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NOTICE:

ELECTION APPEAL BOARD CALL OUT POSTPONED

The Election Appeal Board Call Out has been postponed until the Ratification Vote on the Amended Band Custom Election Code has been completed.

More information will be provided when available.

For any questions please contact Melissa Brideau, Senior Executive Assistant: Melissa.Brideau@wahnapitaefn.com (© (705) 858-0610 x.203





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.



WAHNAPITAE FIRST NATION NOTICE OF RATIFICATION VOTE

Date: February 11, 2025

TO: THE MEMBERS OF WAHNAPITAE FIRST NATION

TAKE NOTICE that two (2) Ratification Votes will be held on March 13, 2025, pursuant to the *Wahnapitae First Nation Community Ratification Process*, to determine if the Voters of Wahnapitae First Nation approve the proposed amendments to the **Band Custom Election Code** and the **Information Management Law**.

The following two (2) Ballot Questions will be asked of the Voters of Wahnapitae First Nation by secret ballot: As a Voter of the Wahnapitae First Nation: Do you approve the amended Band Custom Election Code? AND

As a Voter of the Wahnapitae First Nation: Do you approve the amended Information Management Law?

The Ratification Vote will take place:

VOTE ONLINE

Starting March 6, 2025 at 9:00 AM and ending March 13, 2025 at 8:00 PM Eastern

If you wish to vote online, visit the link below and then click the red button "Log In/Sign Up" or "Vote Now" and follow the instructions provided. You will be required to provide your Registry Number (this is your 10-digit Status card number - starting with "**232**..."), Date of Birth, and a personal email address. Visit the link below to get started:

www.onefeather.ca/nations/wahnapitae

Along with this Notice of Ratification Vote, the Information Package shall include everything needed to vote by Mail-in Ballot, instruction on how to vote Electronically, and summaries of the proposed amendments to the Band Custom Elections Code and the Information Management Law.

All relevant background documents, including full copies of the Ratification Documents, will be available in the

band administration building, by request from the Ratification Officer, and at the following onling, members only, secure area: https://wahnapitaefirstnation.com/members-login.html

You are eligible to vote if you are 18 years of age by the last day of the Voting Period (March 13, 2025) and your name

appears on the band list or you are entitled to have your name appear on the band list. You will be required to produce identification in order to vote. You may only vote once. To confirm that your name is on the List of Eligible contact the Ratification Officer using the information at the end of this Notice.

An Eligible Voter who wishes to vote will register by one of the following methods of registration:

(a) by appearing in person at the polls and completing and signing a voter registration document.

(b) by submitting a mail-in ballot and completing and signing the voter registration/declaration form as part of the mail-in ballot process.

(c) by

MARCH 13, 2025 – 9:00 AM TO 8:00 PM

Wahnapitae First Nation Elders Lounge

259 Taighwenini Trail Road, Capreol, ON POM 1HO

Mail-in Ballot voting packages will be sent automatically to all voters for whom a mailing address is on record with the Wahnapitae First Nation. To be eligible to be counted, a Mail-in Ballot must be recieved by the Ratification Officer before the close of the Voting Period. You may also request a mail-in ballot voting package from the Ratification Officer.

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Email: voterhelp@onefeather.ca Toll Free: 1-855-923-3006 209-852 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C., V8W 1H8 www.onefeather.ca/nations/wahnapitae

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Nellness Wednesdays

O Maan Doosh Gamig

March 5 • 10:00am - 12:00 pm Women's Day Activities

March 12 • 10:00 am - 12:00 pm STI Awareness & Turtle Shell Making

March 19 • 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Family Violence Prevention Day (meals incl.)

> March 26 • 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm World Water Day Activities

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





Healthy Babies Healthy Children **Drop In NEW EVENT DATE Thursday, March 20**

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@wahnapitaefn.com (705) 920-9106

www.WahnapitaeFirstNation.com

Transform Thursdays

March 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.



Games and fun with snacks and refreshments!

Saturday, March 15 Maan Doosh Gamig () 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

RSVP by Tuesday, March 11.

Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com

(705) 858-7700

Nutrition

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Thursday, March 20 Maan Doosh Gamig (35:00 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





DROP OFF BINS BY Monday, March 10 PICK UP Tuesday, March 11

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

For questions and more information please contact:



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Friday, March 14

Maan Doosh Gamig () 6:30 PM
 Limit of 25 participants. Please RSVP by March 12.
 Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com

Diabetes **Day Event** SATURDAY, MARCH 1 ① 11am-3pm ② Maan Doosh Gamig INFORMATION, Cedar Soak Foot Baths HEALTHY FOOD. **DISPLAY BOOTHS, MEET WITH PARTNERS.** PRIZES, & MORE!



Crafts are a lucky bet for St. Patrick's Day celebrations

While it certainly can be fun to visit a pub and raise a pint in honor of St. Patrick's Day on March 17, such efforts are not necessarily a familyfriendly way to commemorate the patron saint of the Emerald Isle. Thankfully, there are plenty of activities for children and adults that focus less on imbibing and more on hands-on fun so everyone can be involved equally. Crafting often fits that bill.

The following are some unique craft ideas to celebrate the spirit of St. Patrick's Day. Many of these projects include items you may already have around the house.

Shamrock key chain

Find your favorite salt dough recipe and use a shamrock cookie cutter to cut out the shape of a lucky clover. Poke a hole at the top where you can connect a key ring. When the shamrock is dried and hardened, paint it in a vivid shade of green. Attach keys, a school ID or anything else to the key ring, or simply hang it from a backpack.

Leprechaun hats

With a little green paint, green card stock and construction paper in black and gold, anyone can create miniature leprechaun hats. Paint the toilet paper tube green, then wrap the bottom in a strip of black and place a gold "buckle" made out of a rectangle of gold or yellow paper. Glue the tube to a round of green card stock, and voila, you have a perfect leprechaun hat for decorating a room or table.

Easy rainbow craft

Grab some fruity O-shaped cereal and let kids sort the colors into red, orange, yellow, green, and purple. Glue rows of these colored cereal rings onto a piece of white cardstock to make the rainbow. At the base of the rainbow, glue some cotton balls to serve as the clouds.

Beaded bracelets

Visit a craft store and stock up on small green, white and gold beads,

as well as some bracelet wire or poly string. Spend a few hours making bracelets that everyone can wear with their green attire for St. Patrick's Day. The bracelets also can be given as gifts.

Shamrock slime

Those who can find green glitter glue and shamrock confetti can turn their favorite slime recipe into one worthy of St. Patrick's Day.

Rainbow cereal bars

Incorporate some of the marshmallows from a favorite "lucky" cereal brand into the mix of rice cereal treats to give them a rainbow-inspired upgrade.

Pots of gold

If you have leftover plastic witches' cauldrons from Halloween, paint them gold and use them to store foil-wrapped chocolate coins. Otherwise, tie green helium-filled balloons to the cauldron to make a perfect centerpiece.

St. Patrick's Day crafts get the entire family in on the fun of celebrating the Emerald Isle.



Monday, March 17 Selders Lounge (1) 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



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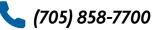


Ted and Leila Roque are among the many individuals who have benefited from our medicines. Ted, who served as a chief for many years, experienced firsthand the effectiveness of our treatments, including the 23 medicines we provided. Many others have also found relief using Minagin for rashes, which cleared up quickly. Watch for monthly features of the traditional medicines that the Norman Recollet Health Centre has ready to go!



Norman Recollet Health Centre 259 Taighwenini Trail Rd.

- Primary Care Clinic 190 Loonway Rd.
- 坐 Line.Baillargeon@wahnapitaefn.com



7 Pine Cough Medicine

White Pine, Red Pine, Jack Pine, Black Spruce, Tamarack, Hemlock, Ground Hemlock, Juniper, White Spruce, Balsam.

- Combine and boil all ingredients together in 2 pints of water for approx. one hour.
- Stir in 750 mg of Honey
- Strain and bake in oven at 200° for four hours.
- Process canning jars and store in a dark place.
- Take 2 tbsp daily as needed.



