

Weekly Newsletter for May 9 - 15

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

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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.



COVID-19 – Update from Finance

Following the Ontario Government's Covid reopening plan, our administrative offices will once again be open to the public soon, once an announcement is made by the CEO. The health and safety of our people, partners, families and community continue to be our priority as we move forward.

For up-to-date information on COVID-19, please visit:

- Ontario Ministry of Health's website: https://www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus
- Public Health Services Canada website: https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html

You may also visit Fort William First Nation's COVID-19 Action Plan web page at: https://fwfn.com/covid-19-action-plan/

Are you trying to make a payment on your account?

We continue to encourage people to pay is by cheque or credit card and discourage payments by Cast. Cheques can be mailed to us at 90 Anemki Dr, Suite 200, Fort William First Nation, ON P7J 1L3. Alternatively, you may call in your payment with a credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover).

Bingo Balls

Bingo Balls program is back up and running. The policy and application form can be found on the website at https://fwfn.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/BALLS-APPLICATION-AND-POLICY1.pdf.



Department: Fort William First Nation CEO Subject: COVID-19 Community Update

Date Prepared: March 10, 2022
Prepared by: Christina Thiessen
Executive Assistant - Office of the CEO

NOTICE TO COMMUNITY- Update on COVID-19 from Emergency Response Group

As of Friday January 21, 2022- Thunder Bay District Health Unit (TBDHU) has changed their approach to reporting. The updates will available at www.tbdhu.com/coviddata. As of March 9, 2022 the TBDHU is reporting 173 Active Lab-Confirmed Cases. NOTE: As of December 31, 2021, testing for COVID-19 has been limited to the most vulnerable and individuals associated with the highest risk settings. This means that confirmed cases will significantly underestimate the true number of people with COVID-19 in the TBDHU region.

The Fort William First Nation (FWFN) Emergency Response Group strongly recommends anyone who tests positive for COVID 19 to report to the FWFN COVID 19 hotline at 698-0415 (MON-FRI, 9:00am-4:00pm) or after hours please use the FWFN on-call service 472-7701. If anyone is experiencing difficulty with breathing, severe chest pain, feeling confused or unsure of where you are or losing consciousness, call 911 immediately and go directly to the hospital.

The FWFN Emergency Response Group strongly recommend those who are eligible to get vaccinated and to get the booster dose. COVID-19 Vaccination Appointments are available by contacting the FWFN Health Center at 622-8802. Also, Individual's age 18 and older can now schedule their booster dose appointment through the Ontario booking portal or by calling the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900.

Screen for COVID-19 before going to any public place- Your result will tell you if you should go today and what to do next.

- School and child care screening- Students, teachers and school staff must answer the school and child care screening questions before leaving for school or child care
- Customer screening- Customers and visitors may be asked to answer customer screening questions before entering a business or a public place
- Work and employee screening- you must answer the worker and employee screening questions before going to work each day
- Courthouse screening- answer the courthouse screening questions before you enter an Ontario courthouse

With key public health and health system indicators continuing to improve, Ontario is cautiously and gradually easing public health and workplace safety measure. The following changes to public health and workplace safety measures are in effect as of March 1, 2022.

- Capacity limits have been lifted in all indoor public settings
- Proof of vaccination requirements have been lifted
 - Business and organizations may choose to require proof of vaccination upon entry
- Masks continue to be required under provincial regulations, subject to the same exemptions as in previous steps of reopening.
 - Masks must continue to be worn in the indoor area of a business or organization and in any vehicle that
 is operating as part of a business or organization
- Businesses and organizations that are open must continue to have safety plans in place



The Fort William First Nation community continues to follow local and provincial guidance to limit the spread of COVID-19 in the FWFN Community.

Please continue to stay safe. We are all in this together as a community and we will get through this as a community.

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

COVID-19 Information & Communication Lines

Call (807) 622-8802 during office hours or the on-call phone after hours (807) 472-7701

• Email: <u>luanne@fwfn.com</u>

• Website: https://fwfn.com/covid-19-action-plan/



Limiting Eating Lake Superior Smelt Due To PFAS

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The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) continues to recommend that people eat no more than one serving per month of smelt from Lake Superior due to elevated levels of perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS), a perfluoroalkyl substance (PFAS).

For MDHHS Eat Safe Fish guidelines, a serving size is eight ounces for adults and two or four ounces for children.

