

# Bear Fax

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Missanabie Cree First Nation



In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

John McCrae

## Remember Them

Veteran's Week November 5 to 11

Retrieved and adapted from Veterans Canada's online learning materials at:  
<http://www.gilmore.ca/vacstore/eng/learningresource.aspx>

### Events/Gatherings:

#### Charting our own Path Forward An Education Symposium 2015

November 17-19, 2015 Thunder Bay, ON  
<http://education.chiefs-of-ontario.org/es2015>

#### Indigenous Innovation Summit

November 18-20, 2015 Winnipeg, MB  
<http://nafc.ca/en/indigenous-innovation-summit-2015>

#### Canadian Aboriginal Minerals Conference

November 20-22, 2015 Vancouver, BC  
<http://www.aboriginalminerals.com/>

#### United Nations Climate Change Summit COP 21

November 30– December 11, 2015 Paris, France  
<http://newsroom.unfccc.int/>

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## Message from the Chief

Watchey,

I was very proud and humbled by the Mushkegowuk AGA being held in our community, it was an emotional time filled with fraternity and positive energy. The staff provided the catering, and did a wonderful job.

Left to Right:

Roger Archibald, Deputy Chief of Taykwa Tagamou Nation  
 Keith (Keeter) Corston, Chief of Chapeau Cree First Nation  
 Norm Hardisty, Chief of Moose Cree First Nation  
 Alvin Fiddler, Grand Chief of Nishnawbe Aski Nation  
 Andrew Solomon, Chief of Fort Albany First Nation  
 Isadore Day, Grand Chief of Chiefs of Ontario  
 Jason Gauthier, Chief of Missanabie Cree First Nation  
 Rebecca Friday, Deputy Grand Chief of Mushkegowuk Council  
 Jonathon Solomon, Grand Chief of Mushkegowuk Council  
 Derek Fox, Deputy Grand Chief of Nishnawbe Aski Nation  
 Bruce Shisheesh, Chief of Attawapiskat First Nation



Council met for a few days after to discuss resource development within our traditional territory and the partnerships we have developed over the last two years. We also discussed the codes and policies that we will be looking at reviewing within the next year. We discussed our plan for the rest of our term, looking at both our communication strategy and ratification process.

The court case settlement is fast approaching, and will be in Toronto in February 2016, I request that all those that attend from our First Nation, please do so. Details will be provided by our lawyer in the upcoming newsletter. I am looking forward to the courts finally making a decision on our settlement, this a huge step to completing our settlement.

I am happy to let our membership know that we have a plan to take us out of debt with the multi-purpose facility and the Echo Bay facility. We have engaged in discussions with several businesses to rent and lease space in the facility, to no avail. We have spoke to NAN, Mushkegowuk and the NSRCF to have training out of the facility and they are researching options. We will continue to be diligent and creative. We have a substantial debt to

overcome, but I am positive and confident we will be successful.

We have engaged in several partnerships as of late to both create long term contracts that will permanently get us out of debt and bring in much needed revenue streams. These partnerships will be both announced and detailed in the upcoming months. They have taken hundreds of hours each to create and will put us in what I believe will be a better position financially that we have ever been in the past. Thank you to all those that have participated in these negotiations.

With work from Bobbi Fletcher-Decorte and myself working closely with Kunuwanimano, we will be soon be getting a family support worker on staff. This has been a long time coming, and I am very anxious to post for this position soon. Thanks for all your help, Bobbi!

I know there has been some concern regarding the student allowances, I have stayed up countless nights looking at ways to find funds for this governmental shortfall. We have some ideas we still have to work out, but I am confident that we will find the funding by December 31st 2015. I am so proud of every student and hope to see each of them succeed.

Next, to clarify, I want to set the record straight, in discussions with the interested party that was to purchase Castle Building Center prior to the new Chief and Council that is presently presiding. In further investigation, there was no further interest not because of the current Chief and Council, they just simply became disinterested in the purchase. What you hear that contradicts this is false, deliberately misleading and slanderous.