Red Pine





Jack Pine Black





Balsam

Hemlock

Spruce



Ground Hemlock









White Spruce

Tamarack





FEBRUARY 18 @ 5PM

Scan QR code to register or visit:

https://gformsapp.com/f/1_2Y-dPj-3yoEuREsV59VtmhFiZHJU98D_4LDeXGwTWs/en/

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YOUTH MEMBER SURVEY

Off-Reserve Traditional Workshops

FEBRUARY 18 - MARCH 4

www.wahnapitaefirstnation.com/members-login

Physical copies available at the Centre of Excellence front office.



MEMBER SURVEY Community Sewing Club

FEBRUARY 10 - MARCH 17

www.wahnapitaefirstnation.com/members-login

For questions or more information please contact: Matalie.Goring@wahnapitaefn.com (705) 920-9106

MEMBER SURVEY Economic Development Visions

FEBRUARY 10 - MARCH 17 www.wahnapitaefirstnation.com/members-login

Physical copies available at the Centre of Excellence front office.

www.WahnapitaeFirstNation.com



To purchase or for more information please contact: Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com ((705) 858-7700 Betty-Kay.Hill@wahnapitaefn.com ((705) 822-5690





 Metamorphasis Yoga Studio, Capreol ① 2:00 PM Rides and passes provided, depart 1:30 PM from Centre of Excellence. Please RSVP to:
 Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com (705) 858-7700











APRIL 10 RSVP BY APRIL 3

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



March 2025 Community Newsletter

Migizi (Eagle) Honour Song

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

Start with honour beats then the chant with no drums, then start beating and proceed with Verse 1. Repeat chant after Verse 1-3 with drums. End song after Verse 4/5 with chant and no drums.

Chant:

Wey ya hey, wey ya hey, Wey ya hey, wey ya hey, Wey ya-ah hey, wey ya-ah hey, *(4 honour beats)* Wey ya-ah hey, wey ya-ah hey,

Verse 1:

Migizi ngii-noondwaa *(I heard the eagle)* Migizi ngii-noondwaa Ngii-noondwaa, Ngii-noondwaa Migizi ngii-noondwaa

Verse 2: Migizi ngii-waabmaa *(I saw the Eagle)* Migizi ngii-waabmaa Ngii-waabmaa, Ngii-waabmaa Migizi ngii-waabmaa

Verse 3: Migzi ngii-dkonaa *(I held the Eagle)* Migizi ngii-dkonaa Ngii-dkonaa, Ngii-dkonaa Migizi ngii-dkonaa

Verse 4:

Migizi ngii-naapnanaa *(I followed the Eagle)* Migizi ngii-naapnanaa Ngii-naapnanaa, Ngii-naapnanaa Migizi ngii-naapnanaa

Verse 5 (Optional): Migizi ndoo-zaag'aa *(I love the Eagle)* Migizi ndoo-zaag'aa Ngii ndoo-zaag'aa, Ngii ndoo-zaag'aa Migizi ndoo-zaag'aa

Did St. Patrick Chase Snakes?

Snakes feature prominently in the legend of St. Patrick, whose feast day is celebrated every year on March 17. As the legend goes, St. Patrick drove all snakes from Ireland. But scientists and historians note that St. Patrick, who lived in the mid-fifth to early-sixth century, likely came along too late to accomplish such a feat, as evidence suggests post-glacial Ireland never had any snakes. Indeed, the ocean waters surrounding the Emerald Isle are too cold to enable the migration of snakes from other locales, which suggests the snakes in the legend of St. Patrick are symbols and not meant to represent reptiles.



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Sunday, March 16 Maan Doosh Gamig © 10am-4pm

Limited seats. Please RSVP by March 13. Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com Lori.Corbiere@wahnapitaefn.com

Family Druming

Monday, March 31 © 1-3 PM © Maan Doosh Gamig Snacks and refreshments provided.

