



Wahnapitae First Nation



**Community Newsletter**  
February 2025 • Makwa Giizis “Bear Moon”

# Chi Miigwech

Wahnapiatae proudly acknowledges and deeply appreciates the hard work and dedication of all first responders and emergency personnel—especially our incredible volunteer fire team.

Chi miigwech for your unwavering commitment to keeping our community safe.



## Test Smoke Alarms Monthly



For more information and to volunteer please contact:  
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## Partners in Progress



We are thrilled to share that the four Epiroc SmartROC D65 XLF drills currently in operation at Vale's Stobie Open Pit Mine are fully owned by Giyak Mishkawzid Shkagmikwe Development Corporation (GMS) and Taighwenini Technical Services (TTS)—the economic development arms of Atikameksheng Anishnawbek and Wahnapiatae First Nation.

Over the course of this three-year project, the revenue generated from these drills will create new opportunities for our communities, supporting our

journey towards true economic independence and long-term sustainability. This initiative is just one of the many ways we are ensuring that mining activities on our traditional territories provide rightful benefits to the communities they impact.

Miigwech to everyone who has supported us on this journey! For career, training, and education opportunities, visit: [www.wahnapiataefirstnation.com](http://www.wahnapiataefirstnation.com)



We are also proud to announce that The Aki-eh DIBINWEWZIWIN Limited Partnership (ADLP) website is now live! As a proud partner in ADLP, Wahnapiatae First Nation is excited to be part of this unique collaboration. ADLP—one of Canada's largest Indigenous and Canadian-owned underground mine contracting partnerships—is deeply rooted in the world-renowned Greater Sudbury Basin.

With Wahnapiatae First Nation and Atikameksheng Anishnawbek holding a 51% majority ownership and Technica Mining serving as the minority shareholder and operating partner, this partnership stands as a model of collaboration, sustainability, and reconciliation.

Explore how ADLP is leading the transformation of the mining industry by visiting our new website.

### Online Job Board

Employment, Education and Training

[WWW.WAHNAPIATAEFIRSTNATION.COM](http://WWW.WAHNAPIATAEFIRSTNATION.COM)



# UPCOMING RATIFICATION VOTES

- *Amended Band Custom Election Code*
- *Information Management Law*

**THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025**

🕒 Elders Lounge 📍 9am - 8pm

259 Taighwenini Trail Rd., Capreol ON

*Mail in, in person and electronic voting  
directions will be shared when available.*

# Wahnapiṭae First Nation Governance Information Management Law



Throughout 2024, the Governance Team collaborated with members like you to refine the proposed Information Management Law. Our goal? To better protect your data and ensure that your rights are upheld.

*We've been listening to your feedback*, and it has led to these key changes in the draft law:

- Added clause allowing members to withdraw consent for data collection at any time.
- Added a requirement for periodic check-ins when consent is retained by WFN to ensure it remains current and accurate.
- Specified that, for children under 16, consent must be obtained from both the parent/legal guardian and the youth.
- Provided clearer restrictions on personal information.
- Expanded definitions (e.g., "Harm").
- Allowed minor law amendments without requiring full re-ratification.

For more information on the timeline of the Information Management Law process, please visit [www.wahnapiṭaeFirstNation.com/members-login](http://www.wahnapiṭaeFirstNation.com/members-login).

**RATIFICATION VOTE: THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025**

📍 **Elders Lounge** 🕒 **9am - 8pm**

*Mail in, in person and electronic voting directions will be shared when available.*

*Still have questions?*

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# Paint SOCIAL

HOSTED BY WHO'S CRAFTY CANADA

**Thursday, February 13**

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig 🕒 6:00 PM

Limit of 25 participants. Please RSVP by February 11.

✉️ [Heather.Roy@wahnapiitaefn.com](mailto:Heather.Roy@wahnapiitaefn.com) ☎️ 705-858-7700

Christopher Roque Memorial Fund

# Breakfast Fundraiser

**Wednesday, February 26**

**📍 Maan Doosh Gamig 🕒 9:00 AM**

***By donation only. Everyone welcome.***

**To RSVP or for more information please contact:**

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**Anishinabek News**  
**Article: Historic**  
**Indigenous litigation**  
**returning to court**



THUNDER BAY, ON (January 27, 2025) – The federal and Ontario governments have failed to fulfill a Supreme Court of Canada directive to engage in meaningful negotiations regarding an historic Indigenous treaty case.

As a result, 12 Anishinaabe First Nations from the Lake Superior region are now seeking a judicially imposed resolution. This follows the Supreme Court’s ruling last July, which mandated a six-month negotiation period to reach a settlement.

“The refusal of the governments to uphold their treaty obligations continues a 175-year history of broken promises, deceit, and neglect,” stated Chief Wilfred N. King of Gull Bay First Nation. “This defiance disregards a clear and compelling order from the Supreme Court. We are now calling upon the courts to enforce a fair resolution.”

Following                      unsuccessful

negotiations, the governments unilaterally determined compensation for the First Nations, amounting to \$3.6 billion. This sum was intended to address longstanding breaches of obligations to increase annuities under the treaty—obligations that have remained unfulfilled for 175 years.

“For six months, we participated in this process in good faith, just as the Supreme Court

instructed,” Chief King continued. “The governments, however, did not. They ignored substantial economic evidence detailing the vast wealth Canada and Ontario have taken from our lands. While they profited, our communities were left in intergenerational poverty. Their decision today does not redress what we have lost due to their violations.”

**MARCH BREAK**  
*Family Survival Kits*

**Sign up with Natalie by Thursday, February 20.**

Families will be contacted when kits are ready for pick up.  
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Experts testifying in the case estimated that the federal and provincial governments had reaped benefits far exceeding the proposed compensation, largely through resource extraction in the region since 1850.

The case carries profound implications for treaty rights and the Crown's obligations. It concerns vast lands in Northern Ontario that were opened to resource development under the 1850 Robinson Superior Treaty.

Under the treaty's terms, First Nations were promised that as the Crown profited from resource extraction, annuities for Indigenous communities would increase accordingly.

However, this commitment was largely ignored—only one minor increase was ever implemented, in 1875. The annuity has remained at \$4 per person for nearly 150 years.

Last summer, the Supreme Court unanimously denounced the government's conduct as "egregious," ruling that their failures had reduced the treaty's promises to "an empty shell."

The First Nations are now appealing to Justice Patricia Hennessy of the Ontario Superior Court to impose fair, equitable, and honourable compensation. In 2023, Justice Hennessy presided over months of testimony from Chiefs, Elders, historians, and economists.

"This case is not only about the injustices faced by our ancestors, but also about securing a better future for our people today and for generations to come," said Chief Patricia Tangie of Michipicoten First Nation. "Just as our ancestors in 1850 fought to protect the well-being of their descendants, we carry forward this struggle to ensure that our children and grandchildren are not forced to endure the hardships our people have suffered for over a century and a half—hardships that include poverty, poor health, and shortened life expectancy."

"Historic Indigenous Litigation Returning to Court."  
Anishinabek News, January 29, 2025. Available at:  
<https://anishinabeknews.ca/2025/01/29/historic-indigenous-litigation-returning-to-court/>.



