Community Newsletter

November 2026 • Baashkaakodin Giizis “Freezing Moon”

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Aanii Kina Wiya,

As we step into November, I am pleased to share key updates on community safety, land advocacy, regional partnerships, and upcoming initiatives.

We were very proud to announce a renewed safety initiative for Lake Wanapitei in collaboration with Skead. The rescue boat previously donated to us by the City of Sudbury has been officially returned to Skead, this vital watercraft is going back on the lake to restore dedicated water safety and emergency response capacity for our shared waterways. See a link to the video below.

Chi miigwech to those who attended the recent presentation from the RHT Trust representatives, whether it was online or in-person, we appreciate the ability to provide and share information with you.

In healthcare news, we attended a speech by RD David MacNeil, who outlined plans to add approximately 200 beds to regional health facilities within the next five years, a project that includes securing additional land to support the expansion. This means there will be improvements in care for our loved ones, and opportunities for employment. On the advocacy front, we attended a Land Claim meeting with Raj Dhir, Deputy Minister of Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation. During discussions, we brought forward critical feedback regarding Portelance Road being a critical access route that needs proper re-construction.

Our community's economic and regional partnerships continued to grow alongside ADLP, Atikameksheng, Technica, and Anmar. They gave an insightful presentation with leadership at Laurentian University. Additionally, we are pleased to highlight the recent signing ceremony for the launch of Mino-Ayaawin Asin – "Rock of Prosperity" in partnership with Atikameksheng and Thompson Group. These advancements and partnerships continue to provide us the ability to grow our community, generate opportunities and benefit our generations for years to come.

Finally, we invite everyone to join us in lovingly honouring Chris on Roq Your Mocs Day, November 16, by wearing your moccasins with pride, all donations made will be the benefit of the recipient of the Chris Roque Memorial Bursary from Bishop Alexander Carter CSS. Additionally, Heather is collecting donations for the Women's Centre until December 1st, and any contributions to support local families this season are deeply appreciated.

As a reminder, all Chief and Council meetings continue to be live-streamed, and you can find the registration link inside the Members Portal. If you have not yet completed the Portelance Road Experience Survey, please take a moment to fill it out online to help us continue advocating for safer road conditions. We also encourage members to check the community website regularly for the latest job opportunities, there are training and education programs available to all members.

Miigwech, Chief Larry Roque

Scan to open video Lake Wanapitei Rescue Boat

Wahnapitae First Nation
Centre of Excellence
259 Taighwenini Trail Rd. Capreol, ON P0M 1H0
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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, visit wahnapitaefn.ca.

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

E-notices
Receive member documents, surveys, votes and more by email.

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

Contact or visit us for copies or assistance.

communications@wahnapitaefn.com

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

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*Download the 6 month meeting calendar in the Members Portal!

Wahnapitae First Nation

Chief & Council

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, November 30

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

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

wahnapitaefn.ca/members-login

- The deadline to register for the web version of this meeting is November 23.
- Registration is only open to WFN members who are over 18. Virtual attendees must use their legal name when joining the meeting.
- Once registered, prior to meeting, you will receive a confirmation email with information about joining the Zoom Meeting.
- In-person members are welcome to attend and listen to regular Chief and Council meetings for updates.
- **To be added to the meeting agenda for a 10-minute time slot, submit your request at least 7 days before the meeting date (in accordance with the Governance Procedure Policy). Request submissions can be made in the following ways:**
  - In writing and dropped off at the Band Office during office hours
  - By email to Executive Assistant Jenn Brazier at jenn.brazier@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

Giveaways

Swag Bags

NORMAN RECOLLET HEALTH CENTRE

ANNUAL Diabetes Day Event

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 MDG 10AM-2PM

Please RSVP by Tuesday, November 3.

Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com
(705) 858-0610

Alison.Sabzali@wahnapitaefn.com
(705) 858-7700

The Norman Recollet Health Centre and Wellness Department invites community members to attend our Annual Diabetes Day, a gathering focused on education, prevention, wellness, and support for those living with diabetes and their families.

This annual event offers an opportunity to learn about diabetes management, healthy lifestyle choices, and local health resources while connecting with others in a supportive and welcoming environment. Through shared learning and community connection, we can work together toward improved health and wellness. All community members are welcome. Miigwech. We look forward to seeing you there.

Wahnapitae First Nation

Wahnapitae First Nation
NORMAN RECOLLET
HEALTH CENTRE
Quill
Medallion
WORKSHOP
Friday, November 6
MAAN DOOSH GAMIG
9AM-5PM
Lunch and refreshments provided.
Limit of 10 seats. Please RSVP by November 2.
Sue.Roque@wahnapitaefn.com
(705) 858-0610

GOOD FOOD BOX

NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
RSVP: Nov 5	RSVP: Dec 3	RSVP: Jan 7
Pick-Up: Nov 10	Pick-Up: Dec 8	Pick-Up: Jan 12

SMALL BOX $10 LARGE BOX $21

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

Hand Drum Group

Mondays

The Gazebo 6-8pm
Light snacks and refreshments provided.
For more info please contact:
Lori.Corbiere@wahnapitaefn.com
(705) 858-0610

Nutrition BINGO

Thursdays

November 19
December 10
January 21

Maan Doosh Gamig 5:00 PM
Dinner served at 5:00 PM followed by Bingo at 5:30 PM.
For questions or more information please contact:
Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com (705) 858-0610

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

Teen Talk FRIDAYS

MDG 5-7PM

NOV 6 • DEC 4 • JAN 8
RSVP NOV 3 RSVP DEC 2 RSVP JAN 5

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(705) 858-0610

NORMAN RECOLLET
HEALTH CENTRE
Fire Cider
& VapoRub
WORKSHOP
Saturday, November 14
MAAN DOOSH GAMIG
10AM-4PM
Homemade Fire Cider and Vaporubs are natural alternatives
that help build immune support and warm the body.
Lunch and refreshments provided. Limited seats!
Please RSVP by November 9.
Line.Baillargeon@wahnapitaefn.com
Lori.Corbiere@wahnapitaefn.com
(705) 858-7700
Wahnapitae First Nation

Education Dept. Update

The Education Department supported learners and families through regular school-year programming while advancing student services, cultural education, youth activities, post-secondary supports, and long-term planning.

School-based supports continued through regular visits, family communication, attendance monitoring, and coordination with educators. Staff worked with schools and regional partners to strengthen learning, tutoring, special education, and documentation supports while keeping transportation and student-service records current.