For more information please contact: Natalie.Goring@wahnapitaefn.com (705) 920-9106 Lori.Corbiere@wahnapitaefn.com (705)858-0610 Ext. 253



Community Eagle Staff MEMBERS CALL FOR DESIGN TEAM

To volunteer or for more information please contact: Lori.Corbiere@wahnapitaefn.com **(**705) 858-0610

Senior Activity Kits MARCH

Flat Fan Kits

Please sign-up by Wednesday, March 5. Delivery on Thursday, March 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 (705) 858-7700





Thursday, March 20© Maan Doosh Gamig ©1:30-2:30pm

For more information please contact: Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com (705) 858-7700



Indigenous HIV/AIDS Info Session

Thursday, March 20 Maan Doosh Gamig (9:30am-10:30am)

To RSVP or for more information please contact: Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com (705) 858-0610





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: Émily.Roque@wahnapitaefn.com

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A Look Into the Data of at Risk Indigenous Languages



In spirit of Indigenous Languages Day on March 31, 2025. We hope that the data below can help and encourage others to share in the learning and preservation of the many Indigenous Languages of our Anishinaabe people.

Approximately one in eight Indigenous people (237,420 people) reported they could speak one of 70 distinct Indigenous languages well enough to conduct a conversation in 2021, 10,750 fewer people compared with 2016, and the first decline since comparable data started being collected in 1991.

The decline in Indigenous language speakers was driven by fewer people learning an Indigenous language in childhood and retaining it (also known as a mother tongue). In 2021, 184,170 Indigenous people reported an Indigenous mother tongue, 14,120 fewer people compared with 2016.

Indigenous languages in Canada are considered at risk, with several classified as endangered. As documented by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, this risk is the result of intergenerational impacts of cultural genocide and discriminatory colonial policies, most notably residential schools. Today, however, there are some signs of language revitalization, with the share of Indigenous people who reported learning an Indigenous language as their second language rising from 24.8% in 2016 to 27.7% in 2021. Two-thirds of First Nations people who speak an Indigenous language live on reserve. Over two-thirds (67.8%) of the 183,790 First Nations people who reported they could speak an Indigenous language lived on reserve in 2021.

First Nations people living on reserve (39.8%) were almost five times more likely to speak an Indigenous language compared with those living off reserve (8.0%).

Inuit Nunangat is home to the vast majority of Inuktut language speakers. Inuit Nunangat, the homeland of Inuit in Canada, comprises four regions: Nunatsiavut (Labrador), Nunavik (northern Quebec), Nunavut and the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (the Northwest Territories).

Inuit Nunangat is home to over two-thirds (69.0%) of

Inuit and the vast majority (94.3%) of all Inuit Inuktut speakers. Inuktut, meaning "the Inuit language," is a term that is inclusive of all Inuit language dialects, such as Inuktitut, Inuinnaqtun and Inuvialuktun.

Indigenous languages also spoken in big cities

While you are most likely to hear Indigenous languages spoken on reserve and in the North, you will also hear them spoken in big cities. In 2021, 14 cities were home to over 1,000 residents who spoke an Indigenous language.

- Winnipeg was home to the largest community of people who could speak an Indigenous language, particularly First Nations people (4,710).
- Edmonton had the highest number of Métis who could speak an Indigenous language (620).
- Ottawa-Gatineau had the largest population of Inuit who could speak an Indigenous language (600), followed by Montréal (360).

Signs of Indigenous language revitalization across Canada

While the number of Indigenous language speakers was down 4.3% from five years earlier in 2016, there are some signs of language revitalization and transmission across generations. In Atlantic Canada, First Nations children aged 14 years and younger were more likely to be able to speak an Indigenous language (14.0%) than First Nations adults aged 65 years and older (12.3%) in 2021.

Mi'kmaq was the most spoken Indigenous language among First Nations people in Atlantic Canada, with 8,195 speakers in 2021, up 5.9% from 2016.

In Quebec, First Nations children 14 years of age or younger (39.4%) were almost three times more likely to speak an Indigenous language compared with First Nations adults aged 65 years and older (13.4%).

Just over two in five First Nations people in Ontario

(40.7% or 10,895 people) who spoke an Indigenous language in 2021 learned it as a second language, up 18.9% from 2016 and the fastest pace of growth among second-language speakers nationally.

