



Community Newsletter

February • Makwa Giizis Bear Moon

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Aanii, boozhoo,

February offers opportunities to stay informed, participate in upcoming activities, and look after one another during these colder months. You will notice a new addition this month—the NRHC newsletter insert. This resource is to help you stay informed about health services and supports is an important part of caring for ourselves, our families, and our community as a whole. We welcome and encourage your feedback on ways we can improve our outreach and strengthen our efforts to support the community.

We have an exciting line up of events for the month ahead. These include a Wills and Estate Seminar, and a Lands-hosted Land Use Planning Engagement Week. In addition, the Niigaaniin Service Ontario Mobile Office will be visiting the community, providing access to important government services closer to home. There are many more important and engaging workshops, seminars and events coming up, view everything and more online at: wahnapitaefn.ca/notices/events

Community voices continue to play an essential role in shaping programs, services, and initiatives. Members are encouraged to share their thoughts by participating in surveys, which are available both online and in person. Paper copies can be picked up at the Centre of Excellence, and those who are unable to attend in person may request that a survey be mailed to them. Every response helps ensure decisions reflect the needs and priorities of the community.

Maintaining accurate contact information helps ensure that important notices and materials reach members, in a timely manner. Community members are reminded to update their mailing address with the Membership Clerk if there have been any changes. Members are also encouraged to register for the Members Portal, which serves as a secure place to access member-related documents, surveys, voting opportunities, and other important information. Subscribing to e-notices is another reliable way to stay informed and receive timely updates as they are released.

Lastly, as winter conditions continue, safety remains a shared responsibility. Please take extra care when travelling, particularly along Portelance Road, where winter weather and limited visibility can create challenging driving conditions. Use caution when passing other vehicles, passing should only take place on clear, straight stretches of road when it is safe to do so. Allowing faster or impatient drivers to pass in these areas can help reduce the risk of dangerous situations. It is also important to remember that our roads are shared with buses, medical transportation, heavy equipment, and other essential vehicles that may travel at slower speeds. A few extra moments of patience and care can make a meaningful difference in keeping everyone safe.

Gimaa Larry Roque

Wahnapitae First Nation Centre of Excellence

259 Taighwenini Trail Rd. Capreol, ON P0M 1H0
Phone: (705) 858-0610 Fax: (705) 858-5570

Hours:
Monday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Tuesday - Thursday 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Closed Fridays and Statutory Holidays

**For the most up to date
community information, notices,
events and updates, visit [www.wahnapitaefirstnation.com](http://wahnapitaefirstnation.com)**

Members Portal

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



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

How can we reach you?

Scan to complete a survey.



Contact or visit us for copies or assistance.



WahnapitaeFirstNation

**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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Chief & Council

**REGULAR MEETING
Monday, February 23**

📍 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 February 16.
- 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.



SCAN HERE
TO OPEN LINK





NEW EVENT DATE
POSTPONED DUE TO WEATHER

HOCKEY EQUIPMENT

Give Away

FEBRUARY 4 2026 | 5-7 PM

📍 MDG HALL



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:
MEAGAN.LAROCQUE@WAHNAPITAEFN.COM

705-858-0610 EXT. 215



Join Us: 2026 Indigenous Lands Symposium at Science North

We are proud to be a key part of the upcoming 2026 Indigenous Lands Symposium, taking place from February 2 to February 6 at Science North in Greater Sudbury.

This annual gathering, hosted by Wahkohtowin Development, has grown into one of the most important events in Canada for Indigenous land stewardship. It brings together over 300 delegates from more than 35 Indigenous communities to share knowledge on how we can protect our territories while building a sustainable future for the next seven generations.

Why Should You Attend?

As the traditional stewards of this territory, our voices are vital to these conversations. This year's theme, "Leave a Legacy of Healthy Lands with us," focuses on moving beyond provincial frameworks and asserting our own jurisdiction over our resources and environment.

Highlights of the Week:

Keynote Address: Mitikinaabe – Learning From our Relatives by Kathy storytelling and relationship to the Land.

Cultural Teachings: Hands-on workshops including Flint Knapping with Shawn Corbiere/Nadjawan and a Full Moon Ceremony in the tipi to honor Grandmother Moon.

Panel Discussions: Critical sessions on mining sector impacts, food sovereignty, and Indigenous-led conservation (IPCAs).

Networking: The "Connection Time" and "Booth Bingo" are great ways to meet land practitioners and leaders from across Turtle Island.

