



# Wahnapiatae First Nation Community Newsletter

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## A Message to Members

Warmer weather is here, and as we enjoy and honour the Creator's gifts, it continues to be important to keep COVID-19 in mind to protect our youth, our elders, and public health.

By staying safe and getting vaccinated, we'll be able to see each other soon. In the meantime, there's a lot happening at Wahnapiatae First Nation, with important work moving ahead and many remote events and opportunities available for members. You can learn more about these in this newsletter, but I ask you to keep the following in mind:

### COVID-19 SAFETY

More than ever, we must be on guard against the dangers of COVID-19 – even and especially after receiving the initial vaccine. It's crucial to continue to wear a mask, socially distance, and be aware of where you go and who you're with – especially during any provincial stay-at-home order.

### ROAD IMPROVEMENT

Even during the pandemic, WFN continues to work on the issues that matter most to the community, and the state of roads at Wahnapiatae First Nation is our highest priority. Staff is currently working with our engineering partners to determine the necessary improvements, create a tendering package, and seek contractors. This will unfold through the coming months as we work diligently to bring these much-needed improvements to the community.

### FIREWORKS

If you're hoping to enjoy some fireworks with your family during this stay-at-home period, we ask you to let your neighbors know ahead of time. Much like people, pets are sensitive to extreme noise, and may find it to be traumatizing. Some consideration and warning can help everyone enjoy this time equally.

### PARTING THOUGHTS

As I do every month, I continue to urge all members to stay safe and follow the guidance of the local public health unit. It is only through our shared strength and diligence that we will emerge from these challenges together.

Miigwech,  
Chief Larry Roque

# COVID-19 UPDATE

## COVID-19 Resource Contacts

**Norman Recollet Health Centre**  
Phone: (705) 858-7700

**Public Health Sudbury & Districts**  
Phone: (705) 522-9200  
Website: [www.phsd.ca](http://www.phsd.ca)

**Telehealth Ontario**  
Phone: 1-866-797-0000  
Website: [covid-19.ontario.ca/  
self-assessment](https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment)

**Hope for Wellness Helpline**  
Phone: 1-855-242-3310  
Website: [hopeforwellness.ca](http://hopeforwellness.ca)

### **Health Sciences North COVID-19 Assessment Centre:**

Phone: (705) 671-7373  
Patients will be screened by a nurse over the telephone, and referred to one of three options if testing is necessary (by appointment only):

- COVID-19 Assessment Centre, 56 Walford Road, with drive-through testing option;
- NEOMO Medical, 885 Prete Street, with drive-through testing option;
- Primacy Medical Centre, 1485 Lasalle Boulevard, with drive-through testing option

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## Stay at Home, Stay Safe

Ontario's stay-at-home orders and state of emergency has been extended until at least May 20, 2021, as the province continues to deal with the impacts of COVID-19.

This means you must stay at home. You should only go out for necessities, such as:

- the grocery store or pharmacy,
- health care services (including going to medical appointments or getting vaccinated),
- outdoor exercise or walking pets in your community,
- work that cannot be done remotely, and
- child care or school.

This means that all outdoor social gatherings and organized public events are prohibited, except for with members of the same household or one other person from outside that household who lives alone or a caregiver for any member of the household.

As part of the stay-at-home order, businesses must ensure that all employees work from home if they can.

All other public health and workplace safety measures for non-essential retail under the provincewide emergency brake (i.e., curbside pick-up and delivery only), continue to apply.

Other measures instituted by the province through this period include:

- Reduction of capacity limits to 25 per cent in all retail settings where in-store shopping is permitted. This includes supermarkets, grocery stores, convenience stores, indoor farmers' markets, other stores that primarily sell food and pharmacies; and,
- Closure of all outdoor recreational amenities, such as golf courses, basketball courts, soccer fields, with limited exceptions.
- Reduction of capacity for weddings, funerals, and religious services, rites or ceremonies to 10 people indoors or outdoors.

For more info, visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/zones-and-restrictions>

# COVID-19 UPDATE



## COVID-19 Vaccine FAQ

### I had two doses of vaccine. When am I fully vaccinated?

You are fully vaccinated:

- 2 weeks after your second dose of Moderna, Pfizer or AstraZeneca vaccines
- 2 weeks after the single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine

### How long am I protected by the vaccine?

We do not know how long the vaccines will be effective or if a booster shot is needed. Over time, these answers will be clearer.

### Can I still get sick with COVID-19 after being vaccinated?

Yes, you can. You do have a lower risk of getting sick. You can still become infected and spread it to others, even if you have no signs or symptoms.

### Do I still have to wear a mask? If so, why?

Yes, you do. People who have not been vaccinated still need protection, including children under 28. People who have medical conditions have a higher risk of becoming sick. They also need protection, even if they have been vaccinated.