This precautionary fish consumption guideline was first issued by MDHHS on March 24, 2021. The guideline was created due to data shared by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) that showed elevated PFOS in Lake Superior rainbow smelt. At the time, MDHHS did not have data on PFOS levels in Lake Superior smelt but chose to match WDNR's guidance and issued a consumption guideline as a precautionary measure. MDHHS recommended the guideline stay in effect until there was enough data to reevaluate.

In 2021, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy along with other partners collected smelt from several locations in Lake Superior and its related watershed. Early results from MDHHS PFAS analysis indicate that PFOS levels in smelt collected in Michigan are similar to smelt collected in Wisconsin.

Analysis of the smelt for other contaminants of concern is still underway. Until all data is available, MDHHS recommends that the guideline of one serving per month remain in place for smelt from Lake Superior. When all data is available, MDHHS will update the guidelines for smelt.

MDHHS makes Eat Safe Fish guidelines to help Michiganders make safer choices when it comes to choosing and eating fish. For more information, visit the Eat Safe Fish program website at Michigan.gov/eatsafefish or call 800-648-6942.

Note:

PFOS (perflourooctane sulfonate), and PFAS (perflouroalkyl substances) are chemicals are used in such things as water-proofing, non-stick cookware, and sealants.



Department: Fort William First Nation CEO

Subject: Cigarette Quotas 2022-2023

Date Prepared: March 31, 2022

Prepared by: Christina Thiessen

Executive Assistant - Office of the CEO

NOTICE TO COMMUNITY

TO: FWFN BUSINESS OWNERS

We are reaching out to all Fort William First Nation On-Reserve business owners to see if anyone is looking to purchase tobacco quotas for the upcoming fiscal year 2022-2023 (April 1st, 2022 – March 31st, 2023).

As confirmed by the Fort William First Nation Chief & Council, the set price will be \$5.50 for each quota.

To be eligible you must have a vendors permit.

For all business interested please email Michael D. Pelletier, CEO of Fort William First Nation at ceo@fwfn.com before 4:00 pm on Friday, April 29th, 2022. If you have any questions please see all contact information below.

Respectfully,

Michael D. Pelletier

Chief Executive Officer P: 807.623.9543 Ext. 233

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C: 807-629-0471 F: 807-623-5190



COMMUNITY NOTICE

Due to decreased COVID 19 cases and Restrictions being lifted, effective April 1, 2022 Fort William First Nation will no longer be providing Food Hampers to those in self-Isolation.

We thank you all for your cooperation in keeping our community Safe during this pandemic.



COMMUNITY INFORMATION AVIAN FLU

What is Avian Influenza?

Avian influenza (AI) is a viral infection that is highly contagious among birds and is found in domestic poultry and wild birds including raptors, gulls, terns, shorebirds, ducks, geese, cranes and swans.

Wild birds and waterfowl in Canada and throughout the world are natural carriers of avian influenza viruses. These viruses typically cause little or no harm to most waterfowl and some wild birds, but may cause severe illness in some species. They can also spread to domestic poultry and, under certain circumstances, to people.

What is the risk to humans?

There is no evidence to suggest that the avian influenza virus can be transmitted to humans through the consumption of fully cooked game birds or eggs. In general, human cases of avian influenza are caused by close, prolonged contact with infected live or dead poultry or contaminated environments. While the risk of human infection with avian influenza viruses is low, individuals should be cautious when handling wild birds.

What are precautions that the general public can take?

As a general guideline, members of the public should not handle dead wild birds or live birds that are acting strangely.

If contact with wild birds is unavoidable:

- Wear any available personal protective equipment (PPE) on hand (i.e. gloves, mask, eye protection)
- Pick up carcass with gloves or use a doubled plastic bag
- Avoid contact with blood, body fluids and feces
- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and warm water

If you observe sick or dead birds and suspect that disease may be involved, contact your local Conservation Officer or the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative at 1-800-567-2033.

Can I feed wild birds?

- Do not feed wild birds by hand
- Feeders at or near poultry operations / domestic animals should be removed
- Backyard bird feeders and baths should be cleaned regularly using solutions of 25ml bleach to 2L water (1:80 dilution), rinsed and let dry

What are precautions that hunters should take?

It is considered safe to hunt, handle, and eat healthy game birds. However, because exposure to avian influenza can occur when handling wild birds and waterfowl, we recommend that you:

- Avoid hunting game birds and waterfowl in areas where an outbreak of avian influenza has been reported or where sick or dead birds are found. Before you hunt, check that restrictions in your area have not changed.
- · Do not handle or eat sick birds or birds that have died from unknown causes.
- When handling or cleaning game:

 Minimize direct contact with blood, feces, and respiratory secretions of all wild birds
- Always work in a well-ventilated environment
- If working outdoors, try to stay upwind of birds to avoid inhaling dust, feathers and aerosols



What are precautions that hunters should take continued...

