



**Fort William  
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## **Weekly Newsletter for Feb 14 - 20**

**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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**@fortwilliamfirstnation**



**@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.**



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**HAVE YOU OR SOMEONE  
IN YOUR HOME,  
RECENTLY TESTED  
POSITIVE FOR COVID-19  
WITH A RAPID OR PCR  
TEST?**

**IF SO, PLEASE CONTACT THE  
FWFN COVID-19 HOTLINE AT 698-0415,  
MONDAY TO FRIDAY 9AM TO 4PM  
OR  
AFTERHOURS AND ON WEEKENDS THE  
FWFN ON-CALL SERVICE AT 472-7701**



**BY PARTICIPATING IN  
OUR SELF REPORTING  
SYSTEM, WE WILL  
CONTINUE TO BE SAFE  
AND HEALTHY  
LET'S TOGETHER!**



# FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION

## will be hosting

# COVID-19

# VACCINE CLINICS

February 7, 2022 9:30 am-4:00pm  
for Adults age 18 years and older  
1st, 2nd and 3rd doses

February 9, 2022 9:30am-4:00pm  
for children age 5-17 years old  
who have received their first dose December 15, 2022

Beginning February 14, 2022  
every Monday the clinic will be for those adults 18  
years and older, and every Wednesday those 5-17 years  
can get their COVID-19 vaccines.

all Clinics will take place at FWFN Health Center  
and are by appointment only.

Please call the Health Center at 622-8802  
to book your appointment today.



**Department: FWFN Health Department**

**Subject: COVID-19 Response Update**

**Date prepared: January 10, 2022**

The COVID-19 situation is continuing to change very quickly in Ontario. Omicron, the dominant Variant of Concern, is more easily spread than previous variants making it more difficult to control and contain the spread. Case numbers are expected to increase further. While early evidence suggests Omicron may cause less severe disease than previous variants, some individuals will still become very sick from Omicron, especially if they are not vaccinated. Omicron requires a different public health approach throughout Ontario, including First Nation communities.

#### Testing

Because Omicron is so easily spread, many jurisdictions have had to adjust their testing strategies and Ontario is no different. On December 31, 2021, Ontario prioritized publicly-funded PCR testing for highrisk groups and settings only. Individuals from First Nation communities will continue to have access to PCR testing. Positive rapid antigen tests and rapid molecular tests such as the GeneXpert and the ID Now no longer require PCR testing to confirm COVID-19 infection.

#### Isolation of cases and household contacts

**We ask all individuals who have symptoms - even if they are mild - or think they may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 to please isolate immediately.** This is one of the best things you can do to limit the spread in your community and protect your loved ones.

Individuals with COVID-19 who are fully vaccinated (at least 2 doses) and not immunocompromised, as well as children under 12 years of age, will be required to self-isolate for **at least 5 days** after the day their symptoms began. Individuals can come out of isolation after symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours (or 48 hours if gastrointestinal symptoms). The 5 day isolation period does not apply to those who work in the highest risk settings.

All household members (regardless of their vaccination status) will need to self-isolate while the case is isolating.

There may be circumstances when isolation periods will be longer to best protect the community.

#### Exposure to a case who does not live in your household

If you are **fully vaccinated** (at least 2 doses) and have been exposed to someone who has COVID-19, do not have symptoms yourself, and do not live with the case, then please **self-monitor** for symptoms for 10 days since you last were with the case and follow all public health measures.

If you are **not vaccinated, partially vaccinated**, or immuno-compromised, you will be required to **isolate** for 10 days.

Stricter isolation guidance continues to be appropriate if you work in a highest risk setting.

#### Case and contact management

Because of rapidly rising case numbers, the province has shifted their approach to case and contact management. This means that positive cases in settings such as long-term care, retirement homes, and First Nations communities will continue to have case and contact management.

In First Nations communities, **full case and contact management will be conducted as long as capacity allows**. It is very likely that many communities will reach a point where the demand overwhelms the capacity to keep up with case and contact management. When this happens, Indigenous Services Canada may adopt an approach similar to the province. In this situation ISC may recommend a **prioritized approach for highest-risk** settings (e.g. elder care lodges where the risk of spread is greater) and vulnerable populations (e.g. those who are at risk of more severe disease). **Cases may be asked to notify their own close contacts**.

### **Vaccination**

Vaccination remains the most important way to protect yourself, your family and your community. We continue to encourage all those eligible for first, second, third or fourth doses to get vaccinated as soon as possible.

### **Summary**

We remain committed to continuing to provide support to our community through the COVID-19 Pandemic. We cannot prevent cases of COVID-19 but we can limit and slow the spread in community to mitigate the risk of overwhelming the health care system. We need to take immediate action to: improve vaccination coverage; limit all non-essential travel; stay home or isolate when you have symptoms.

This advice is intended to supplement, not replace, the advice of local public health authorities.

Respectfully,

### **Prepared by:**

Karen Bannon and Luanne Maki





## **ATTENTION COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

In response to the recent outbreak of COVID-19  
at a local school,

Fort William First Nation is once again urging members to use.

### **“COVID-19 COLOUR CODED FLAG SYSTEM”**

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

It isn't intended to replace communication with essential service providers, but to serve as a backup measure.