### What public health measures do I need to follow?

At this time, all public health measures are necessary to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Continue to do the following:

- Wear a mask
- Stay 2 metres apart
- Avoid crowds
- Keep your hands clean
- Self-monitor for symptoms
- Avoid touching your face
- Stay home

## Stay Connected, Stay Safe

For the most up-to-date information and updates about Wahnapiatae First Nation, including safety measures, check us out online as below:



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



**MAIN PAGE:** [www.fb.me/wahnapiataefirstnation](http://www.fb.me/wahnapiataefirstnation)



**YOUTH PAGE:** [www.fb.me/WFNYouthPage](http://www.fb.me/WFNYouthPage)

### COVID-19 Statistics (as of May 1, 2021)

#### Sudbury District:

**Total Tests:** 235,604

**Confirmed Cases:** 1,960

**Resolved:** 1,880

**Deaths:** 27

#### Ontario:

**Total Tests:** 14,118,039

**Total Cases:** 473,901

**Resolved:** 428,786

**Deaths:** 8,118

**Hospitalized:** 1,925

**In ICU:** 889

#### Canada:

**Total Tests:** 31,756,698

**Total Cases:** 1,234,180

**Active Cases:** 83,744

**Recovered:** 1126,136

**Deaths:** 24,300

For up-to-date figures, be sure to check the following websites:

Sudbury:  
[tinyurl.com/phsddata](http://tinyurl.com/phsddata)

Ontario:  
[covid-19.ontario.ca/data](http://covid-19.ontario.ca/data)

Canada:  
[tinyurl.com/canadacvd19](http://tinyurl.com/canadacvd19)

# COMMUNITY NOTICES



## 2021 ELECTION



### NOTICE OF NOMINATION MEETING

**Saturday, May 8, 2021**

9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Centre of Excellence Building  
*259 Taighwenini Trail Road*

### **For the purpose of nominating candidates for the positions of Chief and Councillors**

*There are four (4) Councillor positions and one (1) position  
for Chief available*

All eligible voters may orally nominate or second any qualified person to serve at the nomination meeting.

Only electors who meet the requirements may be nominated as a candidate.

Only candidates who sign and give the acceptance of nomination form and declaration to the electoral officer before the close of the nomination meeting will be added to the ballot.

Angela Talarico, Electoral Officer  
Phone: 705-207-9670  
Email: [angelatalarico1@gmail.com](mailto:angelatalarico1@gmail.com)

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

## Members Urged to Complete the Canadian Census

Tuesday, May 11, 2021 marks Census Day across Canada.

That is the day by which everyone should be completing the census.

This year, all households will receive an invitation to complete the census online.

Census data can help organizations and communities in Canada plan, develop and expand programs, services and infrastructure.

The invitation to complete the Census should be received between May 3, 2021 and May 10, 2021.

Canada Post will be delivering the invitations to some households, while Statistics Canada



has hired Enumerators to hand deliver the invitation to households where Canada Post was not confident in their ability to deliver based on addressing.

The second part of the Census operation will

begin in late May to early June. This is where the Enumerators follow up at the dwellings where the Census was not completed.

In order to reduce the number of households that require follow up, Wahnapiatae First Nation members are being asked to complete the census online when it is received.

For more information about the census, including about privacy and safety, please visit [census.gc.ca](https://census.gc.ca)

## Federal COVID-19 Funds Support WFN Members

The Government of Canada continues to make investments so First Nations communities like Wahnapiatae First Nation have the support they need to keep members safe in response to COVID-19.

In a release issued April 16, Indigenous Services Canada highlighted how funding available through the Indigenous Community Support Fund (ICSF) has allowed Wahnapiatae First Nation, Atikameksheng Anishnawbek, and Mattagami First Nation to secure the tools and resources needed to keep their communities safe.

The ICSF funding is designed to allow First Nations communities to prepare, prevent, and respond to COVID-19, and is used only to fund community-led programs.

At Wahnapiatae First Nation, this was used throughout 2020-2021 to protect elders and vulnerable community members through:



- a community food bank,
- an official emergency response plan,
- road access monitoring and management,
- coordination of COVID-19 testing and vaccination, and
- enhancement of

communications technologies for students.

"The challenges posed by COVID-19 have been considerable, which is why Wahnapiatae First Nation has been very pleased to be able to offer much-needed support to members on and off reserve through the Indigenous Community Support Fund," said Chief Larry Roque.

"This has helped us to protect and provide for our members in their time of need through projects developed by and for our people."

To learn more, view the full press release here: <https://tinyurl.com/566vemvk>

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

## Health Centre Announces Winning Logo



Wahnapiatae First Nation is happy to announce the winning logo design for the Norman Recollet Health Centre.

This logo, as designed by member Samantha Tyson, was selected by a vote of panelists that included Chief and Council, the Anishinabek Police Service, and WFN's Health Committee.

There were four criteria for the designers to incorporate:

- Indigo Blue (color of health)
- Health Theme
- Medicines – Traditional
- Must be an Original Design.

Congratulations and chi-miigwech to Samantha, who was presented with her \$500 reward by Chief Roque for her efforts on April 29 (see page 8 for the photo).

May you always feel a sense of pride every time you see this logo in our community and beyond.



## ONTARIO'S OUTDOOR BURNING REGULATIONS

- Fires are to be ignited no sooner than 2 hours before sunset and extinguished no later than 2 hours after sunrise.
- Always have tools/water adequate to contain the fire at the site.
- For yard waste and woody debris, use methods such as composting or using your local landfill.
- Know the rules for safe outdoor burning.

To consult the full set of outdoor burning regulations under Ontario's Forest Fire Prevention Act, visit [ontario.ca/page/outdoor-fire-rules-and-permits](http://ontario.ca/page/outdoor-fire-rules-and-permits).