**HEALTHY RECIPE OF THE MONTH**

**RSVP by Wednesday, February 12**  
**Pick-up day: Wednesday, February 19**  
**Bring your bags to Maan Doosh Gamig from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM**

Please contact Rochelle or Line to RSVP or for more information:  
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**FAMILY DAY**

**Sliding Party**

**Monday, February 17**

📍 Taighwenini Trail Sliding Hill ⌚ 12:00 - 4:00 pm

**HOT DOGS & HOT CHOCOLATE**

Helmets are required, please dress for the weather.  
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**Nutrition BINGO**

**Thursday, February 20**

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig ⌚ 5:00 PM

Dinner served at 5:00 PM followed by Bingo at 5:30 PM.

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**Teen Talk**

Games and fun with snacks and refreshments!

**Saturday, February 15**

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig ⌚ 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

RSVP by Tuesday, February 11.

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**Healthy Snacks**  
BLUE BIN PROGRAM

**DROP OFF BINS BY**  
**Monday, February 10**

**PICK UP**  
**Tuesday, February 11**

📍 Family Wellness Centre (178 Loonway Road)  
⌚ 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

For questions and more information please contact:  
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# Medicinal Teachings & Story Telling

Storytelling is an incredibly vital element of our Indigenous history and learning. It is how we share our skills and knowledge with each other and future generations.

This winter season, we invite our Elders to share their words and take part in Medicinal Teachings with Line. Elders will be able to make medicines and learn about the emotional and spiritual support it can provide.

**Thursday, February 13 & 27**

📍 WFN Yurt & Tipi (behind MDG) 🕒 1 PM - 4 PM

For more information please contact:

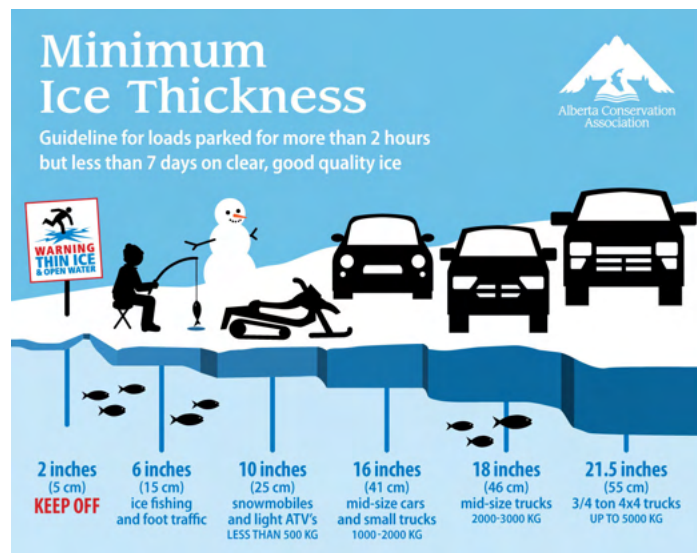
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# Ice Safety: Know when it's safe to play

By Kailiegh Montgomery - Canadian Red Cross Blog. Published December 18, 2019, Red Cross Canada. [www.redcross.ca/blog/2019/12/ice-safety-know-when-it-s-safe-to-play](http://www.redcross.ca/blog/2019/12/ice-safety-know-when-it-s-safe-to-play)



The winter season brings many outdoor group and individual activities. Natural water bodies freeze over and become great recreational spaces for hockey, ice-skating and more.

There is no such thing as 100 percent safe ice. However, precautions can be taken to reduce the risks. To ensure you have a safe and healthy winter season, understand ice colour, location, weather and what to do in an emergency, so you know when it's safe to play.

## Color and Depth

The colour of ice may be an indication of its strength - clear blue to black ice is strongest, and likely the deepest. You should only skate on ice that is 20+ cm thick. White opaque or snow ice should be avoided. Grey ice indicates the presence of water and is unsafe to stand on.

## Location

Ice thickness is never consistent. The weakest ice will be in the center and along the edge of the water. Avoid streams and flowing water, even if they look frozen. Avoid ice that has recently frozen, thawed, and then frozen again. The safer place to skate is on a still body of water, such as a lake.

## Weather

Canada is prone to fluctuating weather conditions. Consistent air temperatures below freezing make for safer, stronger ice. Swings above zero can compromise the integrity of ice by melting existing ice or changing the water level, leaving unsafe spots in both the centre and shoreline of a lake.

**Safety: When spending time on the ice, you should always be prepared for the worst-case scenario and have an emergency plan. If you get into trouble on ice and you're by yourself:**

Call for help. Resist the immediate urge to climb back out where you fell in. The ice is weak in this area.

Try to relax and catch your breath. Turn yourself toward shore so you are looking at where you entered onto the ice. The ice is more stable close to shore.

Reach forward onto the broken ice without pushing down. Kick your legs to try to get your body into a horizontal position. Continue kicking your legs, and crawl onto the ice.

When you are back on the ice, crawl on your stomach or roll away from the open area with your arms and legs spread out as far as possible to evenly distribute your body weight. Do not stand up! Look for shore and make sure you are crawling in the right direction.

**Rescuing another person from ice can be dangerous. The safest way to perform a rescue is from shore:**

Call for help. Consider whether you can quickly get help from trained professionals (police, fire fighters or ambulance) or bystanders.

Check if you can reach the person using a long pole or branch from shore – if so, lie down and extend the pole to the person. If you go onto ice, wear a PFD and carry a long pole or branch to test the ice in front of you. Bring something to reach or throw to the person (e.g. pole, weighted rope, line or tree branch).

When near the break, lie down to distribute your weight and slowly crawl toward the hole. Remaining low, extend or throw your emergency rescue device (pole, rope, line or branch) to the person. Have the person kick while you pull them out.

Additionally, avoid vehicles on the lake as they can cause shock waves, or may not be able to safely stop. Make sure kids are always under supervision and keep pets on a leash.

When you're bundled up and prepared for the weather, ice activities are a great way to get exercise and have fun. By following the few tips above, you're on the right track to enjoy the winter season to its fullest. And remember, just because you're frozen, doesn't mean the ice is too. Have fun!

## ICE RINK RULES:

- NO SPITTING ON THE ICE
- KEEP RINK AND AREAS CLEAN
- NO BODY CONTACT IS PERMITTED
- SHARE THE ICE AND BE COURTEOUS
- HOCKEY PUCKS MUST STAY ON THE ICE
- ONLY ICE SKATES ARE PERMITTED ON ICE
- HELP TO KEEP THE ICE SURFACE SHOVELED
- MAKE SURE LIGHTS ARE OFF WHEN LEAVING
- HELMETS & PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT STRONGLY RECOMMENDED FOR EVERYONE
- VIOLENCE, DANGEROUS BEHAVIOUR OR ACTIONS THAT CAUSE DAMAGE/ DESTRUCTION OR INTERFERE, INHIBIT OR ENDANGER OTHERS IS PROHIBITED
- NO FOOD OR BEVERAGES ARE PERMITTED ON ICE - NO GLASS CONTAINERS
- DO NOT SIT, STAND OR LEAVE ARTICLES ON SIDE BOARDS



**Anishinaabemowin Language Sessions**

Tuesdays - January 7, 14, 21 & 28

Maan Doosh Gamig

**POSTPONED**

Co-Facilitated by Debbie Recollet & Debbie Plain-McGregor.  
16+ welcome to attend. Light dinner and refreshments provided.