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

In the event that you or someone in your home has tested positive for COVID-19 or has been identified by the Thunder Bay District Health Unit as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 and is in self-isolation, please ensure that the color-coded flag is placed in a spot that is visible from the road or driveway, such as a living room window.

For more information on this system please contact the FWFN Health Department at 807-622-8802, or the On-Call 24-hour Emergency Response line at 807-472-7701.

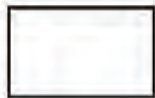
**TOGETHER WE CAN FIGHT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19**



## **ATTENTION COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

### COVID-19 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

## **“COLOUR CODED FLAG SYSTEM”**



White: Everything is Okay



Yellow: Sick and/or Self-Isolating



Red: COVID-19 Positive



Green: Services Required

THIS COLOUR CODED FLAG SYSTEM IS TO BE USED IN THE EVENT THAT YOU OR SOMEONE IN YOUR HOME IS EXPERIENCING COVID-19 SYMPTOMS, HAS TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID 19 OR HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A CLOSE CONTACT OF SOMEONE WITH COVID 19.

IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING SYMPTOMS OF COVID 19 PLEASE CONTACT YOUR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER FOR FURTHER FOLLOW UP.

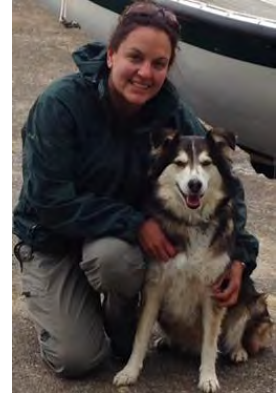


Hello Fort William First Nation,

I would like to introduce myself, as I am a new staff member occupying a novel position within Fort William First Nation's (FWFN's) organizational chart: Housing Coordinator. This position has been established in 2022 to assist with the management of various aspects of the site's Housing Program.

With support from both staff in the Housing Department and other sections, I will assist in facilitating support services to current and future tenants and their family, establishing a network of referral contacts, assisting tenants with budgeting, home maintenance and care requests, and the development of a working knowledge of applicable subsidies and external funding programs.

I come to FWFN's team with an Associate of Science Degree, and have completed a 9-year tenure with the Federal Government – Parks Canada. In 2013, I completed a home building project utilizing services offered through the site's loan guarantor program. Skills and abilities that I possess which will assist me in engaging meaningfully with community members include: experience with the Mortgage and Renovation Loan Program, basic knowledge of the Ontario Building Code, experience working with local community members and local contracting companies, and a high level of organizational skills.



An important topic to communicate is how fundamentally important **Builder's Risk Insurance** and **Comprehensive Home Insurance** are. These tools ensure members' safety and insure members' assets, and are requirement to qualify for any of the site's loan guarantor programs.

**Builder's Risk Insurance** – protects a structure during construction.

This will be issued by a licensed insurance company, and is required to be in place before any construction begins (please seek advice regarding major renovations). This insurance must remain in place until successful home insurance is issued.

**Comprehensive Home Insurance** – protects an occupied dwelling and its tenants.

This will be issued by a licensed insurance company, and is required to be in place before the Builder's Risk Insurance concludes, and will remain in place throughout occupancy of the dwelling.

Building or renovating and need advice on accessing the site's loan guarantor program, or currently in the process of either? Or have questions pertaining to the site's Housing Program, please reach out to discuss how I may be of assistance to you.

Respectfully,

**Jenna MacLaurin** | Housing Coordinator

Office: 807.623.9543 | C: 807.630.3963 | Fax: 807.623.5190

[JennaMacLaurin@fwfn.com](mailto:JennaMacLaurin@fwfn.com)







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**Complete 2 Surveys for a chance to win up to \$500!**

**Go to: [www.nokiiwin.com/survey](http://www.nokiiwin.com/survey)**

In support of two current projects, a Regional Tourism Strategy and an Economic Leakage Study, Nokiiwin Tribal Council seeks input from members from across our five communities via two short surveys:

- Complete one survey for a chance to **win \$100**
- **Complete both surveys** and you'll be entered in the **two \$100 draws AND a grand prize draw of \$300**
- Surveys are open until February 28th – 1 Entry per person per survey
- Draw for the prizes will be held on March 1st

### **About the Projects:**

#### Regional Tourism Strategy

Canadian Ecotourism Services is working with Nokiiwin Tribal Council to develop a unified grassroots tourism strategy for our five strong First Nations. The project will run until May 2022. The final report and resulting strategy will include strategies for each community and a combined Tourism Strategy for us to work together in regional collaboration.

#### Economic Leakage Study

MNP and Nokiiwin Tribal Council are conducting an Economic Leakage Study to identify and quantify economic development opportunities for our member First Nations. This data will help inform future economic development decisions and assess business opportunities. This project will run until May 2022.

***Miigwetch for sharing your thoughts with us and Good Luck!***

*If you have any questions about these surveys, please get in touch with Lisa Haessler via email at [ccp@nokiiwin.com](mailto:ccp@nokiiwin.com)*

**Share the path forward**

**[nokiiwin.com](http://nokiiwin.com)**



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## **COMMUNITY REMINDER**

For those community members that require transportation to medical appointments, Monday to Friday. The medical van is available for bookings. Appointments **MUST** be called into the Health Centre **24 HOURS** before your appointment. If there is no staff member to take your call, there is an answering machine available for you to leave a message.