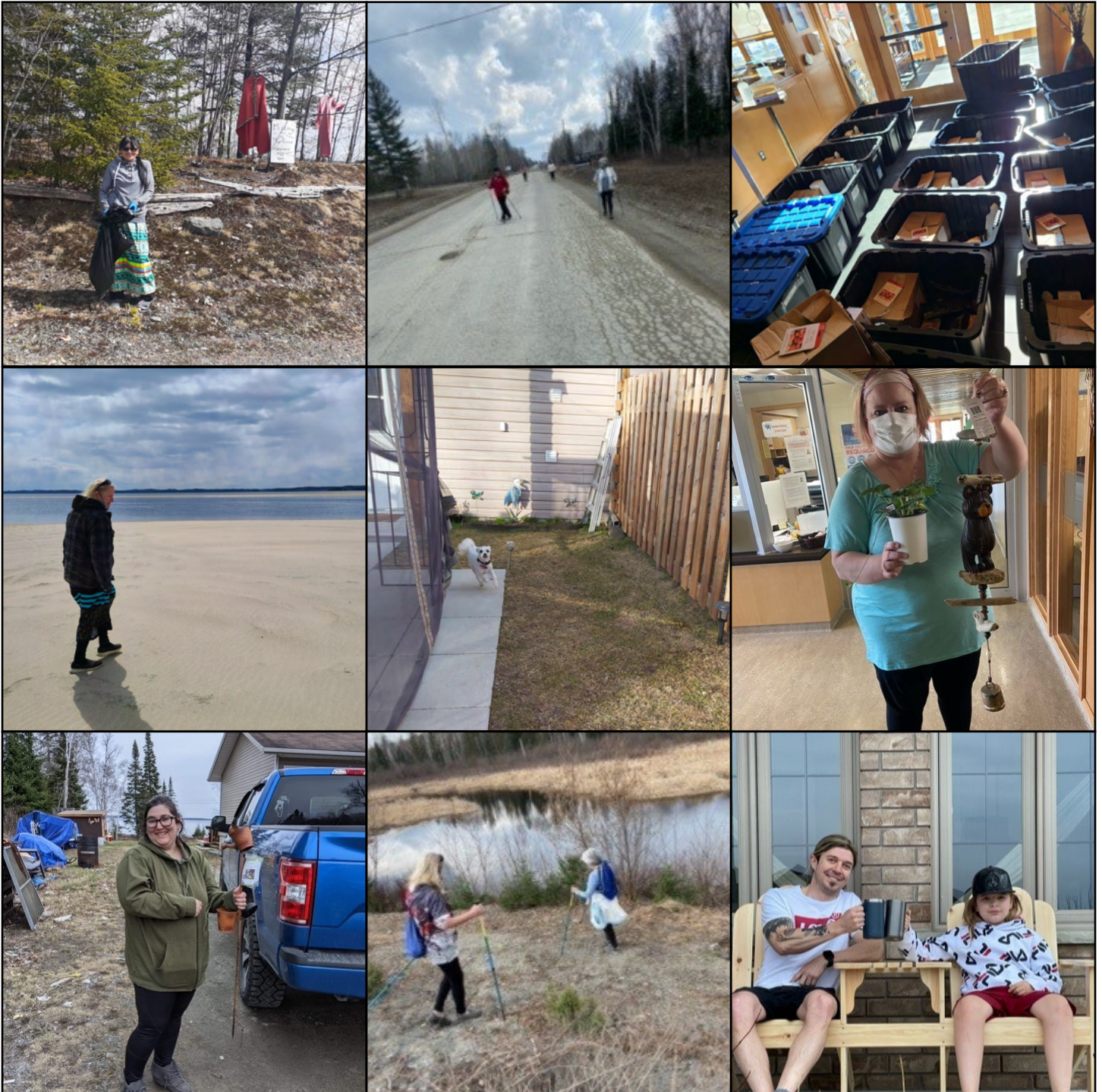
# COMMUNITY UPDATE

## Out and About With WFN Members

Despite its challenges, April was a busy month at Wahnapiatae First Nation: members participated in some physical activities including a scavenger hunt, an Earth Day clean up, and the first Wednesday Walk for Diabetes.

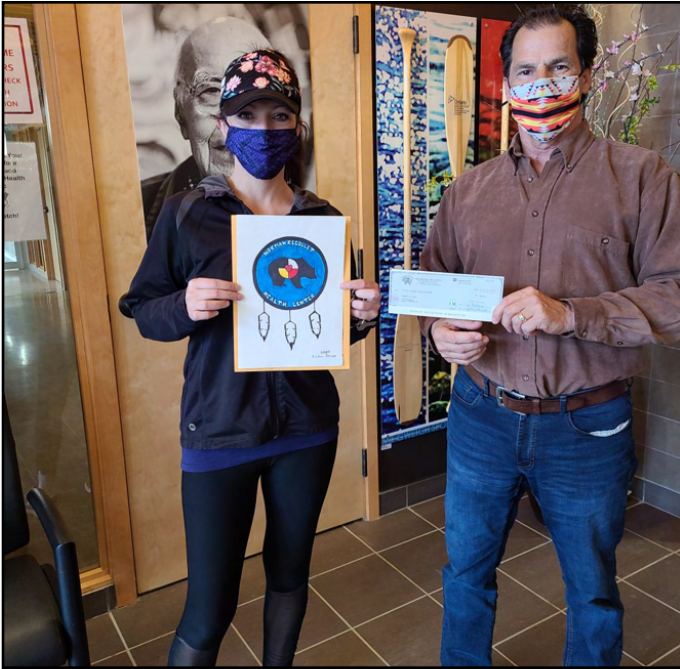
Please enjoy some of the photos that members submitted of their activities, and the prizes they won by taking part in the scavenger hunt.

