



Community Newsletter

November 2025 Baashkaakodin Giizis • Freezing Moon

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Aanii, boozhoo,

As we move into November, I encourage you to take time to pause, reflect, and come together in community. This month offers many important opportunities to honour our history, acknowledge our responsibilities, and celebrate our collective strength.

Ontario Treaties Recognition Week reminds us of the deep and enduring significance of our Treaties — the living agreements that shape our relationships and responsibilities to one another and to the land. This week encourages all of us to continue learning, sharing, and upholding the spirit and intent of these Treaties. By understanding our shared history, we strengthen our future and reaffirm the importance of respect, reciprocity, and relationship-building.

We also take time this month to honour and remember those who served, both within our communities and across the country. Indigenous Veterans Day (November 8) and Remembrance Day (November 11) serve as moments of reflection — recognizing the courage, sacrifice, and dedication of all who stood to protect our people, our lands, and our freedoms. We hold these individuals, their families, and their legacies close to our hearts.

Later in the month, we observe National Addictions Awareness Week, a time to reflect on the challenges faced by individuals and families affected by addiction. This week encourages open conversations, compassion, and collective healing. It reminds us that recovery is not walked alone — it's supported by community care, understanding, and access to culturally grounded wellness supports. Together, we continue working toward a future rooted in healing, balance, and hope.

In the spirit of community connection, we also encourage everyone to support our LNHL teams by purchasing 50/50 raffle tickets. Your contribution helps lift up our youth, strengthen local programs, and build community pride both on and off the ice.

As we move through the month, may we each take time to honour the past, support one another in the present, and look forward to the future with strength and kindness. Wishing you a safe, healthy, and happy November filled with reflection, learning, and community spirit.

Gimaa Larry Roque

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Hours:

Monday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Tuesday - Thursday 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

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want to share something in our newsletter?**

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National Addictions Awareness Week

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES | NOV 10, 12 & 13

Monday, November 10

9 AM | Pilates
10 AM | Let's 'Toke' About It
11 AM | Smoking & Vaping Awareness

***FREE
SWAG!**

Wednesday, November 12

10 AM - 2 PM | Impaired Driving and Opioid Abuse
Info Sessions with lunch and refreshments provided.

Thursday, November 13

10 AM - 2 PM | Homelessness and Cocaine Abuse
Info Sessions with lunch and refreshments provided.

 **MAAN DOOSH GAMIG**

FIRST 10 PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE FREE SWAG!

For questions and more information please contact:

 Heather.Roy@wahnapiataefn.com  (705) 858-7700





Chief & Council

NEW EVENT DATE

REGULAR MEETING Monday, December 8

📍 **ELDER'S 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 December 1.
- 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@wahnapitaefn.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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Information Management Law **Update & FAQ**

A second ratification vote for Wahnapiitae First Nation's Information Management Law is coming soon to carry out members' wishes for strong privacy protections and rights. Please use this FAQ for explanation of the most up-to-date information on the law and its progress.

Why is WFN making its own Information Management Law?

Q

Uncertainty over applying colonial privacy laws to First Nations leaves members vulnerable. The proposed Information Management Law is a member-led solution creating strong, community-controlled data privacy and freedom of information rights. The law requires member consent for data use and sharing. Additionally, it protects member data, guarantees access to non-member records (when appropriate), creates a central registry for all decisions and policies, and begins a historical archive.

A

How does this affect me?

Q

The proposed law strengthens your rights over your personal information by ensuring you:

- Know why your data is collected and that it will only be used for the intended purpose.
- Have the right to request and verify the accuracy of your own personal information.
- Are protected from your data being misused by other organizations.
- Can easily access relevant and acceptable records.

A

What if my privacy is violated under this law?

Q

There will be a process to report concerns or violations; in case of actual issues, the law allows for an independent, third-party adjudicator. The law also includes accountability measures to ensure privacy is respected and corrective actions are taken if needed.

A

Who can access records and what's in them?

Q

The Registry will contain all Wahnapiitae First Nation laws, policies, and Council/committee decisions, including plain-language versions to ensure transparency and participation. The law applies to all individuals within Wahnapiitae First Nation, including leadership, committees, and staff.

A

What rights will I have under this law?

Q

You have the right to know how your data is collected and used, to access and request corrections to your own records, and to be notified if your information is shared. You also have the right to access other acceptable records.

A

Was there already a vote for the Information Management Law?

Q

An initial ratification vote for the law was held in March 2025. Although over 80% of members voted in favor, the results didn't count because the turnout didn't meet the ISC threshold (25% of the eligible voting population + 1). This imposed colonial threshold can deny the will of the people, runs counter to ANGA freedoms, and causes costly re-voting.

A

What are future steps?

Q

Legal review since March 2025 confirmed that the ISC voting threshold can be replaced. Chief and Council are now seeking member feedback on amending policies to use a simple majority system in future votes. Staff will schedule a second vote on the Information Management Law for early 2026 once this feedback review is done.