The Blackfoot language experienced the fastest growth among First Nations languages in the Prairie provinces, increasing by almost one-fifth (+18.9%) from 2016 to 2021 to 6,450 speakers.

Several endangered First Nation

languages primarily spoken in British Columbia experienced a revival, such as Heiltsuk (+173.9% to 315 speakers) and Haisla (+57.1% to 275 speakers).

Michif is a uniquely Métis language that originated as a combination of Cree, Ojibway and French and borrows from English and other Indigenous languages. In 2021, 1,485 Métis reported being able to have a conversation in Michif, up 460 speakers, or 44.9%, from 2016.



ARTIST CALL Seeking artists for a collaboration project between Wahnapitae, Sagamok and Atikameksheng to design a Thiess Employee Patch for Indigenous Partnership.

> Please submit your portfolios by Friday, March 14.

Elizabeth.Houle@wahnapitaefn.com (705) 858-0610 Ext. 240

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Is your family expecting? Child behaviour questions? Searching for mental health advice or supports?



We are here to help.

Family Well-being & Healthy Babies Healthy Children Programming Natalie.Goring@wahnapitaefn.com \$\$(705) 920-9106

Community Health Nurse Alison.Sabzali@wahnapitaefn.com & (705) 858-7700

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



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN POLICING?





Work on it Wednesday

NEW EVENT DATE

Looking to start a new project, unfinished beadwork at home? Join us for dinner and social crafting time!

Wednesday, April 2 © 6-9 PM © Maan Doosh Gamig

Please RSVP by Wednesday, March 26: Natalie.Goring@wahnapitaefn.com (705) 920-9106



Volunteer Call Land Code Development Committee

One (1) seat has become vacant on the Land Code Development Committee. Wahnapitae First Nation will be developing a land code for ratification by the membership. The development process is anticipated to be completed by fall 2025.

Wahnapitae First Nation is establishing a Land Code Development Committee to develop the land code, hold community consultation meetings and develop the community ratification process document. The Land Code Development Committee has begun meeting and have made significant progress on preratification requirements.

Wahnapitae First Nation Lands Department are requesting letters of interest from members who may be interested in the One (1) seat on the Land Code Development Committee. Committee members will be compensated with an honorarium per meeting.

Any Wahnapitae First Nation member who may wish to tender their name for the above mentioned committee is requested to submit a letter of interest to Sara Lehman, Lands Director:

Sara.Lehman@wahnapitaefn.com 🕓 (705) 858-0610 Ext. 204

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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Awarded annually to five incoming Indigenous undergraduate students

(First Nations, Métis, and Inuit) studying full-time at Western's main campus based on their outstanding academic excellence and meaningful and impactful contribution toward Indigenous communities. Two scholarships will be awarded to incoming students applying from Canadian high schools, and one scholarship to an incoming Indigenous student applying from a postsecondary institution. Recipients must meet the minimum academic averages for their programs, and will be selected on the basis of academic achievement, creative and innovative thinking, and previous or intended contributions to Indigenous communities (including, on and off reserve and as well as urban settings).

For more information please contact our Indigenous Financial Aid Coordinator Donna Noah at dnoaheuwo.ca or (519) 661-2111 ext. 86437

Scholarship Values

3 awards at \$50,000 each to incoming Indigenous students applying from Canadian high schools^{*}

2 awards at \$50,000 to an incoming Indigenous student applying from a postsecondary institution*

> *\$20,000 for year one, \$10,000 for years two to four based on ongoing registration

*not applicable to second entry programs

How to Apply

To apply to the National Indigenous Scholarship Program please go to the following link:

studentservices.uwo.ca/ NationalIndigenousScholarship/ Students/NSIntroPage.cfm

Deadline: March 14th Annually





CARBON REFILL REPLACEMENTS Ready for pick-up!

Families that registered to participate in the FoodCycler[™] Pilot Project can drop-in to the Centre of Excellence or confirm a time to pick-up CARBON REFILL REPLACEMENTS.

For more information and to arrange pick-up please contact: Katie.Ede@wahnapitaefn.com Sara.Lehman@wahnapitaefn.com (705) 858-0610

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TWO SCIENCE CENTRES — ONE STACKED MARCH BREAK!