SCAN HERE FOR
MORE INFORMATION



INDIGENOUS LANDS SYMPOSIUM
FEBRUARY 2-6, 2026
SUDBURY, ON



Leave a legacy of healthy lands with us



Snowmobile Safety Starts at Home

What Every Rider Needs to Know This Winter

Snowmobiling is a big part of winter life in our community, but with that fun comes responsibility. Whether you're riding trails, crossing roads, or moving a sled around your own property, knowing the rules — and the risks — helps keep everyone safe and avoids costly damage.

Below is a clear overview of Ontario snowmobile regulations, followed by five critical areas riders should always avoid when operating on or near private property.

What the Law Says (Ontario Ministry of Transportation)

- You may only drive a snowmobile if you have a valid Ontario driver's licence (any class).
- You must be 12 years of age or older to drive a snowmobile.
- Children under 12 years old are not permitted to ride as a passenger unless on private property (your own property or that of a friend, with the landowner's permission — not mutually shared WFN property).
- If you do not have a driver's licence (and are 12 or older), a valid Motorized Snow-Vehicle Operator's Licence (MSVOL) allows you to use designated snowmobile trails maintained

- by a recreational trail club.
- You must be 16 years of age or older and have either a driver's licence or an MSVOL (not both) to drive a snowmobile along or across a public road where snowmobiles are permitted. This includes WFN roads.
- If your driver's licence or snow-vehicle operator's licence has been suspended, you cannot operate any vehicle — period.
- All snowmobiles must be registered with the Ministry of Transportation through a ServiceOntario centre before being operated.

- A helmet is mandatory for drivers and passengers, including anyone riding in a toboggan or sled being towed by a snowmobile.

Speed Limits

- Maximum 20 km/h in public parks, exhibition grounds, or on roads where other vehicles are limited to 50 km/h or less.
- Maximum 50 km/h on snowmobile trails or roads where other vehicles are permitted to travel over 50 km/h.
- It is illegal to operate a snowmobile while impaired by alcohol or drugs.

Audit Presentation & RHT Engagement

Saturday, February 21, 2026

⌚ 10am-2pm @ Maan Doosh Gamig

Lunch and refreshments provided.

Virtual Attendance Available  **SCAN HERE**

For registered band members only, please bring or present valid status card or ID. To register for virtual attendance in advance, please visit:

wahnapitaefn.ca/members-login

For questions and more information please contact:

✉ Melissa.Brideau@wahnapitaefn.com ⓐ (705) 858-0610

Five Critical Areas to Avoid When Snowmobiling

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

1. Septic Tanks and Leaching Fields

This is the golden rule of rural snowmobiling. Heavy snowmobiles compact snow and soil, pushing frost deeper into the ground and increasing the risk of frozen pipes. Even more serious, plastic risers or fiberglass tank lids near the surface can crack under a sled's weight — leading to expensive and messy repairs once the ground thaws.

2. Driveways and Culvert Ends

Using a driveway as a straightaway may feel convenient, but exits are where trouble starts. Culvert ends are often hidden by snowdrifts. Striking a corrugated steel pipe or concrete headwall can destroy your suspension or throw a rider over the handlebars. **Pro tip:** Mark culverts with tall orange stakes before the first snowfall so the danger zones are clearly visible all winter.

3. Young Trees and Landscaping

What looks like a soft bump may be a growing tree underneath. Running over young trees can snap the main leader (the top), permanently stunting or killing them. Repeated riding over the same patch of lawn also crushes the insulating air pockets in the snow, leading to winterkill — frozen roots, dead grass, and muddy ruts in the spring.

4. Wells and Utility Markers

Well heads, electrical pedestals, and guy wires are often tucked into open areas that attract riders. Striking a well casing can break the sanitary seal and risk contaminating the water supply. Low-hanging guy wires are especially dangerous in flat

light and can be extremely hard to see at speed.

5. Property Lines — The “Good Neighbour” Rule

Unless you have clear permission, your neighbour's yard is off-limits. You may know where your septic bed or utilities are located — you don't know where theirs are. Even without visible damage, trespassing can lead to legal issues or put nearby sanctioned club trails at risk. **Quick tip:** If you must move a sled across a lawn, stick to one single packed path instead of criss-crossing the yard. One narrow strip is far easier to repair than a whole field of ruts.

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

A little care now saves a lot of damage — and frustration — in the spring.

**Ride Smart.
Ride Respectfully.
Ride Safe.**



***Is your business interested in
renting retail/office space on
Wahnapietae First Nation?***

Complete the survey below!

STRIP MALL FEASIBILITY STUDY: TENANT INTEREST SURVEY



Scan the code or visit <https://cutt.ly/ecdev-survey2> to complete the survey online. Closing February 27.