A

Still have questions? Please contact: ✉ Taylor.Bertrim@wahnapiitaefn.com ☎ (705) 858-0610 ext. 254

GIP GFL

Meet & Greet

Wahnapiatae First Nation and Atikameksheng Anishnawbek invite you to an evening of connection, learning, and discovery! Come meet representatives from GIP and GFL Environmental to learn more about their work, explore future opportunities, and gain insight into the infrastructure and environmental industries.

This is your chance to ask questions, build relationships, and discover how these organizations are shaping the future. Enjoy a light dinner and refreshments while networking in a relaxed setting.

**Monday, November 3
at 363 Car & Social Club**

📍 **363 York St. Sudbury** ⌚ **4-8pm**

Lilli Doughty, Wahnapiatae First Nation

✉ lilli.doughty@wahnapiataefn.com

Tasheena Recollet, Atikameksheng Anishinawbek

✉ communityskills.coordinator@wlnfn.com





Tuesdays
Nov. 4 | Dec. 2 | Jan. 13

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig ⌚ 4-6pm
Snacks and refreshments provided.
Bring unfinished projects or start new ones!

For questions or more information please contact:
✉ Natalie.Goring@wahnapietaefn.com ☎ (705) 920-9106



DISCUSSION: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24
📍 Elder's Lounge ⌚ 1:00 pm

Pick up your copy from Heather by Monday, November 3.
✉ heather.roy@wahnapietaefn.com ☎ (705) 858-7700

Seniors

T.L.C.

Tuesdays

November 4, 18 & 25

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

For more information and to RSVP please contact:
✉ Heather.Roy@wahnapietaefn.com ☎ (705) 858-7700



Senior Activity Kits

NOVEMBER

**3-TIER
Dreamcatchers**

**Sign-up by
Wednesday, November 2**

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

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



Christopher Roque Memorial Fund
50/50 Raffle Tickets



To purchase or for more information please contact:
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 ☑ Betty-Kay.Hill@wahnapietaefn.com ☎ (705) 822-5690



Transform Tuesdays

Exercise Activities with Heather & Alison

November 4, 18 & 25

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig ⌚ 9-10 AM

Exercises can be modified for mobility needs.

For questions or more information please contact:

☑ Heather.Roy@wahnapietaefn.com
 ☑ Alison.Sabzali@wahnapietaefn.com
 ☎ (705) 858-7700

CONGREGATE DINING

ELDERS 55+

OCTOBER 2

RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 25

NOVEMBER 6

RSVP BY OCTOBER 30

📍 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@wahnapietaefn.com ☎ 705-858-7700



RSVP

Wednesday, Nov. 12

PICK-UP

Wednesday Nov. 19

Bring your bags to MDG from 4-6pm.

To RSVP and for more information:
 ☑ Rochelle.Tyson@wahnapietaefn.com
 ☎ (705) 858-7700



Join us to help shape our community's future through the development of our Land Code, your input and ideas are vital. Dinner and refreshments provided.

Learn more about the Land Code process by scanning the QR below or visiting www.cutt.ly/wfn-landcode.

November 18

🕒 5:30-7:30PM

📍 MDG Hall

DOOR PRIZE!

November 25

🕒 5:30-7:30PM

🌐 Virtual (Zoom)

LINK ON MEMBERS PORTAL

December 2

🕒 5:30-7:30PM

📍 Hilton Garden Inn, Sudbury

DOOR PRIZE!

For more information and Zoom link please visit:

🌐 www.wahnapiitaefn.ca/members-login or scan code.

For questions please contact:

✉ Sara.Lehman@wahnapiitaefn.com

📞 (705) 858-0610



Diabetic Snacks

PICK UP TAKE HOME KITS

Thursday, November 27

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig 🕒 3pm

Must be diabetic and RSVP by Thursday, November 20.

For more information and to RSVP please contact:

✉ Heather.Roy@wahnapietaefn.com

📞 (705) 858-7700



Nutrition

BINGO

Thursday, November 20

📍 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@wahnapietaefn.com 📞 (705) 858-7700

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



Anishinaabemowin Language Sessions

Co-Facilitated by Debbie Recollet
& Debbie Plain-McGregor

Tuesdays • November 4, 11, 18 & 25

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig 🕒 6-8pm

Open to all, light snacks and refreshments provided.

For more information please contact:

✉ lori.corbiere@wahnapietaefn.com 📞 (705) 858-7700



**DOOR
PRIZES!**



Harvesting Mooz WORKSHOP

Friday, November 21

📍 MAAN DOOSH GAMIG 🕒 10AM-3PM

*Learn how to make the most of your wild game harvest!
We'll focus on preparing delicious dishes with moose
meat, including making your own moose jerky!*

Please RSVP by Thursday, November 20

✉️ Line.Baillargeon@wahnapietaefn.com ✉️ Lori.Corbieri@wahnapietaefn.com

☎️ (705) 858-7700



Diabetes and you...



Informational Booths & Activities

In recognition of National Diabetes Day

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

📍 MAAN DOOSH GAMIG 🕒 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM



For more information please contact:

✉️ heather.roy@wahnapietaefn.com ☎️ (705) 858-7700

Medicinal Teachings & Story Telling

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

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

Thursday, November 13 & 27

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

For more information please contact:

✉ Line.Baillargeon@wahnapietaefn.com

☎ (705) 858-7700





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, aunties, 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**

Youth Explore Careers in Mining at Technica & ADLP Stobie Pit Mine Tour

A group of promising young individuals from Atikameksheng Anishnawbek and Wahnapiatae First Nations took part in an exciting Youth Mining Tour at Stobie Mine. The visit provided students with a first-hand introduction to the many aspects of the mining industry and the career opportunities it offers.