To register and for more information please contact:  
Tammy.Chevrette@wahnapietaefn.com (705) 920-9488



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**Drumming Circle**

**POSTPONED**

Tuesday December 10, Wednesday January 13, Thursday January 23

Maan Doosh Gamig 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Traditional drumming and songs facilitated by Tammy Chevette, Cultural Coordinator.  
Light dinner and refreshments provided. Everyone 16+ welcome. **RSVP requested.**

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**Traditional CRAFT NIGHT**

Wednesday, January 29

**POSTPONED**

All materials provided. 16+ only.  
Dinner and refreshments available.  
Please RSVP by Friday, January 24.

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**Pow-Wow Fundraising Bingos**

**POSTPONED**

Fourth Friday, Every Month starting Friday, January 24

Wahnapietae First Nation Centre of Excellence  
259 Taighwenini Trail Rd, Wahnapietae FN  
Doors open 5:30 PM. Bingo Starts 6:00 PM.  
Everyone welcome. Must be 18+ to attend.

Cash prizes, specials, jackpots, toonie pots, snacks and refreshments available.  
For more information please contact:  
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# Know the Signs

**A drug poisoning is a medical emergency.**

Know the signs of a drug poisoning and call 9-1-1 right away if you notice someone experiencing the following signs/symptoms:

- difficulty walking, talking, or staying awake;
- blue lips or nails;
- very small pupils;
- cold and clammy skin;
- dizziness and confusion;
- extreme drowsiness;
- choking, gurgling or snoring sounds;
- slow, weak, or no breathing;
- inability to wake up, even when shaken or shouted at.

**Don't Run. Call 9-1-1.**

Anishinabek Police Service frontline officers and other first responders carry naloxone and we want to assist. The Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act provides broad legal protections for anyone seeking emergency support during a drug poisoning, including the person experiencing the poisoning. This means citizens, including youth, will not be charged for offences such as simple possession for calling 9-1-1 in an emergency.

## Carry Naloxone

Naloxone can temporarily reverse an opioid poisoning. It is available free-of-charge, at the Centre of Excellence, along with substance testing kits. Contact or visit Heather, Community Wellness Coordinator, to get yours.

**Free naloxone and substance testing kits available.**





# Addition to Reserve (ATR) FAQ

**Why is this so important and what are the benefits?**

Adding land to reserves helps First Nations address community needs such as housing, economic development, and cultural activities. It also supports self-determination by increasing control over land and resources.

**What is the ATR process and how long does it take?**

The Addition to Reserve (ATR) process allows First Nations to add land to their existing reserves. This process ensures the land is legally recognized as reserve land under the Indian Act. The process can take several years, depending on the complexity of the land selection, environmental assessments, consultations, and legal reviews. Typical timelines range from three to ten years.

**What are the steps in the process?**

Step 1: Identify Land Needs – The First Nation determines land requirements. Step 2: Land Selection – Land is chosen based on needs and federal criteria. Step 3: Consultation – Stakeholders, including neighbouring governments, are engaged. Step 4: Review – Environmental and legal assessments ensure compliance. Step 5: Submission – A formal request with documents is sent to ISC. Step 6: Approval & Transfer – Once approved, the land is added to the reserve.

**Why does it take so long and when would land be added?**

The ATR process involves multiple steps to ensure compliance with federal, provincial, and municipal laws. Detailed reviews, consultations, and negotiations with various stakeholders also contribute to the timeline. The timeline depends on the readiness of documents and agreements, the complexity of consultations and environmental reviews, and the responsiveness of all parties involved.

**What can the land be used for?**

Once added, and after considering the Land Use Plan, the land can be used for housing developments, cultural and recreational activities, economic development projects, any other purpose approved by the community.

**Who is involved in the ATR process?**

First Nation leadership and members, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC), provincial and municipal governments as well as other stakeholders, including neighbouring communities and environmental agencies.

**Do members have input during the process?**

Yes! Community engagement is a key part of the ATR process. Members can participate in meetings, provide feedback, and share ideas about how the land should be used.

**How can I stay informed about the ATR process?**

- Attend community meetings about the ATR.
- Check updates posted at the band office or on the community website.
- Speak with leadership or the Lands Department for specific questions.

**What challenges might delay the ATR process?**

- Delays in consultations with stakeholders.
- Complex environmental issues.
- Legal disputes over land ownership or use.
- Administrative delays at the federal or provincial level.

**Looking for updates or more information?**

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## **Anishinabek News Article: “Anishinabek Nation and Thunder Bay District Health Unit launch new storybook”**

THUNDER BAY (January 29, 2025) – The Anishinabek Nation and Thunder Bay District Health Unit proudly unveiled their newly published book, *Migizi and Giniw’s Important Journey: Niish Migizi Bimisewin*, today in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

“We are incredibly excited to share this storybook with communities. It has been a long time in the making,” expressed co-author Lynda Banning. “We extend our gratitude to the Elders who contributed to this project, ensuring the story received their ‘Elder-approved’ blessing.”

As part of ongoing efforts towards Truth and Reconciliation, the Anishinabek Nation and Thunder Bay District Health Unit have collaborated since 2010 to address public health concerns and First Nations issues. Together, they have developed valuable resources and workshops that support intergenerational healing and well-being. This book is the latest addition to that collection.

The project was led by co-authors Lynda Banning, FASD Regional Program Worker with the Anishinabek Nation, and Lyne Soramaki, Public Health Nurse with the Thunder Bay District Health Unit. The book features illustrations by Emery Tasheff, Media Specialist with the Anishinabek Nation.

Grand Council Chief Linda Debassige highlighted the importance of partnerships in advancing the work of the Anishinabek Nation.

“It is wonderful to see this collaboration with the Thunder Bay District Health Unit evolve into a meaningful resource for our youth,” said Grand Council Chief Debassige.

Set in the traditional territory of Fort William First Nation and the Anishinabek Nation, the story follows a bald eagle named Migizi (symbolizing the Anishinabek Nation) and a golden eagle named Giniw (representing the Thunder Bay District Health Unit). Together, they embark on a four-day journey to uncover the mystery behind the illnesses affecting the small animals in the Land of Nanabijou. Along the way, they meet various creatures who impart wisdom and teachings before the duo returns home.

Designed for readers in Grades 4-7, the storybook is accessible to all ages and incorporates cultural values such as bravery, respect, humility, and pride.

“We deeply appreciate our workshop participants, who have been our greatest teachers and who inspired many of the characters in this fictional storybook,” shared Soramaki. “This book is dedicated to those who strive to create positive change for children and communities, as well as to the children themselves as they journey toward *mino bimaadziwin* (a good life).”