SCAN FOR MARCH BREAK SAVINGS

Experience *two full days* of adventure at Science North and Dynamic Earth! Explore interactive exhibits, experience an underground mining tour, and enjoy an IMAX® movie and Planetarium show! Perfect for families looking to build an unforgettable March Break!





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Red Hawk & Aries

People born at this time have a strong part of them that is passionate and full of energy.

Often these individuals will be driven to start new journeys or projects with enthusiasm and a clear sense of direction. They may possess a warrior spirit and do not fear the unknown. They have a clear understanding of what they want but sometimes find it hard to be patient. In Western astrology these people are ruled by the planet Mars, the planet that governs our drive, motivation and desire. Mars energy can be compared to the spirit of the Red Hawk, represented in the Native American Red Hawk totem. Characteristics of the Red Hawk show some resemblances to the symbolism of Mars. For example the hawk who takes flight whenever his desires motivate him, will free himself of the restrictions that get in the way, by taking flight. His flight will free him from the rugged earthly terrain on the ground below him.

The same could be said of individuals who are born at this time. The focused Hawk or Aries individual, through their passion and desire, can quickly and clearly get to where they want to be. The hawk, which flies so high, is free and independent and as a result has an advantage over his prey. Likewise individuals born at this time, governed by the planet Mars, can see so clearly what they want and be so driven by their own passion that they often seem unaware of obstacles or pitfalls that can get in the way. The Red Hawk can be found in the east on the medicine wheel directly opposite the Raven. a creature who can teach the Red Hawk so much.





The Youth Council is excited to announce a series of virtual engagement and information sessions for youth who are interested in joining the council!

These sessions will provide an opportunity to learn more about the council's **mission**, **initiatives**, and the meaningful role youth play in **shaping its direction**.

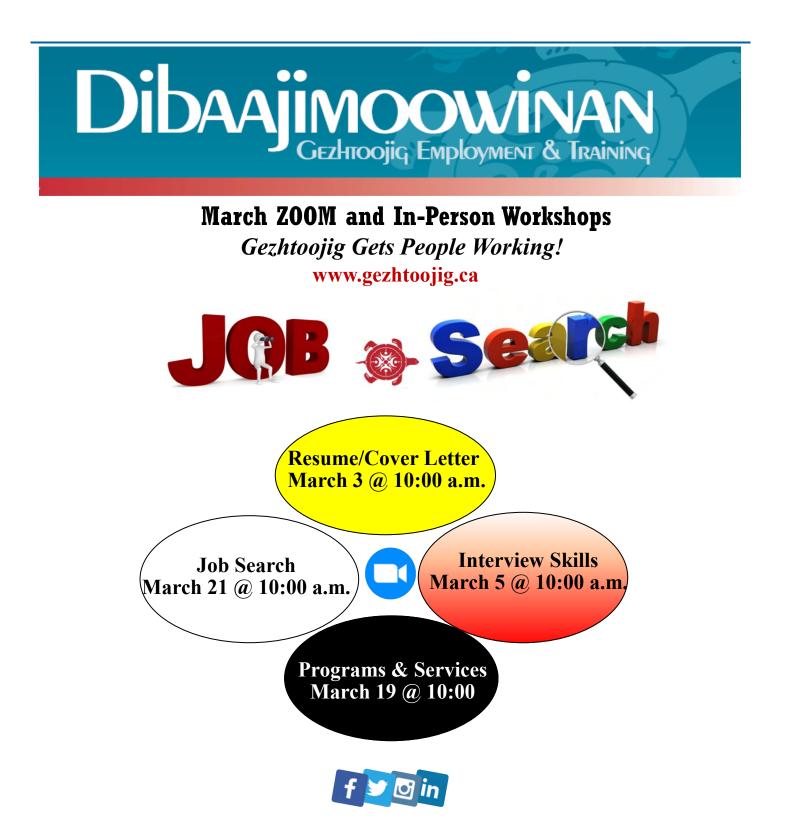


Participants will have the chance to ask questions, connect with current council members, and gain a deeper understanding of how they can get involved.