- Do not eat, drink, or smoke while handling birds
- Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands
- Wear gloves (for example, vinyl, latex, nitrile, rubber) as much as possible
- Wash hands with soap and warm water immediately after you have finished. If you do not have access to water, use hand sanitizer or wipe with at least 60% alcohol
- Keep young children and pets away from areas that could be contaminated
- After you are done cleaning game, thoroughly clean and disinfect tools and work surfaces with soapy water, and then use a household disinfectant or bleach solution (25ml bleach to 2L water)
- Immediately remove and wash and/or change clothing and footwear that may be contaminated with blood, feces or respiratory secretions o Not only does this protect your health, but also helps to prevent the spread of the virus to other birds and domestic poultry, as well as other people, animals or pets.
- If you become ill after handling birds, contact your health care provider as soon as possible and inform them that you have been in contact with wild birds

It is important to note that not all infected birds appear sick.

How do you cook or prepare wild bird meat/harvested eggs?

There is no evidence to suggest that fully cooked game birds or eggs are a source of avian influenza infection for people.

To reduce your risk of exposure to avian influenza and other pathogens, it is important to follow these recommended guidelines:

Cook game meat / eggs thoroughly



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- Cook eggs to an internal temperature of 74°C (165°F) Avoid consuming eggs raw or partially cooked (runny yolk); Also avoid using raw eggs in foods that will not be cooked, baked or heat-treated in other ways.
- Cook meat pieces and cuts to an internal temperature of 74°C (165°F)
- Cook whole birds to an internal temperature of 82°C (180°F)
- Follow general safe food handling practices such as:

 Keeping raw meat separate from other food products to avoid cross contamination
- Washing hands often, including before and after handling raw meat
- Thoroughly cleaning contaminated tools and work surfaces with hot, soapy water and then using a household disinfectant or a solution of 25ml bleach and 2L water

The avian influenza virus can survive freezing, therefore, dead birds found and collected by community members for avian influenza testing by Indigenous conservation officers should be stored separately from other community freezer items (e.g. harvested wild meat and eggs). Good hand hygiene should always be practiced.

To find out if an outbreak has occurred in your area, contact your local provincial or territorial wildlife management office. Maps are available to show locations where AI has been detected in wild birds and poultry in North America: https://www.usgs.gov/media/images/distribution-highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza-h5-and-h5n1-north-america-20212022; The World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) also provides a useful map with more details: https://wahis.oie.int/#/report-info?reportId=50780. A Canadian-specific dashboard will soon be available at the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative (CWHC) website. Meanwhile, see: http://www.cwhc-rcsf.ca/avian_influenza_biweekly_reports.php for biweekly reports of AI in your province or territory.

LETS WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE



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



2022/2023 POST SECONDARY APPLICATIONS

2022/2023 Post-Secondary Applications are now available.

Please send an email 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 27, 2022 by 4pm.



FWFN SCHOOL BUS MEMO COLOR CODING OF SCHOOL BUSES

Please see below color coding system for the FWFN school buses. Each bus will have a colored square(s), with school name, in the window indicating which schools that bus picks up.

1. NEON GREEN: St. Ann	
2. WHITE: Kingsway	
3. YELLOW: Westmount	
4. PURPLE: St. Martin	
5. LIGHT PINK: St Elizabeth	
6. LIGHT ORANGE: FWFN Kindergarten Classro	om 🚪
7. NEON ORANGE: Kindergartens from all scho	ols
8. BLUE: Pope John Paul II	
9. RED: Westgate	
10. LIGHT GREEN: ST PATRICK	
IMPORTANT NOTES	

Please make note of the colour for your child's school. In some instances, you
may have more than one bus servicing your home.

Questions or inqiries; contact Myra Bannon or Brittany Collins 807 623 9543 ext 225 or 205 / Myra@fwfn.com or education@fwfn.com

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2022-2023



FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION SCHOOL BUS REGISTRATION FORM

Registration forms are mandatory to ride the FWFN school bus and must be submitted Friday August 5, 2022

This information is required for administrative, safety issues, as well as planning purposes.

Questions or concerns, please email: Myra@fwfn.com or PostSecondary@fwfn.com

STUDENT INFORMATION - one form	for each child			
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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 <u>required</u> to come to the Health Centre to sign a release of information form <u>BEFORE</u> 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.