During the tour, participants were given a behind-the-scenes look at mining operations, witnessing real-time processes and learning about the technology and teamwork that drive the industry. One highlight of the day was a visit to ADLP's remote drilling trailer, where students engaged in a hands-on learning experience that brought classroom lessons to life.





Healthy Snacks

Pick Up Dates

Wednesday, November 12

Tuesday, December 9

Wednesday, January 7

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

For questions and more information please contact:
📧 raelynn.cranston@wahnapiataefn.com ☎ (705) 822-5690





Soup's 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.



Job Fair Brings Opportunity and Connection to the Community

The recent Job Fair was a resounding success — a day filled with opportunity, connection, and community spirit. The event brought together community members and a diverse range of employers eager to share information, resources, and career opportunities.

A heartfelt Miigwech goes out to all the employers and organizations who joined us and helped make this event such a success, including ROQ Supplies & Services, Major Drilling, Pioneer Construction, Sling-Choker, Hydro One, Taighwenini Technical Services Corporation, Workforce, TD Bank, Vale, Thiess, Valard, Aecon, Magna Mining, Bird, Hy-Tech Drilling, and many more.

Their presence and support created meaningful connections and opened doors for those exploring new career paths. Each conversation and connection helped strengthen relationships and foster growth within our region's workforce.

Miigwech to everyone who attended and contributed to making the Job Fair such a positive experience. Together, we continue to build a stronger, more connected future for our community. Watch for our next events!



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AT WWW.WAHNAPITAEFN.CA.
MUST BE 18 TO PURCHASE.

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FLYING CRANES**

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AND DELIVER OR MAIL TO: "2025 LNHL" 259 TAIGHWENINI TRAIL ROAD, CAPREOL ON, P0M 1H0

GOOD FOODS

NOVEMBER

**ORDER BY NOVEMBER 5
PICK UP NOVEMBER 13**

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

To order or for more information:
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Wahnapitae Health Centre



Education Update

October has been an exciting month for the Education Department, with meaningful developments in staffing, partnerships, programming, and infrastructure. Work continues with Facilities and Infrastructure and Corbiere to clear the land for the new ASP/YLP building, and we're pleased to report that electrical service to the Moose Hunt Shed and the C-cans is now complete, bringing us one step closer to fully utilizing these renovated spaces.

Outreach and collaboration with school boards remain a strong focus. Councillor Jamie and Marilyn attended the French Catholic School Board's Board Action Plan meeting, where we were impressed by the strides they've made in integrating Indigenous culture, including a new French-language Indigenous course that is being well-received. They will also be meeting with Vivian from the board to explore the creation of a cultural space in the new school, which will provide a welcoming environment for our Education staff to meet with students. We're looking forward to attending the opening of Notre Place on October 24. Additionally, we participated in both the First Nations Advisory Committee (FNAC) and Indigenous Education Committee (IEC) meetings with the Sudbury Catholic District School Board, who are doing great work with ISWs, Indigenous language classes, and an exciting new program launching at St. Benedict's next September. Their new Education Director, Morris Muncal, has shown a strong

commitment to expanding Indigenous presence in their schools.

On staffing, we're still awaiting feedback on our Jordan's Principle applications for the CYWA and Bus Monitor positions. The ASSW posting has now closed, and interviews are ongoing. The Indigenous Education Outreach Coordinator posting also closed this week with several applicants. I'm pleased to share that Autumn Skelliter has been hired as the Junior Cultural Mentor, funded through RTP until December 2025. She will be working with

our ASP and YLP programs. And as of this month, Nathan St-Germain is officially in the role of Education Services Manager.

With no one currently in the ASSW position, Marilyn and Nathan have been jointly managing those responsibilities. In the post-secondary portfolio, ongoing communication with students continues, although only three students have completed their required check-ins. As a result, November payments (and beyond) will be suspended until these meetings are held. LUNEC members have

Wellness Wednesdays

November 19 🕒 10am 📍 MDG

*Family Violence Prevention Info Session
& Dreamcatcher Workshop*

November 26 🕒 10am 📍 MDG

*Int'l Day for Elimination of Violence Against
Women & Self-Care Basket Workshop*

For more information and to RSVP please contact:

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also been invited to participate in selecting a new Chancellor, and Nathan has expressed interest in contributing. Nathan also attended Cambrian College's Circle for Indigenous Education on October 16.

On the secondary side, ASSW-related duties have included organizing and streamlining student files into OSR format for easier navigation, addressing school-related concerns from parents, submitting OFNLP allowance requests, and requesting attendance data.