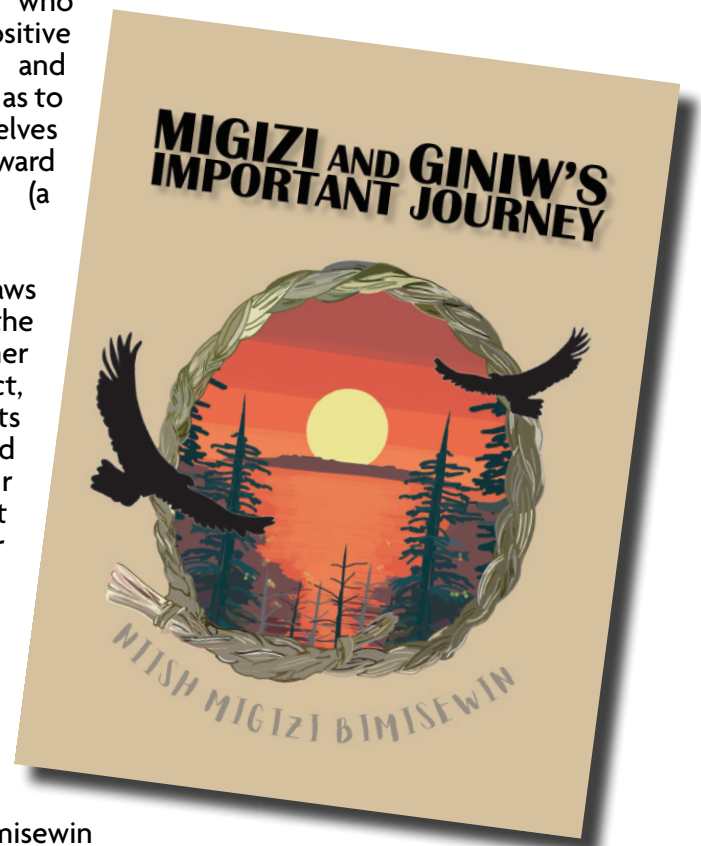
The book draws inspiration from the Caring for Mother Earth project, where participants frequently spotted eagles during their travels to First Nations and other communities in the region. In recognition of their work, Banning and Soramaki were honored with a partnership spirit name from an Elder: *Niish Migizi Bimisewin* (Two Eagles Flying).

Contributions to the book came from multiple sources, including Elders who provided guidance, First Nations and community members who influenced the setting and characters, and individuals who assisted in reviewing and refining the story.

The book is available for purchase online or by contacting Michelle Irvine, FASD Program Manager with the Anishinabek Nation, at [michelle.irvine@anishinabek.ca](mailto:michelle.irvine@anishinabek.ca).

For more information about the Caring for Mother Earth Project, visit [www.tbdhu.com/motherearthproject](http://www.tbdhu.com/motherearthproject).

“Anishinabek Nation and Thunder Bay District Health Unit Launch New Storybook,” Anishinabek News, January 29, 2025, [anishinabek.ca](http://anishinabek.ca).





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**CHAIR  
YOGA**  
**February 3, 17 & 24**

📍 Metamorphosis Yoga Studio, Capreol 🕒 2:00 PM  
 Rides and passes provided. Please RSVP.  
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**TUESDAY'S  
FEBRUARY 4, 18 & 25**  
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*Seniors*

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*Tuesdays*

**February 4, 18 & 25**  
 📍 Centre of Excellence - Elders Lounge 🕒 3:00 PM  
 Cards, snacks and refreshments provided.

For more information and to RSVP please contact:  
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# *Traditional* Bone Broth & Soup Making Saturday, February 22

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig 🕒 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Limited seats. Please RSVP by February 14.

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# VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS

Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) form a large group of chemicals commonly found in both indoor and outdoor air. They can affect air quality. While some VOCs give off distinctive odours at higher levels, they may be present even if you can't smell them. Exposure to VOCs in indoor air may affect your health, depending on which VOCs are present, the level of VOCs present, and how long you are exposed.

## HEALTH EFFECTS OF VOCs

For most VOCs, levels found in indoor air in Canadian homes do not usually pose a significant health risk.

Exposure to some VOCs can cause:



fatigue



nausea



dizziness



headaches



breathing problems



irritation of the eyes, nose and throat

## WHO IS AT GREATEST RISK

- Children
- Seniors
- Pregnant people
- People with existing health conditions, such as asthma, chronic pulmonary disease or bronchitis



## INDOOR SOURCES

VOCs can get into indoor air from many sources, including:

Cigarette smoke

Building materials, such as paint, glues and varnish

Candles and incense

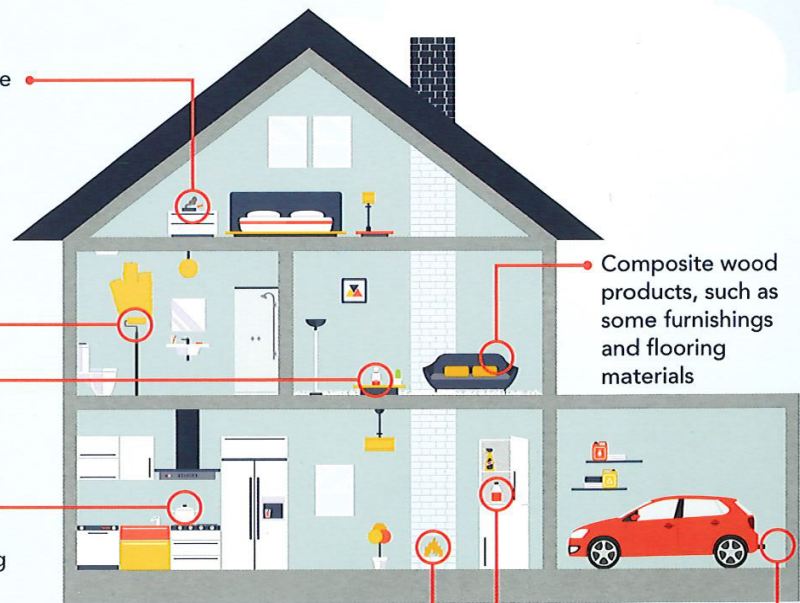
Cooking, especially frying

Combustion sources such as improperly vented fireplaces, wood stoves, gas stoves and furnaces

Household products, such as air fresheners and cleaning products

Composite wood products, such as some furnishings and flooring materials

Infiltration from attached garages, such as from vehicle exhaust



## REDUCING EXPOSURE TO VOCs IN YOUR HOME

You can reduce exposure to VOCs in your home by:

### INCREASING VENTILATION

- when possible, use a range hood exhaust fan with outside venting when cooking
- ensure proper ventilation to the outside during use of combustion appliances such as fireplaces, wood stoves, gas stoves and furnaces
- open windows when outdoor air conditions are good
  - check the outdoor air quality in your community by visiting the [Air Quality Health Index \(AQHI\)](#)
- when possible, use mechanical ventilation such as a properly maintained HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) system



### AVOIDING SMOKING INDOORS

- **second-hand smoke** contains many different VOCs

Ensuring there is a **GOOD SEAL** around any doors connecting the house to an attached garage



### INCREASE VENTILATION WHEN USING CLEANING PRODUCTS

- read and follow label instructions of all cleaning products



### INCREASE VENTILATION WHEN USING PRODUCTS, such as:

- glues
- paints
- varnishes
- adhesives



### CHOOSING LOW-EMISSION PRODUCTS when possible

- some composite wood products, paints, varnishes and chemical cleaning products may emit fewer VOCs than others
- store products **properly**