To clarify, I will also go on the record stating (again) I was not in support of the purchase of castle. It was recommended by our auditor not to make the purchase, and I opposed it in motion. I will share that motion with anyone who requests it.

We are coming up to an election in August 2016, and you are going to hear a lot of misinformation, please if you have any questions, please ask, I will answer you, even if it is brief and to the point. We are working on a social media policy that prevents staff and Chief and council to get "caught up" in the Facebook drama. We are also looking at addressing more of the policies and codes in the upcoming months. I believe the administration code is next to be reviewed.

I have noticed also that Council have been working a lot better in the past month and we have had some positive

This past month has quickly gone by, not only personally with family get-togethers and birthdays, but with additional council participation.

In late September, some of council were able to meet for a separate conference call in regards to a Moose Aerial Inventory Report review. This inventory report was also presented early in the week at the Gathering. In early October, another separate conference call was held with Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry in regards to the Martel Forest Management Phase 2. Summaries were provided of the six different First Nations involvement in the development of the Phase 2 plan, and of course, the protection of our Aboriginal values.

MCFN involvement includes participation from the Chief and Councillor Nolan on the planning team, and there was community presentation and discussion held this

and effective meetings. We are still waiting for funding for the comprehensive community planning and hope to get news on that soon.

We are also looking at getting some upgrading done to Island View camp again in the spring, focusing on the pavilion and the cabins. Also we are pushing our marketing with a "revamped" website and some pictures posted.

The healing lodge is still coming along, it has had some minor setbacks but I believe that it should be completed by the end of November. I believe that this will be a great step towards both community and personal healing.

I feel better now that I have been smoke free for 1 year now and drug and alcohol free for 20 years. I hope to lead by example, that's what my elders tell me.

Lastly, to all those I offended, I sincerely and humbly ask your forgiveness, I will put my tobacco down and thank the creator for lifting this weight off my shoulders. I make mistakes, and may again, but I find comfort in the fact that either I win or I learn, there are no losers.

In the spirit of community,

**Chief Jason Gauthier**

past spring at the band office to discuss community values.

I took a week off of work to travel to Island View the week of October 19 for the MCFN hosting of the Mushkegowuk Tribal Council assembly. Since MCFN was the host community, we were able to have two members chair and co-chair the event. A great job was done by Bill Gideon and Mitchell Daigle! Also, the staff were amazing in cooking delicious meals for over 60 people at the assembly.

This year's assembly discussed issues such as policing in NAN communities, and Memo of Understanding with the Province of Ontario, and there were typical assembly items such as staff reporting, audit review and resolutions.

That same weekend Council held a face to face meeting which began with updates on the resource negotiations from Craig Gideon. Some other items included review of the draft social media/communication policy, a presentation on ACR train opportunities, discussion on hunting declaration, and discussion with Lolly Rawlyk on the Elder Liaison report.

Feel free to contact me at my email address [vpezzo@missanabiecree.com](mailto:vpezzo@missanabiecree.com) anytime.

In friendship,

**Victoria Pezzo, MCFN Deputy Chief**

## From the desk of:

The past few months I have been quite busy with the daily office tasks and have also been involved in a number of events with Missanabie Cree.

I have been working with Chief Gauthier and the Band Manager to get the business presentations out to the community. On October 17th, we had presentations from Richmond and Energy East held at the Echo Bay Building. Energy East and Magino have submitted PowerPoint Presentations that are available to view in .pdf form on the website. These can be found under the Presentations page.

As you are aware Missanabie Cree was the host community for the Special Mamowihitowin of the O'Mushkegowuk. The staff of Missanabie Cree worked together to cater this event at Island View Camp. I would like to thank all of my coworkers, our volunteers, Island View staff, Missanabie delegates and our Fire Keeper for being so dedicated to succeed! It was a pleasure to work

alongside each and every one of you. I have also found a new appreciation for kitchen staff!

