

# INDIGENOUS

LANGUAGES DAY

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

GOOD LUCK!



Wabnapitae First Nation



## Community Newsletter

March 2026 • Ziisbaakdoke Giizis 'Sugaring Moon'

### Featured in this issue:

- Sugar Bush Trip
- Social Round Dance, Sudbury
- Wills & Estate Planing Seminar
- Land Use Plan Engagement Week Events
- Family Craft Night
- Hand Drumming Mondays
- Niigaaniin Service ON Visit

*Aanii, boozhoo,*

As we enter the month of March, we have several significant updates regarding legal proceedings, financial opportunities, and community engagement sessions. Please review the following information carefully to ensure you are informed on upcoming deadlines and available resources.

The Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund (RHTLF) has released two formal updates concerning the return court case for legal fees. Members are advised that due to the sensitive nature of these updates, specific details cannot be discussed or shared on social media platforms. To access this information or to ask specific questions, please log in to the Members Portal or call the Centre of Excellence directly. Our staff is available to provide clarity and support through these official channels to ensure the privacy and security of our community's information.

Regarding financial opportunities, the WFN Trust Grant Income application period is currently open and will remain so until March 19. For those unable to meet this deadline, a submission period will reopen again in the fall. We encourage all interested members to consult the community flyer for full details and instructions on how to apply before the spring window closes.

Our community calendar for March is highlighted by a series of interactive events. From March 9–12, we will host Land Use Planning Engagement Week, featuring events designed for all ages to help shape the future of our territory. Following this, we are pleased to offer a seminar on Wills and Estate Planning. This session provides a valuable professional resource that typically costs thousands of dollars, now available to members free of charge. The seminar will include snacks and refreshments, with virtual attendance options available for those unable to join us in person. Finally, we invite everyone to join us on March 21 for a Social Round Dance, an evening dedicated to community connection and fellowship.

In a major step toward economic sovereignty and reconciliation, Wahnapiatae along with eight other First Nations signed a milestone collaborative agreement with Hydro One under Waasmoowin Energy Inc. This partnership ensures joint participation in the development of the North Shore Link and Northeast Power Line projects, which are essential to improving energy infrastructure across northern Ontario. As project planning advances, this agreement affirms a shared commitment to environmental stewardship and long-term prosperity, proving that true partnership is the foundation for sustainable energy and regional growth.

*Miigwech, Gimaa Larry Roque*

## Wahnapiatae First Nation Centre of Excellence

259 Taighwenini Trail Rd. Capreol, ON P0M 1H0  
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, visit [www.  
wahnapiataefirstnation.com](http://www.wahnapiataefirstnation.com)**

### Members Portal

Register to access to  
member documents,  
surveys, votes and more.



### E-notices

Recieve member  
documents, surveys,  
votes and more by email.

**How can we  
reach you?**  
Scan to complete a survey.



**Contact or visit us  
for copies or assistance.**

 [WahnapiataeFirstNation](https://www.facebook.com/WahnapiataeFirstNation)

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

[communications@wahnapiataefn.com](mailto:communications@wahnapiataefn.com)  
(705) 858-0610 Ext: 234

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# Chief & Council

## REGULAR MEETING Monday, March 30

📍 **ELDER'S LOUNGE & ZOOM** 🕒 **6:00 PM**

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

🌐 **wahnapiataefirstnation.com/members-login**

- The deadline to register for the web version of this meeting is March 23.
- 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.
- In-person members are welcome to attend and listen to regular Chief and Council meetings for updates.
- **To be added to the meeting agenda for a 10-minute time slot, submit your request at least 7 days before the meeting date (in accordance with the Governance Procedure Policy). Request submissions can be made in the following ways:**
  - In writing and dropped off at the Band Office during office hours
  - By email to Executive Assistant Jenn Brazier at [jenn.brazier@wahnapiataefn.com](mailto:jenn.brazier@wahnapiataefn.com)
  - By phone at 705-858-0610, extension 259.
  - Be sure to include your preferred contact information so your request can be confirmed.



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# DIABETES DAY



## Sunday, March 8

### EVENT AGENDA

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM: Presentation

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM: Catered lunch

1:00 PM – 3:30: Booths offering  
one-on-one, client-centred teaching

Confirmed booths include:

- Cedar foot soaks
- Massages
- Leather rose crafting
- Eye screening
- Feast Plate painting

Exercise and nutrition booth  
with snacks and equipment

# COMMUNITY LAND USE

## *Engagement Week*

### Community Engagement Night • Tuesday, March 10

📍 MDG 🕒 5:30-7:30pm. In person and virtual, dinner provided.

🌐 Virtual Meeting Link: <https://cutt.ly/lup-engagement>

### Drop-In • Monday, March 9 to Thursday, March 12

🕒 9am-3pm | Drop in to the office to let us know your thoughts!

### Youth Consultation • Wednesday, March 11

📍 The Gazebo 🕒 4-6:30pm. Sundaes and snack bar provided.

To provide your thoughts, or for more information please contact:

✉ [Sara.Lehman@wahnapietaefn.com](mailto:Sara.Lehman@wahnapietaefn.com) 📞 (705) 858-0610



## Youth Engagement Session

### Wednesday, March 11

📍 The Gazebo 🕒 4-6:30pm

— Ice Cream Sundaes & Snack Bar —

**Come share what you hope to see in the community!**  
**For youth ages 25 and under, parent/guardian supervision**  
**required if child(ren) not registered in ASP/YLP program.**

For questions and more information please contact:

✉ [Sara.Lehman@wahnapietaefn.com](mailto:Sara.Lehman@wahnapietaefn.com) 📞 (705) 858-0610





# Women & Mens Fancy Dance Teachings

with Tracy & Wesley Cleland

**Saturday, March 7**

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig 🕒 10am-3pm

This session is open for all ages to learn Women's Fancy Shawl, or Men's Fancy Feather Bustle Dance Teachings.