### MINIMIZING THE USE OF SCENTED PRODUCTS, such as plug-in or aerosol deodorizers (air fresheners)

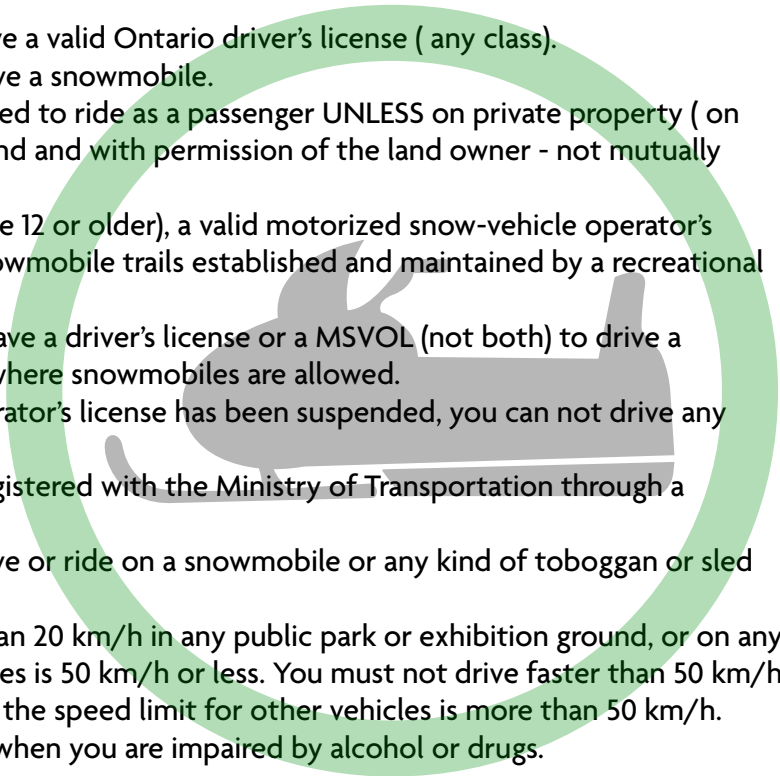


For more information on VOCs, please visit the [Health Canada website](#) or contact us at [air@hc-sc.gc.ca](mailto:air@hc-sc.gc.ca)

## Snowmobile Safety

As per the Ontario Ministry of Transportation:

- You can only drive a snowmobile if you have a valid Ontario driver's license ( any class).
- You must be 12 years of age or older to drive a snowmobile.
- Children under 12 years old are not permitted to ride as a passenger UNLESS on private property ( on your own property or that owned by a friend and with permission of the land owner - not mutually shared Wahnapiatae property).
- If you do not have a driver's license ( and are 12 or older), a valid motorized snow-vehicle operator's license (MSVOL) will let you use special snowmobile trails established and maintained by a recreational trail club.
- You must be 16 years of age or older and have a driver's license or a MSVOL (not both) to drive a snowmobile along or across a public road where snowmobiles are allowed.
- If your driver's license or snow-vehicle operator's license has been suspended, you can not drive any type of vehicle.
- Before driving a snowmobile, it must be registered with the Ministry of Transportation through a ServiceOntario centre.
- You must wear a helmet whenever you drive or ride on a snowmobile or any kind of toboggan or sled towed by a snowmobile.
- You must not drive a snowmobile faster than 20 km/h in any public park or exhibition ground, or on any road where the speed limit for other vehicles is 50 km/h or less. You must not drive faster than 50 km/h on snowmobile trails or on any road where the speed limit for other vehicles is more than 50 km/h.
- It is against the law to drive a snowmobile when you are impaired by alcohol or drugs.



## Healthy Babies Healthy Children

# Drop In Thursday, March 20

**NEW EVENT DATE**

📍 **190 Loonway Road** ⌚ **1:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

**First 5 families to sign up will receive a free gift!**

Join us to learn about child development and discover a fun activity to enjoy with your child! You'll also have the chance to complete clinic and vaccine registrations, review a child development checklist, and more.

For questions and more information please contact:

✉ [Natalie.Goring@wahnapiataefn.com](mailto:Natalie.Goring@wahnapiataefn.com) ☎ (705) 920-9106



# Grandmothers Who Guide Me

Traditional Drumming Song provided by  
Lori Corbiere, Land-Based Worker

Grandmothers within the rainbow  
Grandmothers within the light  
Grandmothers within the rainbow  
Weaving the threads of my life

Guide me on my spirit journey  
Guide me on my spirit journey  
Guide me on my spirit journey  
Guide me on my spirit journey

Grandmothers make my way  
sacred  
Lead me on the path of light  
Grandmothers awake my wisdom  
Help me on my spirit flight

Guide me on my spirit journey  
Guide me on my spirit journey  
Guide me on my spirit journey  
Guide me on my spirit journey

Grandmothers who share their  
wisdom  
Dance your sacred dance of light  
Sing your sacred songs of beauty  
Help me on my spirit flight

Guide me on my spirit journey  
Guide me on my spirit journey  
Guide me on my spirit journey  
Guide me on my spirit journey

Grandmothers weaving the rainbow  
Grandmothers weaving the light  
Grandmothers weaving the rainbow  
Weaving the threads of my life



**WALKING THE RED PATH PROJECT**

**7 GRANDFATHER TEACHINGS**  
**LES SEPT ENSEIGNEMENTS SACRÉS**

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<p><b>AAKODE'EWIN</b> Courage Le courage</p>	<p><b>DEBWEWIN</b> Truth La vérité</p>
<p><b>MINAADENDAMOWIN</b> Respect Le respect</p>	<p><b>NIBWAAKAWIN</b> Wisdom La sagesse</p>
<p><b>ZAAGI'IDIWIN</b> Love L'amour</p>	

**Transform Thursdays**

**February 6, 13, 20 & 27**

📍Maan Doosh Gamig 🕒11:00 AM

Everyone Welcome.  
Join Heather and Alison for exercise and activity.  
All exercises can be modified to meet mobility/physical needs.

For more information please contact:  
 📧 Heather.Roy@wahnapietaefn.com 📞 (705) 858-7700  
 📧 Alison.Sabzali@wahnapietaefn.com 📞 (705) 858-7700



WAASMOOWIN

We would like to invite you to our

# COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

**Thursday, February 27**  
**at Maan Doosh Gamig from 5-8 PM**

Wahnapitae along with 8 other First Nations are partners with Hydro One on the Northeast Power Line and Northshore Link Transmission Line Projects.

**Topics:**

**First Nations Project Needs, Environmental and Archeological surveys, Status Updates, Employment and Training Opportunities.**

**DINNER AND REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED**

We hope you can make it. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

**Contact:**

**Katie Ede, Lands and Resources Assistant**  
**Email: [Katie.Ede@wahnapitaefn.com](mailto:Katie.Ede@wahnapitaefn.com) Phone: (705) 858-0610**





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# DRAFT **AGENDA**

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5:00 PM	<b>Dinner</b>
5:30 PM	<b>Opening &amp; Welcoming</b>
5:40 PM	<b>Partnership Overview First Nations, Hydro and Waasmoowin</b>
6:00 PM	<b>North Shore Link Project (NSL)</b> Project Overview, Class EA Process, Routing Evaluation, Criteria and Weighting. Project Timelines, Upcoming Field Seasons, Archaeology and Natural Environment.
<b>BREAK</b>	
6:45 PM	<b>Northeast Powerline Project (NEPL)</b> Project Overview, Environmental Update Process, Project Timelines, Upcoming Field Seasons, Archaeology and Natural Environment.
7:15 PM	<b>Capacity Funding</b>
7:30 PM	<b>Closing Remarks and Open Discussion</b>

# Wellness Wednesdays


📍 Maan Doosh Gamig 🕒 1:00 PM

**February 5 • Lung Cancer**

**February 12 • Harm Reduction**

**February 26 • Heart Disease**

Information sessions with light snacks and refreshments.  
For more information and to RSVP please contact:  
📧 [Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com](mailto:Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com) 📞 (705) 858-7700



# GOOD FOOD

**FEBRUARY**  
ORDER BY THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6  
PICK-UP ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

**MARCH**  
ORDER BY THURSDAY, MARCH 6  
PICK-UP ON THURSDAY, MARCH 13

**SMALL BOX \$10 LARGE BOX \$21**

To order or for more information:  
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📞 (705) 858-7700



# Senior Activity Kits

## FEBRUARY

### Turtle Shell Purse

Please sign-up by Thursday, February 6.  
Delivery on Thursday, February 13.  
\*Must be a senior and be signed up to receive an activity kit.

