our bird feeders.

BEARS HAVE AN EXCELLENT MEMORY AND WILL RETURN NIGHT AFTER NIGHT TO FEED AS LONG AS THERE IS FOOD.

We are currently taking steps to help redirect bear activity away from populated areas, which is working. However, we are asking for your help with the following:

Garbage to be placed out only on the morning of the scheduled pick up date. Furthermore, in the event that the scheduled garbage pickup did not occur, we are asking community members to bring their garbage inside until the next scheduled garbage pick up date. BBQ's be cleaned after each use. Any apples that fall to the ground be cleaned up daily. If needed we can collect any unused apples.

In the unfortunate situation where a bear has to be terminated for safety reasons if there are community members who are interested in harvesting it for food please call me @ 807 285 9428 and leave your name and phone number.

We encourage community members to be aware of your surroundings while enjoying the outdoors. We have always and will continue to live along side this beautiful majestic creature. The current bear situation should subside by late October early November depending on snow cover and food availability. Here are some safety tips as well as some important information on black bear behaviour.

It is a good idea to make noise when rounding corners or exiting your residence. Carry a whistle or wear a bear bell. It is recommended not to make eye contact; Black Bears will take this as an act of aggression.

Remember that the presence of a healthy black bear population is an indication that we have a very healthy Eco-system. However, the large amount of bear activity is directly related to us humans provided them with a sustained food source from our garbage, bird feeders, BBQ's and apples.

Encountering a Black Bear

If you encounter a Black Bear it is likely to react in one of four ways.

1. Fleeing Bear

In most cases, a bear will hear or smell you before you are aware of it. Even if you surprise a bear, it will most often flee the area. **Reacting to a fleeing bear...** Enjoy the fleeting sight of a wild Black Bear.

2. Habituated Bear

Some bears lose their fear of humans from frequent human contact or from being rewarded with human food or garbage. These bears may not respond to our attempts to dissuade them and may react defensively. **Reacting to an Habituated Bear...** Stay calm and determine if the bear is aware of you. If the bear is unaware of you, move away quietly. However, if the bear is aware of you, talk to the bear in a low tone, wave your arms, back away, and leave the area. **Do not turn and run.** If you are near a building or car, get inside as a precaution. If the bear was attracted to food or garbage, remove it after the bear leaves to discourage the bear from returning.

3. Defensive Bear

A defensive bear will respond in a defensive manner if it perceives you as a threat or if it is defending a food source. It may use vocalizations such as huffing, blowing air loudly through nostrils, exhaling loudly and "popping" of teeth, and may swat the ground with its fore paws, lowering its head, and drawing back the ears. As well, a defensive bear may resort to bluff charges. The bear is feeling threatened by your presence and is trying to get you to back off. **Reacting to a Defensive Bear...** Stop and face the bear. If you are with others, stay together and act as a group. Make sure the bear has a clear escape route. Slowly back away while watching the bear and wait for it to leave. Use a whistle or airhorn, or bear spray if you have them. **Do not turn and run** - this may trigger a predatory response in the bear. Do not climb a tree - bears are excellent climbers.

4. Predatory Black Bear

On EXTREMELY RARE occasions, a bear will attack humans with the intent to kill. Predatory bears seldom make huffing or "popping" sounds, nor do they swat the ground with their forepaws, or bluff charge as defensive bears sometimes do. Instead, they silently stalk, or press closer and closer to their intended prey, apparently assessing whether it is safe to attack. **Reacting to a Predatory Bear...** Leave the area if you can, **but never turn and run**. If you cannot leave, confront the bear. Do everything in your power to make the bear think twice about attacking you. Be aggressive, yell, throw rocks, hit the bear with sticks, and use your whistle, air horn, or bear spray if you have them. If a predatory bear does make contact with you, do not play dead. Fighting back with everything you have is the best way to persuade a predatory Black Bear to halt its attack.

Emergency situations

Call 911 or your local police if a bear poses an immediate threat to personal safety and exhibits threatening or aggressive behaviour, such as:

- enters a school yard when school is in session
- stalks people and lingers at the site
- enters or tries to enter a residence
- wanders into a public gathering
- kills livestock/pets and lingers at the site
- Police will respond first to an emergency situation, but may request assistance from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry during daylight hours.