The Gazebo remains a vibrant hub of activity. Programming calendars for November and December are finalized and approved. We're happy to announce that we've received \$2,500 in grant funding from OPG (via Benevity) to support our annual winter festivities for ASP and YLP, covering both meals and holiday gifts. Nancy attended the Regional FASD Gathering in North Bay on October 2 and submitted a report to Marilyn. Preparations are underway for the Haunted Trail on October 29, and Nancy attended the ILECC Fall Gathering at Blue Mountain from October 20–23. Looking ahead, she'll also participate in a Resiliency Workshop hosted by ILECC in Sault Ste. Marie from November 18–21, while ASP/YLP will remain open during that time.

Finally, our bus services are still running, though we remain down one driver. Fortunately, Carolyn and Tammy have managed the routes effectively and continue to ensure student transportation is uninterrupted.

- WFN Education Department



WINTER Wonderland
Photo Booth Contest 📍 **178 Loonway Rd.**
ENTER TO WIN AN AMAZON GIFT CARD
SOLO PHOTO \$50 • FAMILY PHOTO \$100
Submit your photos to Natalie by Sunday, January 4.
Off-reserve members are welcome to participate with any fall scene.
*Please be respectful of the area, WFN is not responsible for any injuries or damages to property.
Draw date: Tuesday, January 6. Text or email photos to:
📧 Natalie.Goring@wahnapietaefn.com ☎️ (705) 920-9106



Mashkawendamowin Gitigaan
“Garden of Inner Strength”

Call for Committee Members

For more information and to register please contact:
📧 Tammy.Chevrette@wahnapietaefn.com ☎️ (705) 920 9488





The government acknowledges that while their bravery was never in doubt, their sacrifices were not always fully recognized.

By keeping Indigenous Veterans Day separate, Canada makes room for a fuller, more honest reckoning: a recognition that service and sacrifice look different when viewed through the lens of colonial history. For many Indigenous people, November 8 is not just a day to remember — it's a testament to resilience, dignity, and the ongoing journey toward healing.

Sources: "National Indigenous Veterans Day: Honouring Indigenous Contributions," Lookout Newspaper, Vol. 70, Issue 21, October 20, 2025. Pacific Navy News; Indigenous veterans 'served with distinction,' and came home to no ...", Global News, November 8, 2024. Global News; "National Indigenous Veterans Day honours 'often overlooked ...'", Global News, November 8, 2021. Global News; "Indigenous Veterans"; Veterans Affairs Canada Educational Background. veterans.gc.ca; "Canada's National Indigenous Veterans Day and Remembrance Day: Honouring a Legacy of Service and Sacrifice", Baffin Correctional Service/ Peer Review Blog, October 25, 2024. bccrns.ca; "Indigenous Veterans Day"; City of Toronto Tributes page.

Their Own Earned Day of Honour: Remembering Indigenous Veterans with Respect and Truth

Across Canada, Indigenous Veterans Day on November 8 has come to powerfully recognize the courage and sacrifices of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people who served in Canada's armed forces. While Remembrance Day on November 11 honors all who served, this earlier day holds a special place: it acknowledges not just military service, but the unique colonial struggles Indigenous veterans often faced when they came home.

For many Indigenous veterans, returning from war did not bring the gratitude or support they deserved. As reported by Global News, they were frequently denied the same benefits as other veterans; pensions and supports were often handled through "Indian agents" rather than standard veterans' services.

Some faced overt racism or had to give up their Indigenous status to access benefits — a painful trade-off between identity and survival.

Because of these injustices, November 8 has become a day of healing and remembrance. It was first marked in Winnipeg in 1994, and more than 30 years later, it has spread to communities across the country.

In Manitoba this day is now enshrined by law — a formal corrective to decades of invisibility.

At ceremonies, such as those in Toronto's Spirit Garden, there is a deep sense of reverence and connection: sacred fires, sharing circles, traditional rituals, and stories passed down across generations.

It is a space not just to honour service, but to mourn the loss, the pain, and the resilience.

Leaders from across Canada — including the Prime Minister — reaffirm the importance of this day. Indigenous service members have defended this land across centuries, from the War of 1812 through global conflicts and peacekeeping missions.

INDIGENOUS VETERANS DAY

CEREMONY & EXHIBIT

MON. NOV 10, 2025 | 9:30 AM - 11AM

AT LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY & ZOOM (VIRTUAL)

REGISTER IN ADVANCE:

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Exhibit Open to Public: November 7-14

Contact Stacy Pawlak, Office of Indigenous Initiatives at admin.ii@lakeheadu.ca

Indigenous Initiatives

Kina Bemaadzijig (All my People)

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

Kina Bemaadzid, Manda Gmiingoom
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Sckagamik-Kwe, Di-Binoojiiman
Gchi-Miigwewin, Ka'ah'miinin

Ah weh ya hey ya
Ah weh ya hey ya hey ya hey
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A way ya hey ya hey ya hey
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Ah weh ya hey ya hey ya

Gchinshinaabek, Ka'ah'miingoom
Gchinshinaabek, Ka'ah'miingoom
Shkagamik-Kwe, Di-Binoojiiman
Gchi-Miigwewin, Ka'ah'miinin

Kina ndawemaag, Ka'ah'miingoom
Kina ndawemaag, Ka'ah'miingoom
Shkagamik-Kwe, Di-Binoojiiman
Gchi-Miigwewin, Ka'ah'miinin

N di-binoojiimag, Ka'ah'miingoom
N di-binoojiimag, Ka'ah'miingoom
Shkagamik-Kwe, Di-Binoojiiman
Gchi-Miigwewin, Ka'ah'miinin

Kina Bemaadzid, Manda Gmiingoom
Kina Bemaadzid, Manda Gmiingoom
Sckagamik-Kwe, Di-Binoojiiman
Gchi-Miigwewin, Ka'ah'miinin



MEMBER SURVEY *Cemetery Naming*

This survey is an effort to find a meaningful and appropriate name for our community cemetery. Your input is essential, as the name will honour our ancestors and reflect the values and history of our community. Please take a few moments to share your choices and ideas.