Please contact Heather to sign-up or for more information:  
📧 [Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com](mailto:Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com) 📞 (705) 858-7700



ServiceOntario

**TRAILER SCHEDULE:**  
WAHNAPITAE FIRST NATION



**Thursday, February 13**

🕒 3-7 PM 📍 Elders Lounge  
259 Taighwenini Trail Road

Contact: [info@niigaaniin.com](mailto:info@niigaaniin.com)

**ATTENTION**  
**COMMUNITY MEMBERS!**  
**NIIGAANIIN** 



Please bring the following:

- One piece of government ID
- Your expired health card/drivers license



**Mobile  
Service**

Renew your health card, drivers license  
and benefit from our new MTO services  
at Niigaaniin Services Mobile  
ServiceOntario Trailer.

# Volunteer Call

## Infrastructure, Housing & Roads Committee



The WFN Infrastructure, Housing and roads committee will dedicate its efforts to improving the quality of public infrastructure and development for members while honouring our Seven Grandfather Teachings in all decision making processes.

For applications or more information please contact:

📧 [Emily.Roque@wahnapiataefn.com](mailto:Emily.Roque@wahnapiataefn.com) 📞 (705) 858-0610

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***Community Health Nurse***

**✉ [Alison.Sabzali@wahnapitaefn.com](mailto:Alison.Sabzali@wahnapitaefn.com) ☎ (705) 858-7700**

**Please call to book appointments, individual and  
family sessions available.**



**Anishinabek Nation**

**Giizisoo-Mzinigan 2025 Calendars  
Available at the Centre of Excellence**





# MENS NIGHT

## SUPER BOWL PARTY

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig 🕒 5:00 PM

Please RSVP to April by Thursday, February 6:

✉️ [April.Cardinal@wahnapietaefn.com](mailto:April.Cardinal@wahnapietaefn.com) 📞 (705) 770-2477



# Ladies NIGHT

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig 🕒 3:00 - 6:00PM

Please RSVP to April by Thursday, February 13.

✉️ [April.Cardinal@wahnapietaefn.com](mailto:April.Cardinal@wahnapietaefn.com) 📞 (705) 770-2477

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## Biindigen New Team Members

Boozhoo Wahnapiatae Community, I am excited to reconnect with you all as I return! As a proud member of Wahnapiatae, I am honoured to be back and to have the opportunity to share traditions and knowledge. I look forward to hosting so many events for all ages, like the upcoming Family Day Sliding Party, and working together on traditional teachings, medicines, and more along side Line and the rest of the team. Please feel free to reach out—I'd love to hear from you! Drop by the office for some medicines, a teaching or a smudge, or call or email me anytime. Miigwech, and I look forward to seeing you all soon!

**Lori Corbiere, Land-Based Worker**

Email: [Lori.Corbiere@wahnapiataefn.com](mailto:Lori.Corbiere@wahnapiataefn.com)

Phone: (705) 858-0610 Ext. 253



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Hi, my name is Elizabeth Houle, and I am the new Operations Assistant. I was born in Elliot Lake and raised in Hanmer. I love to return “home” to Elliot Lake for snowboarding in the winter and paddleboarding in the summer with my family. I have two wonderful children, and our dog, Rosie, who all keep me very busy outside of work. I hold an Advanced Diploma in Fitness & Business Management from Cambrian College of Applied Arts and Technology. My extensive administrative background spans various sectors, including medical administration and the mining industry, where I spent the last four years. I possess strong time management and organisational skills, excellent written and verbal communication abilities, and a high level of adaptability to new systems and procedures. I am excited to bring my skills and experience to a new environment and contribute to the goals and success of Wahnapiatae.

**Elizabeth Masterson-Houle, Operations Assistant**

Email: [Elizabeth.Houle@wahnapiataefn.com](mailto:Elizabeth.Houle@wahnapiataefn.com)

Phone: (705) 858-0610 Ext. 240



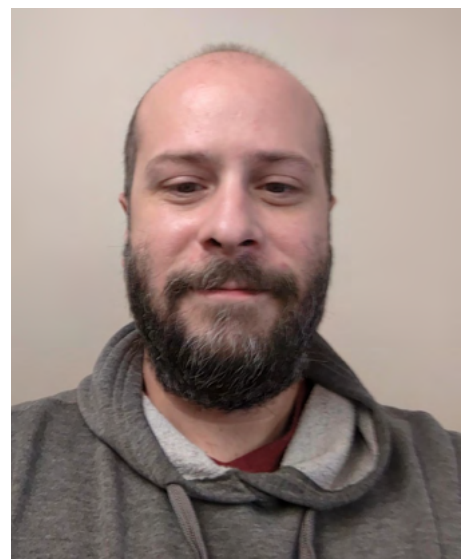
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Hello everyone, please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Patrique Paquette, and I am the new Communications Assistant at Wahnapiatae. Raised in the backroads of Hanmer, I was instilled with a strong work ethic from a young age as my siblings and I often helped on our grandparents' farm. Despite this rural upbringing, I was always captivated by technology and began my career in an IT support role. Being a quick study, I was moved to other departments which required additional help and gained experience in many fields. I look forward to utilizing my skillset to contribute to Wahnapiatae's growth and success.

**Patrique Paquette, Communications/IT**

Email: [Pat.Paquette@wahnapiataefn.com](mailto:Pat.Paquette@wahnapiataefn.com)

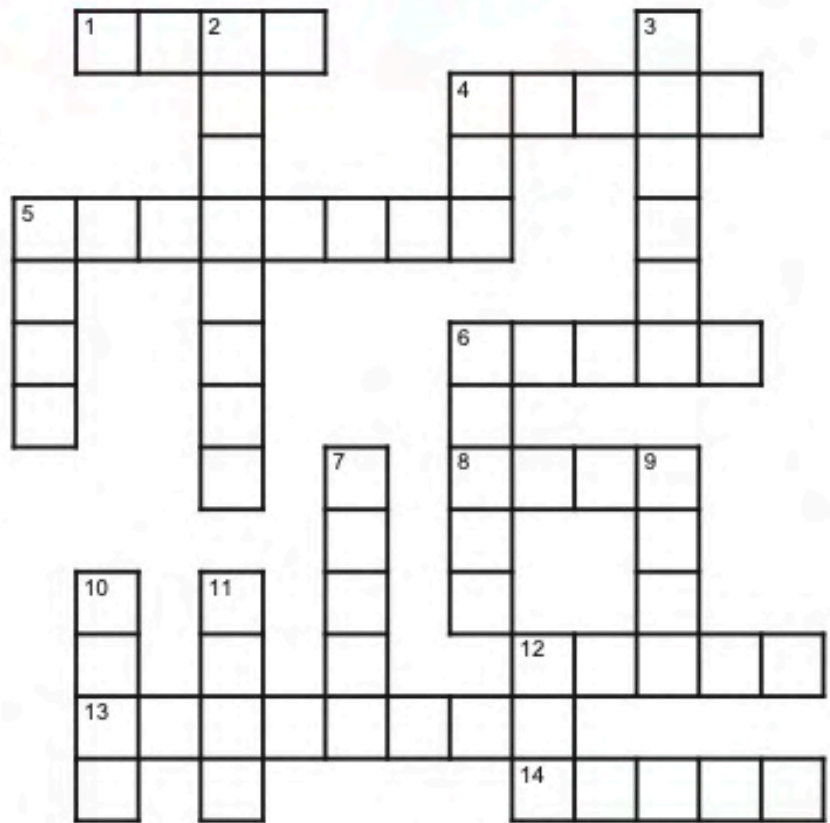
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# Be My Valentine