Miigwich to all who participated in these events.



# COMMUNITY UPDATE

## Out and About With WFN Members (continued, p.7)



Samantha Tyson (left) displays her winning logo design for the Norman Recollet Health Centre, and receives her \$500 award from Chief Larry Roque. See P6 for details.



Tasha Jodouin shows off her prize for participating in the Gambling Awareness Scavenger Hunt, which took place at Wahnapiatae First Nation on April 25, 2021.

## WAHNAPITAE FIRST NATION WANTS TO CONNECT WITH YOU

Stay up to date on what's happening at WFN by signing up for email communications, using the link below.

This will let you receive the newsletter digitally, provide more timely feedback on important community projects, and receive links to virtual community engagement sessions.

[www.tinyurl.com/WFN-Email](http://www.tinyurl.com/WFN-Email)

If you have any thoughts or questions,  
please let us know at: [nick.stewart@wahnapiataefn.com](mailto:nick.stewart@wahnapiataefn.com)



# COMMUNITY UPDATE

## Raised Garden Beds Available

This summer, Wahnapiatae First Nation is providing a raised garden bed to any community household that did not receive one last year, encouraging members to feed their bodies and their souls.

The size of the garden bed will be approximately 6 feet in length by 3 feet wide and 1 foot deep. They will be raised 3 feet off the ground, and will come with a load of topsoil to be filled in the box once the topsoil arrives.

There will be a limit of one box per household, plus some seeds and/or starter vegetables to go along with it. You will be contacted once they are available.

More information on this program will be available in the upcoming weeks.

A garden — or “gitigaan” — not only provides wholesome food for physical health; in these difficult times, it is important to get outside and take the opportunity to both honour and respect the gifts of the Creator. If you have ever considered this activity, this is a perfect opportunity!

These garden boxes are made possible by

fundraising done by Wendy Tyson and Glencore Sudbury Integrated Nickel Operations.

If you are a community member at Wahnapiatae First Nation and are interested in having such a box delivered to your home, please advise by May 14, 2021, by contacting:

Wendy Tyson, Community Wellness Worker  
[wendy.tyson@wahnapiataefn.com](mailto:wendy.tyson@wahnapiataefn.com) or

Marilyn Nicholls, Education Director at  
[marilyn.nicholls@wahnapiataefn.com](mailto:marilyn.nicholls@wahnapiataefn.com)



**WAHNAPIATAE FIRST NATION EDUCATION DEPT  
IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE:**

## **GAZEBO RENOVATION**

**THE RENOVATION IS EXPECTED TO START  
BY THE END OF APRIL 2021 AND BE  
COMPLETED BY THE MIDDLE OF JUNE 2021.**



Long overdue, this renovation will provide our families, youth & students more space to allow physical distancing while offering programming for Early Years, Right to Play, Youth Leadership Program, Summer Camp as well as operating the Education Hub.

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

5/5/2021

## NATIONAL DAY OF AWARENESS FOR MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS



Wahnapiatae First Nation honours all Indigenous mothers, daughters, aunties, sisters, grandmothers, nieces and cousins. On this day of national importance, we can honour the MMIWG by embracing and supporting community healing.

Many thanks to Wendy and Heather from Community Wellness for creating the Red Dress display on Taighwenini Trail Road to raise awareness in our community about Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

# MEMBER SHOWCASE

## Share Your Talents With Members

The monthly Wahnapiatae First Nation newsletter includes a Member Showcase section to highlight the incredible artistic talent of its members.

We know our members are creative, thoughtful, and multi-talented, and we would love to share your gifts with others.



If you would like to showcase any of your art in this section — whether it's poetry, drawings, paintings, or photographs — please submit them to [monica.dorion@wahnapiataefn.com](mailto:monica.dorion@wahnapiataefn.com)

### Her Silhouette

Her silhouette stands tall and oh, so proud,  
As yellow beams peek through dark somber clouds.  
They dance upon the peaceful rolling waves,  
And light the way for the strongest of braves.

She watches as they slowly ride on by.  
And in the distance, hears an eagle's cry.  
They leave a land that yesterday was theirs,  
To some lone place where no one really cares.

They'll make their way to the reservation,  
Segregation of Indian nation.  
They leave behind a life they've always known,  
And reap a harvest the white man has sown.

Too trusting of those with a skin so pale,  
The same people who'd put them in their jail.  
For once they reach the designated land,  
They'll be forgotten; like a grain of sand.

The elders smile to try and hide their fears,  
But moonlight casts a light upon their tears.  
Everything they've known has gone and died,  
The tongues that spoke of promises have lied.

"Moon Shadow come," her father's voice rings out,  
And though she's young, she turns without a doubt.  
She mounts the great white stallion and rides,  
Knowing that there are no longer two sides.