Please RSVP by Thursday, March 5:

✉ Sue.Roque@wahnapiitaefn.com ☎ (705) 858-0610




*Traditional*  
**CRAFT NIGHT**

## Cloth Top Moccassins

**Wednesday, March 11**

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig 🕒 6-8pm

Light snacks and refreshments provided.

Please RSVP by Thursday, March 5:

✉ Sue.Roque@wahnapiitaefn.com ☎ (705) 858-0610

## Senior Activity Kits



**MARCH**

### Beadwork Starter Kit

Sign-up by Monday, March 2.

✉ Heather.Roy@wahnapiitaefn.com  
☎ (705) 858-7700

\*Must be a senior and signed up to receive kit.






## Boys & Mens Grass Dance Teachings

with David Trudeau

**Saturday, March 14**

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig 🕒 10am-3pm

This session is open for all ages to learn Boys and Mens Grass Dance Teachings.

Please RSVP by Thursday, March 5:

✉ Sue.Roque@wahnapiitaefn.com ☎ (705) 858-0610

# WFN Trust Income Grants

## Application Period Now Open

Wahnapiatae First Nation Trust will be accepting applications for Trust Income grants bi-annually, on the third Thursday of both March and September. Applications can now be submitted with a deadline date of **March 19th, 2026 at 4 p.m. (EST.)**

Application forms can be found on the Member's Portal at: <https://wahnapiataefn.ca/members-login> or can be requested by e-mail at: [trustinfo@wahnapiataefn.com](mailto:trustinfo@wahnapiataefn.com)

Your request must fall within the purposes outlined in the Trust Agreement (which is posted on the Member's Portal). Example requests may relate to housing repairs, education support, health/dental expenses, and child-care. In order to allocate funds equitably, Trustees will apply discretion when considering the amount of funds available per member request.

Reminder: The WFN Trust is a “funder of last resort” and members should access other funding programs available prior to considering a request to the trust.

### **SUBMISSIONS ARE TO BE DIRECTED TO:**

**Wahnapiatae First Nation Trustees**

**By email: [trustinfo@wahnapiataefn.com](mailto:trustinfo@wahnapiataefn.com)**

**Or by mail: WFN – Centre of Excellence, Trust Office**

**259 Taighwenini Trail Road Capreol, ON P0M 1H0**

**Or by fax: 519-663-2525**



# GOOD FOOD

## MARCH

ORDER: THURSDAY, MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>  
 Pick-Up: THURSDAY, MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>

SMALL BOX \$10 LARGE BOX \$21

To order or for more information:

✉ Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com

☎ (705) 858-7700



# Teen Talk

## Friday, March 6

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig ⌚ 6-8pm

Please RSVP by Thursday, March 5.

✉ heather.roy@wahnapitaefn.com

☎ (705) 858-7700

# CONGREGATE DINING

ELDERS 55+

## THURSDAY, MARCH 5

RSVP by Monday, March 2.

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig ⌚ 5:00 PM

*In person or pick-up only. Seniors are welcome to socialize afterward with a game of cards or chatting.*

To RSVP or for more information:

✉ Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com ☎ 705-858-7700



# HEALTHY SNACKS

## BOX PICK UP DATES

January 7

March 10

May 12

February 17

April 7

June 9

📍 Family Wellness Centre (178 Loonway Rd)

⌚ 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

For sign up and information please contact:

✉ Raelynn.Cranston@wahnapitaefn.com

☎ (705) 822-5690



## Education Department Update

The Education Department continues to move forward on multiple fronts, with strong momentum in infrastructure planning, partnerships, student support, and community programming.

At the leadership level, Marilyn will be attending the FNAC meeting. She is also participating in the Annual PFN Gathering and the REC 3 Monthly Meeting, while continuing work on the Multi-Year Action Plan. With infrastructure dollars potentially to become available to First Nations in the coming years, the department is proactively planning to allocate those funds toward the construction of a new General Education Building. Meetings have also been held with the Communications Team to update public-facing materials, ensuring that community information remains current and accessible. In addition, discussions continue with SCDB regarding a new mural at École Notre Place, and staff are preparing for the upcoming KEB Sugar Bush Youth Gathering on March 26 and 27.

In the Education Services Manager portfolio, collaboration and system-building remain central priorities. Meetings with Cambrian College's Circle for Indigenous Education have

continued, and Nathan has accepted an invitation to sit on the advisory committee for Cambrian's newly approved pilot project, "Our Home Away From Home," which aims to support Indigenous students with housing solutions. Budget planning for the Education Department has been completed, along with the ASSW workplan developed jointly with Chantal. The Archival Proposal revisions and the OFNLP Grade School Support Policy have been finalized, and internal procedures have received approval from Marilyn, with partial implementation already underway pending final approval from Band Office Leadership.

Upcoming meetings include Fiscal Harmonization discussions between B'Maakonigan and KEB.

Post-Secondary supports remain active, with semester and monthly meetings held with students and transition planning meetings underway for Grade 12 students preparing for next steps. These early transition conversations are critical to ensuring smooth pathways into post-secondary education or training.

Chantal has been working diligently in her role as Anishinaabek Student Support Worker. She has caught up

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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.