Copies at Centre of Excellence, complete online at
 www.wahnapitaefn.ca/members-login
or scan code. 

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30TH ANNUAL TRADITIONAL POW-WOW

FEEDBACK SURVEY



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WWW.WAHNAPITAEFN.CA**



Wahnapitae First Nation



Christmas Parade

and Potluck Feast
Saturday, December 13

Parade departs 5:00 PM from end of Loonway Rd. to Centre of Excellence with feast to follow.

Please RSVP your children.
Register floats by Thurs., December 11;
add potluck items by Wed., December 10.

1ST \$300
2ND \$200
3RD \$100

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

WANTED!

EASTERN WOLF INFO



Honorarium available for interviews

The Lands and Resources Department wants to hear from community members who have any information about wolves in the traditional territory for an Eastern Wolf study being conducted by staff.

Please contact Sarah Janson:
sarah.janson@wahnapietaefn.com
to arrange an interview.

Wahnapitae First Nation

Social Services



LOGO DESIGN CONTEST

Share your idea to win a prize!
All ages welcome to participate.

Please submit by Friday, December 5.
✉ natalie.goring@wahnapietaefn.com ☎ (705) 920-9106

NORMAN RECOLLET HEALTH CENTRE

Bear Pepperettes Available for Elders

2 packs per Elder

Please contact Lori Corbiere to receive.
✉ lori.corbiere@wahnapietaefn.com
☎ (705) 858-0610

With gratitude to Wesley Bow Guides, Renée Vallières, and the Social Service Department. Processed and rendered by the NRHC Land-Based Program.

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The Bear Hunt: A Traditional Pursuit

At the beginning of June, Natalie Goring, a Family Well-being Worker, and Lori Corbiere, a Land-based Worker, went on a spring bear hunt in Fire River, ON. They were guided by Wesley Bow guides Richard, Larry, and Tammy.

This trip allowed them to learn how to guide, set up the bait, determine stand locations, and process the meat. The goal is to provide traditional hunting experiences for Wahnapiatae First Nation in the future.



On the second day, they put their tobacco down, asking Creator for a good hunt. Richard set them up at a stand. Suddenly, a familiar smell alerted them: It was a bear. Natalie confirmed with Lori that it was a boar, which they chose to harvest, avoiding a sow to protect future generations.

Natalie took the shot with her compound bow, and the bear ran off. After the team returned to camp, they decided to wait until morning before using Bonsai, the

tracking dog.

The next day, Bonsai quickly found the bear. Natalie offered her tobacco to say Miigwetch (thank you), honoring the gift. Larry also shot a bear with his traditional bow and gifted it to Lori and Natalie for the community. The guides and other hunters helped prepare the two bears for butchering. Later, Renée, another hunter, gifted some bear fat to the team as well.

The fat, claws, and paws will be used for medicines and gifts. The meat will be made into pepperettes. The skull and teeth are currently being processed.

Chi-miigwech to Wesley Bow guides and Constance Lake First

Nation for allowing our team to hunt in their Territory and helping us practice our traditions that were once lost.



Men's Traditional *Moosehide Vest*

WORKSHOP FACILITATED BY
JULIA PEGAHMAGABOW



Sunday, December 6

📍 **Maan Doosh Gamig** 🕒 **10am-4pm**

Please RSVP by Thursday, November 27.

Limited to 10 seats. Lunch and refreshments provided.

For questions or more information please contact:

✉ **Tammy.Chevrette@wahnapiataefn.com** ☎ **(705) 920-9488**

Baashkaakodin Giizis Horoscope

Owl And Sagittarius

People born at this time tend to be philosophical with a broad minded view towards life. For this reason they can be natural teachers. In the west these people fall under the astrology sign of Sagittarius.

The Sagittarius individual is also renowned for its wisdom. The Owl totem, in Native American astrology, found in the west on the medicine wheel, represents people born at this time. In this creature of the night we find much wisdom. The owl has an ability to see much even in the dark which could be viewed as symbolic of an ability to understand much without relying on external sources suggesting strong inner intuition and perception.

In the west the Sagittarius individual is known as being outgoing and jovial, an archetypal Santa Clause. The owl does not portray such an outgoing representation of this type of character, more a shrewder one. However if you bring the attributes of the west and native American together, the jolliness and the shrewdness we can understand a lot about what creates a wise individual.