Increase in Drug Activity In the community of FWFN



We are experiencing increased concern and anonymous complaints from our community in regards to the amount of drug trafficking and activity on our first nations. Members are tired of the amount of crime, overdoses and traffic that are believed to be associated with the drug trafficking that is taking place in our community. Be part of the solution, if you see suspicious activity call the number provided.



The Thunder Bay Police Service has formally launched a new program that aims to give residents the tools and information that they need to help police in ongoing investigations into the drug trade.

Police say drug trafficking targets some of the most vulnerable in the community, leading to increased violent crime and creating serious safety risks in and around the neighbourhoods in which they operate.

If you are suspecting of drug activity and trafficking taking place in your community you can contact the Thunder Bay police service and submit anonymously information to the non-emergency line at (807)684-1200, or you can submit tips through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477, or online at www.p3tips.com

Community Drug Alert



NITAZENES

What Are Nitazenes?

- > Nitazenes are potent synthetic opioids from a drug class known as benzimidazole-opioids
- >some nitazenes are estimated to be several times more potent than fentanyl
- > They were developed 60 years ago as potential pain relief medication, but were never approved for clinical use.
- > They were first identified in the unregulated drug supply in Canada in 2019
- > They typically appear unexpectedly in drugs expected to contain other, more traditional opioids (e.g. fentanyl, oxycodone tablets or "down "often alongside non-medical benzodiazepines (NMBs)

Why They Are a Concern?

- The presence of nitazenes in the unregulated drug supply is rising. The frequency with which they are detected is increasing, but there is also an increasing number of nitazene analogs.
- They tend to be used unintentionally and in unknown quantities because the contents of drugs from the unregulated supply are unpredictable.
- Nitazenes can increase the risk of accidental overdose, especially when combined with other substances that suppress breathing and heart rate such as other opioids or benzodiazepines.

- Overdoses involving nitazenes may be difficult to reverse, potentially requiring additional doses of naloxone, but protocols around this are not yet clear.
- Fentanyl test strips cannot detect nitazenes, and detection of nitazenes by point-of-service drug checking requires sensitive equipment that is not always available.
- Nitazenes are not routinely tested for in post-mortem or urine toxicology, so their relationship to health risks and overdose deaths is difficult to monitor.

If you or someone you know is experiencing a overdose please call 911

If available, administer Naloxone and wait for help to arrive



JOB POSTING

Position Title: Food Bank Support Staff - Contract Work

Position Description: Help the food bank manager and coordinators to ensure smooth operations of the food bank.

Major Responsibilities:

- Assist food bank managers in receiving and packing orders
- Prepare food distribution area, making sure that received food is sorted, stocked, and stored in an appropriate manner
- Ensure that food quality is maintained through appropriate sorting activities, and communicate any issues to a food bank manager
- Ensure maintenance and cleanliness of food pantry area
- Welcome, collect appropriate data, and distribute food items to participants of the food bank program
- Create and submit invoice for time of work
- Other duties as requested

Qualifications:

- Knowledge of food safety and food handling practices
- Able to lift and carry up to 60 pounds
- High School diploma not required but considered an asset

Terms of Employment:

 Work hours determined by the food distribution schedule maintained by FWFN Social Services Food Bank.

Wage: To be negotiated.

Job Posting Closing Date: OPEN UNTIL POSITIONS ARE FILLED

Please make sure applications consists of a cover letter and resume with three (3) references.

Please direct your application 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.



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

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.



JOB POSTING

Position Title: Public Works Yard Maintenance/General Laborer (2 positions)

Spring/Summer Season (May 30 – September 2, 2022)

Position Description: Under the general direction of the FWFN Public Works Manager, the Public

Works Yard Maintenance/General Laborer will assist with the upkeep of

FWFN public grounds.

Major Responsibilities:

Assists with the general maintenance of FWFN's public grounds

- Mowing lawns/grass cutting
- Utilizing a riding lawn mower and weed whacker
- Performs all duties in a safe and efficient manner (requiring safety helmet, safety vest, safety gloves, steel-toed boots which will be provided by FWFN)
- Performs other related duties as may be assigned

Qualifications:

- Must be 18+
- Must have a valid Class G driver's license

Closing Date: Applications, consisting of a cover letter and resume with three (3)

references, must be received by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, May 22, 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

When applying online, please ensure to reference the Job Posting

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and a copy provided to you.