Non-emergency encounters

Call the toll-free Bear Wise reporting line at [1-866-514-2327](tel:1-866-514-2327) (TTY [705-945-7641](tel:705-945-7641))

In addition, call 807 285 9428 and leave a message, ----- if a bear:

- roams around or checks garbage cans
- breaks into a shed where garbage or food is stored
- is in a tree
- pulls down a bird feeder or knocks over a barbecue
- moves through a backyard or field but does not linger

This line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, from April 1 to November 30.

Fort William First Nation

Garbage Pick-up Schedule

Monday

Mountain Road, Chippewa Road, City Road, Anemki Drive, Lynx Court, Fox Court, Wolf Court, Wolf Street, Little Lake Crescent

Arena, Community Centre, Office Buildings

Tuesday

Back Street Road, Mission Road, Squaw Bay Road

Arena, Community Centre, Office Buildings

Wednesday

Chippewa Trailer Park

Arena, Community Centre, Office Buildings

Thursday

Mountain Road, Chippewa Road, City Road, Anemki Drive, Lynx Court, Fox Court, Wolf Court, Wolf Street, Little Lake Crescent

Arena, Community Centre, Office Buildings

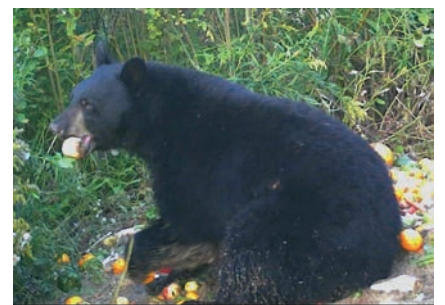
Friday

Back Street Road, Mission Road, Squaw Bay Road

Arena, Community Centre, Office Buildings

Garbage Pick up is scheduled between 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

****Please be advised that this schedule is subject to change based on holidays and equipment breakdowns****



Respectfully,

Wyatt Bannon

By-Law Enforcement / Animal Control / Community Safety



OCTOBER TRAINING

****DUE TO COVID ONLY MAXIMUM 10 PEOPLE PER SESSION****

WHMIS & SAFETY AWARENESS OCTOBER 5

- All participants must meet at the Community Hall @ 9am – 4pm
- This training is 2 parts, AM – WHMIS & PM- Safety Awareness
- All tablets for this training session WILL be provided.
- Tuesday; lunch provided for all registered participants

WORKING AT HEIGHTS OCTOBER 13

- All participants must meet at the Community Hall @ 9am – 4pm
- One day training PPE provided by Superior Strategies.
- PM scissor-lift training
- Wednesday; lunch provided for all registered participants

CHAINSAW TRAINING OCTOBER 19TH – 20TH

- 2-full day training
- Day 1 – in-class, lunch provided
- Day 2 – outdoor training, lunch provided
- PPE will be available on-site
- Tuesday & Wednesday 9am – 4pm @ Community Hall
- Lunch will be provided for all registered participants

FORK LIFT TRAINING OCTOBER 26TH – 27TH

- 2-full day training
- Day 1 – in class
- Day 2 – outdoor training – Fork-lift training
- PPE will be provided on-site
- Tuesday & Wednesday 9am- 4pm @ Community Hall
- Lunch will be provided for all registered participants

For more information call 807-622-6791 or email to register.

LaurenWaller@fwfn.com

or

JanellePelletier@fwfn.com



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

JOB POSTING

Position Title: Employment Program Assistant (Permanent Position)

Position Description: The Employment Program Assistant is responsible for aiding with the employment program activities within the Fort William Social Services Department. The incumbent will be responsible for a variety of administrative duties. Aiding with the coordination and delivery of various employment programs and meeting with clients and providing customer service are all essential duties for this position.

Major Responsibilities:

- Aid in the planning and development program activities for the Social Services Department.
- Meet with clients to determine needs of the employment program activities.
- Provide customer support to clients visiting the Social Services office.
- Interact with and seek continued support from community agencies.
- Ensure that all guidelines are being followed and adhere to the overall mission and values of the organization.
- A full description is available upon request.