The owl individual however also have lessons to learn in this life, for these individuals can, in their broadmindedness, fail to attend to important details and miss the point completely. For this reason they can learn much from the deer totem found in the east on the medicine wheel.

Source: <https://twofeathers.co.uk/pages/native-american-astrology?srsltid=AfmBOorKKTEC2oCt07oju-LHU49HGSj3meprDk6v-3OEw-OJ0Ncg6vYs#red-hawk-and-aries>

Notice:

Rent-to-Own Units

**Deadline for applications:
Thursday, November 6, 2025**

**Find the application online at
www.wahnapitaefn.ca/members-login**

For more information please contact:

✉ **housingcoordinator@wahnapitaefn.com**
☎ **(705) 858-0610**



Christmas COMMUNITY PENNY TABLE

We are graciously requesting items to be donated by:

Thursday, November 27

Please contact Heather with any questions or for more information:

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

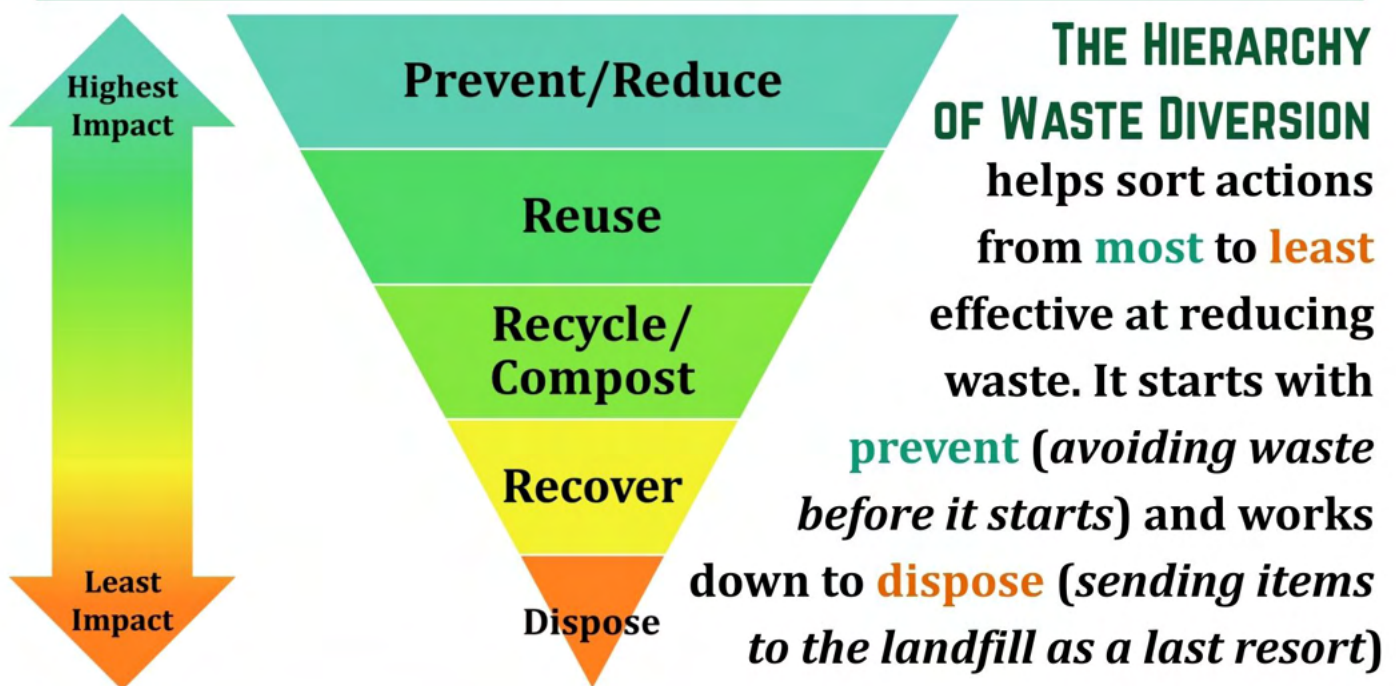




WASTE DIVERSION IN NOVEMBER

REFUSE

THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO MANAGE WASTE IS TO
AVOID CREATING IT IN THE FIRST PLACE.



**“REFUSE” MEANS TURNING DOWN ITEMS YOU DON’T NEED,
ALSO KNOWN AS “SOURCE REDUCTION”**

**HERE’S A FEW
WAYS YOU CAN
PRACTICE
“REFUSE” THIS
MONTH:**

- Say no to freebies you don’t need (pens, flyers, etc.)
- Avoid over-packaged items and choose bulk or package free options when possible
- Unsubscribe from junk mail and switch to digital billing
- Skip impulse buys that are likely to become clutter
- Refuse plastic utensils and straws when ordering takeout



Online Job Board

Employment, Education and Training

WWW.WAHNAPITAEFIRSTNATION.COM



Teen Talk

Friday, November 28

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig 🕒 6-8pm

✉ heather.roy@wahnapietaefn.com

☎ (705) 858-7700



WINTER

Family Survival Kits

Sign up with Natalie by Tuesday, November 25.
Participants will be notified when kits are ready for pick up.