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Training: 6 weeks

- Work on your spiritual, emotional, physical and mental well-being
- Earn certificates and get ready to work

Job Placement: 12 weeks

 A paid placement arranged according to your skills and interests



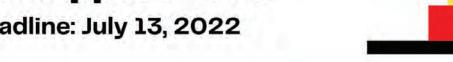
This program includes full supports: training allowance, transportation, childcare, and start-up costs.

Offered in multiple locations. Flexible delivery options.

Open to particpants 18-30 who are not currently employed.

Federal Indian Day School Claim Applications

Deadline: July 13, 2022



Eligible claimants receive from \$10,000 to \$200,000 in compensation

Eligible individuals must have attended a "Schedule K" School during the listed dates and suffered abuse or harm while attending the school

For Class Counsel, contact Gowling WLG at 1-844-539-3815

Nokiiwin Tribal Council is able to provide assistance with claim applications for members of:

- -Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek (Lake Nipigon Ojibway) -Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek (Rocky Bay Frist Nation) -Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek (Sandpoint First Nation) -Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg (Pic Mobert First Nation) -Fort William First Nation
 - To receive assistance please contact Mitch Lavoie (Gladue Writer) by phone at: (807) 252-0223 or email: gladuewriter@nokiiwin.com

For a list of eligible "Schedule K" Federal Indian Day Schools or for further information, visit indiandayschools.com

Anishinabek Nation leadership call on federal government to extend deadline for all Indian Day School Settlement claims

anishinabeknews.ca/2022/04/26/anishinabek-nation-leadership-call-on-federal-government-to-extend-deadline-for-all-indian-day-school-settlement-claims/



the recount of Indian Residential Schools. To access a 24-hour National Crisis Line, call: 1-866-925-4419. Community Assistance Program (CAP) can be accessed for citizens of the Anishinabek Nation: 1-800-663-1142

Trigger warning: readers may be triggered by

By Rick Garrick

ANISHINABEK NATION TERRITORY — The Anishinabek Nation leadership is calling on the federal government to extend the deadline for all, submitting a claim for the Indian Day School Settlement due to issues claimants are experiencing.



Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Reg Niganobe.

Currently, a claimant can apply for a six-month extension; however, this puts the onus on the claimant and it is not granted to all. Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Reg Niganobe sent a letter to Attorney General David Lametti on Feb. 10 calling on the federal government to extend the claim filing deadline by one year to July 2023 due to delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and the failure to create a process that effectively assists and supports survivors in accessing compensation. There were about 56 Indian Day Schools within Anishinabek Nation territory. This letter has since been forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

"There has to be an extension — our ability to access records and other legal documents, it's time-sensitive and it can't be done efficiently, and even to build the strength and the courage to share our stories requires time and healing as well," says Anishinabek Nation Lake Huron

Regional Deputy Grand Council Chief Travis Boissoneau. "There has been a national push ... to make the request to extend the deadline for all, not just those to take on the burden of requesting an individual extension."

Regional Deputy Grand Council Chief Boissoneau also reiterated three of the four other concerns brought up by Grand Chief Niganobe in his Feb. 10 letter to Lametti, including that any Survivor who has filed a claim and had it reviewed should be able to submit additional evidence/documents at any point in support of their claim prior to a decision being rendered on their final compensation entitlement.



Anishinabek Nation Lake Huron Regional Deputy Grand Council Chief Travis Boissoneau.

"Any Survivor who has received their final compensation but has additional information

and documents that would increase their compensation entitlement should be permitted to file the additional information," Regional Deputy Grand Council Chief Boissoneau says.

He adds that is one of the major issues with the Indian Day School Settlement claim process.

"There are many factors which encourage Survivors and their representatives to apply for the lowest level. Then once people learn and understand the process or feel more comfortable facing their trauma, after they've [applied for the first level and received compensation], they're not allowed to go back and amend their application or resubmit at a higher level."

Regional Deputy Grand Council Chief Boissoneau says the requirement for documentary evidence to support a claim should be construed in the most liberal manner possible in recognition that documentary proof of harm can be difficult to gather.

"And again, that goes to the sworn statements for the level of harm the claimant believe they experienced— claimants are provided the opportunity to provide sworn statements but then their sworn statements are challenged and their claims are being dropped to a lower level, and then being able to prove their requested level, proves to be difficult and disheartening."

Lake Huron Regional Deputy Grand Council Chief Boissoneau adds that Anishinabek Nation leadership have been hearing concerns from citizens and community Chief's about the Indian Day School Settlement claim process.

"We're looking into legal options on how to address this as a whole," he says. "We're trying to find ways legally to make sure our citizens are heard and how we can support others across Turtle Island advocating for amendments and equitable access to justice for all under this settlement."