Taxi rides will be issued after-hours.  
(4:00pm to 8:00 am and on Weekends)  
To Status members living on reserve.  
Taxi rides will only be issued to  
Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre.

Anyone that requires a ride to the Emergency Room will be **required** to come to the Health Centre to sign a release of information form **BEFORE** they are allowed to ride. **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**.

Failure to sign the R.O.I will result in suspension of further taxi services.

(The release of information form is so that we can confirm that you have in fact attended the Emergency Room). If you have not you will be required to pay back the **FULL** amount for your ride.

Anyone with questions please feel free to contact the Health Centre at 622-8802.

## 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

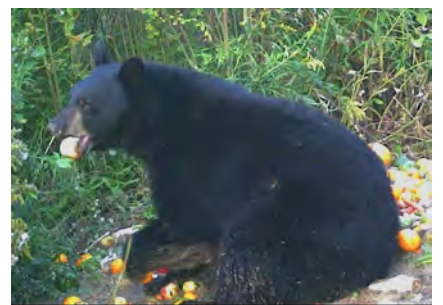
#### Friday

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





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## **JOB POSTING**

**POSITION TITLE:** Arena Screener – (On-Call Position)

**REPORTING RELATIONSHIP:**

This position operates under the general direction of the FWFN Chief and Council, with direct supervision provided by the By-Law Enforcement and Security Supervisor.

**POSITION DESCRIPTION:** The Arena Screener greets all visitors, staff, and community members to FWFN'S Arena Facility as they enter the building. Screeners will be required to request the QR Code and administer COVID-19 screening protocols to all persons entering the facility.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Greet people entering FWFN's Arena Facility
- Check proof of QR Code for proof of Vaccinations and valid identification
- Apply the FWFN's screening standard that assesses persons for signs/symptoms of COVID-19
- Actively listen, reflect, and respectfully resolve complaints from customers or the public.
- Perform other screening and/or clerical duties as assigned
- Assist with sanitation of key touch areas
- Performs other related duties as required.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Currently enrolled or completion of secondary school or equivalent.
- Must have good communication and public relations skills.
- Knowledge of public needs as well as the policies that affect FWFN's arena are an asset.
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and as well as part of team.
- Ability to interact with all levels of staff
- Excellent customer service and communication skills
- Communicate instructions or directions in a clear, kind, and authoritative manner
- Ability to maintain a polite and courteous manner in stressful situations.

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



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**WORKING CONDITIONS:**

- Availability to work evenings and weekends.
- Some periods of prolonged standing may be required.
- Screener will be located near an entrance door, subject to cool outdoor air.

**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 Sunday, February 20, 2022**. Please direct your application to the attention of:

**Donna Mullen, HR Assistant**

**Ph: 807-623-9543 ext. 806, Fa: 807-623-5190**

**Email: [donnamullen@fwfn.com](mailto:donnamullen@fwfn.com)**

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

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## JOB POSTING

### **Position Title: Housing Maintenance Worker**

**Position Description:** Under the direct supervision of the FWFN Housing Manager, ensures the efficient and cost-effective maintenance for band housing, including existing Section 95 housing units.

### **Responsibilities:**

- Perform inspections of homes/units covering annual roof inspections and repairs, maintenance on all doors, exits, etc. Make recommendations for repair to Housing Manager
- Ability to perform maintenance on units that be both minor or complex to include plumbing, heating and cooling and electrical trouble shooting.
- Install, repair and maintain domestic plumbing fixtures, hot water tanks, and some electrical fixtures.
- May perform carpentry or other trade work during home repair or renovation activities
- Assist in routine maintenance and repair of equipment
- Consult with housing inspector and liaise with building contractors
- Ensure quality control and inspections
- Work with the Housing Manager towards resolving issues concerning the existing low rental units
- Accompany prospective tenants on inspections of rental houses and collaborate with them on inspection finds
- Prepare and submit a written biweekly activity report to the Housing Manager
- Perform other duties as deemed appropriate by Director of Lands & Properties
- Willingness to undertake training relative to various residential construction and repair components, HVAC unit install and maintenance, plumbing installs and troubleshooting of some electrical components
- Other related duties as required

### **Qualifications:**

- Extensive experience in the residential construction, renovation and repair industry or experience as a general construction labourer
- Knowledge of carpentry, plumbing, electrical, mechanical (small pumps, motors, etc.) and blueprint reading and Ontario Building Code.
- Ability to perform physical/manual labour



- Knowledge of working with a Purchase Order System and ability to prepare and manage an annual operating budget.
- Ability to write reports and submit proposals for various funding sources.
- Good communication skills (oral and written)
- Good organizational and supervisory skills
- Good working knowledge of labour codes, particularly Occupational Health and Safety guidelines

**Conditions of Employment:**

- Valid Ontario Driver's License and use of personal vehicle.
- Vulnerable Sector Security Clearance is required upon start date of employment.
- Required to carry and answer on-call phone for emergency housing calls after hours, weekends and holidays.