- Marlene Roque

# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



## HELLO

my name is

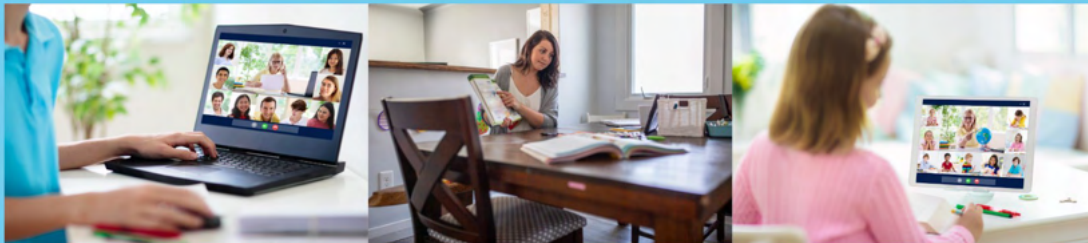
*Monica Dorian*

Communications Assistant

My family is from Lively, and except for some stints in Calgary, Saskatoon, and North Bay, I have been a local girl my whole life. I attended Cambrian College's Public Relations program and have over 20 years of communications experience in a wide range of settings.

Most recently, I worked as a school photographer, where I got to travel to a different school every day and take photos of elementary and secondary school students. Interacting with those students was an absolute joy and incredibly rewarding. It always makes my day when a student recognizes me while out shopping.

Music, movies, photography, and my family and friends fill up any spare time I have. Hopefully this pandemic and its restrictions are over soon so we can all gather together again and get to know each other.



## WE SALUTE THE WFN EDUCATION TEAM

Thank you for your service and dedication during this difficult time. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed.

## YOU ARE OUR HEROES

## Recycling Reminders



Think before you throw,  
trash in a recycling bin is still  
trash.



**These items are NOT recyclable!**

If you find something left in your bin after pickup day it  
doesn't belong



Miigwetch to those who helped clean  
up the community on Earth Day

# EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

## WFN Welcomes New Placement Student

Hello everyone!

My name is Cherie Pheasant and I am so excited to be here as the placement student from Cambrian College's Child and Youth Care Practitioner (CYCP) Program!

I am a mother to five beautiful boys and a proud member of Wahnapiatae First Nation (WFN), currently raising my family in Capreol.

Last fall, I decided to go back to school and I am now in my third



semester of the CYCP program at Cambrian College. I am grateful for this opportunity to return to WFN and work alongside your CYW, assisting in the research, planning and implementation of virtual programming, which we hope will return to in-person programming very soon.

All of that said, it's looking like a bit of time before I will get to see you all in person but I look forward to sharing in this learning experience with all of you virtually.

## New Youth Centre Being Pursued at WFN

For many years, Wahnapiatae First Nation (WFN) has needed a new youth centre to host educational programming and daycare services for various age groups in the community.

In March 2019, WFN commissioned Smoke Architecture Inc. to conduct a feasibility study to determine the technical viability of developing this facility.

The design of this facility was focused in large part on having room to grow and adapting to the needs of the community. As a result of three engagement sessions with members, the proposed facility will accommodate:

- 14 preschool/kindergarten children + 14 more preschool/kindergarten children OR 12 infants / toddlers
- 14 students/adults in the resource room
- 30-40 students/adults in the multi-purpose room

- 10 staff, either full or part-time

### Site Selection

The site selected by Wahnapiatae First Nation members for the new Youth Centre is well positioned near Maan Doosh Gamig, public services and available infrastructure.

### Programming and Spaces

The total building area as conceived in the schematic design is 6750sf (627sm). The main activity area is arranged with respect to Anishinaabe four directions teachings.

### Timeline and Next Steps

As of April 2021, WFN has applied for funding through the Ministry of Indigenous Affairs' Indigenous Community Capital Grants for the next stage, which will result in the conceptual design, architectural design, and tender-ready documents.

Once approval is received, WFN will host further engagement sessions. Stay tuned!





# bedtime story club

VIRTUAL BEDTIME STORIES  
AT 7 PM

- Wednesday, May 5
- Wednesday, May 19
- Tuesday, May 11
- Tuesday May, 25

Those who want to receive a copy of the book prior to the zoom session must request it via email  
[christine.wilson@wahnapietaefn.com](mailto:christine.wilson@wahnapietaefn.com)

Each family that attends will receive a copy of the book and every child who attends receives a ballot for a chance to win a \$100 Chapters gift card.

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/92618542258>  
Passcode: 380533

\*Each attendance = a ballot. At the end of the 4 sessions we'll draw for the winner.

# ROCKY'S UPDATE



## MOTHER'S DAY SPECIAL

*Two can dine for \$29.99*

*Two orders of cod, tartar sauce, fries, coleslaw, beverages and Mother's-Day-Delight dessert*



*Two can dine for \$35.99*

*Two orders of pickerel, tartar sauce, fries, coleslaw, beverages and Mother's-Day-Delight dessert*



**MOTHER'S DAY DELIGHT DESSERT:  
DELICIOUS FRY BREAD TOPPED WITH  
FRESH BERRIES AND WHIPPED TOPPING**

Mother's Day Delight available for \$7.99

Alcoholic beverages excluded from specials



# ROCKY'S UPDATE



## ENJOY THESE DISCOUNTS TODAY!

**2 CAN DINE FOR 25!**

MAY 2021

2 HAMBURGERS WITH FRIES ON THE SIDE FOR \$25.00

**25% OFF WAFFLE FRIES**

MAY 2021

TRY OUR NEW WAFFLE FRIES FOR 25% OFF!