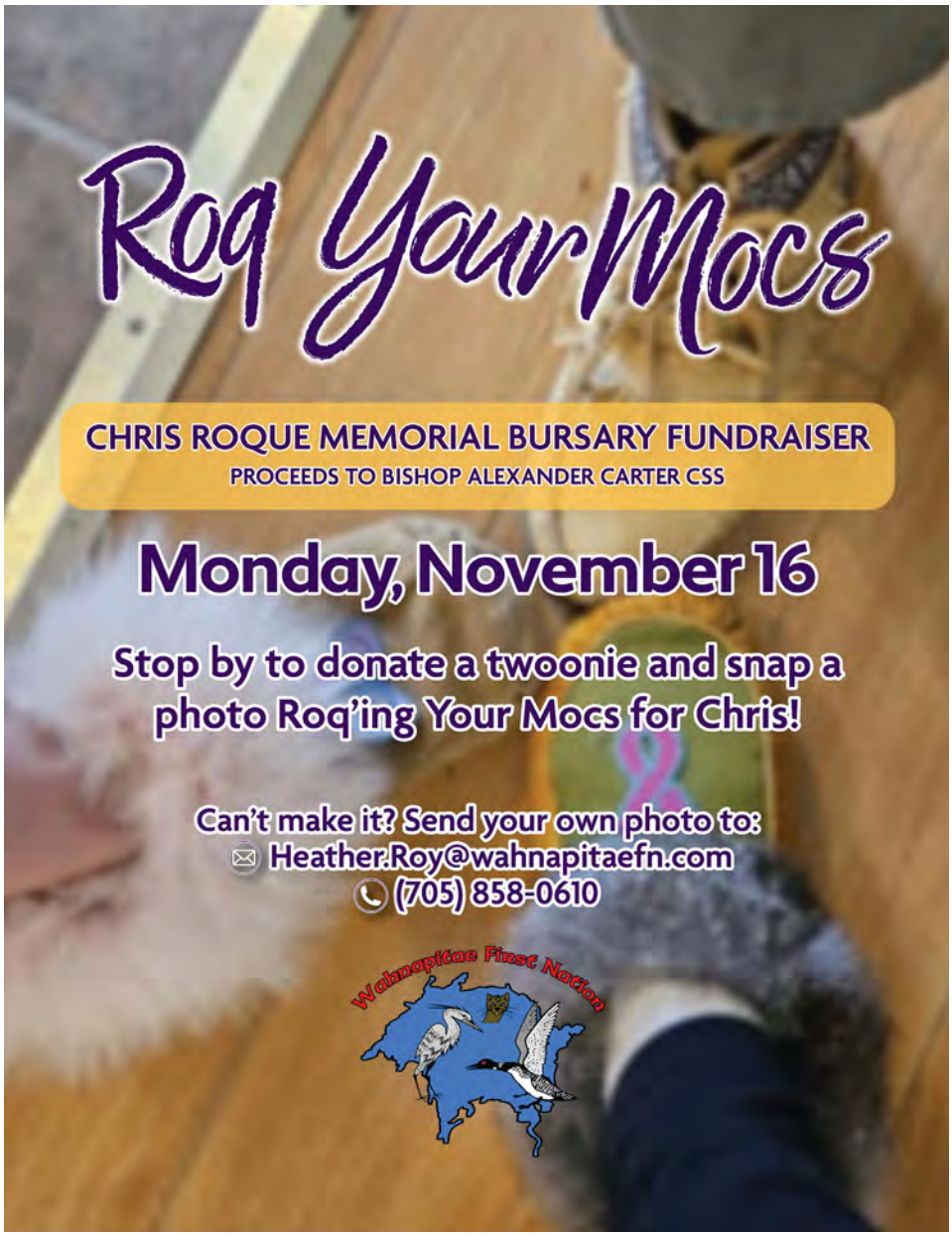
The After-School Program offered a busy mix of language learning, mindfulness, recreation, and seasonal activities. The Education Carnival was a successful community event, and planning continued for fall programs, a professional development day, and a family holiday gathering supported through newly approved community funding.

Cultural education planning also moved forward. Work continued to prepare the Medicine Garden site and pursue additional funding, while upcoming school-based workshops, teachings, art activities, and land-based learning opportunities were coordinated with community and education partners.

Post-secondary and adult education services remained active. Staff continued regular learner check-ins, monthly payments, reimbursements, funding follow-up, and records updates. Scholarship outreach was extended to encourage more applications, and adult learners continued to be connected with tuition and training pathways through partner organizations.

Behind the scenes, the department continued reviewing the multi-year Education Plan, preparing for the Education Committee, strengthening financial planning, and developing clearer procedures and forms for youth programming. Work also advanced on education governance, regional funding discussions, and technology and security planning for Education facilities.

Looking ahead, the department will continue learner check-ins, school and family outreach, attendance support, cultural programming, and seasonal youth activities. The focus remains on coordinated services, welcoming learning opportunities, and practical systems that help staff respond consistently to community needs. Miigwech.



Christmas PORCH LEANERS WORKSHOP

NORMAN RECOLLET HEALTH CENTRE

Monday, November 9

Maan Doosh Gamig 10am-3pm

Lunch and refreshments provided.
Please RSVP by Thursday, November 5.

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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 honours 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.

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; IIndigenous 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 Backgrounder. 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.

NORMAN RECOLLET HEALTH CENTRE
National Addictions Awareness Week
WITH
Réseau ACCESS Network
MAAN DOOSH GAMIG | NOV 16-19
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16
Réseau Harm Reduction Presentation & Craft 1 - 4 PM
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17
Prevention and Awareness Info Session 9 AM - 12 PM
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18
Behavioural Addictions Info Session 1 PM - 4 PM
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19
Stigma Reduction, Treatment and Recovery 9 AM - 12 PM
For more information please contact:
Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com
(705) 858-0610
HELP

Wahnapitae First Nation
TIME CHANGE
Anishinaabemowin
Grammar & Games
Language Learning Classes Co-Facilitated by
Debbie Recollet & Debbie Plain-McGregor
Tuesday Evenings
Elders Lounge 5-6:45pm
Open to everyone, light snacks and refreshments provided.
RSVP required for material and food purposes, please contact:
Sue.Roque@wahnapitaefn.com (705) 858-0610

Soup's On!
TUESDAYS
NOVEMBER 3, 10, 17 & 24
DECEMBER 1, 8 & 15
JANUARY 5, 12, 19 &
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.

Diabetic
Breakfast Club
WEDNESDAYS
• November 4 & 18
• December 2 &9
• January 6 & 20
MDG 9:30-10am
Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com
(705) 858-0610

Congregate Dining
Elders 55+
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5
RSVP BY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
RSVP BY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30
THURSDAY, JANUARY 7
RSVP BY MONDAY, JANUARY 4
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 for take-out or for more information:
Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com 705-858-0610

Notice:

Transfer Station Changes for Local Commercial Businesses

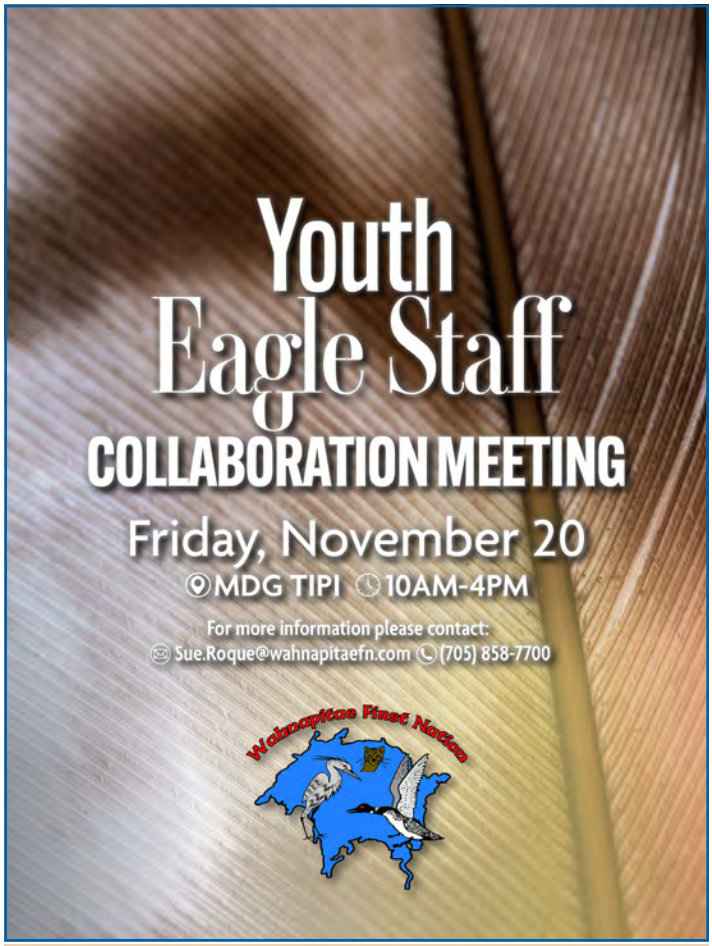
Dear Local Business Owners,

With construction of the Wahnapitae First Nation (WFN) Transfer Station underway, we would like to inform local commercial businesses of upcoming changes that will take effect once the new facility is in operation. Under the new policies associated with the transfer station, commercial businesses will no longer be permitted to dispose of waste at the landfill or transfer station. This applies to any business that is not band-owned. These businesses will be responsible for arranging disposal of their general waste and recycling.

WFN understands that this change may create challenges for some businesses. WFN is open to having a meeting and discussing potential disposal options or agreements and willing to assist by helping align businesses with third-party contractors as needed.

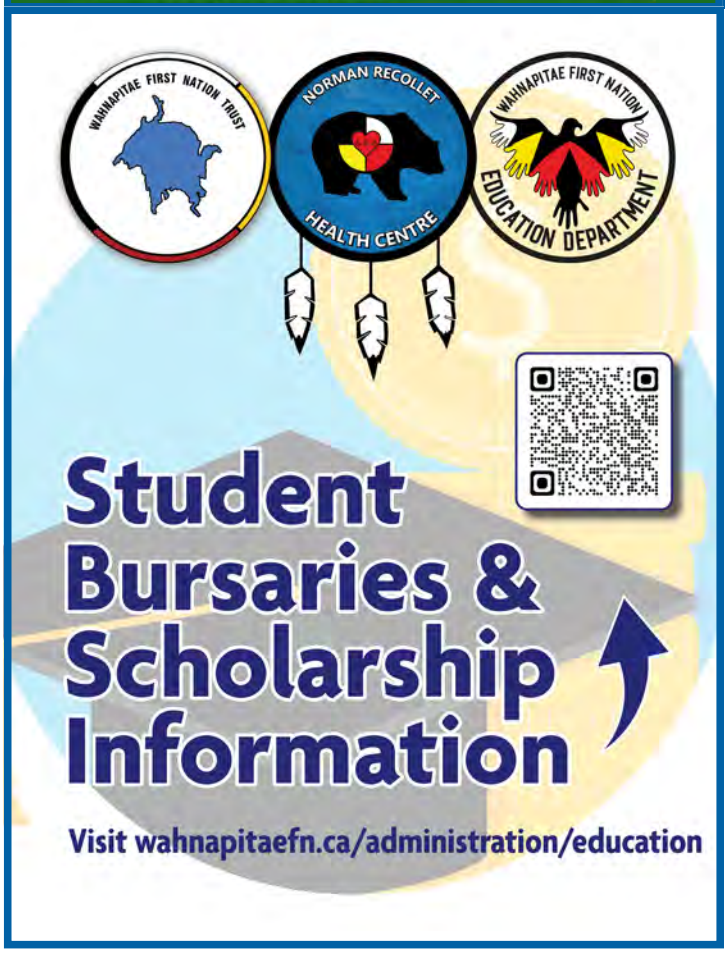
An additional notice will be sent as the completion of the transfer station approaches. In the meantime, if you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Cody Kramp at cody.kramp@wahnapitaefn.com.

Sincerely,
Cody Kramp
Waste Diversion Superintendent
Wahnapitae First Nation



WAHNAPITAE FIRST NATION
SOCIAL SERVICES
MONTHLY ELDERS HEALTHY BINS
Wahnapitae First Nation
PICK UP:
178 Loonway Rd
2:00-5:30 PM
Nov 24
Dec 15
Jan 26
To sign up contact
Rae-Lynn Cranston
705-822-5690

Social Sensory Kits
Register Monthly
INDEPENDENT FUN
FAMILY FUN
WAHNAPITAE FIRST NATION
SOCIAL SERVICES
Wahnapitae First Nation
Call/Text Natalie
705-920-9106
Register by the 15th of every month


WAHNAPITAE FIRST NATION TRUST
NORMAN RECOLLET
HEALTH CENTRE
WAHNAPITAE FIRST NATION
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
Student Bursaries & Scholarship Information
Visit wahnapitaefn.ca/administration/education

ANISHINABEK
POLICE SERVICE
SEE SOMETHING.
SAY SOMETHING.
Together, we keep our communities safe.
Report concerns to police at 1-888-310-1122 or
anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

NORMAN RECOLLET
HEALTH CENTRE
Wahnapitae First Nation
Engagement & Planning Session
Health, Wellness & Spiritual Services
Thursday, November 26
1 PM - 3 PM AND 5 PM - 8 PM
MDG - 259 Taighwenini Trail Rd.
Open to everyone.

Wahnapitae First Nation
GAUNTLET MITTENS
WORKSHOP
SATURDAY & SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 21-22
MDG
9AM-5PM
Limit of 10 seats. Must attend both days, snacks and refreshments provided. Please RSVP by November 19:
Sue.Roque@wahnapitaefn.com
(705) 858-0610

Wahnapitae First Nation

Christmas PENNY TABLE

ACCEPTING DONATIONS

NEW & GENTLY USED ITEMS

DROP OFF BY THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19
259 TAIGHWENINI TRAIL RD. CAPREOL

ServiceOntario

TRAILER SCHEDULE:

WAHNAPITAE FIRST NATION

Wahnapitae First Nation

Thursday, November 12
3-7 PM
Elders Lounge
259 Taighwenini Trail Road

Contact: info@niigaaniin.com

ATTENTION

COMMUNITY MEMBERS!

NIIGAANIIN

Please bring the following:

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

NIIGAANIIN ServiceOntario Ontario
At the Serpent River Trading Post

Mobile Service

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

SUBMIT BY NOVEMBER 1!