Grand Council Chief Niganobe had also called on the federal government in his letter to provide funding to the Anishinabek Nation to support Survivors, including, but not limited to the following ways: community outreach and education about the existence of the settlement, educating about entitlements for Survivors and the compensation process; assisting Survivors in filing claims, including assisting in securing documentary evidence, filing supplementary evidence and navigating the process for an appeal under the claims process; and ensuring the accessibility of culturally-appropriate supports for Survivors as they navigate through the traumatic process of reliving their Day School experiences to seek just compensation.

"There are mental wellness supports available through this settlement," says Kelsey Anger, interim Boonenindiwin/Reconciliation Manager at the Anishinabek Nation. "But it's important to note and respect that Survivors may not feel comfortable accessing those supports and what they may want is support within their community— they may want a more culturally-sensitive and Anishinaabe-centered means of healing."

Anger says many Survivors are turning to their community resources for support, not just with mental wellness support, but also general assistance with navigating the claim process. Unfortunately, communities are finding that they are already at capacity and cannot meet these needs.

"Some supports within the communities simply can't keep up," Anger says. "So what we have done within the Anishinabek Nation is we've reached out to class counsel (Gowling WLG) to see if there was support for us to hire a local individual to focus on this specifically and we were told to utilize the resources available through the settlement."

Anger says the Anishinabek Nation has taken it upon themselves to hire a navigator on a one-year contract to assist Survivors with the Indian Day School Settlement claim process. Additionally, it has increased its Community Assistance Support (CAP), a phone and virtual wellness and counselling support available free to all Anishinabek Nation member First Nations citizens.

A federal government official says the Federal Indian Day School Settlement is an out-ofcourt resolution to a national class action in an Apr. 5 e-mail response to a request for comments. "Therefore, outreach and education to class members and communities is undertaken as required in the Federal Court-approved Notice Plan to ensure consistent messaging to class members," says Jennifer Cooper, media relations at Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, in the e-mail. "This Notice Plan provides key information to class members and their families through a variety of avenues including direct communication with Indigenous communities, band offices, community centres, friendship centres, Indigenous local governments offices, regional and national Indigenous governments."

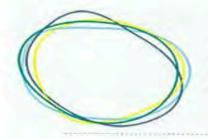
Cooper says that Canada recognizes that any process that involves revisiting past abuse can be very difficult for Survivors.

"Those affected by experiences with a federal day school, either direct or intergenerational, are able to access cultural, emotional and mental health support services," Cooper says. "These health support services include cultural and emotional health supports provided by a skilled, Indigenous, community-based workforce and mental health supports provided by provincially/territorially regulated mental health providers, such as psychologists and social workers."

Cooper says Survivors and their families requiring immediate assistance can also access the Hope for Wellness Help Line, which offers immediate access to culturally safe crisis intervention for all First Nation, Inuit and Métis people across Canada to help those who are in distress, having a strong emotional reaction, or are triggered by painful memories.

"This support is in addition to the \$200 million provided to the McLean Day Schools Settlement Corporation for legacy projects to support commemoration projects, health and wellness programs, truth-telling events and the restoration and preservation of Indigenous languages and culture," Cooper says. "As part of the Agreement, Canada has also provided significant funding to support class members filing a claim for compensation. This includes funding to class counsel, Gowling WLG, to provide ongoing legal services to class members, free of charge, throughout the claims process. Gowling WLG is providing these supports online, over the phone and, when safe to do so, by visiting communities."

Cooper adds that Canada has also provided funding to support the claims administrator, Deloitte, which is available to assist class members with completing their claims form, and the Claims Assistance Program, which was approved by the Federal Court of Canada to provide culturally sensitive, in-person and virtual support to communities across the country to help claimants complete claim forms.



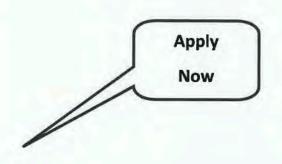
FEDERAL INDIAN DAY SCHOOL CLASS ACTION



July 13, 2022

Please call Liz, Community Coordinator FWFN Call 622-8802 Ext.240





Some Indigenous students were required to attend Federal Indian Day School that was funded, managed and controlled by the Federal Canadian Government.

The Federal Indian Day Schools Class Action Settlement Agreement provides compensation to former students who attended a Day School and who suffered abuse or harm while attending.

A list of eligible Day Schools, is also available online at:

www.indiandayschools.com





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
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).