**\$5 FRY & GRAVY**

MAY 2021

SMALL FRY & GRAVY FOR \$5.00

**ICECREAM BOGO**

MAY 2021

BUY ONE SCOOP, GET THE SECOND FREE MONDAY-THURSDAY

**MUST PROVIDE COUPON TO SERVER FOR DISCOUNTS!**

705-858-0500

OPEN 11-7 THURSDAY-SUNDAY

# SELF-GOVERNANCE UPDATE



## Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement

### Restoration of Jurisdiction Progress

COVID-19 has not halted progress on the pursuit of self-governance for the Anishinabek Nation, whose Restoration of Jurisdiction (ROJ) department continues move forward on this work.

#### Background:

On behalf of the 39 Anishinabek First Nations, the Anishinabek Nation's ROJ department completed negotiation of the Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement (ANGA) in August 2019.

The ANGA puts communities on the path to reclaim areas of jurisdiction from the Indian Act in recognition of their inherent rights.

Once the ANGA comes into effect in 2022, these communities — including Wahnapiatae First Nation — will be able to create new laws.

#### Ratified Communities:

The following Anishinabek Nation communities have ratified the ANGA under a governance vote:

- **Wahnapiatae First Nation (February 2020)**
- Moose Deer Point First Nation (February 2020)
- Namaygoosisagagun First Nation (February 2020)
- Zhiibaahaasing First Nation (November 2020)
- Nipissing First Nation (February 2021)



- Magnetawan First Nation (February 2021)

#### Pending Ratification Votes:

Due to ongoing issues with COVID-19, an additional voting period will be held. The following communities will be voting in the coming months: Aundek Omni Kaaning (AOK) (May 2021), Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek (July 2021), and Munsee

-Delaware Nation (July 2021).

Additional First Nations may be confirmed to conduct a governance vote in July 2021.

#### Restoration of Jurisdiction Workplan for 2021/22:

- Continued support to the ratifying First Nations and their pre-implementation work to prepare for the Governance Agreement's effective date,
- Post-ratification support, which includes
  - Finalizing the fiscal amounts for ratifying First Nations,
  - Release of one-time implementation funding,
  - Ushering in enabling federal legislation (Anishinabek Nation Governance Act),
  - Formal signing ceremony, and
  - Inaugural meeting of the ratifying First Nations.

# SELF-GOVERNANCE UPDATE



## Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement

### Wahnapiatae First Nation Progress

As one of the first communities to ratify the Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement (ANGA), Wahnapiatae First Nation has been building further towards self-governance since Nov. 2020 through the Pre-Implementation Project.

#### Project Background:

With members having voted to ratify the ANGA last year, Wahnapiatae First Nation is now on the path to be able to take some areas of jurisdiction back from the Indian Act in recognition of its inherent rights.

This means that, once the ANGA comes into effect in 2022, the community will be able to create its own laws on eight different topics, including the following:

- Elections
- Citizenship
- Fiscal Arrangements
- Language and Culture
- Operation and Management of Government
- Registry of Laws and Decisions
- Access to Information and Privacy
- Enforcement and Adjudication

However, preparations must be made so that WFN will be ready to immediately move forward once the ANGA takes effect. The Pre-Implementation Project, for which the Anishinabek Nation has secured funding, is part of that preparation.

Once it's completed in June 2021, Wahnapiatae First



Nation will be able to begin building laws — a nearly 10-year process to be driven entirely by members.

In other words, this project is not about building laws; it's about preparing and becoming ready to make those laws.

#### Pre-Implementation Project Process:

**Nov. 2020—Feb. 2021:** Hired legal and technical advisors to inform Wahnapiatae First Nation of its obligations under the ANGA – in other words, what specific laws it will have to build around the eight topics as identified above. This work also explored what will have to be included in those laws, and what options WFN members will be able to consider when it comes time to design them.

**February 2021:** Reached out to all members via physical mail, email, social media, and newsletters to invite them to participate on ANGA Pre-Implementation Project focus groups.

**March 2021—mid-May 2021:** Project Focus Groups have been providing their feedback and perspective through 20+ surveys and Zoom sessions.

**Mid-May 2021—June 30, 2021:** Reports will be written to summarize all of the work to date – from the legal and technical assessments to the focus group findings. These will then be shared with other ANGA signatory communities to help guide their journey to implementation. It will also be shared with WFN members so they may better view the path ahead.

# JOB OPPORTUNITIES

## INDIGENOUS INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Experience working in the Ontario Public Service (OPS)  
Grow your future

The OPS is dedicated to recruiting and advancing top talent while building a diverse public service that is reflective of Ontario's population and communities.

These exciting opportunities offer recent Indigenous post-secondary graduates the opportunity to develop their careers and gain valuable work experience with one of Canada's Top 100 Employers.

This employment experience will add to the depth and credibility of your resume and give you a chance to use and expand your skills and knowledge. It will give you an on-the-job sense of what working in the OPS is like, and may lead to a full-time career in the public service.<sup>12</sup>

For current opportunities or more information about the Ontario Public Service, visit

[gojobs.gov.on.ca](http://gojobs.gov.on.ca)



### WATER FIRST INTERNSHIP

In partnership with Waabnoong Bemjwang Association of First Nations, Gezhoojig Employment and Training, and Nipissing First Nation

Training Water Professionals in your Community  
COMING SPRING 2021

#### Full-time Paid Internship to Support:

- Operator in Training Certification
- Completion of Entry Level Course
- On-the-job training at local water treatment plants

#### Who Should Participate:

- Members of Nipissing, Wahnapiatae, Wasauksing, Magnetawan, Henvey Inlet, Dokis, Shawanaga, and Temagami First Nations
- High school graduates (or equivalent)
- Those interested in a career in water treatment or environmental monitoring

#### For more details and to apply:

Call: 1-800-970-8467 x105

Email: [kendra.driscoll@waterfirst.ngo](mailto:kendra.driscoll@waterfirst.ngo)

**Deadline: TBD**



### DID YOU KNOW?

Wahnapiatae  
First Nation  
hosts a job board  
on its website

[wahnapiataefirstnation.com/  
external-job-opportunities/](http://wahnapiataefirstnation.com/external-job-opportunities/)

On this page, you'll find off-reserve job offerings, training courses, and internships

Check out the rest of the website while you're there!

Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health presents

# Traditional Medicine Teachings

with Joseph Pitawanakwat



Joseph is from Wikwemikong First Nation and is an educator specializing in plant-based medicines.

weekly teachings on Zoom  
from May 20 until July 29

**Visit the website to register:  
<https://wabano.com/event/traditional-medicine-teachings-with-joseph-pitawanakwat-2/2021-05-20/>**

Please note this is on a first-come, first-served basis and there is limited seating.

### **Creators Garden**

A small business from Manitoulin Island, now based in Peterborough, is focused, first and foremost, on teaching the legitimacy of plant-based medicine. They teach people the intricacies of how to sustainably harvest and use every part of these beautiful plants.



**For more information or questions please contact Colleen Hele via email at:  
[chele@wabano.com](mailto:chele@wabano.com)**

# PARTNER UPDATE—EVENTS

**Become an Alternative Caregiver Today.**



**Provide a child with a safe home**



**Make a positive difference in a child's life**



**Learn about and engage with Anishinabek Culture**

**We are seeking Alternative Care homes that are nurturing, caring, and culturally suitable for our Indigenous Children.**

The Niijaansinaanik Child and Family Services Alternative Care Program provides services that are rooted in cultural values and beliefs and ensures that both the Alternative Caregivers and the children/youth in the home receive culturally appropriate, holistic services that encompass the child/youth's mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being. Our Alternative Care Program is a family-based model that puts the child's needs at the center and ensures that services are provided in a holistic cultural approach. It is a firm belief that children, youth and families will be seen, heard, and respected. Our mission and mandate is to keep children with family and community first with a preference to utilize Customary Care above all other options.

The Rights of Anishinaabe children are inherent and forever in all our care practices.



**Niijaansinaanik**  
Child and Family Services

Support to Alternative Caregivers includes, not limited to:



24/7 Support



Culturally appropriate, holistic services



In-Home support between Alternative Caregiver(s) and child(ren)/youth



Heart & Spirit teachings. Training and educational opportunities



Relief and Screened support

Financial support

*Together We Can!*

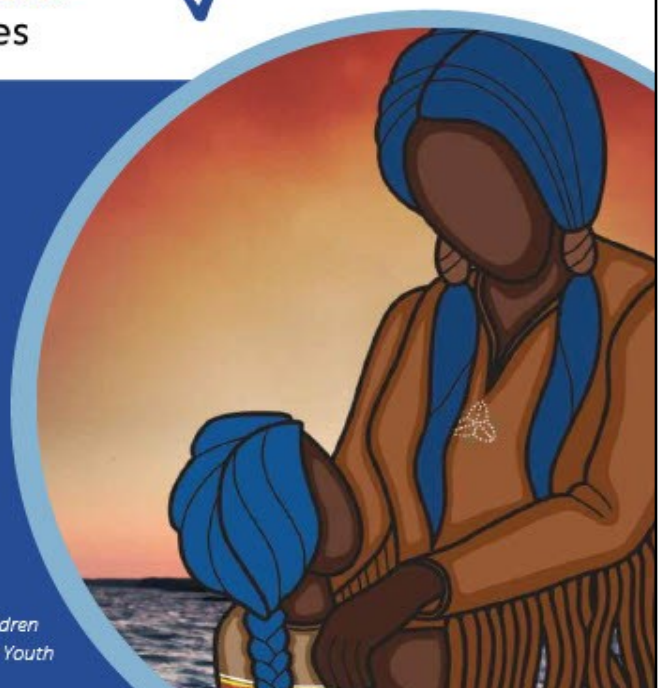
**Call to Care, Care to Call**

**1-855-223-5558**



**Niijcfcs.com**

*Niijaansinaanik Child and Family Service Agency is licensed by the Ministry of Children Community and Social Services as a Licensed Foster Care Operator under the Child Youth and Family Services Act (CYFSA).*



# You're Invited!

**Alternative Caregiver Home  
Community Information Session**  
Wahnapiatae First Nation



**Niijaansinaanik**  
Child and Family Services

**May 12, 2021  
6 - 7 P.M.  
Online meeting  
via Zoom**

**Register by May 7:  
Lillian Couchie,  
Trainer & Recruiter  
[lillian.couchie@nijcfs.com](mailto:lillian.couchie@nijcfs.com)  
(705) 491-7021  
\*Link to attend will be shared\***

**Door prizes for attendees.  
Register today!**

Niijaansinanik Child and Family Services serves the following First Nations: Wasauksing, Henvey Inlet, Dokis, Shawanaga, Magnetawan, and Wahnapiatae, and all Indigenous children and families in the jurisdiction.



# EVENT UPDATES

## Learn About Education at Migizii Doodem Forum

On May 11 - 13, 2021, the Migizii Doodem ("Eagle Clan") Forum will be hosted by the Anishinabek Nation Education Secretariat and Labour Market Development Department.