**March 5 & 26, April 9, 16 & 23**

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

For more information please contact:

✉️ [Line.Baillargeon@wahnapitaefn.com](mailto:Line.Baillargeon@wahnapitaefn.com)

📞 (705) 858-7700





# ZIZIBAAMIDAKAANING SUGAR BUSH KILLARNEY



**\*DATE SUBJECT TO CHANGE ACCORDING TO WEATHER\***

**LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!**

**RSVP BY MARCH 12<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**\*\*CHILD SUPERVISION IS NOT PROVIDED\*\***

Open to parents with their children

**\*\*WFN and property owner will not be held accountable for any injuries or lost items.**

**A waivers will be provided to sign before departure liability.\*\***

Nancy Debassige

Nancy.debassige@wahnapitaefn.com

(705) 822-1956

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(705) 280 - 7092



## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Bus Transportation
- Lunch, Snacks & Refreshments
- Maple Syrup making & maple butter
- Snowshoeing Easter Egg hunt
- Camp Fire

## WHAT TO BRING

- Proper clothing (extra clothing)
- Footwear suitable for the weather conditions
- Re-usable water bottle (optional)

### EVENT DATE:

28<sup>th</sup> OF MARCH 2026

ALERNATE TENTATIVE DATE: **APRIL 11<sup>th</sup>**

- BUS DEPARTURE FROM BAND OFFICE**  
9:00AM
- ARRIVE AT SUGAR BUSH**  
11:00AM
- LUNCH AND OPENING**  
11:00AM - 12:00PM
- MAPLE SYRUP AND ACTIVITES**  
12:00PM - 3:30PM
- CLEAN-UP AND CLOSING**  
3:30PM - 4:00PM
- BUS BACK TO WFN**  
4:00PM - 6:00PM

communications that were missed during her vacation, organized learning materials, and continued running the After-School Student Support Program. She has also engaged directly with parents through meetings and written recommendations regarding school transfers and pathway planning. Attendance monitoring has continued through outreach to schools, and she attended an AES drop-in session while also completing required professional development, including phishing awareness training. Work on student files, KPI tracking, and budgeting discussions with Nathan are helping to strengthen internal systems and student oversight.

Our Indigenous Education Outreach Coordinator, Bobbi, has begun delivering cultural teachings in schools. On February 9, Grade 5 students from St. Anne's School visited to learn about the Seven Grandfathers Teachings and participated in a painting activity centered on one of the teachings. This work continues to expand the visibility and accessibility of Anishinaabe knowledge within local classrooms.

Within Child and Youth programming, Nancy reports that Mia R., our placement student from Boréal College, is performing well and continues with bi-weekly check-ins. Summer planning is already underway, with Whinnying in Life confirmed for weekly sessions during Summer Camp 2026. RTP reporting requirements are up to date, including January receipts and survey attendance tracking. Cinnamon and Mia have finalized March programming and are developing April's calendar while continuing work on the 2026–2027 workplan. Cinnamon has completed

multiple RTP trainings, including Child Safeguarding, Gender Equity in Sports, and Outcome-Based Programming. She is also updating the Community Wrap Around Tool and strengthening reflective discussion practices within ASP/YLP programming. Professional growth remains a priority, including ongoing practice of Anishinaabemowin introductions.

Overall, the Education Department continues to balance long-term infrastructure planning with daily student supports, cultural programming, and partnership

development. From policy refinement and fiscal planning to land-based teachings and youth mentorship, the work remains focused on building strong, culturally grounded education systems for the Nation.



# Menopause

## INFO SESSION

### Thursday, March 12

📍 **Maan Doosh Gamig** 🕒 **10am**

For questions or more information please contact:

✉ [Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com](mailto:Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com)

📞 (705) 858-7700



# Hand Drum Group

**Mondays | March 9, 16, 23 & 30**

**📍 The Gazebo 🕒 6-8pm**

**Light snacks and refreshments provided.**

For more info please contact:

✉️ [Lori.Corbriere@wahnapietaefn.com](mailto:Lori.Corbriere@wahnapietaefn.com)

📞 (705) 858-0610





WAHNAPIITAE FIRST NATION  
INVITES YOU TO A

# Round Dance *Social*

## Saturday, March 21

📍 **Holiday Inn, 1696 Regent St., Sudbury**  
5pm • Pipe Ceremony | 6pm • Feast  
7pm-12am • Round Dance

MC: Alan Manitowabi, Invited Singers: Rodney Stanger,  
Taymor Day, Brock Lewis, Lee Simpson-Johnston,  
Stick Man: Dion Syrette, Pipeman: Walter McGregor.

**Open to everyone.** Evening snacks, giveaways, spot dances,  
ribbon skirt and ribbon shirt contest, and much more!

Questions? ✉ [Sue.Roque@wahnapiitaefn.com](mailto:Sue.Roque@wahnapiitaefn.com) ☎ (705) 858-0610 🌐 [www.wahnapiitaefn.ca](http://www.wahnapiitaefn.ca)

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# Wahnapiatae First Nation **LAND CODE**

## Update & Community Engagement Invitation



### **Dear Community Members**

*The Land Code has been completed and verified. This is an important step toward self-governance and community-based decision making over our reserve lands and resources.*

*The Land Code outlines how our Nation will manage our reserve lands independently from the Indian Act and how decisions will be made in a way that reflects our culture, traditions, and customs.*

### **Current Update**

*The Land code and Community Ratification Process has been reviewed by our Verifier and approved by Chief and Council. We are currently in the process of finalizing the Vote Date and associated documents. The official voting date will be announced very soon!*

### **Upcoming Engagement Session**

*Please join us Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup> for a Land Code and Information Management Law Community Information Session. We encourage you to join in person or virtually.*

### **Land Code information on Wahnapiatae First Nation Website:**

*What information can be found on the WFN Land Code website:*

- *Verified WFN Land Code*
- *Verified WFN Community Ratification Process in accordance with the Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management*
- *Draft Individual Agreement on First Nation Land Management*



### **For more information:**

*You can reach out to Katie Ede, Lands and Resources Assistant at (705)858-0610 or [katie.ede@wahnapiataefn.com](mailto:katie.ede@wahnapiataefn.com) for more information or request Land Code material by e-mail.*



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## HBHC Programming

### The Circle of Support

Historically, parenting in First Nations involved strong connections with extended family and community, where children are considered sacred gifts and raised with the support of grandparents, aunts, and other family members. However, modern families often live far from their traditional territories and communities, which can lead to a loss of these close-knit family ties and cultural connections. This shift has impacted the way families interact and support one another, emphasizing the importance of fostering a sense of belonging and cultural identity.