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Are you an expectant mother, a student or suffering from a chronic illness? Our team of family physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses and our registered social worker are now accepting new patient applications.

To drop off an application, please send an email to DilicoFHT@dilico.com or visit our clinic at 200 Anemki Place (North Entrance) on Fort William First Nation.

Please note: Patient applicants will be chosen and notified by our selection committee.





FAMILY HEALTH TEAM NEW PATIENT REGISTRATION FORM

NOTE: *APPLICATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF ENTIRE FORM IS NOT COMPLETED*

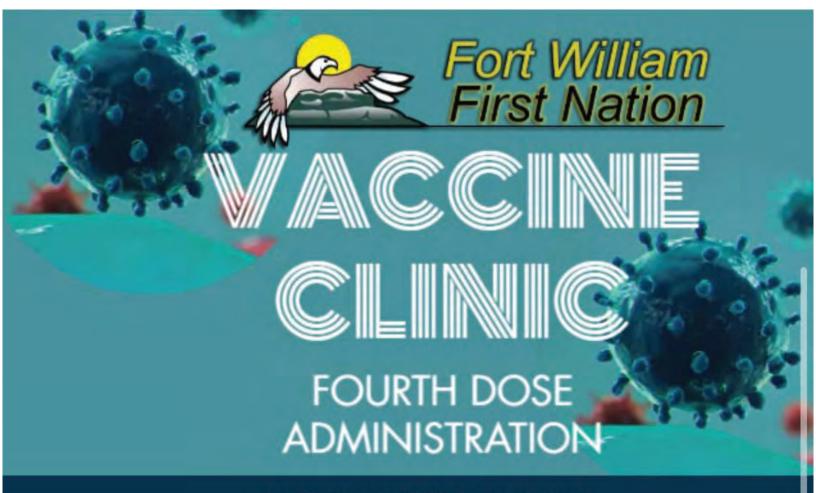
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PLEASE PROVIDE A PRESCRIPTION SUMMARY FROM YOUR PHARMACY



FAMILY HEALTH TEAM NEW PATIENT REGISTRATION FORM

EASE PROVIDE A SUMMARY OF YOUR CURRENT MEDICAL HISTORY				



EVERY WEDNESDAY

STARTING APRIL 13th

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

INDIVIDUALS 60+ WHO HAVE RECIEVED THEIR 3rd DOSE UP TO 3 MONTHS (84 DAYS) PRIOR

INDIVIDUAL'S 18+ WHO HAVE HAD THEIR 3rd DOSE UP TO 5 MONTHS (184 DAYS) PRIOR.

CHILDREN (12+) WHO ARE MODERATE TO SEVERELY IMMUNOCOMPRIMISED & HAVE RECIEVED THEIR 3rd DOSE UP TO 6 MONTHS (168 DAYS) PRIOR.

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LUNCH~BINGO
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FORT WILLIAM FN COMMUNITY
CENTRE

PARENTS AND TOTS PROGRAM

WE INVITE FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN 0-6 YEARS OF AGE

*COME JOIN US FOR LUNCH

*WE WILL HAVE CRAFTS FOR THE CHILDREN

*WE ARE ASKING PARENTS TO BRING IN RECIPE'S TO SHARE

*GIFT CARD DRAWS FOR ATTENDANCE

DATE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022

TIME: 11 AM TO 2 PM

PLACE: COMMUNITY CENTRE





ELDERS 65+KINDLY JOIN US FOR

MEET & GREET LUNCH

WITH CHIEF & COUNCIL/CEO

MAY 14 /2022 ~ 12PM-2PM ~

FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION COMMUNITY

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

CONTACT THE HEALTH CENTRE 622-8802









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Library memberships are FREE for all members of Fort William First Nation. Apply in person at any library location or send an email to comments@tbpl.ca for your digital card.

There are no barriers to service! We have eliminated all fines and we have cleared all accounts of past fines as well.

Visit your library for books and so much more!