The three-day virtual event focuses on three key areas:

- language and culture,
- best practices in education, and
- trades skills and employment.

Key speakers will include Isadore Toulouse, Dr. Alan Corbiere, Dr. Brenda Restoule and Roberta Bondar.



This is an opportunity to connect with fellow community members, explore new and exciting developments in education and the skilled trades, hear from a variety of speakers and as well as having a chance to win great prizes all from the comfort of your home or office.

Register today at:

<https://anishinabek.online/register>

If you have any questions or have trouble accessing the event portal, please contact the event's technical support team at [events@ingaged.ca](mailto:events@ingaged.ca)

## HEALTHY RECIPE OF THE MONTH



**WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2021  
4 P.M. - 6 P.M.**

PLEASE NOTE: The address for pick-up has changed to the following:

**259 Taighwenini Trail Rd.**

Bring your own bags!



# EVENT UPDATES



## SOUP'S ON!

**NEW: CURBSIDE ONLY  
EVERY TUESDAY**

**CALL BY 12 P.M. | PICK UP BY 1 P.M.**

**CALL HEATHER TO PLACE ORDER: (705) 858-7700**



## VIRTUAL NUTRITION BINGO

**5:30 P.M.**

**WEDNESDAY  
MAY 5**

**THURSDAY  
MAY 20**

PRIZES ARE THE SAME. CARDS WILL BE BAGGED  
FOR PICKUP.  
PAYMENT DUE ON PICKUP.

CALL WENDY OR HEATHER TO  
RESERVE YOUR SPOT:  
**(705) 858-7700**

## Good Food Boxes



Order by 2nd Wed. each month

Delivered 3rd Wed. each month

**Small Box: \$10 | Large Box: \$19**

Call Wendy or Heather to order:  
**(705) 858-7700**

## CONGREGATE DINING

(MUST BE 55+)

**THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2021**



DELIVERY BETWEEN  
5 P.M. - 6 P.M.

CALL WENDY OR HEATHER  
FOR MEAL DELIVERY:  
**(705) 858-7700**

# EARLY YEARS PROGRAMS - May 2021



## Early Years and Tiny Tots Program (0-6)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Package Deliveries At home activity: Bird scavenger hunt					
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	At home activity: Sensory activities					
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	At home activity: Building activities					
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	At home activity: Baking muffins					
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	At home activity: Colour activities					

Program: Early Years and Tiny Tots

Location: Currently at home due to COVID-19 restrictions

Please note: weekly activities are posted on the WFN Tiny Tots and Early Years Facebook group. Monthly package deliveries with the required materials will be dropped off at the address provided on the registration forms

# RIGHT TO PLAY PROGRAMS - May 2021



## After School and Youth Leadership Program

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Mindful Monday Meditation activity <i>" see weekly schedule for more information</i>	Package Delivery At home activity: Bird scavenger hunt <i>" see weekly schedule for more information</i>	ASP Video Call 4:30-5:30 Pastel Art!	YLP Video Call 3:30-5:30 Pastel art and fundraiser planning		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Mindful Monday Mindful yoga <i>" see weekly schedule for more information</i>	At home activity: Making a harmonica <i>" see weekly schedule for more information</i>	ASP Video Call 4:30-5:30 Green houses	ASP Video Call 4:30-5:30 Green houses and fundraiser planning		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Mindful Monday Guided visualization <i>" see weekly schedule for more information</i>	Package Delivery At home activity: Sling shot cars <i>" see weekly schedule for more information</i>	ASP Video Call 4:30-5:30 Dream Catcher making	ASP Video Call 4:30-5:30 Dream Catcher making		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Mindful Monday Mandala colouring <i>" see weekly schedule for more information</i>	At home activity: DIY Anemometer <i>" see weekly schedule for more information</i>	ASP Video Call 4:30-5:30 Yarn chandeliers	ASP and YLP Call 4:00-7:00 Family pizza paint night		
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	Mindful Monday Breath drawing <i>" see weekly schedule for more information</i>					

Program: After School Program | Youth Leadership Program

Location: Currently at home due to COVID-19 restrictions

Please note: weekly activities are posted on the WFN Right to Play After School and Youth Leadership Program Facebook group and will be sent in the package deliveries. This calendar is subject to change in accordance with COVID-19 restrictions.

# WFN EVENT CALENDAR - MAY 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						01
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
		Soups On @ noon Sue Chartrand here	Good Food Box ordering deadline Nutrition Bingo @ 5:30 pm Bedtime Story Club @ 7 pm	Congregate Dining delivery @ 5:00 pm	CLOSED	
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Soups On @ noon Bedtime Story Club @ 7 pm	Good Food Box delivery day		CLOSED	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		Soups On @ noon Zumba @ noon Sue Chartrand here	Sue Chartrand here Healthy Recipe 4-6 pm Bedtime Story Club @ 7pm	Nutrition Bingo @ 5:30 pm	CLOSED	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	CLOSED	Soups On @ noon Zumba @ noon Bedtime Story Club @ 7 pm			CLOSED	
30	31					

Sue Chartrand will be here for footcare and massages - dates on calendar. If interested, contact Line @ 705-858-7700 ext 218.

Please call 708-858-7700 to order your Good Food Box or to register for Nutrition Bingo.

Zumba Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82538152156> Meeting ID: 825 3815 2156 Passcode: 111111