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

Presented by Family Wellbeing and HBHC Programs



The City is considering relocating the Capreol Public Library and Citizen Service Centre to the Capreol Millennium Resource Centre.

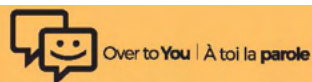
The public is invited to submit your input online before Friday, October 31, at overtoyou.greatersudbury.ca

A final report will be presented to the Finance and Administration Committee in November 2025.

La Ville envisage de déménager la bibliothèque publique et le centre de services aux citoyens de Capreol au Capreol Millennium Resource Centre.

Le public est invité à soumettre ses commentaires en ligne avant le vendredi 31 octobre à l'adresse atoilaparole.grandsudbury.ca

Un rapport final sera présenté au comité des finances et de l'administration en novembre 2025.



Mining Needs You Virtual Career Fair

**November 24 & 25, 2025
10 am - 7 pm EST**

#MiningNeedsYou



Register today!
miningneedsyou2025.vfairs.com



Brought to You by:





FAMILY BINGO

THURSDAY. NOV. 27
📍 MDG 🕒 5 PM

Supper provided, bingo starts at 5:30 pm.

For questions or more information please contact:

✉ heather.roy@wahnapietefn.com ☎ (705) 858-7700

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

CAREER INFORMATION SESSION

WAASMOOWIN

is a partnership with 8 First Nations

*Batchewana *Thessalon * Mississauga *Serpent River * Sagamok * Whitefish River * Atikameksheng * Wahnapiatae

PAVE THE WAY, ACHIEVE DREAMS



Transmission Project

Whether you're a fresh graduate looking for your first job, a student exploring career paths, or a professional seeking new challenges, this is the event that will open doors to your future. Booth exhibits from Aecon, Valard, Hydro One, Day Construction, Pioneer Construction, Post Secondary Institute, and more!



NOVEMBER 6, 2025

2:00 PM TO 6:30 PM

DINNER AND REFRESHMENTS

SERPENT RIVER FIRST NATION

LIFESTYLE CENTRE
36 BALL PARK ROAD

Door Prizes Swag Guest Speakers Transportation

REGISTER HERE



705-662-0959

Chris Johnsen, Employment
and Procurement Specialist

TREATIES



RECOGNITION WEEK ²⁰₂₅

Anishinaabe Relationship and Responsibility to Creation

Join the conversation! In collaboration with Robinson Huron Waawiindamaagewin, Shingwauk Kinooamaage Gamig presents Treaty Talks with Tomorrow's Leaders and Songs and Puppetry in Anishinaabemowin, two special events inviting students to learn, share and connect through Treaty education, stories and language. Sign up for one or both events!

TREATY TALKS *with* TOMORROW'S LEADERS

» **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2025**
9:30 A.M. TO 11 A.M.

IN PERSON: White Pines Collegiate & Vocational
School, 1007 Trunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

ONLINE: bit.ly/4hpolf9

SONGS *and* PUPPETRY *in* *Anishinaabemowin*

A special presentation for elementary students
(JK–Grade 7) by Professor John-Paul Chalykoff
of Algoma University.

» **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2025**
9:30 A.M. TO 11 A.M.

IN PERSON: Shingwauk Kinooamaage Gamig,
7 Shingwauk Street, Garden River, Ontario

ONLINE: bit.ly/4hpolf9



**FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2025,
FOR A CHANCE TO WIN SOME CLASSROOM SWAG!**

**REGISTER FOR
THE ONE OR BOTH
SESSIONS AT:**
bit.ly/4hpolf9



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
Tristen Schneider, Acting Executive Assistant
Tristen@waawiindamaagewin.com
waawiindamaagewin.com



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: ROBINSON HURON TREATY YOUTH ADVISORY

Robinson Huron Waawiindamaagewin (RHW) invites Anishinaabek youth to apply for the Robinson Huron Treaty (RHT) Youth Advisory, a 10-member council dedicated to championing the voices and priorities of young people across the Treaty territory. The Advisory will help design and lead the first Robinson Huron Treaty Youth Gathering and co-develop a long-term, inclusive Youth Engagement Plan. Together, members will strengthen youth connections across the territory, amplify Anishinaabe voices, and spark new opportunities for leadership and growth.

WHY GET INVOLVED

- ▶ **Develop leadership and advocacy skills:** Gain hands-on experience presenting, planning, and collaborating with Chiefs, Elders, and community leaders.
- ▶ **Build networks and friendships:** Connect with other passionate youth from across the 21 Robinson Huron Treaty First Nations and urban areas.
- ▶ **Shape landmark youth initiatives:** Help design and launch the first Robinson Huron Treaty Youth Gathering and contribute to the co-development of a long-term Youth Engagement Plan.

8 YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES NEEDED:

- ▶ 2 from Hwy 69/Nipissing corridor
- ▶ 2 from Manitoulin Island
- ▶ 2 from the North Shore
- ▶ 2 youth-at-large (urban areas)

APPLICATION DETAILS: ELIGIBILITY

- ▶ **Age:** 18–25
- ▶ **Community:** Applicants must belong to one of the 21 Robinson Huron Treaty First Nations

HOW TO APPLY

- ▶ **Step 1:** Letter or video of interest
- ▶ **Step 2:** Letter of support
- ▶ **Step 3:** Submit your package

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Email or hand-deliver both your letter/video and your letter of support by December 1, 2025.