**Hourly Wage: To be determined**

**Working Hours: 40 hours per week**

**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 Sunday, February 20, 2022.** 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](mailto:donnamullen@fwfn.com)**

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## JOB POSTING

**Position Title:** Relief Receptionist

**Position Description:** The Relief Receptionist is needed to quickly fill short-term leaves of absences for the positions of Administration, Social Services and Health Centre Reception.

**Major Responsibilities:**

- Respond to telephone, e-mail, and in-person inquiries from clients, business partners, and other parties.
- Refer all inquiries to the appropriate individuals, divisions, or departments across the organization.
- Administer and manage inbound/outbound mail, including priority post, packages, courier services, and other correspondence.
- Organize, maintain, and coordinate office records and files in their proper locations, including some scanning and photocopying.
- As a front-line worker, present a positive and professional image of the organization to all visitors, suppliers, inquiries, and other interactions.
- A full job description is available upon request.

**Qualifications:**

- High school diploma or GED, or an acceptable combination of education and experience.
- Clear Criminal Background Check.

**Wage Rate:** To be negotiated

**Job Posting Closing Date:** Posting open until position(s) 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**  
**Ph: 807-623-9543 ext. 806, Fax: 807-623-5190**  
**Email: [donnamullen@fwfn.com](mailto:donnamullen@fwfn.com)**

When applying online, please ensure to reference the Job Posting title in the Subject Line.

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

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## 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
- Inform students of bus rules and ensure students abide by set rules 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

**Job Posting Closing Date:** Posting open until position(s) 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**  
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# Call for Self-Nomination

## Thunder Bay Catholic School Board

### Trustee/

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Fort William First Nation is accepting nomination for a representative to sit on the Catholic School Board as a trustee.

In accordance with the Education Act, the successful candidate must be a Roman Catholic and 18 years of age (section 188, Subsection 8) , a Canadian Citizen (Section 1, Subsection 10), and as defined in Subsection 210, Subsection 4, must not otherwise be disqualified or ineligible to act as a trustee. The trustee will serve the remainder of this term (ending November 30, 2022) then continue to the full term of office commencing December 1, 2022 and run for a 4 year period.

The successful candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. a Canadian citizen;
2. the full age of eighteen years;
3. a resident within the area of jurisdiction of the Board;
4. a Catholic school supporter; and
5. not an employee of the Board.
6. You must be a Band Member of Fort William First Nation

If you are interested in this position, please complete the Nomination form on the reverse side and submit it to:

Brittany Collins; or Myra Bannon, Education Department, 90 Anemki Drive, Suite 200, Fort William First Nation, no later **than 4 p.m., February 28, 2022.**

An election will be held at a later date to be announced.

# Self-Nomination Thunder Bay Catholic School Board Trustee

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Candidate's Name

And Band Number

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Address:

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Telephone: Home:

Business:

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Reason for Participation:

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## Qualifications Required

Please indicate if all of the following apply: Yes ☐

- a Canadian Citizen
- the full age of eighteen years
- a resident within the jurisdiction of the Board
- a Catholic school supporter and
- not an employee of the Board
- A Fort William First Nation Band Member

## Expectations

- For the remainder of the four year term - from March 2022. to November 30, 2022; then continue on for the next 4 year term
- Approximately one evening per month from September to June
- Commitment and abiding interest in children with special needs

## Return of Application

Please forward the completed application to:

Brittany Collins; or Myra Bannon, Education Department, 90 Anemki Drive, Suite 200, Fort William First Nation, no later **than 4 p.m., February 28, 2022**



# What the... **LAND CODE?**

As of January 2022, there are

**2186**

Eligible Fort William Voters (age 18+)



## **YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT!**

The Land Code will not pass  
unless at least

**50% + 1**

of all participating Eligible Voters  
vote "YES"



**102** First Nations ratified Land Codes

**62** First Nations developing Land Codes

**30** First Nations that are Inactive

Land has a spiritual, economic and political significance for First Nation Peoples. With the Fort William First Nation Land Code, we will finally resume control over our reserve lands and resources for the use and benefit of our Members.



**Indian Act Sections**

Having a Land Code will eliminate 44 sections of the *Indian Act* and will give Fort William First Nation the power to manage its lands and resources. Canada will no longer manage lands and resources on behalf of the First Nation.



## What is a Land Code?

A Land Code is the basic land law of Fort William First Nation and will replace the land and resource management provisions of the *Indian Act*.

## The Land Code is drafted by the Fort William First Nation and will make provision for the following matters:

- identifying the reserve lands to be managed by the Fort William First Nation (called "Fort William First Nation Land"),
- the general rules and procedures for the use and occupation of these lands by Fort William First Nation Members and others,
- financial accountability for revenues from the lands (except oil and gas revenues, which continue under the *Indian Oil and Gas Act*),
- the making and publishing of Fort William First Nation Land laws,
- conflict of interest rules,
- a community process to develop rules and procedures applicable to land on the breakdown of a marriage,
- a dispute resolution process,