NORMAN RECOLLET HEALTH CENTRE

The NRHC Wellness team is looking for recipes to make a Wahnapitae Cook Book!

Please send your recipes to:
Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com
(705) 858-0610

TREATIES RECOGNITION WEEK 2026

E'SHKINIIGIJIG BI-BZIGWIIWAG | *The Youth Are Rising*

This November, Robinson Huron Waawiindamaagewin, in partnership with Laurentian University, will host Treaties Recognition Week 2026 in N'Swakamok (Sudbury). This year's theme, *E'shkiniigijig Bi-bzigwiiwag, The Youth Are Rising*, calls on us to come together in unity, honour our ancestors, and uplift the next generation as they carry the Treaty forward.

SAVE *the* DATE

NOVEMBER 2-6, 2026

Laurentian University
Indigenous Sharing and Learning Centre
935 Ramsey Lake Rd, Sudbury ON

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Geteh shkode (fire teachings)
- Pipe teachings
- Wampum teachings
- Education booths
- Panel discussions

Treaty of 1850
ROBINSON HURON WAAWIINDAMAAGEWIN

Indigenous Student Affairs
Affaires étudiantes autochtones
Enji-Naadmaagaazwad Eknoomaagzidjig

LaurentianUniversity
UniversitéLaurentienne

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

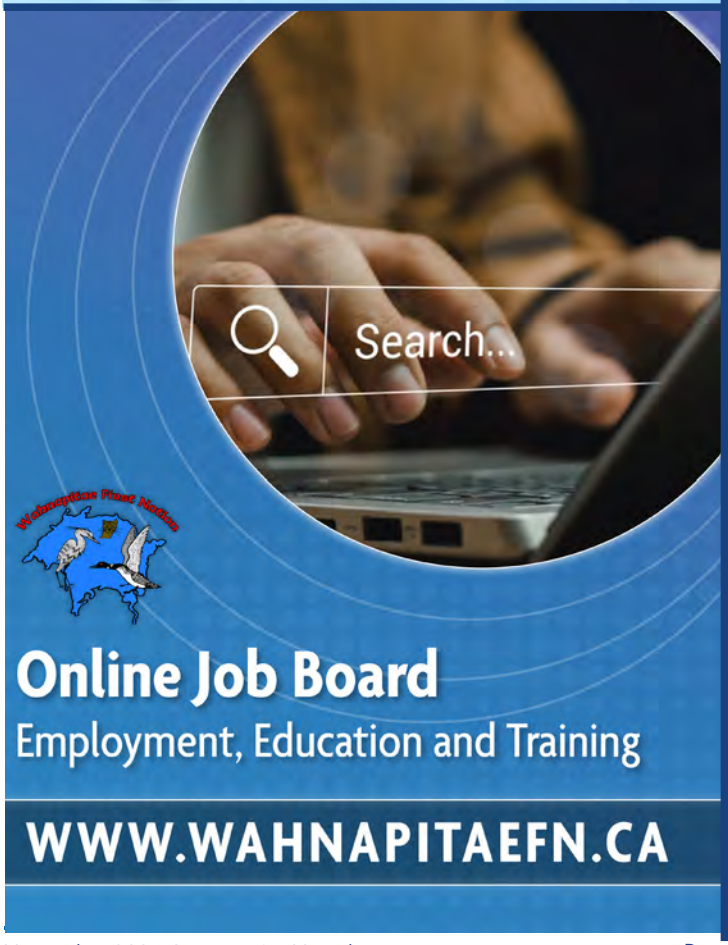
Tristen Schneider, Events & Engagement Coordinator
Tristen@waawiindamaagewin.com

waawiindamaagewin.com

WAHNAPITAE FIRST NATION
SOCIAL SERVICES
UPDATED
Family
CRAFT NIGHT
& Bannock Baking
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13
Maan Doosh Gamig
5-7pm
Dinner and refreshments provided.
RSVP by Sunday, November 1.
For questions or more information please contact:
Natalie.Goring@wahnapitaefn.com
(705) 920-9106
Wahnapitae First Nation

WINTER
Photo Contest
Submit a fun photo enjoying the winter weather to have your name entered in a draw.
Submissions due by Sunday, January 11:
Natalie.Goring@wahnapitaefn.com
(705) 920-9106
WAHNAPITAE FIRST NATION
SOCIAL SERVICES

New Resident
WELCOME BUNDLES
Did you or someone you know move to Wahnapitae First Nation recently?
Contact us to grab a welcome bundle and information about services/departments.
Natalie.Goring@wahnapitaefn.com (705) 920-9106
Rae-lynn.Cranston@wahnapitaefn.com (705) 822-5690
For Registered Wahnapitae First Nation Members Only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Online Job Board
Employment, Education and Training
WWW.WAHNAPITAEFN.CA

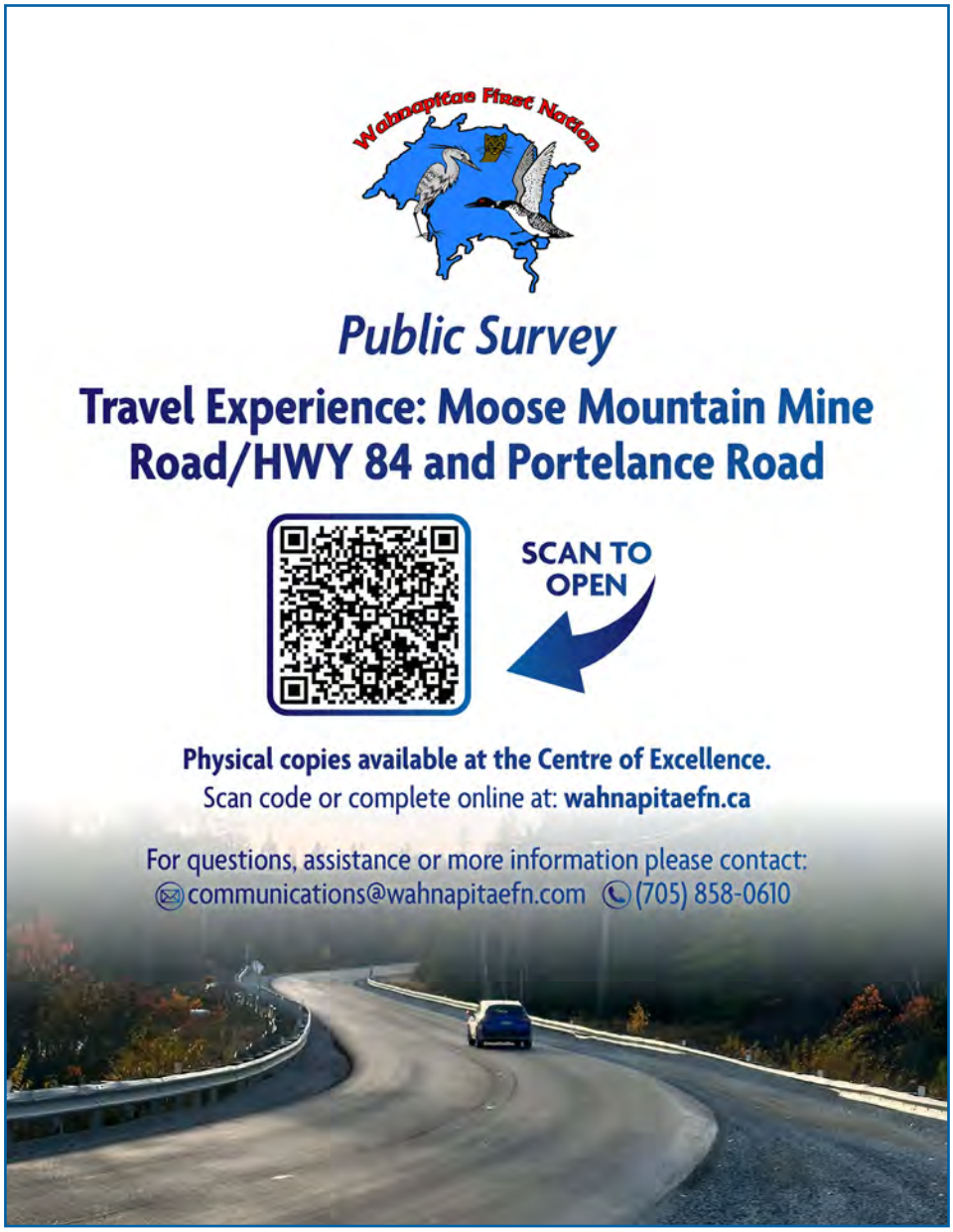
Wahnapitae First Nation
HEALTHY SNACKS
BOX PICK UP DATES
August 11
September 8
October 6
November 10
December 8
Family Wellness Centre (178 Loonway Rd)
3:00 PM to 6:00 PM
For sign up and information please contact:
Raelynn.Cranston@wahnapitaefn.com
(705) 822-5690