**Across**

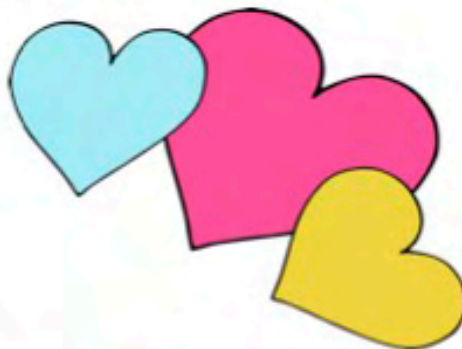
- 1. A special item given to show love and appreciation.
- 4. A symbol commonly associated with love and emotion.
- 5. The act of pursuing someone romantically.
- 6. Sweet treats that come in various flavors and shapes.
- 8. A color often associated with love and romance.
- 12. Beautiful and fragrant plants often associated with love.
- 13. A container for sending a special message or gift.
- 14. Symbolic birds representing love and peace.



**Down**

- 2. The month that celebrates love and Valentine's Day.
- 3. A close companion with whom one shares affection and trust.
- 4. A gesture of affection where two people embrace tightly.
- 5. A small piece of paper with a heartfelt message.
- 6. The Roman god of love, often depicted with bow and arrow.
- 7. A heavenly being often depicted with wings and a halo.
- 9. A gentle touch of lips as a sign of affection.

- 10. A heartfelt piece of writing expressing emotions.
- 11. A feeling of deep affection and care.
- 12. A vibrant color symbolizing love and passion.



- Angel
- Candy
- Card
- Courting
- Cupid
- Doves
- Envelope
- February
- Friend
- Gift
- Heart
- Hug
- Kiss
- Love
- Pink
- Poem
- Red
- Roses

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**Find answers in next months newsletter.**



## Makwa Giizis Horoscopes

**ARIES** - Mar 21/Apr 20

You're in the mood to get things done this week, Aries. Your ambition is fueled and it is the perfect time to take charge and tackle overdue projects. Be careful not to rush things.

**TAURUS** - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, your focus shifts to personal growth and intellectual exploration this week. You might find yourself investigating travel plans or diving into new hobbies.

**GEMINI** - May 22/June 21

Money and other resources take center stage this week, Gemini. Whether you are reevaluating your investments or getting your finances in order, you may need to make a few tweaks.

**CANCER** - June 22/July 22

Cancer, you may find you're a bit more introspective than usual. Your emotions are running deep, and it is a key time for some self-reflection. Be mindful of insights coming your way.

**LEO** - July 23/Aug 23

Leo, it is a week of transitions for you. Something in your life may seem like it will come to an end soon, but this closing of one chapter is necessary for personal growth.

**VIRGO** - Aug 24/Sept 22

Work and your career take center stage right now, Virgo. Since you're in a productive phase, you will make great headway on projects that can really boost your resume.

**LIBRA** - Sept 23/Oct 23

Think big this week, Libra. Try to see how your efforts can have an effect in the future and not just right now. There is an opportunity to expand your horizons.

**SCORPIO** - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, your financial world is looking quite favorable this week. You might have an opportunity to solidify your position on a project or embark on a completely new path.

**SAGITTARIUS** - Nov 23/Dec 21

The focus is on you this week, Sagittarius. If you have been feeling stuck or unsure, now is a great time to put new intentions into action. People will be drawn to your energy.

**CAPRICORN** - Dec 22/Jan 20

The quiet side of life takes over for the week, Capricorn. You might

feel the need to reflect on recent experiences or recharge at home alone. Don't hesitate to take a step back.

**AQUARIUS** - Jan 21/Feb 18

Your social life is booming right now, Aquarius. Networking events, group activities or spontaneous meet-ups are ways to connect with some like-minded individuals.

**PISCES** - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, this week you are all about setting goals and following through with your plans. The universe is on your side right now, and you will find it is quite easy to succeed.



The poster features a light blue background with a white rounded rectangle in the center. At the top of the rectangle is a small logo with the text "Wahnapiitaa First Nation" and a map of the region. Below the logo, the word "EUCHRE" is written in large, blue, outlined letters, with "TOURNAMENT" in smaller blue letters underneath. The date "Friday, February 28" is prominently displayed in a large, bold, blue font. Below the date, there is a location pin icon followed by "Maan Doosh Gamig" and a clock icon followed by "6:00 PM". A line of text reads "Pizza and wings with refreshments provided. Please register teams of 2 by February 26." Below this, it says "To register or for more information please contact:" followed by an email icon and "Heather.Roy@wahnapiitaeFn.com" and a phone icon and "(705) 858-7700". At the bottom of the poster, several playing cards are fanned out, including a 10 of spades, a 9 of diamonds, and a 5 of clubs.

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## February ZOOM and In-Person Workshops

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**Resume/Cover Letter**  
Feb 4 @ 10:00 a.m.

**Programs & Services**  
Feb 12 @ 10:00 a.m.



**Interview Skills**  
Feb 5 @ 10:00 a.m.

**Job Search**  
Feb 11 @ 10:00 a.m.



**Participate for a chance to win a \$50.00 Walmart Gift Card!**

**Email [getinfo@gezhtoojig.ca](mailto:getinfo@gezhtoojig.ca) or call 705 524-6772 to register**

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Tel: 705-524-6772/Toll: 1-800-361-9256/Fax: 705-524-5152

## INDIGENOUS



### WORKPLACE READINESS WEEK

Mon. Feb. 24 to Fri. Feb. 28/25

LOCATION: CLARION HOTEL—LORNE MEETING ROOM  
117 ELM ST., SUDBURY, ON

Gezhtoojig Employment & Training is seeking interested Indigenous Participants for our In-Person Workplace Readiness Week . Ignite Your Skills and Attain Certified Safety Training!

- ◆ Young and New Workers Awareness
- ◆ Respect in the Workplace
- ◆ AODA
- ◆ MOL in 4 Steps
- ◆ WHMIS
  
- ◆ Hand Tool Safety & Awareness
- ◆ ASERT Fire & Spills
- ◆ PPE Overview (& Kits)
- ◆ Respiratory/Filter Overview
- ◆ Fit Testing
  
- ◆ First Aid, CPR & AED - Day 1
- ◆ First Aid, CPR & AED - Day 2
  
- ◆ Working at Heights

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## A message from Gimaa Roque,

As February unfolds, we come together in appreciation and anticipation. First, a heartfelt Chi Miigwech to our firefighters and first responders—your dedication keeps our community safe and strong. In that spirit of safety, we remind everyone to check your fire alarm batteries and practice your home evacuation plans. Preparation can save lives!

We have two significant votes coming up in March that require your participation: the Band Custom Election Code Ratification and the Information Management Law Ratification. These decisions are crucial for how we govern and protect our community's information. Please take the time to review these matters and cast your vote—your voice is powerful.

We also want to highlight the importance of our children's health. To keep the Children's Oral Health Initiative Program active, please sign up for screenings with Jessica. Let's work together to ensure our young ones maintain bright, healthy smiles!