Lesley Gagnon and I also worked collaboratively with a few crafty volunteers to turn the Echo Bay Building into a haunted house for a Children's Halloween Party! This was such a fun event to be a part of. We had a haunted candy maze with many volunteers on guard at themed trick and treat stations throughout. I would like to thank all of the volunteers that made this possible. During the event I guided three separate groups of party goers through the maze. Child Care Algoma provided home-made pizza for this event. The feedback has been positive and we hope to do a similar event next year.

Lesley Gagnon and I will also be busy this coming month with preparations for the Missanabie Cree Christmas Party. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

**Shereena Campbell, Executive Assistant**

## EDUCATION REPORT

All the required documents for post-secondary funding are now on the [missanabiecreefn.com](http://missanabiecreefn.com) website under Members. Please note the deadlines will be edited as they change. Students interested in going back to school can download and print them and apply for funding prior to the deadlines for each year they attend school.

The process that we did in the decision making for funding students this year are as follows:

- a) The completed applications received prior to the deadline are those who are the first to be funded.
- b) The applicants who submitted late applications where approved for tuition, books and supplies but not a living allowance and only if we had extra funding. Applications received from eligible students after the post-

secondary education budget is exhausted will be deferred until the following year or until the budget for the program is reallocated. There is no guarantee of funding.

- c) The living allowance was adjusted by 5% to allow us to fully fund 24 students this year which is the most we have ever had in all the years past, and only two students received tuition, books and supplies because they were late or taking schooling on a part-time basis.
- d) Should students drop out or decide to continue their education at a later date, those funds will be reissued to other students.
- e) The Education Coordinator's salary will not be coming from the Education Money this year as we have allocated all of it to the students.
- f) The Band Manager approved the 5% adjustment as per the MCFN Education Policy which states in section 4 (c) under Support for Living Expenses - "The allowances set out in annex I are for resourcing purposes. Missanabie Cree First Nation Post-Secondary Program has the flexibility to adjust these rates, either higher or lower, to meet the individual needs of students. The support for living expenses is expected to cover such costs as food, shelter, daily transportation, daycare, rental costs and contingency funding. Therefore, to be able to pay for 24 students tuition, books, living allowances and additional student fees, we adjusted the living allowance by 5% otherwise, we would be unable to support all the students who applied on time.
- g) Students who do not have enough money for books are to submit their receipts and will receive additional assistance should it be needed but we **will require** receipts.
- h) There is no guarantee of funding.

Should anyone who attends school have questions regarding funding, please call the office and your questions will be answered personally to you.

Trusting this will explain the rationale behind the 5 % adjustment.

Good Luck in Your Schooling! Work Hard and Get all A's! That should be one of your goals.

**Cathy Clement, Band Manager**

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# Elders Speak

## Vegetation versus Motivation

You heard the saying, "Put your money where your mouth is!". My saying is, "Put your ideas where your mouth is!"

All you Elders that want to tell your story or want to experience something new! Be proud of your heritage and represent Missanabie Cree First Nation. Find out what is new in your community and expand your knowledge? Show some interest, people!

Has anyone ever heard the saying? "Walk a mile in my moccasins". What does that mean? I will tell you. From an Elder, that has been on Mother Earth longer than you, and he/she has a life long story and experiences to share with you. So if you want to learn, you should choose to listen. You are never too old or too young to learn. If you have not been on an adventure, TAKE A CHANCE.

Come on Elders, you hear Our People, Our Community, Our Youth, telling us all the problems Our First Nation's People are having. Everyone complains but, who steps up to the plate and finds solutions?

## An Issue of Concern

I would like to talk about the destruction of our history. I went to a meeting at Island View after our Gathering and noticed many pictures have been taken from the poster boards and our huge album. This is hurtful and appalling. If you really wanted a picture all you had to do was ask a staff member and they could have copied them for you.

Here are my reasons why I am upset:

- This has taken a lot of staff time to put these historical pieces together
- Our history is being destroyed by removing pictures of that particular time

We have some very talented people amongst ourselves. All we have to do is make it happen.

How do we as Elders, be useful instead of useless? One thing you can do for yourself and our youth, is to put yourself out there. Volunteer, get involved with the Band Office, the Elders Council and our Youth. Another thing you hear that is all over the news and media, is the rise in Youth suicide in our First Nation. How do we, as a community find a solution?