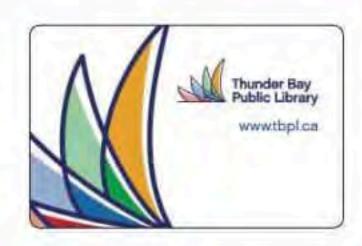
- Indigenous Knowledge Centre at all locations
- Streaming movies and TV shows available online 24/7
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AT FWFN COMMUNITY HALL

REGISTRATION IS A MUST



LEARNING TOGETHER TO REVITALIZE OUR CULTURAL TRADITIONS

@SOCIAL SERVICES OFFICE- 300 ANEMKI PLACE

SUITE A- BEHIND OFFICE

y 9TH -13TH 2022 | 9:00AM-5:001



COME OUT TO LEARN WITH OUR TEAM OF
KNOWLEDGEABLE INSTRUCTORS, MENTORS, TOOL
MAKERS & ELDERS. THIS GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS
WILL BE WORKING COLLABORATIVELY TO GIVE YOU
AN INTERACTIVE HANDS-ON LEARNING
EXPERIENCE, TEACHING YOU THE FOUNDATION OF
HIDE TANNING, ITS HISTORY AND ITS IMPORTANCE
TO OUR PEOPLE.

LEAD INSTRUCTORS & KNOWLEDGE KEEPERS

- · JEAN MARSHALL
- · AMBER SANDY
- · EDNA SKUNK
- · KANINA TERRY
- AUDREY DEROY
- · NATE JOHNSON

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PLEASE CALL 622-6791 ASK FOR HAILEY OR KELSEA







FORT WILLIAM 2022 SPRING HIDE CAMP AGENDA & MAP MAY 9TH-13TH 2022

DAY	MORNING Sessions	LUNCH & LEARN 12:00-1:00 PM	AFTERNOON Sessions
DAY 1 May 9	9:00-11:00 Welcome, Opening Circle with Audrey Deray 11:00-12:00 Camp Orientation + Took & Safety	12:00-1:00 TALK: Edna Skunk The Importance of Edling Animals	1:00-5:00 DEMO: Andrew Mandamin & Nate Johnsol how to build a frame DEMO: Kanina Terry & Mary Magiskan, Stretching a fride DEMO: Edna Skunk, Fleshing a hide 4:30-5:00 Clean-Up Camp
DAY 2 May 10	9:00-12:00 DEMO: Mary Magiskan, - How to scrape a dry tride DEMO: Cher Chapman, Dehairing a hide DEMO: Kanina Terry, Making Brain Poste	12:00-1:00 TALK: Karina Terry Land Based Expellential Learning X-Food Sovereignty	1:00-5:00 +Continue scraping trides DEMO: Amber Sandy, Fleshing a hide, with fleshing tool DEMO: Mary Magiskan & Karina Terry, Braining a hide 4:30-5:00 Clean-up Camp
DAY3 May 11	9:00-12:30 DEMO: Winging a hide DEMO: Edna Skunk, Presmoking Hales	12:00-1:00 TAIX: Amber Sandy Blood Memory + Indigenous Science	1:00-5:00 DEMO: Ednia Skunk, Soffering a fide 1:00-2:00 DEMO: Maggie & Dan, Beaver Skinning 4:30-5:00 Clean Up Camp
DAY 4 May 12	9:00-12:00 BUSH WALK: Ein Bottle & Nate Johnson, gather punky wood for smoking process +confinue scraping hides	12:00-1:00 TAIX: Dan & Maggie Use on the Trapfine	1:00-5:00 +confinue softening fides 1:00-2:00 DEMO: Andrew Mandamin & Nate Johnson Tool Making & Sharpening Te chri ques 4:30-5:00 Clean-Up Camp
DAY 5 May 13	9:00-12:00 DEMO: Prepping for finds moke, sewing hide + hanging the hide	12:00-1:00 TAIK: Nafe Johnson, With My Own Two Hands	1:00-5:00 DEMO: Edna Skunk, Final Smoking Process 2:30-4:30 REFLECTION, Closing Circle

DIRECTIONS (if coming from the city):

THE DILICO OFFICE

COME AROUND BACK

YOU WILL COME TO A GREY OFFICE BUILDING ACROSS FROM APS PLEASE PARK IN FRONT AND



4:30-5:00 Clean Up Camp







Starting April 26th 2022



REC NIGHT

4:00PM - 6:00PM Gymnasium (left to Rink#2) Come out be social & have fun!

REC NIGHT

7:00PM - 10:00PM Gymnasium (left to Rink#2) Come out be social & have fun!

5:00PM - 6:00PM Gymnasium (left to Rink#2) 7+ vrs - First Come First Serve Sensei Instructor: James & Lynn

6:00PM - 8:00PMGymnasium (left to Rink#2) First Come First Serve Come out be social & Lets have fun!

8:00PM - 10:00PM

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Email Concerns or Questions;

Marnie Greenwald: marniegreenwald@fwfn.com Kalem Goodchild: kalemgoodchild@fwfn.com



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CLICK TO SEE REFERRAL FORM





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.

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