## What is an Individual Agreement?

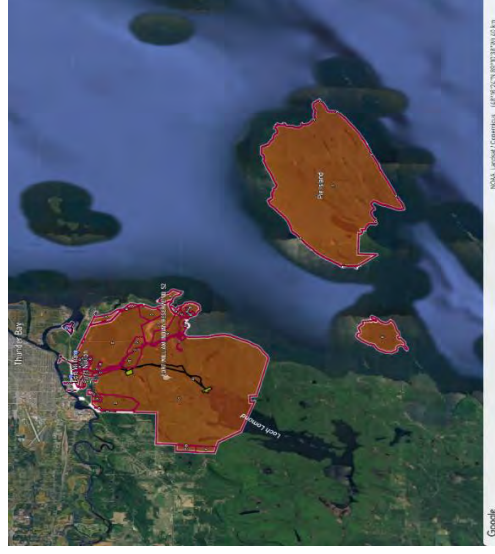
An Individual Agreement is an agreement that is negotiated between a Fort William First Nation and Canada and deals with the following matters:

- the reserve lands to be managed by Fort William First Nation under a Land Code,
- the specifics of the transfer of the administration of land from Canada to the Fort William First Nation, e.g., the Interests in land held by Canada that are to be transferred to the Fort William First Nation, the transfer of revenues and an identification of any outstanding environmental issues as well as an action plan to address them, and
- the operational funding to be provided by Canada to the Fort William First Nation for land management.

## Is the *Indian Act* still relevant to a First Nation that has adopted a Land Code?


**Yes.** Approximately 65% of the provisions of the *Indian Act* continue to apply to a First Nation that has a Land Code. For example, the sections dealing with elections, membership, estates, guardianship, taxation, schools, etc., will continue to apply to the First Nation.

- procedures by which the Fort William First Nation can grant Interests in land or acquire lands for community purposes,
- the delegation of land management responsibilities,
- the procedure for amending the Land Code, and
- any other matter respecting the management of Fort William First Nation Land.





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# You are not alone.

## Join Nokiiwin's Virtual Sharing Circles for Women

Every Monday, February 7 - March 28, from 1-3 PM *excluding Family Day, February 21*  
Attendees are welcome to attend any or all circles.

*We'll discuss...*

Safety Planning

Cycle of Violence

Types of Violence

Medicine Wheel  
Teachings

Healthy  
Relationships

Traditional  
Roles

Self-Care  
& Affirmations



*Joining Info*

[nokiwin.live/a2j-sharing-circles](https://nokiwin.live/a2j-sharing-circles)

Meeting ID: 878 9055 7564

Passcode: 633053

Call-In Number:  
(587)-328-1099





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**FOR LEGAL ADVICE ON FAMILY LAW,  
CRIMINAL LAW & General Inquires:**

**Please Contact Nokiiwin's Community Legal Worker**

**Work Cell: 807-633-7404**

**Email: [Legalworker@nokiiwin.com](mailto:Legalworker@nokiiwin.com)**

**Work Line (goes to email): 807-699-6215**

**The Community Legal Worker will assist in scheduling an appointment with Nokiiwin's Duty Counsel/Lawyer, or other appropriate services.**

**For the safety of our community members and staff, all in-person meetings will adhere to strict COVID-19 safety protocols (maintaining social distancing, wearing masks).**



***Fort William***  
***First Nation***





# FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION

## *VOLUNTEER FIRST RESPONSE TEAM*

# YIELD FOR **AMBER** LIGHTS!

Our First Responders use flashing amber lights to respond to emergency calls within our community. Yielding to vehicles with flashing amber lights allow the First Responders to arrive to the scene of a emergency more rapidly!

When safe to do so, yield the right of way to vehicles approaching with flashing amber lights in the community!



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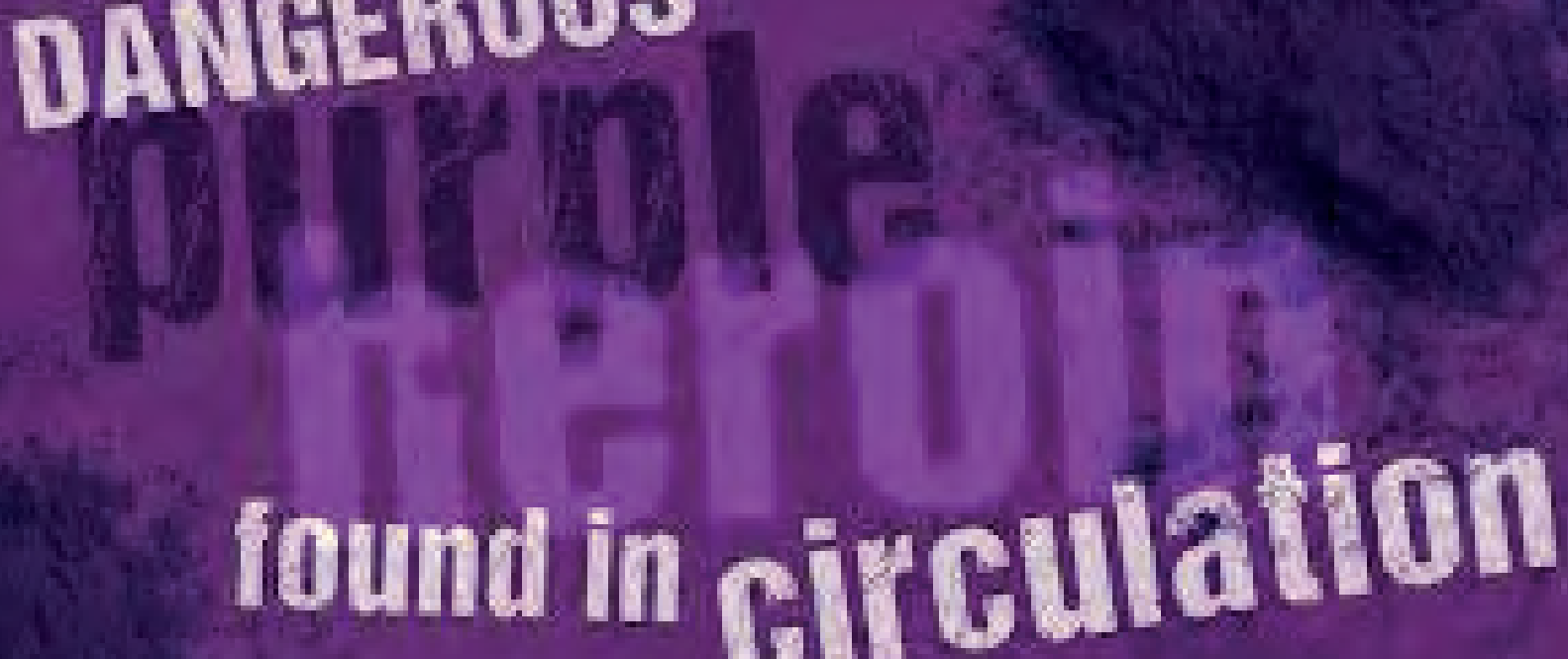