### Parents as First Teachers

#### Bonding and Attachment:

Building a strong and emotional connection with our child by responding to their needs, offering comfort, and showing love and care consistently.

#### Play and Interaction:

Engage in play and interactive activities that encourage learning and creativity, and emotional expression. Follow your child's lead and introduce age-appropriate games that teach sharing, patience, and empathy.

#### Establish Routines:

Create consistent daily routines to

help children feel safe and secure. This includes regular sleep, meals, and play schedules.

#### Talk and Listen:

Communicate with your child, describe their surroundings and talk about feelings of others.

#### Provide a Safe Environment:

Baby-proof your home, ensure safe sleeping arrangements, and supervise your child to prevent accidents.

#### Encourage Connections:

Help your child build relationships with extended families and community through storytelling, cultural events, and traditional practices.

#### Teach Responsibility:

Assign age-appropriate tasks to help children learn responsibilities and develop a positive self image.

#### Model Positive Behavior:

Be consistent, use kind and loving words, and guide your child's behaviour positively rather than punishing them.

#### Focus on Self Care:

Parents should prioritize their mental, physical and emotional well-being to better support their child's development.

#### Access Resources:

Utilize Community support programs, parenting support, education materials to gain knowledge in fostering health development.

These practices help children develop emotional resilience, self-regulation, problem-solving skills, and a sense of belonging, which are essential for their growth and well-being.

**Please reach out to the Norman Recollet Health Centre Clinic to book an appointment with Registered Nurse.**

The NRHC Focuses on family and community health offering primary health care, clinical services, health examinations, immunizations, chronic disease treatments, pain management, and more.

## Clinic Hours

### Monday:

9am -4pm • By appointment only.

### Tuesday:

9am-12pm • By appointment only.  
1pm-4pm • Walk-ins welcome.

### Wednesday:

9am-11am • Lab/Blood Clinic  
1pm-5pm • By appointment only.  
4pm-5:30pm • Pre-booked patients.

### Thursday:

9am-12pm • Phone/Virt. Appts.  
1pm-4pm | RN services only.

The Clinic is closed daily from 12-1pm for lunch. Phones are answered Mon-Thu 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm, no calls are answered after 4pm.



**We are here for you,  
☎ (705) 858-7700**



# WASTE DIVERSION IN MARCH

# RECYCLE

## GLOBAL RECYCLING DAY IS ON MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>!

Recycling helps conserve resources and keep items out of the landfill.

### HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Place recyclables loosely (not in bags) in your blue box and place the bins out for weekly curbside pickup no later than 8:00 on Tuesday morning.

Items must be empty and rinsed before being recycled.

Curbside recycling is brought to the Frobisher Recycling Depot in the City of Greater Sudbury by the Waste Diversion Technician.

### NOT EVERYTHING WITH THE SYMBOL CAN BE RECYCLED:

#### ACCEPTABLE BLUE BIN ITEMS:

- Glass bottles and jars
- Plastics #1, 2, 4, & 5
- Polycoat containers (juice/milk cartons)
- Aseptic containers
- Empty & dry paint cans (lids removed)
- Plastic bags
- Polystyrene foam (#6)
- Food & beverage cans (metal and cardboard)
- Empty aerosol cans
- Cardboard & boxboard

#### UNACCEPTABLE BLUE BIN ITEMS:

- Plastics #3 & 7
- Rigid plastics with no number
- Hazardous waste
- Batteries
- Foam peanuts
- Foil juice pouches & snack wrappers
- Waxed/tissue paper
- Paper takeout containers
- Paper towel & Kleenex
- Wax coated takeout coffee cups

# CARDS NIGHT

18+ ONLY

Friday, March 20

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig 🕒 5-9pm

Dinner provided for more info please contact:

✉ Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com

☎ (705) 858-7700



## Anishinaabemowin Grammar & Games

Language Learning Classes Co-Facilitated by  
Debbie Recollet & Debbie Plain-McGregor

## Tuesday Evenings

📍 Elders Lounge 🕒 6-7:45pm

Open to everyone, light snacks and refreshments provided.  
RSVP required for material and food purposes, please contact:  
✉ Sue.Roque@wahnapitaefn.com ☎ (705) 858-0610

**HEALTHY RECIPE OF THE MONTH**

**RSVP**  
Wed, March 18

**PICK-UP**  
Wed, March 25

Bring your bags to MDG from 1-5pm.  
To RSVP and for more information:  
✉ Rochelle.Tyson@wahnapitaefn.com  
☎ (705) 858-7700

# Soups On!

## TUESDAYS

📍 MAAN DOOSH GAMIG  
☎ (705) 858-0610

**ORDER BY 11:00 AM PICK-UP BY 12:00 PM**



BY DONATION ONLY. ALL PROCEEDS OF SOUPS ON! CONTRIBUTE TO  
COMMUNITY PROJECTS & STUDENT BURSARIES.

# Announcing the proposed Sudbury Barrie Transmission Line

## Join us at a community open house to learn more about this project

Ontario is facing historic growth in electricity demand over the next 25 years. To meet this demand, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) identified the need for two new transmission lines to strengthen capacity between northern and southern Ontario.

As designated by the Ontario government, and in collaboration with First Nation partners, Hydro One is proposing to build a 500-kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Hanmer Transformer Station (TS) and Essa TS, along with necessary station upgrades, to be complete by 2032. Hydro One is also starting early development work on the second line to be ready to build when future electricity demand requires it.

This critical infrastructure will support reliability, foster economic growth and investments and ensure a dependable power supply for the significant increase in electricity use anticipated in northern Ontario.

### Next steps

Join us in person or online in March to learn more about the project.

This project will be subject to the Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Transmission Facilities (2024), a planning process that includes opportunities for public and community input. Later this year, Hydro One will issue a Notice of Commencement to formally start the Class EA. At that time, we will also invite you to a second round of community open houses where we will share a project update, including route alternatives for the proposed lines.