NORMAN RECOLLET
HEALTH CENTRE
WOMEN'S CENTRE
DONATION DRIVE
FROM NOVEMBER 2 - DECEMBER 1
KIDS TOYS (AGES 0-12)
• Building sets, art supplies, puzzles
• Stuffies, board games, etc.
WOMENS HYGIENE SUPPLIES:
• Sanitary Items, toiletries
• Toothbrushes, toothpaste
• Body washes, soaps,
• shampoos, conditioners
Drop off to Heather at:
259 Taighwenini Trail Road
Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com
(705) 858-0610
Wahnapitae First Nation

Partners in Stewardship: Mino-Ayaawin Asin "Rock of Prosperity" Signing Ceremony

Together with Atikameksheng Anishnawbek, and Thompson Construction Group we officially celebrated the launch of Mino-Ayaawin Asin – "Rock of Prosperity."

This partnership represents much more than pursuing construction and major project opportunities. It is about building long-term capacity, creating meaningful Indigenous participation in the regional economy, supporting employment and training opportunities, growing Indigenous businesses, and ensuring that our communities share in the prosperity happening within our traditional territories.The signing ceremony brought together Indigenous leadership, industry, government and regional business leaders to celebrate what can be accomplished when strong relationships are built on trust, respect and a shared vision for the future.A sincere Miigwech to Gimaa Craig Nootchtai and Atikameksheng Anishnawbek, our Chief Larry Roque of Wahnapitae First Nation, Aaron Bishop and the entire Thompson Construction Group team, our economic development corporations, and everyone who joined us last night to mark this important milestone. There is a tremendous amount of opportunity ahead of us, and this is only the beginning. Mino-Ayaawin Asin — Rock of Prosperity. Building opportunity. Building capacity. Building prosperity together.



Survey

Strip Mall: Tenant Interest

SCAN TO OPEN

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Scan code or complete online at: **wahnapitaefn.com/members-login**

For questions, assistance or more information please contact:
Lilli.Doughty@wahnapitaefn.com (705) 858-0610

Member Survey

Traditional Medicines

Physical copies available at the NRHC Clinic and
the Centre of Excellence. Scan code or complete online at:
wahnapitaefn.com/members-login

Member Survey

Branding Realignment

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Member Survey

Community Traditional Naming Initiative

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Ribbon Skirt
Workshop
Saturday, January 9
Elders Lounge 10am-4pm
Limit of 5 participants.
RSVP by required please contact:
Sue.Roque@wahnapitaefn.com
(705) 858-0610
*Note: Limited seats are to allow for more one on one assistance. If there are more than 5 people interested, a second and third class can be created to accommodate all interested.
Wahnapitae First Nation

Norman Recollet Health Centre
Youth Game Night
Wednesdays
Nov 25 • Dec 16 • Jan 20
Maan Doosh Gamig 4-6pm
Please RSVP by first Thursday of each month.
Dinner and refreshments provided.
Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com (705) 858-0610

Wahnapitae First Nation
Family Cultural Day
MON, FEB 15
MDG HALL & TIPI
10AM-3PM
PRIZES • STORY TELLING • DINNER
PAINTING • BEADING • ANISHINAABEMOWIN BINGO
BANNOCK ON A STICK • BONFIRE TREATS
Limited seats, please RSVP by January 7:
Sue.Roque@wahnapitaefn.com (705) 858-0610

Wahnapitae First Nation
Ishkode
Kikinamadjawin
Fire Keeping Teachings
Friday, January 15
MDG Tipi 9am-5pm
Why be a firekeeper? Honouring the fire. Helping our families in the hardest of times. Preserving our teachings.
Being a Fire Keeper is more than tending a flame; it is a sacred responsibility rooted in respect, reciprocity, and leadership. Join us to gain essential hands-on fire stewardship skills, embrace the Seven Grandfather Teachings, and stand as a trusted protector of our cultural gatherings and sacred spaces.
Men of all ages welcome.
Limited seats. RSVP by January 12:
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(705) 858-0610

Wahnapitae First Nation
GIFT PRIZES
CASH PRIZES
N 37
I 21
B 15
Bingo
& DINNER
POW-WOW FUNDRAISER • ALL WELCOME
Friday, November 27
Maan Doosh Gamig 4-9pm
Spaghetti Dinner, Salad, Bun & Drink $15 - Debit Machine Available!
Regular 10 Game Book $10 | Specials $2 per Strip | Jackpot $2 per Strip
Everyone welcome, must be 18+ to play. For info please contact:
Sue.Roque@wahnapitaefn.com (705) 858-0610
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Essential Home Winterization:

Simple Prep & Misunderstood Steps

As autumn winds make way for the crisp chill of winter, getting your home ready for the freezing temperatures ahead is one of the best ways to protect your property and keep heating costs manageable. While most homeowners remember to clean out the gutters and check the furnace filter, several lesser-known maintenance tasks are often overlooked, yet they can make a world of difference when winter hits full force.

The Basics You Shouldn't Skip:

- Clear dead leaves and debris from gutters and downspouts to ensure melting snow drains freely rather than pooling and freezing into damaging ice dams.
- Inspect weatherstripping around windows and exterior doors, replacing worn seals to keep warm air in and cold drafts out.
- Outdoors, drain hose bibs, disconnect garden hoses, and store patio furniture and lawn equipment in a dry shed or garage.