**MASON MORRISEAU - 1(807)631-3117**

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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!

(October 15, 2021)

## Increase emergency responses to overdoses

There has been an increase in overdoses over the last 24-hours reported by emergency services. We do not know the cause of these overdoses.

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 drugs, start with a smaller amount (start low, go slow)

Don't use drugs alone; use with someone you trust, visit Path 525 @ NorWest CHC or download the Lifeguard Digital Health App



Pick up a FREE naloxone kit 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](http://www.tbdhu.com/baddrugs). Your report will be **anonymous**.



THUNDER BAY  
Drug Strategy



Thunder Bay District  
Health Unit



## February 2022 Events



February 3<sup>rd</sup>

½ price night – all regular books are ½ price



*Happy Valentine's Day*

**FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup> !!**



**COME CELEBRATE LOVE DAY WITH US!!**



**FREE DABBERS WHILE QUANTITIES LAST**

**10 DRAWS FOR DINING GIFT CARDS! (Valued at \$1,000.00)**

**(BISTRO ONE, TONY ROMAS, & THE KEG)**



February 18<sup>th</sup>



Draw Night - \$1000.00 to be given away in random draws

February 24<sup>th</sup>

Player Appreciation Night!

Free treats and 3 draws for \$200 cash!

**DON'T FORGET EVERY WEDNESDAY IS WHACKY WEDNESDAY WITH  
ALL SPECIAL BOOKS ½ PRICE!**



**[WWW.MOUNTAINBINGO.COM](http://WWW.MOUNTAINBINGO.COM)**

**Thank you for supporting FWFN and playing at  
Mountain Bingo!!!!!!**

**FWFN MOUNTAIN BINGO**  
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**(807)622-5914 HOTLINE**



# FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

	 <small>Happy Valentine's Day</small>	1	2 WHACKY WEDNESDAY	3 1/2 PRICE NIGHT	4	5 CLOSED
6	7 CLOSED	8	9 WHACKY WEDNESDAY	10	11	12 CLOSED
13 VALENTINE'S DAY EVENT	14 CLOSED	15	16 WHACKY WEDNESDAY	17	18 DRAW NIGHT	19 CLOSED
20	21 CLOSED	22	23 WHACKY WEDNESDAY	24 PLAYER APPRECIATION NIGHT	25	26 CLOSED
27	28 CLOSED					





# ONLINE YOGA

January  
2022

February  
2022

March  
2022

***Instructor Records Herself For you to Never Miss Out! Join Now & Yoga anywhere!!***

To access the videos, input the following link in your Internet search bar  
<https://app.namastream.com/yoga-4-all-online/buy/product/22557>

If you do not have an account already set up by following the instructions to create an account.  
Then add the product by clicking the "Register Free Product" Button.

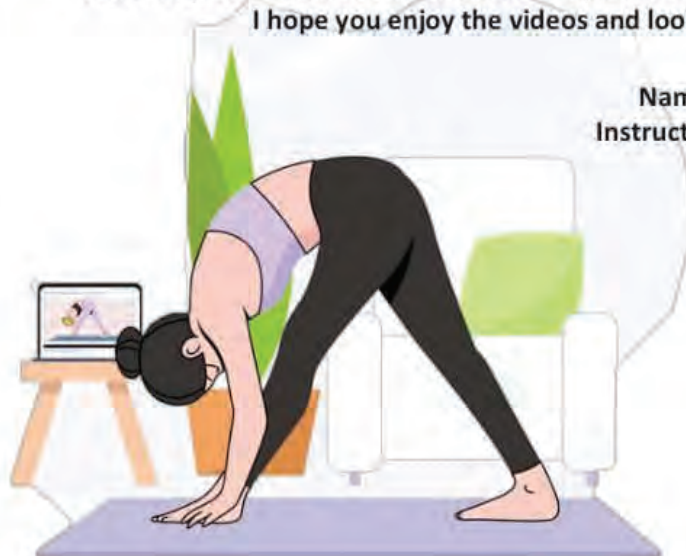
If you have already set up an account, all you need to do is click the "Register Free Product" button.  
After to click the register free product button a window will open to show you your registration is successful. Then click View Product Button and you will arrive on the "About this Product" page. To view the variety of videos, click the Content tab, then click the video you would like to watch.