How about Fund Raising for our Youth, our Elders, the single parents, the food bank and the homeless. Just a few to mention. I am sure that if we work as a community and put our heads together, we can find a solution. Are you fired up yet?

So if you want to get involved, and be compassionate as I, and you are 55 years young or older and you are Missanabie Cree First Nation, contact me and give me your contact information. If I don't hear from you, that means you don't want to be bothered. So call me or send me an email. Phone 1-705-929-4464 or email

[lrawlyk@missanabiecree.com](mailto:lrawlyk@missanabiecree.com)

**Laura-Lee Rawlyk (Aush Kii Ish Kwayo)**  
**Elders Liaison**

- I know my grandchild was on there and now is no longer in the 2002 board
- Many pictures are gone from the big album and I know people have a great time looking at these together and pointing out relatives, family and friends – some of who are no longer with us
- These are archives of our people

Happy Hallowe'en to all the ghosts and goblins that will be trick or treating.

**Jackie Fletcher**  
**Elders Council**

# Elders Speak



## 30th Annual Mamowihitowin of the Omushkegowuk (Annual General Assembly)

Multi-purpose Facility, Island View Camp, Missanabie, Ontario  
October 20-22, 2015

### Agenda

### Highlights:

#### Tuesday, October 20, 2015

A.M. - Prayer

- Grand entry ceremony led by Michael Nolan, drumming. Swearing in ceremony was done for Grand Chief Jonathon Solomon, and Deputy Grand Chief Rebecca Friday (first woman) and Regional Elder David Fletcher
- Acknowledgement and acceptance of Chair, Bill Gideon and youth co-chair Mitchell Daigle
- Presentation on residential school of St. Anne, Fort Albany

**LUNCH: Presentation on the Western James Bay Telecommunication Network – Sally Braun**

P.M.

- **Discussion on the Individual Assessment Process (I.A.P.) report** with Susan Derosier
- **Mushkegowuk Ontario Treaty Relationship Round Table -**  
Discussion and disagreement on signing the Memorandum Of Understanding

#### Wednesday, October 22, 2015

A.M. Prayer - Youth Mitchell Daigle chairing:

- Presentation on The Impacts and Taking Action on illegal drugs – Nishnawbe-Aski Police Services
- Mushkegowuk Council Bylaws and Articles of Continuance, Election code amendments

**LUNCH – Kimesskananomow Corporation (winter road report)**

P.M.

- **Weeneebayko Health Summit Report:** Financial services is 21.95M dollars in deficit

**NAN Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler** – addressed the assembly and strongly suggests that quarterly meetings happen with the Tribal Council to address issues, will also come to the community.

**NAN Deputy Grand Chief – Derek Fox** (Education) need to inspire our young people through education and to ensure the language does not die. Uphold government to their promises. Youth investment.

**Chiefs of Ontario Grand Chief Isadore Day** – talked about claiming territory of lands and commend Missanabie Cree to continue to proceed with our intentions. All of our affiliates need to pressure the government on the promises they made prior to election. We own a collective share in Hydro One that is being sold to the general public and we get 10% .

5:00 **Lands and Resources** presentation by Vern Cheechoo on the Ring of Fire  
 7:30 P.M. Honored 25 years of service, Mushkegowuk lawyer, Murray Klippenstein  
 Continued on with Lands and Resources presentation.

### **Thursday, October 22, 2015**

A.M..

- Presentation from Dilico Child & Family Services Community Wellness Development Team

**Resolution 2015-10-06:** Memorandum of Understanding on the Mushkegowuk-Ontario Roundtable to be signed - 5 abstentions **Carried.**

Attawapiskat talked about talks with NAN and may be withdrawing from the Mushkegowuk Council but support the roundtable discussions – they were not signatories to the Treaty.

- **NAPS report**
- **People's Inquiry report**
- **Cree West report**

Resolutions completed.