If you'd like to be added to the project contact list, share comments or ask questions, please reach out to us anytime.

### Community Relations



1-877-345-6799



Community.Relations@HydroOne.com



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Join us at a drop-in community open house to meet the team, ask questions and share your input.

**Monday, March 23**  
4 to 7 p.m.

East Bayfield  
Community Centre  
80 Livingstone St. E.  
Barrie

**Tuesday March 24**  
4 to 7 p.m.

Royal Canadian Legion  
Branch 117  
30 Mary St.  
Parry Sound

**Wednesday, March 25**  
4 to 7 p.m.

Centennial Arena  
4333 Centennial Dr.  
Hanmer

**Thursday, March 26**  
4 to 7 p.m.

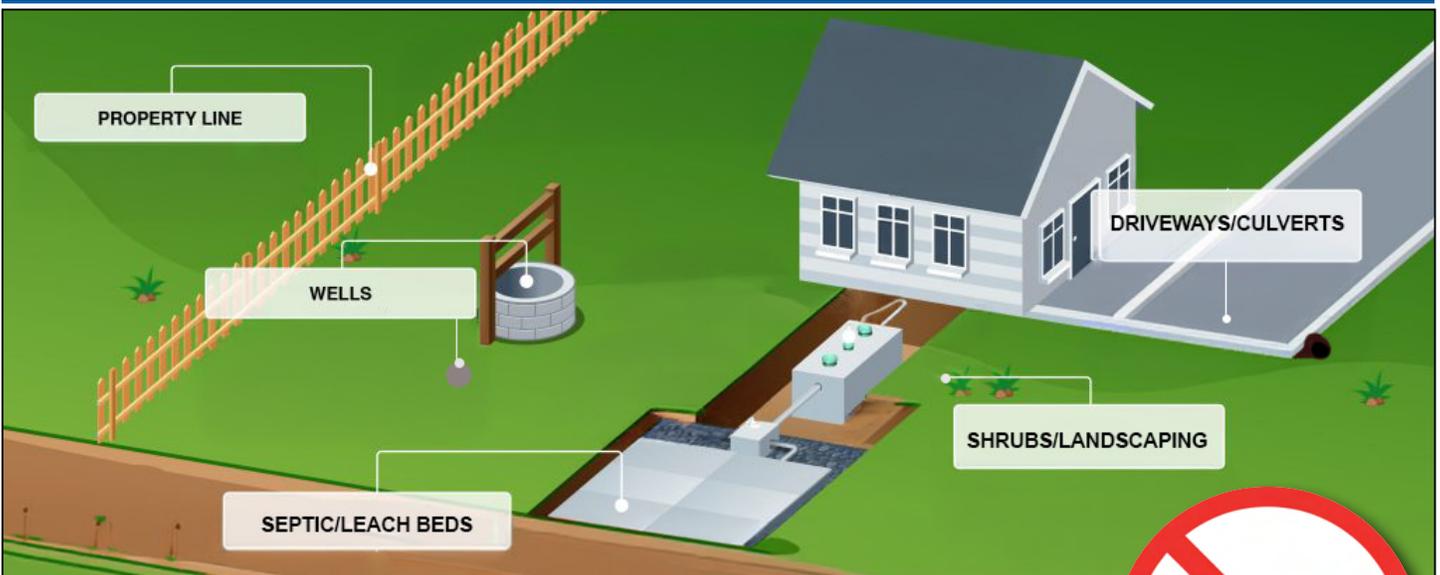
Royal Canadian Legion  
Branch 232  
21 Veterans Way  
Huntsville

**You can also attend  
an online community  
open house:**

Please register at  
[HydroOne.com/SBTL](https://HydroOne.com/SBTL)

**Tuesday, March 31**  
6 to 7 p.m.

Platform: Microsoft Teams



### Five Critical Areas to Avoid When Snowmobiling

Even when riding legally, where you ride matters just as much as how you ride. The following areas should always be avoided, especially on private property.

Unless you have clear permission, your neighbour's yard is off-limits. You may know where your septic bed or utilities are located, but you probably don't know where theirs are. Even without visible damage, trespassing can lead to legal issues or put nearby sanctioned club trails at risk.

Quick tip: If you must move a sled across a lawn, stick to one single packed path instead of criss-crossing the yard. One narrow strip is far easier to repair than a whole field of ruts.



Snowmobiling is a privilege that depends on responsible riders. Following the law, respecting private property, and avoiding high-risk areas helps protect our land, our neighbours, and the future of local trails.

# Diabetic Snacks

PICK UP TAKE HOME KITS

## Monday, March 23

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig 🕒 1pm

Must be diabetic and RSVP by Thursday, March 19.

For more information and to RSVP please contact:

✉ Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com  
📞 (705) 858-7700





# Nutrition BINGO



## Thursday, March 19

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig 🕒 5:00 PM

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

For questions or more information please contact:

✉ Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com 📞 (705) 858-7700

*NEW*  
Pow-Wow Game Specials

\*All prizes must be accepted as awarded. No cash substitutions, exchanges, or refunds will be provided.

**BOOK CLUB**

**NOELLE W. IHLI**  
**SUCH QUIET GIRLS**  
 TIME IS RUNNING OUT...

ASK FOR ANDREA  
 PREDA McFADDEN

DISCUSSION: **THURSDAY, MARCH 26**

📍 **Elder's Lounge** ⌚ **1:00 pm**

Pick up your copies from Heather by Monday, March 2.