4 Winter Prep Steps People Often Forget

Reverse Your Ceiling Fans: Most ceiling fans have a small directional switch on the motor housing. Switching your fan to run clockwise on low creates a gentle updraft, pushing warm air, which naturally rises to the ceiling back down into your living space to improve heat distribution.

Insulate Wall Outlets and Switch Plates: Electrical boxes on exterior-facing walls can allow surprising amounts of cold air to enter your home. Installing inexpensive foam insulation gaskets behind cover plates is an easy weekend project that stops hidden drafts instantly.

Inspect Foundation & Dryer Vents: Check your foundation perimeter for cracks or small gaps, sealing them with exterior caulking to keep out cold air and curious winter pests. Additionally, inspect your outdoor clothes dryer vent to ensure the damper opens and closes freely without lint buildup.

Test Sump Pumps and Shut-Off Valves: Cold snaps can test your plumbing, and mid-winter thaws bring sudden water runoff. Locate your main water shut-off valve to ensure it turns smoothly in case of a emergency pipe burst, and pour a bucket of water into your sump pump basin to confirm the float switch activates properly.

Taking an hour or two this month to tackle these quick checks will ensure your home stays cozy, dry, and efficient all season long.

Wolves Of Our Territory

Wolves are an important part of the forests and ecosystems surrounding Wahnapitae First Nation. Although we may not see them very often, signs such as tracks, scat, or howling can let us know that wolves are sharing the land with us.

Wolves are highly social animals that typically live in family based packs. Across Ontario, their prey can include moose, white-tailed deer, and beavers. Here in northeastern Ontario, research has found that moose can be an important part of a wolf's winter diet, while beaver may become an important food source during other parts of the year.

Did you know?

Not every wolf in Ontario is the same. Grey wolves occur across much of northern Ontario, while the threatened eastern wolf is concentrated mainly in central Ontario, including areas around Algonquin and Killarney. Wolves can also overlap in appearance with coyotes and coyote-wolf hybrids, which means identifying a wild canid by appearance alone isn't always as easy as it seems!

As predators, wolves are part of the natural relationships between wildlife populations. The availability of prey can influence how many wolves an area can support, while wolf predation can influence prey populations to return. These relationships are one of the many reasons that protecting healthy, connected forests and wildlife habitat is important.

If you are lucky enough to spot a wolf on the land, enjoy the observation from a distance. Never approach or feed wildlife, keep pets under control, and give the animal plenty of space to continue on its way.

Seniors T.L.C. Tuesdays

November 3, 17 & 24

December 1, 8, 15

January 5, 12, 19 & 26

Maan Doosh Gamig OR Elders Lounge 1-3 PM

Cards, snacks and refreshments provided.
For more information and to RSVP please contact:
Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com (705) 858-0610

Senior Activity Kits

RSVP BY THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com (705) 858-0610

Must be a senior and signed up to recieve kits.

November

Canvas Painting

December

Leather Journal

January

Wood Painting

Norman Recollet Health Centre

Wahnapitae First Nation

Healthy Recipe of the Month

Wahnapitae First Nation Social Services

NOVEMBER RSVP: NOV 11 | PICK UP: NOV 19

FINAL PROGRAM DATE

DECEMBER RSVP DEC 9: | PICK UP: DEC 17

Bring your bags to MDG from 1-5pm.

To RSVP and for more information:
Rae-lynn.Cranston@wahnapitaefn.com
(705) 858-0610

Wahnapitae First Nation Education Department

Wahnapitae First Nation

Norman Recollet Health Centre

OFFICES CLOSED

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Mino Dibishkaan

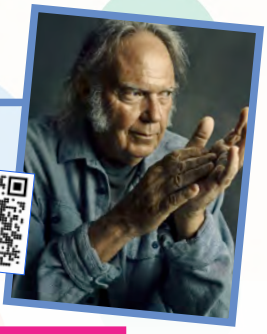
Happy Birthday

Tammy Roque

Taylor Nicholls

MAKE A WISH

Neil Young



Bertha Clark-Jones

Who is this??

Happy Birthday!

NEWSLETTER SHOUT OUTS!

Submit to communications@wahnapitaefn.com

WAHNAPITAE FIRST NATION SOCIAL SERVICES

Winter Break Activity Kits

For children, youth and teens.
Please RSVP by Friday, November 20

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

Stay Connected

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

E-Notices Registration:

→ https://cutt.ly/wfn-enotices

Members Portal Registration:

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

Update Mailing Address:

→ Contact Membership Clerk:
emily.roque@wahnapitaefn.com
(705) 858-0610 ext. 201

Visit www.wahnapitaefn.ca for the most up to date information, notices and events.

Need assistance? (705) 858-0610 ext. 234
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Glencore's Nickel Site-Specific Standard Renewal

Introduction

Glencore's Sudbury Integrated Nickel Operations (Sudbury INO) employs more than 400 employees, the Sudbury Smelter produced 56,523 tonnes of nickel in matte, and 12,304 tonnes of copper in matte in 2025 (www.glencore.ca/sudburyino). The nickel-copper matte is transported to Glencore's Nikkelverk refining facility in Norway for further processing. Nickel emissions are released as a by-product from the smelting process. Approved in December 2015, Sudbury INO operated under a Site-Specific Standard for nickel of 0.15 µg/m^3 and 0.066 µg/m^3 (annual averaging period) that expired on June 30, 2026. As such, Sudbury INO is applying for a renewal of the Site-Specific Standard of 0.15 µg/m^3.

Based on the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Park's (MECP) review comments on the previously submitted Site-Specific Standard application of 0.066 µg/m^3 in May 2025, refinement to the Emission Summary and Dispersion Modelling Report emission sources, emission rate calculations and dispersion model have been made. These refinements included adding existing sources and applying additional conservatism around fugitive dust controls in the assessment tool that resulted in a higher modelled maximum nickel concentration baseline. As a result, Glencore has updated the nickel site-specific standard request to 0.15 µg/m^3. This Site-Specific Standard concentration is unchanged from the previous standard and now reflects additional conservatism in the model. It is not an actual increase to existing Smelter emissions. These changes ensure that all possible sources are included. Further updates to Glencore's updated nickel Site-Specific Standard request include additional actions within the Site-Specific Standard Action Plan with shortened timelines (from 10 years to 5 years).

Continual Improvement in Nickel Emissions

At Sudbury INO, we take our environmental performance and our commitment to continual improvement very seriously and have been implementing actions to reduce nickel emissions over several decades by investing in technologies and upgrades in infrastructure to significantly reduce emissions and improve air quality.

Site-Specific Standard Application Process: Ontario Regulation 419/05

In accordance with Ontario Regulation (O. Reg.) 419/05, provisions for Site-Specific Standards aim to limit substances released into the air that can affect human health and the environment, by requiring industries to operate responsibly, under a set of publicly transparent rules. Industries can demonstrate environmental performance and continual improvement through the following three approaches:

1. Meeting a provincial air standard
2. Requesting and meeting a Site-Specific Standard; or
3. Registering and meeting the requirements under a sector-based technical standard (if available)

Instead of making the air standards less stringent for all facilities, the Site-Specific Standard Regulation allows some facilities to operate above the provincial standard if they can demonstrate that they are working to reduce emissions as much as possible with technology-based solutions and best practices.