AGA closes with a prayer and parade of people in Grand Entry.

*(Report prepared by Jackie Fletcher.)*

### **Report on Mushkegowuk Annual General Assembly**

How I was selected to sit as the Elder to this meeting was through the MCFN Elders Council. All Elders names have been put in a hat and pulled out one at a time and given a number. My name was next.

I want to say I am very proud of Bill Gideon being selected as a Chair and our youth Mitchell Daigle was selected as the Co-chair. They both did us proud.

My thanks goes out to Les Nolan, Mike Nolan and Mitchell Daigle for putting up the foam on the walls which has really helped in taking away the echo in the multi-purpose facility. It was a pleasure to sit in meetings and being able to hear everything.

Thanks to the staff, the whole three days of catering was put on by our hard working staff. It was awesome to have the Mushkegowuk meeting held in our facility.

Visit and remarks were made by newly elected Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler, Deputy Grand Chief Derek Fox of NAN and Grand Chief Isadore Day of Chiefs of Ontario.

Thank you, Mike Nolan for taking care of the sacred fire, Grand Entry and leading the delegates out on the final day with your song and drum.

**Jackie Fletcher**  
**Elders Council**

# Muskegowuk Council News

## 30th Annual Mamowhitowin of the Omushkegowuk (Annual General Assembly)

Multi-purpose Facility, Island View Camp, Missanabie, Ontario

October 20-22, 2015

Baffles hanging in MPF

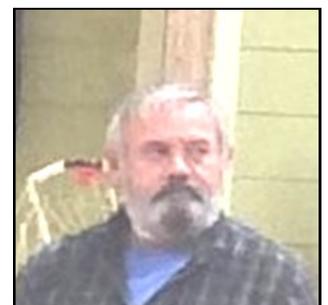


**Staff cooks and helpers:** June Markie, Louise Campbell, Victoria Pezzo, Marion Nolan, Cathy Clement, Les Nolan, Shereena Campbell, Lesley Gagnon and Mitchell Daigle.

Assembly Picture



Co-Chair (Youth) of AGA  
Mitchell Daigle



Chair of AGA  
Bill Gideon

Grand Chief Jonathon Solomon  
Deputy Grand Chief Rebecca Friday



Mushkegowuk Technical Services

## Community News and Notes

### In Loving Memory of our Uncle Fred:

Uncle Fred would often come to visit us in Thunder Bay. He would call and say that he was on his way with his bike. My mom would then phone my cousin who was an OPP officer in Schreiber and he would in turn notify the other detachments to be on the lookout for Uncle Fred to make sure that he was safe and okay. When he was leaving Thunder Bay again a call would be made and they would watch for him going back to the Soo.

We were talking about Uncle Fred while having Thanksgiving dinner and some of the stories we cherish. First of all Doug, Moonie and Bobbi would charge their friends 5 cents each to watch Uncle Fred do his bead work on the loom. As a matter of fact we still have the rings, bands and other things he made for us.

Bobbi even mentioned that she and a friend would have a puppet show and charge Uncle Fred 5 cents to watch. He would sit there with his tea while watching the show. We would sit and chat with him and he would tell us some stories about when he was in the bush. Dad of course also had stories of Uncle Fred in the bush. Some of these stories were quite funny.

One thing we remember most is that Uncle Fred liked his night time snacks. It was always around the same time each night. He would have toast with jam and either cookies or pastry with his tea. He liked it when we baked and enjoyed sampling everything.

While in Thunder Bay, Uncle Fred would go to his favorite places like the library, Value Village or Chapters. When it was colder outside he would take the bus. I remember when I was on my way home from work I saw him at a bus stop and pulled over to give him a ride. He was on

his way to Chapters so I gave him a ride. He would give me an update of what he was doing that day.

As mentioned earlier we talk of Uncle Fred often. May you rest in peace Uncle Fred.

**John, Paul, Ed, Barb, Deb, Doug, Moon and Bobbi.**



#### Submit your Stories

Community members are invited to submit stories, and pictures to the Bear Fax newsletter. Please submit your items by the 25th day of each month for posting in the next month.