Qualifications:

- Post-Secondary diploma or work experience in a related field would be considered an asset.
- A well-defined sense of diplomacy, including conflict resolution and people management skills.
- High level of critical and logical thinking, analysis, and/or reasoning to identify underlying principles, reasons or facts.
- General knowledge in understanding the health problems, communication barriers and dependencies of adults.
- First Aid and CPR certification would be considered an asset.
- This position is subject to a criminal record 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 **11:59 p.m. on October 10, 2021**. Please direct your application to the attention of:

Donna Mullen

Human Resources Assistant

Ph: 807-623-9543 ext. 806, Fax: 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.

DANGEROUS POISON found in circulation

The city of Thunder Bay is experiencing an alarming amount of overdoses this past weekend from the synthetic drug “purple down”.

WHAT IS IT?

Purple down is a mix of fentanyl, carfentanyl, heroin , and is often cut with benzodiazepines.

Purple down can have different variations and it can have other names such as ‘pink dizzy’ and ‘blue down

WHAT HAPPENS?

Causes severe respiratory depression and can lead to death. When purple down is laced with benzodiazepines, it slows down a persons breathing leaving individuals severely unconscious, gasping if breathing at all.

WARNING:

Fort William First Nation and the region of Thunder Bay has reported a batch of purple down that is causing overdoses and death.



IMPORTANT COMMUNITY WARNING!

Increase in overdoses from bad drugs

There has been an increase in overdoses over the weekend requiring several doses of naloxone to reverse.

“Purple Down” appears to be very toxic right now, and is suspected there may be benzos or Carfentanil in the mix.

Ensure you take precautions to reduce your risk of overdose.

Signs of overdose

Impaired breathing, loss of consciousness, inability to talk, blue fingernails or lips, or loud snoring or gurgling.



If you use down, start
with a smaller
amount (start low, go
slow)

Don't use drugs alone;
visit Path 525 @
NorWest CHC or get
the Lifeguard Digital
Health App



Pick up naloxone
from Superior Points
or a pharmacy

Call 911 if your high
feels unusual, or if
you suspect someone
is overdosing

If you are
experiencing a crisis
call

Crisis Response:

807-346-8282

NAN HOPE:

1-844-626-4673

ALERT

Thunder Bay Police Report Increase in Overdoses

Thunder Bay Police have alerted us that they have seen a spike in overdoses over the weekend and some have resulted in death.

Use of an opioid commonly referred to as “**pink down**” or “**pink dizzy**” is suspected, but other substances may also be a cause of the increase.

Signs of opioid toxicity include impaired breathing, loss of consciousness, inability to talk, blue fingernails or lips, or loud snoring or gurgling.

People who use drugs can reduce the risk of harm from fentanyl and other opioids by:

- using drugs in the presence of others (**supervised consumption service open daily 10am-6pm @ NorWest CHC Thunder Bay Site**) , or arranging for someone to check in on them;
- avoiding using drugs at the same time if using in a group;
- trying a small amount before using their usual amount;
- calling 911 if someone develops signs of opioid toxicity; and
- carrying naloxone (**available for free** from the Health Unit [621-7861] and most community pharmacies).

Have you had an unexpected bad reaction to a street drug? Report bad drugs at www.tbdhu.com/baddrugs. Your report will be **anonymous**.



THUNDER BAY
Drug Strategy



Thunder Bay District
Health Unit

Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety™

Smoke and **carbon monoxide** alarms make different sounds:

BEEP



There's an emergency!
Get everyone out of the home immediately. Call **9-1-1** from outside.

CHIRP



A **single chirp** every 30 or 60 seconds means the batteries, or the alarms themselves, need to be **replaced**.

Get Loud! Test your alarms today and every month.

For more information contact your **local fire department**.