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

**Family Craft Night**  
**Friday, March 27**

📍 **Maan Doosh Gamig** ⌚ **5-7pm**  
 With Spaghetti dinner! Please RSVP by March 20:  
 ✉ [Natalie.Goring@wahnapitaefn.com](mailto:Natalie.Goring@wahnapitaefn.com)  
 ☎ **(705) 920-9106**

**Transform Tuesdays**  
**Mobility Exercise Activities**  
**March 3, 17, 24 & 31**

📍 **Maan Doosh Gamig** ⌚ **9-10 AM**

For questions or more information please contact:  
 ✉ [Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com](mailto:Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com) ☎ **(705) 858-7700**

**Wellness Wednesdays**

- March 4** ⌚ **10am** 📍 **MDG**  
*Glaucoma Awareness Info Session*
- March 11** ⌚ **10am** 📍 **Elder's Lounge**  
*Transgender Visibility Day Info Session*
- March 18** ⌚ **10am** 📍 **MDG**  
*Downs Syndrome Awareness Day*
- March 25** ⌚ **10am** 📍 **MDG**  
*Cortisol Info Session*

For more information and to RSVP please contact:  
 ✉ [Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com](mailto:Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com) ☎ **(705) 858-7700**



Traditional  
**CRAFT NIGHT**



**MMIWG2S**



*Red Dress Awareness Pins*

**Wednesday, April 8**

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig ⌚ 6-8pm

Light snacks and refreshments provided.

Please RSVP by Thursday, April 2:

✉ Sue.Roque@wahnapitaefn.com ☎ (705) 858-0610



Let's  
Bead!

**Monday, March 9**

Family Wellness Centre

📍 178 Loonway Road ⌚ 4-6pm

Snacks and refreshments provided.

Bring unfinished projects or start new ones!

For questions or more information please contact:

✉ Natalie.Goring@wahnapitaefn.com ☎ (705) 920-9106



*Seniors*

**T.L.C.**

*Tuesdays*

**March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31**

📍 Centre of Excellence - Elders Lounge ⌚ 2-4 PM  
Cards, snacks and refreshments provided.

For more information and to RSVP please contact:

✉ Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com ☎ (705) 858-7700



*Star  
Blanket*

**WIN  
ME!**

**POW-WOW  
RAFFLE**

Draw: April 30, 2026

Measurements: 76"x77.5"

**\$10  
PER TICKET**

To purchase tickets please contact:

✉ Sue.Roque@wahnapitaefn.com ☎ (705) 858-0610



# WILLS & ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

— IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL —

## Wednesday, March 25

📍 MAAN DOOSH GAMIG 🕒 6-8 PM

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

🌐 [wahnapietaefirstnation.com/members-login](https://wahnapietaefirstnation.com/members-login)

For questions and more information please contact:

✉️ [Rachel.Bayley@td.com](mailto:Rachel.Bayley@td.com) ☎️ (519) 663-5190

# Ice Safety: Tips to a Safe Spring



Ice safety is crucial across Canada, and experts like the Canadian Red Cross and the Lifesaving Society warn that no ice is 100% safe. Always measure and inspect ice before walking or driving on it.

## Minimum Safe Ice Thickness (Clear, Hard Ice Only)

These minimums apply only to new, clear, blue ice. White or opaque ice (snow ice) is only half as strong:

- Walking/Skating (Single Person) 15 cm (6 inches)
- Group Activities 20 cm (8 inches)
- Snowmobile/ATV 25 cm (10 inches)
- Light Vehicle (Car/Truck) 30-38 cm (12-15 inches)

**Grey Ice is Unsafe: Grey ice signals thawing or rot and must be avoided entirely.** Ice strength is not uniform. Be wary of areas near currents, inlets/outlets, docks, and protruding rocks, as these areas weaken the ice.

## Before You Go

- Use the Buddy System: Never go alone.
- Tell Someone: Leave a trip plan detailing your location and expected return time.
- Essential Gear: Wear a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) and carry a set of ice picks (claws) around your neck for self-rescue.

## If You Fall Through (Self-Rescue)

If you break through the ice, follow these steps recommended by the Canadian Red Cross:

- Don't Panic: Control your breathing.
- Turn Back: Face the direction you came from, as the ice there was recently strong enough to hold you.
- Use Ice Picks: Drive your ice picks into the solid ice and kick your legs to propel yourself horizontally onto the surface, spreading your weight out like a seal.
- Crawl Away: Once out, stay low (do not stand up) and crawl or roll back toward shore to distribute your weight evenly.

## Stay Connected



Make sure you never miss an update or notice by registering for E-Notices, creating a Members Portal account, and keeping your mailing information up to date.

### E-Notices Registration:



→ <https://cutt.ly/wfn-enotices>

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→ <https://wahnapitaefn.ca/members-login>

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→ Contact Membership Clerk:

✉ [emily.roque@wahnapitaefn.com](mailto:emily.roque@wahnapitaefn.com)

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Need assistance? ☎ (705) 858-0610 ext. 234  
✉ [communications@wahnapitaefn.com](mailto:communications@wahnapitaefn.com)

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Employment, Education and Training

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# COMMITTEE CALL OUT

## *Finance & Audit Committee*

The eligibility criteria to be a finance and audit committee member is as follows:

1. The ability to read understand an analyze annual financial statements and the notes to the financial statements.
2. The ability to understand accounting policies, including any estimates used or judgments applied by management in the application of the accounting policies, when these are explained by director of finance and the auditor.
3. An understanding of the first nations objectives and operations that may impact the selection or application of accounting policies.
4. A knowledge and understanding of the strategies that have been adopted by the first Nation and the risks involved with any new strategies.
5. And ability to understand the first nations risk environment.

Scan to view the  
application or visit:  
 [wahnapi'taefn.ca](http://wahnapi'taefn.ca)



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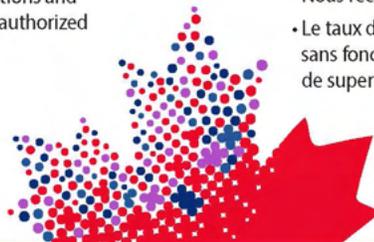
# CENSUS JOBS

## Statistics Canada is hiring in your community for the 2026 Census!

- Use your local knowledge to help conduct the census.
- Gain skills employers are looking for.
- Learn how census data can be used to help plan services like employment, childcare, schools and healthcare.
- Contribute to the census to help your community plan and shape its future.