Send your items by mail or fax to the Band Office, or by email to:  
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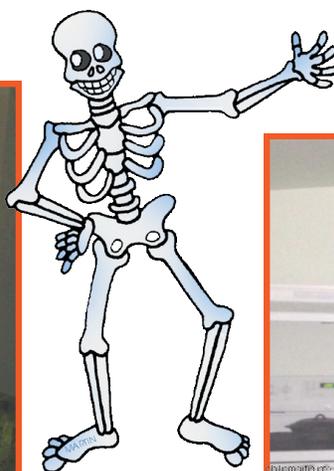
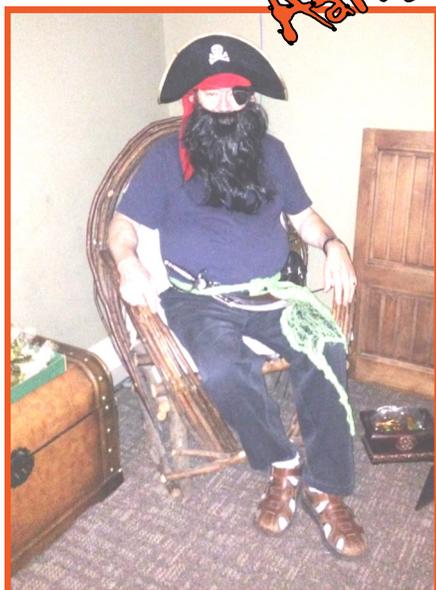
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# Community News and Notes

## MCFN Hallowe'en Party 2015



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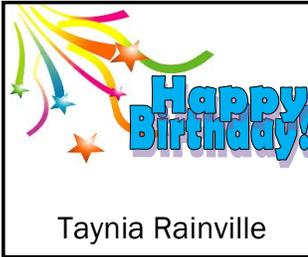


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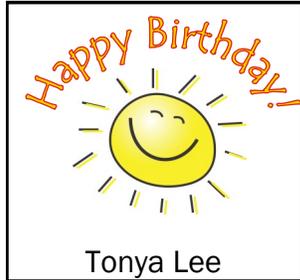
# November Birthday Greetings

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NOVEMBER 4



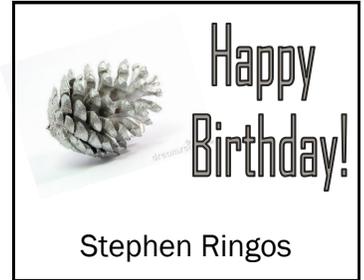
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Zachary Rogoschensky

NOVEMBER 6



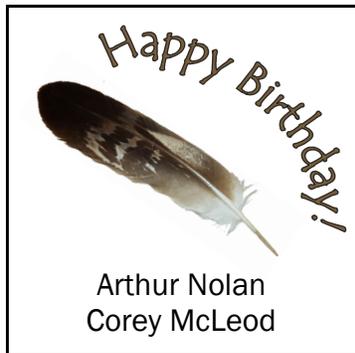
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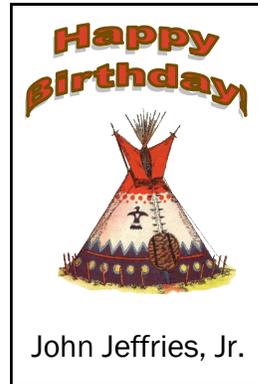
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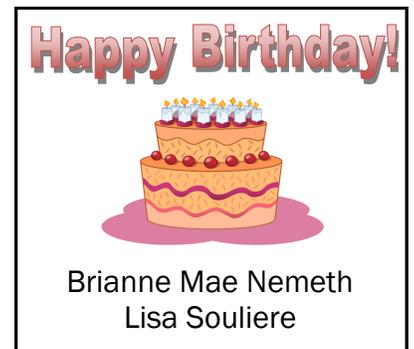
Arthur Nolan  
Corey McLeod