Fort William First Nation Fire Department
William G. Solomon
williamgsolomon@fwfn.com
(807)623-9543



Office of the Fire Marshal
ontario.ca/firemarshal
[@onfiremarshal](https://twitter.com/onfiremarshal)

THE FAMILY CENTRE

THE FAMILY CENTRE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL
FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN 0-6 YEARS OF AGE TO JOIN US
IN CELEBRATING THANKSGIVING AND TO WELCOME THE
NEW SEASON FALL ~ DAGWAAGIN



WE WILL BE HOSTING A VIRTUAL SMUDGE
WE WOULD LIKE TO SHARE TWO CRAFT IDEAS

- HAND PRINT TURKEYS
 - INDIAN CORN - BEADING ACTIVITY
- (PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WILL DELIVER THE CRAFT MATERIALS
PRIOR TO OUR SESSION)


DATE: OCTOBER 7, 2021

TIME: 1 P.M - VIA ZOOM

THERE WILL ALSO BE DRAWS FOR ATTENDANCE

TO REGISTER PLEASE EMAIL:

valeriecharlie@fwfn.com



FOOD PROGRAM

NOVEMBER 3RD, 10TH, AND 17TH!
DELIVERIES ARE BETWEEN 1:30-3PM.

CALL RECEPTION TO REGISTER
COOK YOUR MEAL
TAKE A PICTURE
AND SHARE IT WITH US!

CALL 807-622-8802
TO REGISTER



WE ARE LOOKING FOR A CATERER

Event Date:
November
22nd, 26th,
2021

NATIONAL ADDICTION AWARENESS EVENT

Interested? Contact the health Centre at
(807) 622-8802 by October 13th, 2021

www.reallygreatsite.com

ADDICTIONS AND MENTAL HEALTH

RIBBON SKIRTS

MAKE YOUR
RIBBON SKIRT WITH
MARY MAGISKAN

DECEMBER 8TH AND 15TH

1:30-3PM

VIRTUALLY

REGISTER WITH HEALTH RECEPTION

807-622-8802



MENTAL HEALTH AND
ADDICTIONS PRESENTS

BEGINNER HIP HOP DANCE CLASSES

FREE DANCE CLASSES WITH
EMMA DUBINSKY

OCTOBER 6TH, 13TH, 20TH AND
27TH | 6:00-7:00PM
VIRTUALLY

CALL HEALTH RECEPTION TO REGISTER AND
RECEIVE ZOOM LINK
(807) 622-8802

INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS RESOLUTION HEALTH SUPPORT PROGRAM

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PROVIDES MENTAL HEALTH, EMOTIONAL AND CULTURAL SUPPORT SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE FORMER INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

24-HOUR CRISIS LINE- 1-866-925-4419

MENTAL HEALTH THERAPY FOR SURVIVORS AND THEIR FAMILIES- **1-888-301-6426**
THEY WILL BE PROVIDED A LIST OF REGISTERED THERAPIST IN THE AREA

YOU CAN ACCESS MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELLING BENEFITS FROM AN ELIGIBLE PROVIDER.

WHAT IS COVERED?

EVERY 12 MONTHS, AN ELIGIBLE CLIENT CAN RECEIVE UP TO 22 HOURS OF COUNSELLING PERFORMED BY AN ELIGIBLE PROVIDER ON A FEE-FOR-SERVICE BASIS (SUCH AS, INDIVIDUAL, FAMILY OR GROUP COUNSELLING). ADDITIONAL HOURS IN THE SAME 12 MONTH PERIOD MAY BE PROVIDED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

MORE INFORMATION AT:

[HTTPS://WWW.SAC-ISC.GC.CA/ENG/1576441552462/1576441618847#a2](https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1576441552462/1576441618847#a2)



EVERY CHILD MATTERS
ENSA BEBEZHIG GCHI-PIITENDAAGOZI BINOOJIINH



NAVIGATING THE INDIAN DAY SCHOOL CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT CAN BE COMPLICATED

Did you know that there are Indigenous
Organizations ready to support you with the
claims process?



Contact kelsey.anger@anishinabek.ca for more information
or to find support near you.





OCTOBER GOOD FOOD BOX
BOXES CONSIST OF VARIETY OF
FRESH FRUIT AND VEGGIES!