If you have any difficulties getting registered or access the video content in the product, please send me an email at [yoga4all@shaw.ca](mailto:yoga4all@shaw.ca) or call me at 807-628-2870.

The videos range from 15 mins to 1 hour long. You can choose from chair yoga or on the mat yoga and can access the videos as often as you like. If there is something particular you would like to try but don't see it in the library content, please send me an email and request it and I will do my best to add it to the library for you.

I hope you enjoy the videos and look forward to seeing you on the mat!!

Namaste  
Instructor Paula



*Yoga 4 All*

**Need Extra Help ?**

Recreation Team is Here to help!

Marnie: [marniegreenwald@fwfn.com](mailto:marniegreenwald@fwfn.com)

Kalem: [kalemgoodchild@fwfn.com](mailto:kalemgoodchild@fwfn.com)





# FWFN ONLINE FIT NISH



WITH PERSONAL  
TRAINER  
GLORIA RANGER

Promoting Healthier  
Lifestyles

**8 WEEKS**  
With Weekly  
Attendance Prizes

Please Register with Recreation Team  
Email : [marniegreenwald@fwfn.com](mailto:marniegreenwald@fwfn.com)  
Or [Kalemgoodchild@fwfn.com](mailto:Kalemgoodchild@fwfn.com)

Thinking of Signing up? There is the link to the class: it will be the same link each week. If you are using a laptop or computer, you can save this link to your desktop for easy access each week. New to Zoom? If you're joining from a computer or laptop; you should be able to join online by clicking the join zoom meeting link, just email Marnie for the link. If you're using a tablet or phone, you might have to download the zoom app from your app store. (it's a free app)



Topic : FWFN FITNISH

Time:

Monday's & Friday's 6-7pm  
(The Last Week is on a Tue, not Family day)

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86918051101>

Meeting ID: 869 1805 1101



## SAVE THE DATES

- WEEK 1 – Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> 2022
- WEEK 2 – Jan 10<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> 2022
- WEEK 3 – Jan 17<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> 2022
- WEEK 4 – Jan 24<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> 2022
- WEEK 5 – Jan 31<sup>st</sup>, Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 2022
- WEEK 6 – Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> 2022
- WEEK 7 – Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> 2022
- WEEK 8 – TUES 22<sup>nd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> 2022





Dilico

Anishinabek Family Care

# WALK-IN COUNSELLING CLINIC

Fort William First Nation  
**Every Wednesday from 4-8 PM**

LOCATION:

200 Anemki

Family Health Team

RAAM back Entrance





# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



**RENEWED CALL** *This is a renewed call. COVID ER response put a temporary hold on our activity. If you volunteered previously, please reaffirm participation via email.*

FWFN is looking for community members, both on and off reserve to volunteer their time and voice on our Comprehensive Community Planning Advisory Committee. We are looking for Elders, Youth/Children, Women and Leadership to get involved. We are in the pre-planning phase of a monumental project that will establish a clear vision for our future and implementation of actions and projects to achieve this vision.

**INTERESTED?** Send email to address above  
for more information.



# St. Anne Parish

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Fort William First Nation  
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Fax: (807) 625-5542  
e-mail: [stanneparish@shaw.ca](mailto:stanneparish@shaw.ca)

## Weekend of February 12 – 13, 2022

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Scripture Readings for Sunday

##### **First Reading: Jeremiah 17.5-8**

The message God spoke through Jeremiah was meant to be a wake-up call for the people, who were losing their way. The verses we hear today are a poem, comparing someone who does not care for his relationship with God, to someone who does. Staying close to God, through prayer, pursuit of what is good, and self-inspection, leads to peacefulness, ability to weather the storms of life, awareness of spiritual gifts, inner joy. The consequence of being out of relationship with God is, basically, the opposite: inner dryness, a sense that life is merely survival in a desert.

##### **Psalm 1: “Blessed the one who trusts in the Lord.”**

The Responsorial Psalm deepens the theme, almost echoing the prophetic poem of the First Reading.

##### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.12, 16-20**

As St. Paul concludes his memorable and instructive First Letter to the Corinthians (which remains a wise and instructive letter for sustaining and building community), he poses the question of the core belief for which this community comes together: the resurrection of Jesus and, what follows from this, the resurrection of the dead. A community must continue to grow, in a real sense to care for, the faith and hope it has for the future, or else that future dissolves. For Christians, the future is the everlasting reign of God.