Mark your calendars for our Family Day Sliding Party! It's a wonderful opportunity to connect, have fun, and enjoy the winter season. While we're out enjoying winter activities, remember to practice ice safety and use the buddy method—never venture out alone.

There are also two fundraising events for the Chris Roque Memorial Fund: the 50/50 Raffle and the Community Breakfast. These events are a great way to give back while gathering as a community. Your support will make a meaningful impact!

Additionally, the Anishinabek Police Service is hiring in our community! If you're looking for a fulfilling and rewarding career that serves and protects our people, consider applying. This is an incredible opportunity to make a difference and contribute to the safety and well-being of our community.

Wishing you all a safe and joyful February! Let's support each other, stay involved, and celebrate our strong, caring community.

Miigwetch,

*Gimaa Larry Roque*



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Phone: (705) 858-0610 Fax: (705) 858-5570  
Hours: Monday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM  
Tuesday - Thursday 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM  
Closed Fridays and Statutory Holidays

**For the most up to date community information, notices, events and updates, register or visit us online.**

Register for a members account:

 [www.wahnapiataefirstnation.com](http://www.wahnapiataefirstnation.com)

Sign up for email notices and updates:

 [www.tinyurl.com/wfn-email](http://www.tinyurl.com/wfn-email)

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**Do you have questions, comments or suggestions, want to share something in our newsletter?**

 [communications@wahnapiataefn.com](mailto:communications@wahnapiataefn.com)

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Wahnapi'tae First Nation



# Chief & Council

## REGULAR MEETING Tuesday, February 25

📍 **MAAN DOOSH GAMIG & ZOOM** 🕒 **6:00 PM**

*Members wishing to attend via Zoom can find the link to register at*

🌐 **[wahnapi'taeFirstNation.com/members-login](http://wahnapi'taeFirstNation.com/members-login)**

- The deadline to register for the web version of this meeting is February 18.
- Registration is only open to WFN members who are over 18. Virtual attendees must use their legal name when joining the meeting.
- Once registered, prior to meeting, you will receive a confirmation email with information about joining the Zoom Meeting.



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## What is the **Indian Boarding Homes Class Action**?

In the 1950s, the **Indian Boarding Homes Program** placed First Nations and Inuit children in private homes for the purpose of attending school. **This Settlement provides compensation to people placed in these homes.** You are a Primary Class Member if Canada placed you in a private home, between **September 1, 1951 and June 30, 1992**. You may still be eligible if you were placed after June 30, 1992. People who were placed in private homes, but **died on or after July 24, 2016**, may also be eligible, and their estate can apply on their behalf.

### How can I know if I am eligible?

You can use the eligibility checker available on the Indian Boarding Homes Program Class Action website at: **[https:// boardinghomesclassaction.com/eligibilitychecker](https://boardinghomesclassaction.com/eligibilitychecker)**

### When can I apply?

You can start applying for compensation starting **Wednesday August 21, 2024**.

### How can I start my Application?

Starting on August 21, 2024, you can visit the website **<https://boardinghomesclassaction.com/>** to find the claim forms. You can submit claims online, or by downloading and mailing it to the Administrator.

### What if I don't want to participate?

If you want to sue Canada on your own for your placement in the Indian Boarding Homes Program, you must Opt-Out. You will need to submit an **Opt-Out form** before the expiry date of **Monday July 22nd, 2024**.

### How do I opt-out?

You can visit **the website to fill out the online Opt-Out Form**. You can also download the PDF form and email it to class counsel at:

**Klein Lawyers LLP:**  
ibhclassaction@callkleinlawyers.com  
**Dionne Schulze s.e.n.c:**  
percival@dionneschulze.ca

### You can also contact the Claims Administrator at:

**Email:**  
claims@boardinghomesclassaction.com  
**Phone:**  
+1 (888) 499-1144

For more information, visit our website by scanning the QR Code.



# FEBRUARY 2025

## AFTER SCHOOL & YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Snow Painting and outdoor activities	Harlem Globetrotters At The Sudbury Arena	Anishinaabemowin Learning the Language				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Baby Eagle Staff Session #4 Dinner provided	Mindfulness with Mme. Leelee (Whinnying In Life Hanmer)	Celebrating ZAAGI'IDIWIN		MNO-ZAAGIDWI GIIZHGAK "Happy Valentines Day"		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<b>HOLIDAY- NO PROGRAM</b>	Anishinaabemowin Learning the Language	Mindfulness with Mme. Leelee (Whinnying In Life Hanmer)				
24	25	26	27	28		
Movie night @ Cineplex Sudbury	Sliding day at the Hill	Sensory Exploration Activities				



### NOTES:

#### PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

ASP (Ages 4-11) 3:30-5:30PM Monday and Wednesday  
 YLP (Ages 12-17) 3:00-5:30PM on Tuesdays

#### PROGRAM UPDATES:

\*Please review the updated Afterschool program Policy. Update Information as needed.

**\*\*All scheduled activities are subject to change due to weather, or unforeseen circumstances. Parental responsibility to have other arrangements in place if childcare is required**

## Wahnapiitae First Nation

### February 2025 • Makwa Giizis “Bear Moon” Community Events Calendar



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3 2:00p• Chair Yoga @ Metamorphosis	4 12:00p• Soup's ON! 3:00p• Seniors T.L.C. Tuesdays	5 1:00p• Wellness Wednesdays @ MDG	6 11:00a• Transform Thursdays @ MDG 5:00p• Congregate Dining <i>RSVP Feb. 4</i>	7	8
9 5:00p• Mens Night Superbowl Party	10	11 3:00p• Healthy Snacks Bins P/U <i>RSVP Feb. 10</i>	12 1:00p• Wellness Wednesdays @ MDG	13 11:00a• Transform Thursdays @ MDG 1:00p• Traditional Medicinal Teachings & Stories @ MDG 3:00p• Service ON Mobile Office 6:00p• Paint Social <i>RSVP Feb. 11</i> • Good Food Box & Seniors Activity Kits P/U <i>RSVP Feb. 6</i>	14	15 6:00p• Teen Talk
16 3:00p• Ladies Night	17 12:00p• Family Day Sliding Party 2:00p• Chair Yoga @ Metamorphosis <b>FAMILY DAY OFFICES CLOSED</b>	18 12:00p• Soup's ON! 3:00p• Seniors T.L.C. Tuesdays	19 4:00p• Healthy Recipe OTM P/U <i>RSVP Feb. 12</i>	20 11:00a• Transform Thursdays @ MDG 5:00p• Nutrition Bingo & Dinner • March Break Family Kits <i>RSVP</i>	21	22 10:00a• Traditional Bone Broth & Soup Making <i>RSVP Feb. 14</i>
23	24 2:00p• Chair Yoga @ Metamorphosis	25 12:00p• Soup's ON! 3:00p• Seniors T.L.C. Tuesdays 6:00p• Chief & Council Regular Meeting <i>Web RSVP Feb. 18</i>	26 9:00a• Chris Roque Memorial Fund Breakfast 1:00p• Wellness Wednesdays @ MDG	27 11:00a• Transform Thursdays @ MDG 1:00p• Traditional Medicinal Teachings & Stories @ MDG 5:00p• Waasmoowin Open House & Dinner	28 6:00p• Euchre Tournament @ MDG <i>RSVP Feb. 26</i>	1
2	3	4	5	6 5:00p• Congregate Dining <i>RSVP Mar. 4</i> Good Food Box March <i>RSVP Deadline</i>	7	8