For questions or more information please contact:
✉ Lilli.Doughty@wahnapietae.com ☎ (705) 562-2019

JINGLE DRESS TEACHINGS

with Maretta Jones

Saturday, February 7

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig ⏰ 10am-3pm

Light lunch provided. Please RSVP by Thursday, February 5:

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



Traditional

CRAFT NIGHT

Applique Scarves

Wednesday, February 11

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig ⏰ 6-8pm

Share your ideas! Light snacks and
refreshments provided.

For more information please contact:

✉ Sue.Roque@wahnapitaefn.com

📞 (705) 858-0610





Anishinaabemowin

Grammar & Games

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

Tuesday Evenings

📍 Elders Lounge ⏰ 6-7:45pm

Open to everyone, light snacks and refreshments provided.

RSVP required for material and food purposes, please contact:

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

Vegetation management community sessions

Hosted by Waasmoowin Opportunities & Consultation Council (WOCC) and Hydro One

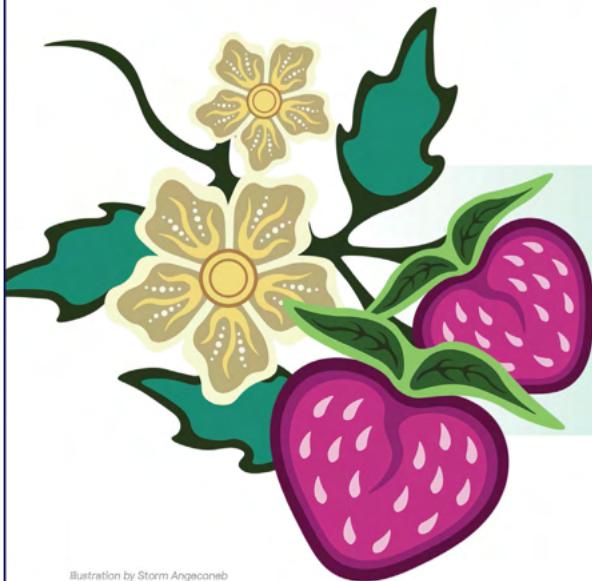


Illustration by Storm Angeconeb

Join us to learn about integrated vegetation management

WOCC and Hydro One are working together with First Nation partners to discuss vegetation management practices for the North Shore Link and Northeast Power Line projects. We will review current practices, learn from local knowledge and gather input to shape approaches that respect communities and the environment.

Why integrated vegetation management matters

- It keeps rights-of-way clear to support reliable electricity.
- It protects public safety from electrical hazards and natural disasters like forest fires.

Your voice matters

Join us as we learn about alternative approaches and emerging technologies in vegetation management. Together, we will prioritize the health and safety of both people and nature.

WAHNAPATIE FIRST NATION

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026

Maan Doosh Gamin
259 Taighwenini Trail Road

4:30 p.m. - Dinner
5:30 p.m. - Integrated vegetation
management information session
7:30 p.m. - Q&A

Free dinner
will be
provided



For more information

Leslie Recollet
Administrative Lead
admin@waasmoowin.com

Joanna "Joey" Roellchen-Pfohl
Coordinator, Indigenous partnerships
joanna.roellchen-pfohl@hydroone.com

ServiceOntario
TRAILER SCHEDULE:
WAHNAPITAE FIRST NATION



February 11 2-7 PM
@ Centre of Excellence
259 Taighwenini Trail Road

Contact: info@niigaaniin.com

ATTENTION COMMUNITY MEMBERS!

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Please bring the following:

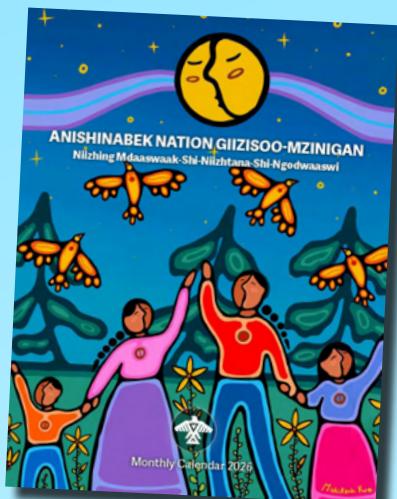
- One piece of government ID
- Your expired health card/drivers license



Mobile Service

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

Anishinabek Nation
Giizisoo-Mzinigan
2026 Calendars
Available at the Centre of Excellence





**GOOD X
FOOD BOX**

FEBRUARY

ORDER: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH
Pick-Up: Thursday, February 12TH

SMALL BOX \$10 LARGE BOX \$21

To order or for more information:
✉ Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com
⌚ (705) 858-7700



Teen Talk
Friday, February 6

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig ⌚ 6-8pm
 Please RSVP by Thursday, February 5.