##### **Gospel: Luke 6.17, 20-26**

In the Gospel of Luke, we encounter the humanity of Jesus, who is a man of God and a man of the people, living closely with the poor, the outcasts, the marginalized, the suffering. These are blessed, because their circumstances opens their consciousnesses to the presence of God’s reign in, and of, all creation. Though the rich might see the plight of the poor as unfortunate, dependence on riches is far worse, as it leads to the corruption of the person, the dissolution of community, and the fracturing of hope for the future . . . God’s promise: everlasting life.

#### **Safety Protocols In Place Inside Church, Office and Rectory**

- Please do not enter if sick or experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms.
- Mask or face covering mandatory.
- Hand sanitizing recommended upon entry.
- Distancing of 6 feet (2 metres) necessary, except between people who live in the same household.

## **Parish Life**

***Please pray for our community members who are sick and afflicted in any way.***

### **Masses:**

Saturday 5:00 p.m.      Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday – Friday 12:10 p.m.

### **Divine Mercy Devotions:**

Sunday 3:00 p.m.

**Parish Office:** Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday  
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

### **Sacraments and Pastoral Needs:**

#### **Baptisms:**

Please contact the parish office at least one month before the baptism date. (622-8301).

#### **First Reconciliation &**

#### **First Communion (Grade Two and older):**

Please register at school or with the parish office. Families will be contacted with requirements and other information.

#### **Confirmation (Grade Seven and older):**

Please register at school or with the parish office. Families will be contacted with requirements and other information.

#### **Marriages:**

Please contact the parish office at least **six months** before the wedding date. Preparation will be required for the couple.

#### **Reconciliation (Penance):**

Please make an appointment with one of the priests. (622-8301).

#### **Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing):**

**Please contact the parish office (622-8301) or in the Regional Hospital, the on-call priest is available in an urgent need.**

#### **Funerals:**

Please contact the parish office to arrange a funeral mass in the church. (622-8301).

### **Preparation for Synod of Bishops:**

## ***Communion, Participation, Mission***

Which will be held in October 2023, we are in the **Diocesan Phase**, in this Local Church, and around the world.

As St. Anne Parish, Fort William First Nation, we are invited to reflect on the Questions for Consultation of the Synod, and submit our communal response to the Diocese of Thunder Bay, by **March 4th, 2022**. A handout prepared by Msgr. Pat Stilla, V.G., Synod Questions, is available for your immediate review.

**All St. Anne parishioners** are invited to submit written answers/comments on the Synod Questions, which will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting, **Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.** Capacity will be limited due to COVID.

### **Church Musicians and Choir Members: Needed!**

Please contact Fr. Gerry at 622-8301; *note that pandemic protocols are in place at all church gatherings.*

### **Next Parish Fundraiser – Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

### **Bake Sale and Stew Take-Out**

*Ash Wednesday is March 2nd.  
Get ready for Lent by enjoying some great  
baking and good home cooking!*  
**Stew Take-out . . . . . \$10.00**  
**Baking . . . . . As priced**

## **Parish Financials**

**Kitchi Miiqwetch Fort William First Nation**  
For Your Continued Support of the Parish.

### **Recent Collections:**

January 15-16 . . . . . **\$ 375<sup>00</sup>**  
January 22-23 . . . . . **\$ 215<sup>00</sup>**  
January 29-30 . . . . . **\$ 550<sup>00</sup>**  
February 5-6 . . . . . **\$ 245<sup>00</sup>**



## **DIVINE MERCY MESSAGE**

**CARRY THESE WORDS FROM PSALM 32: 8 IN YOUR HEART THROUGHOUT THIS YEAR.**

**“I WILL INSTRUCT YOU AND TEACH YOU THE WAY TO GO. I WILL WATCH OVER YOU AND BE YOUR ADVISOR”**

**THE BLESSINGS THAT ARE GIVEN FROM THIS READING ARE MEANT FOR EACH AND EVERYONE OF US, NO MATTER OF YOUR AGE GROUP OR YOUR MARITAL STATUS. WE STILL NEED THE MERCY OF GOD ‘S INSTRUCTION IN OUR LIVES. HIS MERCY IS AVAILABLE TO US THROUGH OUR BAPTISM AND CONNECTION WITH JESUS EVEN THOUGH AT TIMES IT MAY BE WEAK AT TIMES.**

**IF WE ARE FACING IMPORTANT DECISIONS THAT HAVE WE HAVE TO MAKE, WE NEED GUIDANCE FROM HIS HOLY SPIRIT TO HELP US IN THESE DECISIONS. WE NEED HIS MERCY WHEN WE FACE TEMPTATIONS. WHEN WE HAVE DOUBT, FEAR AND ANGER WITHIN US.**

**WE NEED HIS MERCY AND BLESSINGS TO WATCH OVER US AND TO TRULY BE OUR ADVISOR IN OUR LIVES NO MATTER WHAT WE FACE.**

**GOD’S DIVINE MERCY IS THERE FOR EACH ONE OF US.**

**THE WORDS FROM PSALM 32: 8 ARE WORDS OF GOD GIVEN TO US THROUGH HIS HOLY BIBLE.**

**REVELATIONS 3: 22 “IF ANYONE HAS EARS TO HEAR, LET HIM LISTEN TO WHAT THE WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING TO THE CHURCHES”.**

**APOSTLE OF DIVINE MERCY**