Dates & Times: Wednesday, February 26th 5:30pm to 6:30pm Wednesday, March 5th 3:30pm to 4:30pm

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A message from Gimaa Roque,

As we step into the month of March, we welcome the longer days and the transition towards spring. While the warmer temperatures are a welcome change, we remind everyone to stay vigilant about ice safety. Conditions can be unpredictable this time of year, so please use caution when out on the ice.

We also want to take a moment to wish good luck to the Wanbedeh Flying Cranes as they represent us at the 51st Little NHL Hockey Tournament! Your dedication and teamwork make us proud. Best of luck as well to the teams competing in the Northern Ontario Indigenous Basketball Tournament—play hard and enjoy the experience!

For those taking time off, we hope you enjoy your March Break safely. Whether you're traveling, spending time with family, or relaxing at home, please make safety a priority and have fun.

With the uncertain times ahead, we encourage you to take action for your future. Please invest wisely and ensure that your safety net and safety plan is discussed in your household. As well, take a look at the online resources and job board that is geared towards Wahnapitae members and the area.

Additionally, we encourage all members to stay engaged in shaping our community. Right now, there are three surveys and two votes live on the Members Portal—this is your opportunity to share your thoughts and have your voice heard. Your input matters, and we appreciate your participation in these important discussions.

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> 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.wahnapitaefirstnation.com

Sign up for email notices and updates:

🔽 <u>www.tinyurl.com/wfn-email</u>

See what we're up to:

Do you have questions, comments or suggestions, want to share something in our newsletter? communications@wahnapitaefn.com \$\((705)\) 858-0610 Ext: 234

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REGULAR MEETING Monday, March 31

♥ ELDERS LOUNGE & ZOOM ● 6:00 PM

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

wahnapitaefirstnation.com/members-login

- The deadline to register for the web version of this meeting is March 24.
- 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.



6 Ways to Help Reduce Stress

Stress is a significant public health challenge. The Ipsos Global Advisor survey for World Mental Health Day 2022 found that most Americans feel the United States health care system places less importance on mental health than physical health, and the majority of adults reported experiencing high levels of stress over the last two years. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says mental health problems may occur as more adults deal with stress. In August 2022, more than 32 percent of adults in the U.S. reported having symptoms of anxiety or depression in the last two weeks.

The stress response gets a person through tough times, as the body rallies to evade a threat. Typically, when the danger subsides, the body can go back to business as usual. However, when stress is ongoing, it can cause harm like chronic inflammation. In addition, the constant activation of the immune system raises the risk for many adverse health effects, including heart disease and stroke.

Men and women experience stress differently. Debra Bangasser, Ph.D., and her colleagues at Temple University found that, in response to significant life stress, men are more likely than women to experience effects on the cognitive processes like memory. High job insecurity is a notable stress trigger for men. It's key to keep stress at a minimum for personal well-being. These strategies can help. **1.** Get active: Exercise will not make stress disappear, but it can relieve some of the emotional responses and clear thoughts to let you deal with problems more readily.

2. Use laughter: Harvard Health says laughter reduces stress hormones and is a way to experience joy, optimism and hope.

3. Reduce loud noises: Sometimes loud noises can trigger a stress response. It can make it hard to think and take you away from being mindful. Avoiding loud scenarios or wearing earplugs or noise-canceling headphones can help.

4. Avoid unhealthy habits: Some people turn to alcohol or smoking to deal with stress. Overall, these habits can exacerbate stress and lead to additional health problems.

5. Meditate: The Mayo Clinic says attention is focused to help calm the thoughts in the mind and give a sense of peace and calm. Meditation can include guided imagery, mindfulness and visualization exercises.

6. Connect with others: Meaningful relationships can create feelings of belonging. Feeling cared for and supported can help people cope with stress and be more resilient. Building connections involves reaching out to community, family or friends. Sometimes just talking things out with others as a sounding board can alleviate stress, especially when others share that they have experienced similar situations. Stress can be detrimental to men's overall health. Taking steps to reduce stress can improve quality of life.

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

Mental health resources, counselling services and supports available.



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