✉ heather.roy@wahnapitaefn.com
⌚ (705) 858-7700



**CONGREGATE
DINING**
ELDERS 55+

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5
 RSVP BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig ⌚ 5:00 PM
 In person or pick-up only. Seniors are welcome to socialize afterward with a game of cards or chatting.

To RSVP or for more information:
✉ Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com ⌚ **(705) 858-7700**




HEALTHY RECIPE OF THE MONTH

RSVP
Wed, February 11
PICK-UP

Wed, February 18
 Bring your bags to MDG from 1-5pm.
 To RSVP and for more information:
✉ Rochelle.Tyson@wahnapitaefn.com
⌚ (705) 858-7700



Harvesting Mooz WORKSHOP

Saturday, February 14

📍 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 Friday, February 6.

✉ Line.Baillargeon@wahnapitaefn.com ✉ Lori.Corbiere@wahnapitaefn.com

📞 (705) 858-7700



HEALTHY SNACKS BOX PICK UP DATES

January 7

March 10

May 12

February 10

April 7

June 9

📍 Family Wellness Centre (178 Loonway Rd)
⌚ 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

For sign up and information please contact:
✉ Raelynn.Cranston@wahnapitaefn.com
📞 (705) 822-5690

Social Services

**LOGO
DESIGN
CONTEST**

DEADLINE EXTENDED

**WIN
REAL
CASH**

**Share your
ideas!**

All ages welcome to participate. Please submit by Tuesday, February 24.

✉ natalie.goring@wahnapitaefn.com ☎ (705) 920-9106

CARDS NIGHT

18 + ONLY

Friday, February 20

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig ⏰ 5-9pm

For questions or more information please contact:

✉ Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com

📞 (705) 858-7700



Information Management Law Update & FAQ

UPDATED

A second ratification vote for Wahnapitae 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?

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.

How does this affect me?

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.

What if my privacy is violated under this law?

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.

Who can access records and what's in them?

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

What rights will I have under this law?

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.

Was there already a vote for the Information Management Law?

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.

What are future steps?

With both member and council approval on moving to simple majority voting system, Governance staff are working with the Lands Dept. to plan a co-vote for early spring of 2026. This vote would ratify the Land Code and Information Management Law.

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, February 12 & 26

📍 WFN Yurt & Tipi (behind MDG)

🕒 1PM - 4 PM

For more information please contact:

✉ Line.Baillargeon@wahnapitaefn.com

📞 (705) 858-7700





Bindiigen to Our New Community Rescue Boat, Chii Miigwech CGS

We are pleased to share that Wahnapitae First Nation has received a former municipal rescue boat from the City of Greater Sudbury. This generous donation strengthens our capacity on the water and reflects the spirit of cooperation we continue to build with our neighbours.

The vessel, known as Boat 22, is a 2005 Connor Industries Stanley Hull that previously served in emergency response operations on Lake Wanapitei. After being decommissioned in 2020, the boat was no longer needed for municipal use. We are grateful that it has now been entrusted to our community, where it will continue to serve a meaningful purpose.

Members of our community joined representatives from the City of Greater Sudbury for the official handover. This boat will support our water-based safety and operational needs, helping us enhance preparedness and care for our lands and waters.

As an Anishinaabeg community located within Greater Sudbury's boundaries, we value partnerships rooted in respect, collaboration, and shared responsibility. This donation is a positive example of how working together can lead to lasting benefits for everyone involved.

We thank the City of Greater Sudbury for this contribution and look forward to the continued role this vessel will play in supporting our community for years to come.

Diabetic Snacks

PICK UP TAKE HOME KITS

Monday, February 23

⌚ Maan Doosh Gamig ⌚ 1pm

Must be diabetic and RSVP by Thursday, February 19.

For more information and to RSVP please contact:

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

Nutrition BINGO

Thursday, February 19

⌚ Maan Doosh Gamig ⌚ 5:00 PM

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

For questions or more information please contact:

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

NEW Pow-Wow Game Specials

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

BOOK CLUB

DISCUSSION: **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26**
 @Elder's Lounge ⏰ 1:00 pm
 Pick up your copies from Heather by Monday, February 2.
 ☎ heather.roy@wahnapitaefn.com ☎ (705) 858-7700

Senior Activity Kits

FEBRUARY

Leather Knife Pouch

Sign-up by Monday, February 2.