### Important to know

- We are hiring in selected northern and remote communities.
- Pay is **\$25.87 per hour** for non-supervisory positions and **\$31.32 per hour** for supervisory positions, plus authorized expenses.
- The time frame for census jobs is from **March to July 2026**, depending on the position and location.
- You must be available to work flexible hours, including days, evenings and weekends.



# EMPLOIS AU RECENSEMENT

## Statistique Canada embauche dans votre communauté pour le Recensement de 2026!

- Mettez à profit votre savoir local pour aider à la réalisation du recensement.
- Développez des compétences recherchées par les employeurs.
- Apprenez comment les données du recensement peuvent aider à planifier des services comme ceux liés à l'emploi, à la garde d'enfants, aux écoles et aux soins de santé.
- Contribuez au recensement pour aider votre communauté à planifier son avenir.

### Renseignements importants

- Nous recrutons dans certaines communautés nordiques et éloignées.
- Le taux de rémunération est de **25,87 \$ l'heure** pour les postes sans fonctions de supervision et de **31,32 \$ l'heure** pour les postes de supervision, en plus des dépenses admissibles.
- La période d'emploi pour les postes du recensement s'étend de **mars à juillet 2026**, selon le poste et le lieu de travail.
- Vous devez être disponible pour travailler selon un horaire flexible, ce qui comprend le jour, le soir et la fin de semaine.



Apply now  
and tell a friend  
[census.gc.ca/jobs](https://www.census.gc.ca/jobs)

If you need assistance with your application,  
please call 1-833-830-3106  
Teletypewriter (TTY): 1-833-830-3109

Postulez dès maintenant  
et parlez-en à un ami ou une amie  
[recensement.gc.ca/emplois](https://www.recensement.gc.ca/emplois)

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## ServiceOntario

### TRAILER SCHEDULE: WAHNPITAE FIRST NATION



Wed, March 18 3-7 PM

Maan Doosh Gamig  
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



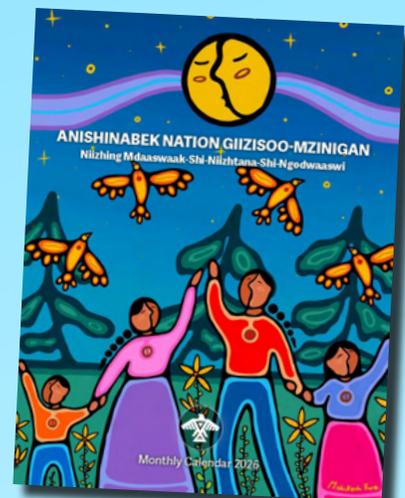
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Renew your health card, drivers license  
and benefit from our new MTO services  
at Niigaaniin Services Mobile  
ServiceOntario Trailer.

## Anishinabek Nation

### Giizisoo-Mzinigan 2026 Calendars

Available at the Centre of Excellence



## Ziisbaakdoke Giizis Horoscope

### Otter and Aquarius

People born under the constellation of Aquarius, can be logical, independent and to some degree eccentric. They are also very sociable but are neither followers nor leaders as they do not attach themselves to much, preferring the freedom that detachment offers.

In Native American tradition this independent friendly energy is represented through the otter totem, found in the north on the medicine wheel. As a creature the otter is renowned for its playful nature. The otter will raise its young in a lively home life that incorporates a good balance of work and play. The interpretation of western astrology and Native American astrology differ slightly.

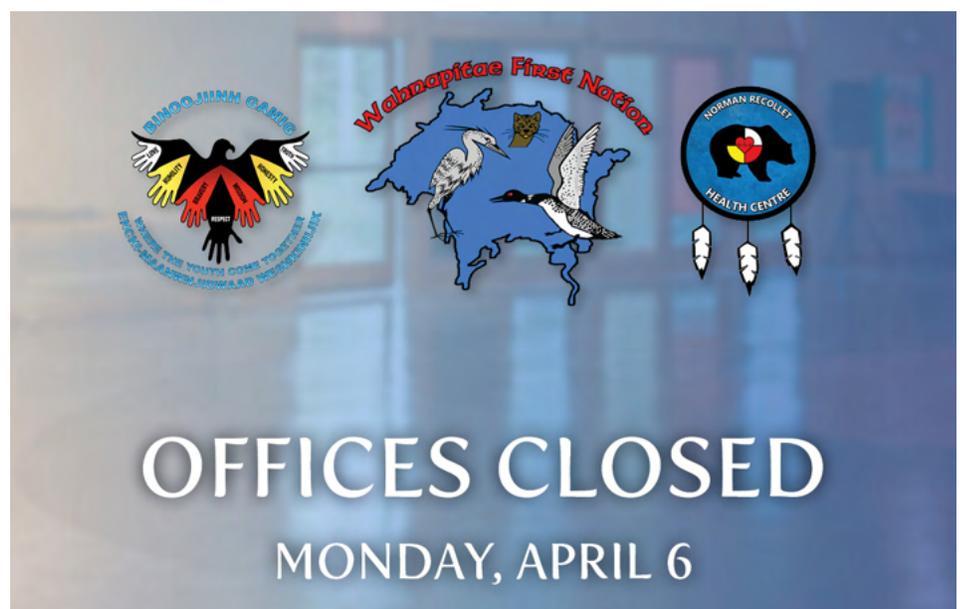
In Native American tradition the otter individual forms strong attachments just like their animal counterpart who will mourn the loss of one of their young or partner. In both Western and north American tradition these individuals are considered unconventional as the otter does not follow the normal pattern of its family the weasel. For many this alternative look on life is refreshing but it can also have its limits.

Some individuals born at this time may find it hard to belong to society and for this reason the pride and demonstrative nature of the Salmon personality, found in the south on the medicine wheel, can teach the Otter much.