ACCESSIBILITY

If you require accommodations to complete your application, please contact Tristen Schneider, Events & Engagement Coordinator, at tristen@waawiindamaagewin.com.

QUESTIONS?

Tristen Schneider, Events & Engagement Coordinator, tristen@waawiindamaagewin.com

waawiindamaagewin.com

Honouring MMIWG: Community Members Gather for National Day of Action Walk

Community members came together on October 2 to take part in the MMIWG Awareness Walk in recognition of the National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG). The walk served as a powerful reminder of the ongoing need for awareness, justice, and healing for the families and communities affected by this national tragedy.

Participants carried signs, wore red, and walked together in solidarity to honour the lives of Indigenous women, girls, and Two-Spirit people who have gone missing or been taken by violence. The event reflected the community's deep commitment to remembrance, unity, and advocacy for change.

Photos captured during the walk showcase the strength and spirit of those who attended — standing together to raise their voices and keep the memories of loved ones alive.

Miigwech to all who participated and continue to support the call for safety, justice, and healing for all Indigenous women and families.



Wahnapiatae First Nation — Strip Mall Development Tenant Interest Survey



<https://cutt.ly/ecdev-survey2>



OFFICES CLOSED
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11





After School & Youth Leadership Program

November 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Notes
						1	ASP (AGES 4-11) Monday - Wednesday 3:30pm-5:30pm YLP (AGES 12-17) Every Tuesday 3:00pm - 5:30pm 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
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
Friends and Appreciation Day! Games		Whinnying in Life Both Groups		Remembrance Day Crafts!			
Teaching & Craft with Tammy C		 No Program		STEM Activities			
Youth Choice Games		Group Games Prizes to be Won! YLP		Whinnying in Life Both Groups			
Cineplex!		VR KUPP Centre YLP		Letters to Santa & Decorate Gazebo!			





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

**The Claims Period is
now open.**


**Removed
Child Class**


**Removed Child
Family Class**

Stay in the know.
 Sign up for email alerts.



www.tinyurl.com/wfn-email

For questions or more information please contact:
communications@wahnapietaefn.com

Wahnapiitae First Nation

November 2025 • Baashkaakodin Giizis Community Events



Niizhwaaso-Giizhigad	Ntam-Giizhigad	Niizho-Giizhigad	Nso-Giizhigad	Niiwo-Giizhigad	Naano-Giizhigad	Ngodwaaso-Giizhigad
26	27	28	29	30 • HBHC Drop In-1pm • Seniors Leisure Farm Trip-8am	31 TRICK OR TREAT HALLOWEEN	1 • All Saints Day Feast-12pm
Fall Photobooth Contest - Draw Date: Monday, November 3						
2	3 • GIPxGFL Meet & Greet-4pm	4 • Trfm. Tues.-9am • Soup's ON!-12pm • Seniors TLC-2pm • Let's Bead-4pm • Anishinaabemowin Language Class-6pm	5	6 • Congregate Dining-5pm	7	8 National Indigenous Veterans Day
Fall Photobooth Contest - Draw Date: Monday, November 3			Winter Wonderland Photobooth Contest - Draw Date: Tuesday, January 6.			
9	10	11 OFFICES CLOSED	12 • Healthy Snacks Pick Up-3pm	13 • Traditional Teachings & Stories-1pm • Good Food Box Pick Up	14	15 • National Diabetes Day Events-10am
National Addictions Awareness Week Events at MDG: November 10-13						
Winter Wonderland Photobooth Contest - Draw Date: Tuesday, January 6.						
16	17	18 • Trfm. Tues.-9am • Soup's ON!-12pm • Seniors TLC-2pm • Land Code Eng. Session-5:30pm • Anishinaabemowin Language Class-6pm	19 • Wellness Wed-10am • Healthy Recipe OTM Pick Up-4pm	20 • Nutrition Bingo-5pm	21 • Harvesting Mooz Workshop-10am	22
Winter Wonderland Photobooth Contest - Draw Date: Tuesday, January 6.						
23	24 • Book Club Meeting-1pm	25 • Trfm. Tues.-9am • Soup's ON!-12pm • Seniors TLC-2pm • Land Code Eng. Session-5:30pm • Anishinaabemowin Language Class-6pm	26 • Wellness Wed-10am	27 • Traditional Teachings & Stories-1pm • Diabetic Snacks Pick Up-3pm • Family Bingo-5pm	28 • Teen Talk-6pm	29
Winter Wonderland Photobooth Contest - Draw Date: Tuesday, January 6.						
30	1	2 • Trfm. Tues.-9am • Soup's ON!-12pm • Seniors TLC-2pm • Land Code Eng. Session-5:30pm • Anishinaabemowin Language Class-6pm	3	4 • Congregate Dining-5pm	5	6 • Moosehide Vest Workshop-10am
Winter Wonderland Photobooth Contest - Draw Date: Tuesday, January 6.						

Please visit www.wahnapiitaeirstnation.com for all up-to-date community event information, news and notices.