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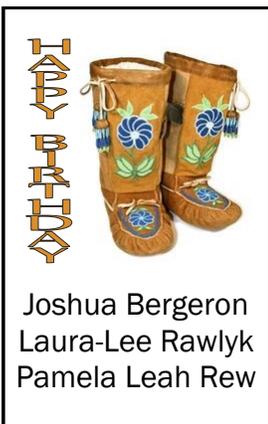
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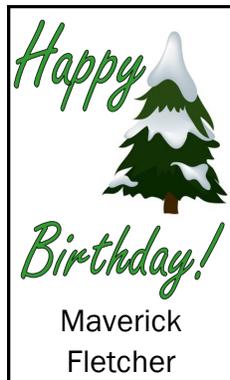
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Lisa Souliere

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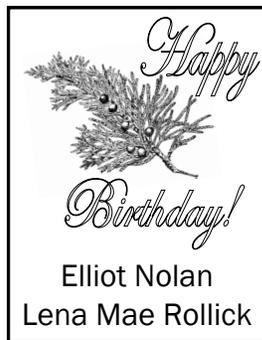
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Laura-Lee Rawlyk  
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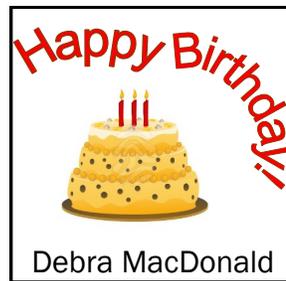
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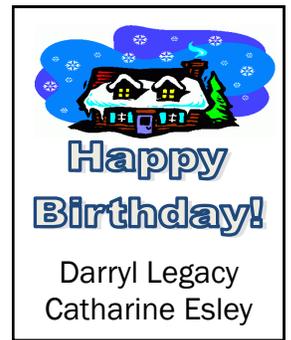
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Lena Mae Rollick

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Debra MacDonald

NOVEMBER 22



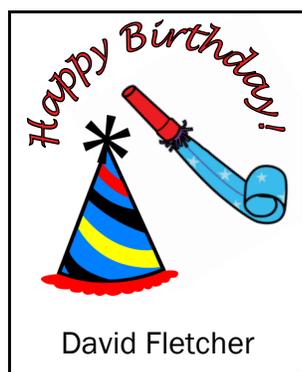
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Catharine Esley

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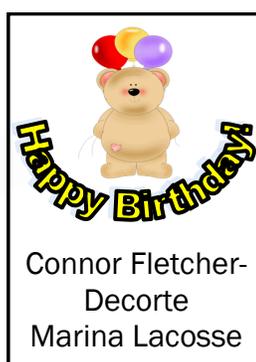
Dieter Horn

NOVEMBER 24



David Fletcher

NOVEMBER 26



Connor Fletcher-  
Decorte  
Marina Lacosse

NOVEMBER 27



Richard Essery

NOVEMBER 29



Michael  
Jeremiah

# MCFN Events Calendar

NOVEMBER 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
1	2	3	4	5	6 Kids Craft Day 9:30am-2pm Lunch will be served.	7	
8	9	10	11 Remembrance Day  (Office Closed)	12 Snacks after 1:30pm	13	14	
15	16	17	18 Elder's Tea at Noon Band Office	19 Craft Night 6:30pm-8:30pm Band Office	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26 Craft Night 6:30pm-8:30pm Band Office	27	28	
29	30					<b>Haskinitisew Peesim</b> <b>Freeze up Moon</b>	

For updates and more information, please check our website and facebook page, or call the Band Office.