Source: <https://twofeathers.co.uk/pages/native-american-astrology?srsltid=AfmBOorKKTEC2oCt07oju-LHU49HG5j3meprDk6v-3OEW-OJ0Ncg6vYs#red-hawk-and-aries>



**Regalia**  
**Making & Repairs**  
**March 12 & 26, April 9 & 23**  
📍 Maan Doosh Gamig 🕒 6-8pm  
For questions or more information please contact:  
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**OFFICES CLOSED**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 6**

## “As One”

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

As one we walk this truth  
together,  
As one we sing to her song,  
As one we love her, as one we  
hear her  
Her heart beats with our own as  
one.

As one we join with her, our  
Mother,  
As one we feel her sacred sogn,  
As one we tough her, as one we  
heal her,

Her heart beats with our own as  
one  
Her heart beats with our  
own as one.



# Drum Teachings

with Harvey Dreaver

## Saturday, April 11

📍 MDG 🕒 10am-3pm

For more info please contact:

✉ Sue.Roque@wahnapiataefn.com

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First Nations Child and Family Services  
and Jordan's Principle Settlement

The Claims Period is  
now open.



Removed  
Child Class



Removed Child  
Family Class

# Not sure if you're eligible?

The Eligibility Information  
Tool can help.



Get started: [rebrand.ly/S163E](https://rebrand.ly/S163E).

# WE'RE HIRING!

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## Meet & Greet



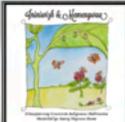
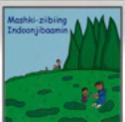
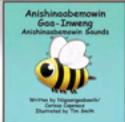
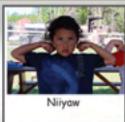
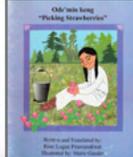
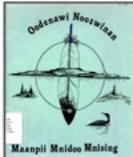
Psychiatric Support Service  
with Kevin McPhee

Kevin is a highly experienced therapist with 40 years in the field, including extensive work in pediatric psychiatric settings and collaboration with First Nations communities since 1989. He is passionate about serving our members.

Meet Kevin at the NRHC Primary Care Clinic  
Every second Thursday and one Wednesday  
per month. All ages welcome.

Book now. Call or visit us today.

📍 190 Loonway Road 📞 (705) 858-7700



## Anishinaabemowin Read Aloud Bookshelf

Visit: [tinyurl.com/mvtrdzaj](https://tinyurl.com/mvtrdzaj)

## Notice:

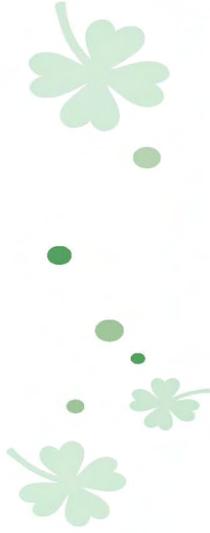
### School Bus Cancellations

WFN follows Sudbury  
Student Services Consortium  
cancellations. Parents/guardians  
can visit [www.businfo.ca](https://www.businfo.ca) to check  
if buses are running for the day.



# AFTER SCHOOL & YOUTH LEADERSHIP

# MARCH 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Notes
1	2 Rainbow Science Experiments	3 Rhyming in Life outing Both Groups	4 Learning "BUGS" in Anishinaabemowin with Bobbi	5	6	7	<b>ASP (AGES 4-11) Monday &amp; Wednesday 3:30pm-5:30pm</b>  <b>YLP (Ages 12-17) Every Tuesday 3:00pm-5:30pm</b>  <b>PLEASE NOTE: ALL SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO WEATHER, OR UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY TO HAVE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS IN PLACE IF CHILDCARE IS REQUIRED</b>
8	9 Making a Leprechaun Trap	10 Traditional teachings on RESPECT with Bobbi	11 Land-Use Plan Youth Engagement Both Groups Ice Cream Sundaes Gazebo!	12	13	14	
15	16 <b>MARCH BREAK NO PROGRAM</b>	17 <b>MARCH BREAK NO PROGRAM</b>	18	19	20	21	
22	23 Learning about Balance through Play!	24 Virtual Reality @ The Kupp Center	25 Planting Tobacco in the Aero garden with Bobbi	26	27	28	
29	30 Paper Mache creations	31 Paper Mache creations					

# Wahnapi'tae First Nation

## March 2026 • Zisbaakdoke Giizis Community Events



Niizhwaaso-Giizhigad	Ntam-Giizhigad	Niizho-Giizhigad	Nso-Giizhigad	Niiwo-Giizhigad	Naano-Giizhigad	Ngodwaaso-Giizhigad
1	2	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trfm. Tues.-9am</li> <li>• Soup's ON!-12pm</li> <li>• Seniors TLC-2pm</li> <li>• Anishinaabemowin Grammar &amp; Games-6pm</li> </ul>	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wellness Wednesday-10am</li> </ul>	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congregate Dining-5pm</li> <li>• Traditional Medicines &amp; Stories-1pm</li> </ul>	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teen Talk-6pm</li> </ul>	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women's &amp; Men's Fancy Dance Teachings-10am</li> </ul>
8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diabetes Day Event-11am</li> </ul>	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Let's Bead-4pm</li> <li>• Hand Drumming Group-6pm</li> </ul>	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soup's ON!-12pm</li> <li>• Healthy Snacks P/U</li> <li>• Anishinaabemowin Grmr. &amp; Games-6pm</li> <li>• Land Use Plan Engagement Night-5:30pm</li> </ul>	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wellness Wednesday-10am</li> <li>• Land Use Plan Youth Consultation-4pm</li> <li>• Traditional Craft Night-6pm</li> </ul>	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good Food Box P/U</li> <li>• Menopause Info Session-10am</li> <li>• Regalia Making &amp; Repairs-9am</li> </ul>	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teen Talk-6pm</li> </ul>	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Men &amp; Boys's Grass Dance Teachings-10am</li> </ul>
Community Land Use Plan Engagement Week: Drop In 9am-3pm						
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