Technology Benchmarking Report

The Technology Benchmarking Report (TBR) is an assessment of globally best available technologies and their potential application at the Smelter. The TBR only considers technical feasibility and commercial availability, not costs. Sudbury INO's TBR assessed past and new technologies in the following groups:

- Material Substitution: substituting the raw materials used at the Smelter to reduce nickel emissions (not applicable to the Site);
- Process Change: modifying the smelting process to reduce sulfur dioxide and cadmium emissions; and

Glencore's Nickel Site-Specific Standard Renewal

- Add-on Controls: technologies that reduce nickel emissions without impacting the smelting process.

No new or emerging technologies were identified as technically feasible or commercially available at this time.

Action Plan

Sudbury INO is committing to completing a number of actions in support of its nickel Site-Specific Standard renewal application. These build upon our previous continual improvement actions to further reduce nickel emissions. For the updated list of actions – please visit our website or reach out to us by using the information provided below.

Wahnapitae First Nation – We Want to Hear from You!

A more detailed version of this summary, as well as the information included with the application is available upon request from Glencore or at the Wahnapitae First Nation Community Centre of Excellence.

Your feedback is important to us. You can participate in our Site-Specific Standard Renewal Process by:

- Reviewing the Site-Specific Standard Renewal Application which will be posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) for comment at **https://ero.ontario.ca/** or access the QR Code below
- Providing comments directly to Sudbury INO:

Lea Willemse, Environment Lead, Sudbury Smelter
Phone: (705) 693-2761 ext. 3303
Email: sudburycommunity@glencore.ca
Community Line at 705-693-2761 ext. 3989

SUDBURY INTEGRATED NICKEL OPERATIONS
A GLENCORE COMPANY

WE'RE HIRING!

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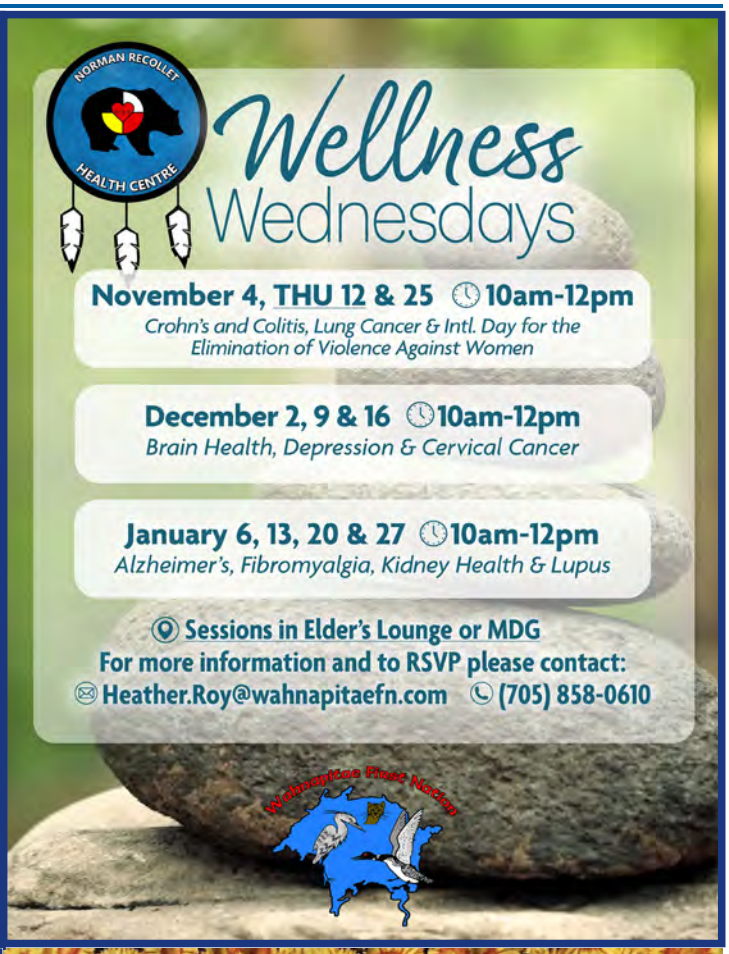
BOOK CLUB
THE ORPHANAGE BY THE LAKE
DANIEL G. MILLER
DISCUSSION: NOV 26
NOVEMBER
NO MORE STOLEN: MY SISTER'S TRUTH
by Vanessa Brousseau
DISCUSSION: DEC 16
DECEMBER
POSSESSING HER BOOK 1
ONCE YOU'RE MINE
MORGAN BRIDGES
DISCUSSION: JAN 28
JANUARY
Elder's Lounge 1:30 pm
Pick up your copies by the first Thursday of each month.
Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com (705) 858-0610


NORMAN RECOLLET HEALTH CENTRE
Wellness Wednesdays
November 4, THU 12 & 25 10am-12pm
Crohn's and Colitis, Lung Cancer & Intl. Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
December 2, 9 & 16 10am-12pm
Brain Health, Depression & Cervical Cancer
January 6, 13, 20 & 27 10am-12pm
Alzheimer's, Fibromyalgia, Kidney Health & Lupus
Sessions in Elder's Lounge or MDG
For more information and to RSVP please contact:
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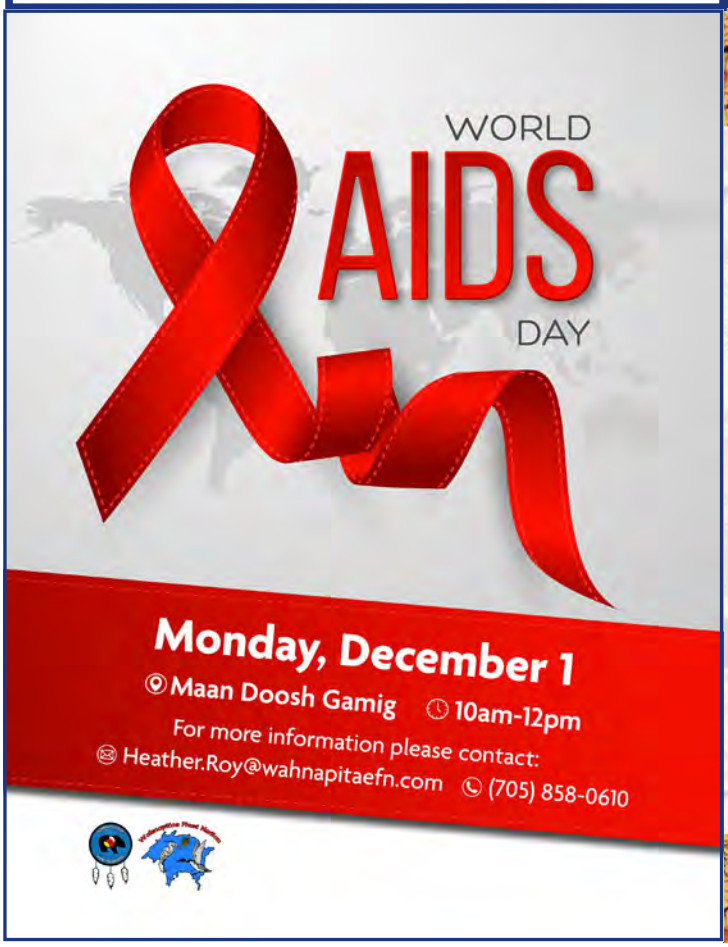
WORLD AIDS DAY
Monday, December 1
Maan Doosh Gamig 10am-12pm
For more information please contact:
Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com (705) 858-0610