DECEMBER 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Craft Night 6:30pm-8:30pm Band Office	10 Snacks after 1:30pm	11	12 Community Christmas Party Echo Bay
13	14	15	16 Elder's Tea at Noon Band Office	17	18	19
20	21	22 Winter Solstice	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day 	26
27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve	<b>Kakoekakee shi kak Peesim</b> <b>Festival Season Moon</b>	

# Opportunities



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## A first of its kind, national-level Indigenous Innovation Summit

The Indigenous Innovation Summit brings together Indigenous innovators from across Canada and a variety of sectors to find new approaches to common challenges. By way of a unique, participatory format, the Summit encourages "field building", creating new connections and partnerships and overcoming old barriers

## What is Social Innovation?

Social innovation is the creation, development, adoption, and integration of new concepts and practices that put people and communities first. Social innovations seek to resolve existing social, cultural, economic, and environmental challenges. Some social innovations are systems-changing permanently to alter the perceptions, behaviours, and structures that previously gave rise to these challenges. Even more simply, a social innovation is an idea that works for the public good. Social innovation can come from individuals, groups or organizations. Increasingly, they are happening in the spaces between these three sectors as perspectives collide to spark new ways of thinking.

Learn more about Social Innovation here



## Call out to Missanabie Cree members and families

Missanabie Cree First Nation is negotiating with various resource companies in our traditional territory.

There will be several employment opportunities for our First Nation in different sectors such as:

- mining,
- service industry,
- security,
- maintenance, and
- heavy equipment operations.

MCFN invites you to send in your resume, detailing your skills, education and experience.

Please forward your resume to the attention of:

Cathy Clement, Band Manager

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## MCFN Membership

**Our mailing list** for the Bear Fax newsletter is being revised so that only one newsletter is sent to one address, and is part of an effort to reduce costs. However, if you wish to receive your own personal copy of Bear Fax, and you are part of another household, please send me a request and I will add your name to the mailing list.

**Office Hours:** Tuesdays/Wednesdays, 9 am to 5 pm.

**Indian Status Card renewals will now be accepted from non-band members.** A fee will be charged up-front for this service. Notices will be forwarded to local native organizations.

**Members, please keep your address up-to-date, by filling out the change of address form below so you don't miss out on pertinent information regarding band business.**

PLEASE NOTE: I CANNOT RECEIVE ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS FROM ANYONE ELSE; ONLY FROM THE PERSON INVOLVED, the reason being, anyone can call in and report an address change without their knowledge. Please use the change of address form below and mail or fax it to Missanabie Cree First Nation or call or email Ted Ouellet.

Names of deceased members are not removed from the band voter's list unless the information is provided to Aboriginal Affairs. Anyone with funeral information (i.e. name of funeral home/location), date of death, a death certificate, or anyone who can be contacted for this information, please call or leave a message with Ted Ouellet at the MCFN Band Office.

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### MISSANABIE CREE FIRST NATION

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM -- For Band Members

SURNAME	
First Name and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Name	
ALIAS/BAND #	
DATE RECEIVED	
NEW ADDRESS	
CITY/PROVINCE	
POSTAL CODE	
E-MAIL ADDRESS	
TELEPHONE #	
SIGNATURE	

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## VISION STATEMENT OF THE MISSANABIE CREE

We are the Anishnabe of the Missanabie Cree First Nation whose vision is to have a united and self-governing body that will determine our destiny guided by the seven laws.

We have a vision of a leadership that is open, honest, trustworthy; a leadership with conviction, accessible to the people; a leadership that is progressive yet respectful of our traditions, values and beliefs; a leadership with confidence, always watchful and assertive in protecting and preserving the treaty and aboriginal rights of our people; a leadership that is directed by our people and with exclusive accountability to our people and our people alone.

We have a vision of our community re-established on the traditional lands that were once the homeland of our ancestors where institutions of our government, economy and education can once again thrive.

We have a vision of a people where individuals and families can stand strong and find healing through tradition and spirituality; individuals and families who are loving and compassionate.

We have a vision of a people who are bi-cultural and bi-lingual; a people who can walk in both worlds contributing to our well-being, the well-being of our brother and sister First Nations; contributing and competing globally.

We have a vision of a Nation of people who respect the dignity of all; a people who find balance through equality of all ages, male and female alike.

We have a vision of people who respect the environment, harvesting and reaping the resources of the land in a sustainable manner as responsible stewards for the use of future generations.

We are the Anishnabe of the Missanabie Cree First Nation whose vision it is to regain and restore our rightful place and through the strength of our people, never again be denied our place in society.

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