ORDERS DUE OCTOBER 8/21

FOOD BOXES ARE \$22.00

PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE BY EFT

ACCOUNTSRECEIVABLE@FWFN.COM

PICK UP OCTOBER 20TH @ 3PM

****PLEASE WEAR MASKS WHEN PICKING UP****

JULIEFAIR@FWFN.COM

***limited seats* per session**

OCTOBER EVENTS 2021

**OCT
5**

WHMIS & SAFETY AWARENESS
COMMUNITY HALL 9AM-4PM

WORKING AT HEIGHTS
COMMUNITY HALL 9AM-4PM

**OCT
13**

**OCT
19**

CHAINSAW TRAINING
COMMUNITY HALL 9AM-4PM

DAY 2 CHAINSAW TRAINING
PPE PROVIDED

**OCT
20**

**OCT
26**

FORK LIFT TRAINING
COMMUNITY HALL 9AM-4PM

DAY 2 FORK LIFT TRAINING
COMMUNITY HALL 9AM-4PM

**OCT
27**

****MUST REGISTER FOR TRAINING**

Made with PosterMyWall.com
contact LaurenWaller@fwfn.com OR JanellePelletier@fwfn.com

MEDICAL VAN

TRANSPORTATION

available starting
September 7th 2021



Call the Health Centre to book your appointment with reception (24 hours in advance).

If no answer please leave a detailed message with the following information: Name, appt date & time, status card number, physician, clinic, address of pickup & contact number.

PLEASE NOTE: you must reside on Fort William First Nation & be a registered status card holder.

(807) 622-8802

**DENTAL, HARM REDUCTION, PHYSICIAN,
MENTAL HEALTH, & DIAGNOSTIC
APPOINTMENTS ONLY**

Dependable and safe transportation

MOUNT MCKAY SCENIC LOOKOUT OPEN

PRICES:

\$10 - CAR OR TRUCK

\$6 - MOTORCYCLE

\$50 - BUS

\$2 - WALK-IN/CYCLIST

\$110 - SEASON PASS

NEW

Hours of Summer Operation:

Monday - Sunday
9 AM - 10 PM

**DEBIT
AVAILABLE**

**DRIVE SLOW!
STAY SAFE!**

BOOKINGS/INFO CONTACT BESS @ 252-7038 OR BESSLEGARDE@FWFN.COM



**FEDERAL
INDIAN DAY
SCHOOLS**
COMMUNITY
SUPPORT PROGRAM

**EXTERNATS
INDIENS
FÉDÉRAUX**
PROGRAMME
DE SOUTIEN
COMMUNAUTAIRE



Free Claim Form Support Thunder Bay

**Take A Step In Your
Healing Journey**

**If you are First Nations, Métis or Inuit and
attended a Federal Indian Day School, you
may be eligible for compensation.**

You and others in your community can schedule
a personal appointment to meet with a Claims
Assistant by phone or by computer.

The Claims Assistant will help you fill out or check
the status of a Claim Form. They will also help you
access legal, cultural and healing supports.

View a list of eligible schools and register
for your personal session today at
indiandayschools.com/en/thunderbay
or by calling **1-877-515-7525**.



Accompagnement gratuit pour les formulaires de demande d'indemnisation

Thunder Bay

**Faites un autre pas dans votre
démarche de guérison**

**Si vous faites partie des Premières nations, des
Métis ou des Inuits et que vous avez fréquenté
un externat indien fédéral, vous pourriez être
admissible à une indemnisation.**

Vous et d'autres personnes de votre communauté pouvez
prendre un rendez-vous personnel pour rencontrer un assistant
chargé des demandes d'indemnisation par téléphone ou par
ordinateur.

L'assistant chargé des demandes d'indemnisation vous aidera
à remplir ou à vérifier l'état d'un formulaire de demande
d'indemnisation. Il vous aidera également à accéder à des
soutiens juridiques, culturels et de guérison.

Consultez la liste des écoles admissibles et
inscrivez-vous à votre séance individuelle dès
aujourd'hui sur **indiandayschools.com/fr/thunderbay**
ou en appelant le **1-877-515-7525**.