Ribbon Skirt Workshop
Saturday, January 9
Elders Lounge 10am-4pm
Limit of 5 participants.
RSVP by required please contact:
Sue.Roque@wahnapitaefn.com
(705) 858-0610
*Note: Limited seats are to allow for more one on one assistance. If there are more than 5 people interested, a second and third class can be created to accommodate all interested.
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Christmas Parade
&Potluck Feast
Saturday, December 5
Parade departs 4:30 PM from end of Loonway Rd. to Centre of Excellence with feast to follow.
Please RSVP your potluck dish, children, and parade floats by December 1.
Sam.Tyson@wahnapitaefn.com
Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com
(705) 858-0610
1ST $300
2ND $200
3RD $100

What the Medicine Wheel

Traditional Drumming Song, Provided by Lori Corbiere, Land-based Worker

TWO ROUNDS, 2nd round no drum on last 2 lines.

I want to know what the Medicine Wheel has to say to me tonight,
I want to know what the Medicine Wheel has to say to me tonight,
I have opened my heart wide to hear Great Spirit calling,
I have laughed and i have cried through every lesson's learning.

I will bless what the Medicine Wheel has to say to me tonight,
I will bless what the Medicine Wheel has to say to me tonight,
I have opened my heart wide to hear Great Spirit calling,
I have laughed and i have cried through every lesson's learning.

AFTER TWO ROUNDS
I want to know what the Medicine Wheel has to say to me tonight,
I will bless what the Medicine Wheel has to say to me tonight,

November 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Making Grill Cheese Youth Choice!	3 Making Slime	4 Leaning "class room words" in Anishinaa-bemowin Making "sealskin" Earrings with Bobbi!	5	6	7
9 Remembrance Day Crafts!	10 Spirit North!	11 HOLIDAY REMEMBRANCE DAY NO PROGRAM	12	13	14
16 KUPP Centre	17 Robotics Presentaion @ MDG Hall Pick up from Hall @ 5:30pm	18 Whinnying in LIfe!	19	20	21
23 Make Supper for your Family & Take home! 🙂	24 Whinnying in Life!	25 Writing letters to Santa ! Decorate the Gazebo for Christmas!	26	27	28
30 Movie @ Gazebo & Baking Cookies!					

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

SCHEDULE:

ASP (AGES 4-11)
Monday-Wednesday
3:30pm-5:30pm

Contact information:
Nancy Debassige 705 822-1956
nancy.debassige@wahnapitaefn.com

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November 2026 • Baashkaakodin Giizis Community Events

Niizhwaaso-Giizhigad	Ntam-Giizhigad	Niizho-Giizhigad	Nso-Giizhigad	Niiwo-Giizhigad	Naano-Giizhigad	Ngodwaaso-Giizhigad
1 Hallowe'en Photo Contest - Ends Nov 2	**2** • Hand Drumming-6pm	**3** • Soup's ON! - 12pm • Senior's TLC -1pm	**4** • Diabetic Breakfast Club RSVP Nov 2. • Wellness Wednesday- 10am • Seniors Outing: Bingo- 5:30pm RSVP Nov 2.	**5** • Congregate Dining- 5pm RSVP Nov 2. Seniors Activity Kits RSVP	**6** • Quill Medallion WS-9am RSVP Nov 2. • Teen Talk -5pm RSVP Nov 3.	**7** Winter Photo Contest - Submit by Monday, January 11
8 • Annual Diabetes Day- 10 am 	**9** • Christmas Porch Leaners WS-10am RSVP Nov 5. • Hand Drumming-6pm	**10** • Soup's ON!- 12pm • Good Food Box PU RSVP Nov 5.	**11** **OFFICES CLOSED**	**12** • Wellness "Wednesday"- 10am • Service ON- 3pm	**13** • Bannock Baking & Crafts- 5pm RSVP Nov 1.	**14** • Fire Cider/Vapo Rub WS- 9am RSVP Nov 9.
						Winter Photo Contest - Submit by Monday, January 11
15 • Seniors Outing: Market- 9am RSVP Nov 12. Social Sensory Kits RSVP	**16** • Roq Your Mocs Day • Hand Drumming-6pm	**17** • Soup's ON!- 12pm • Senior's TLC-1pm	**18** • Diabetic Breakfast Club- 9:30am RSVP Nov 16.	**19** • Healthy Recipe OTM-1pm RSVP Nov 11. • Nutrition Bingo -5pm	**20** • Youth Eagle Staff Meeting- 10am • Youth Program Development Meeting- 5:30pm	**21** • Gauntlet Mitt WS- 9am RSVP Nov 19.
	Ntl. Addictions Awareness Wk					
	Winter Photo Contest - Submit by Monday, January 11					
22	**23** • Hand Drumming-6pm	**24** • Soup's ON!- 12pm • Senior's TLC- 1pm • Elder's Healthy Bins PU- 2pm	**25** • Wellness Wednesday- 10am • Youth Game Night- 4pm RSVP Nov 5.	**26** • Book Club Discussion-1:30pm RSVP Nov 5. • NRHC Services Discussion- 1-3pm & 5-8pm	**27** • Powwow Bingo & Dinner Fundraiser- 4pm	**28**
						Winter Photo Contest - Submit by Monday, January 11
29	**30** • Hand Drumming-6pm • Chief & Council Regular Meeting- 6:30pm RSVP Nov 23.	**1** • World AIDS Day Info Session- 10am • Soup's ON! - 12pm • Senior's TLC -1pm Book Club RSVP	**2** • Diabetic Breakfast Club- 9:30am RSVP Nov 30. • Wellness Wednesday- 10am	**3** Seniors Activity Kits RSVP	**4** • Teen Talk -5pm RSVP Dec 2.	**5** • Christmas Parade & Feast- 4:30pm RSVP Dec 1
						Winter Photo Contest - Submit by Monday, January 11
6 • Christmas Congregate Dining- 5pm RSVP Nov 30.	**7** • Hand Drumming-6pm	**8** • Soup's ON! - 12pm • Senior's TLC -1pm • Good Food Box PU RSVP Dec 3.	**9** • Diabetic Breakfast Club- 9:30am RSVP Dec 7. • Seniors Outing: Bowling- 5:30pm RSVP Dec 7. Healthy Recipe OTM RSVP	**10**	**11**	**12**
						Winter Photo Contest - Submit by Monday, January 11

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