✉ Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com

☎ (705) 858-7700

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



Transform Tuesdays

Mobility Exercise Activities
February 24 & 17
 @ Maan Doosh Gamig ⏰ 9-10 AM
 For questions or more information please contact:
 ☎ Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com ☎ (705) 858-7700

Wellness Wednesdays

- February 4 ⏰ 10am @ MDG**
Supporting a Healthy Nervous System
- February 11 ⏰ 10am @ MDG**
Hepatitis Types in Indigenous Communities
- February 18 ⏰ 10am @ MDG**
Heart Disease Awareness
- February 25 ⏰ 10am @ MDG**
Eating Disorders

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

Valentines Day Youth Activity Kits

For teens, youth and children.
Please RSVP by Monday, February 9.
✉ Natalie.Goring@wahnapitaefn.com
☎ (705) 920-9106

Let's Bead!

Monday, February 23

Family Wellness Centre
📍 178 Loonway Road ⏰ 4-6pm
Snacks and refreshments provided.
Bring unfinished projects or start new ones!

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

Seniors T.L.C.

Tuesdays

February 3, 10, 17 & 24

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

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

MARCH BREAK Family Survival Kits

Please RSVP by Thursday, February 26.

Specify child's age (0-6, 7-12 or 13-18) and number of kits needed.
Families will be contacted when kits are ready for pick up.

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



Sliding Party

Sunday, February 22

⌚ **Taighwenini Trail Sliding Hill** ⌚ **11am-6pm**
With provided lunch & hot chocolate!

Helmets are required, please dress for the weather.

For questions or more information please contact:

✉ **Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com** ☎ **(705) 858-0610**
✉ **Natalie.Goring@wahnapitaefn.com** ☎ **(705) 920-9106**

Travel Advisory Issued for First Nations Members Travelling to the United States

The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) has issued an important travel advisory following reports that some First Nations citizens have experienced increased questioning and detention by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) while travelling to the United States. In response, the AFN has strongly condemned these actions and reaffirmed that First Nations peoples hold inherent and treaty-protected rights to cross-border mobility. These rights predate the international border and are recognized under historic treaties such as the Jay Treaty.

Travel Documentation Strongly Recommended

The AFN advises any First Nations members travelling to the U.S. to carry valid identification at all times. This includes a Secure Certificate of Indian Status (Status Card) or a Canadian passport. Travellers are reminded that some U.S. federal law enforcement officials may not be familiar with Tribal or Indigenous identification.

If a Tribal ID is not accepted by a U.S. border or enforcement official, the Native American Rights Fund recommends that individuals request to speak with a supervisor.

Support for Status Card Applications and Renewals

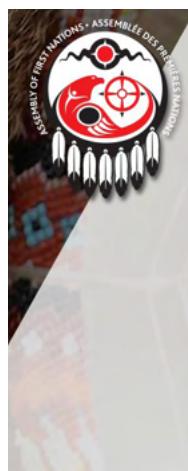
For those who require assistance with Status Card applications, renewals, replacements, or urgent processing related to travel, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) offers support through its Secure Certificate of Indian Status (SCIS) Program. Assistance is available by phone at 1-800-567-9604 or online through the Government of Canada website.

Emergency Assistance for Canadians While in the U.S.

In emergency situations, Canadian citizens in the U.S. can contact the Canadian Consulate for assistance at 1-613-996-8885.

Community members planning travel are encouraged to prepare

documentation in advance, remain informed of their rights, and seek assistance if needed. The AFN continues to advocate for the protection of First Nations' mobility rights and respectful treatment at international borders.



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Please note that federal law enforcement may not be familiar with Tribal IDs. If an ICE agent does not accept your Tribal ID as identification, the Native American Rights Fund recommends that you request to speak to their supervisor.

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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://wahnapiitaefn.ca/members-login>

Update Mailing Address:

→ Contact Membership Clerk:

✉ emily.roque@wahnapiitaefn.com
📞 (705) 858-0610 ext. 201

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

Need assistance? 📞 (705) 858-0610 ext. 234
✉ communications@wahnapiitaefn.com

Find help here.

Emergency evacuation information for Indigenous Peoples living in Ontario

Be prepared and take action:



- 1 Make an emergency kit with at least 72 hour's worth of supplies: medications, IDs and essential items.
- 2 Tune in – radio, television or local social media – for weather warnings, advisories or information about evacuation plans.
- 3 When evacuation is necessary, be prepared to leave immediately.
- 4 Follow the routes specified by officials. Don't take shortcuts. They could lead you to a blocked or dangerous area.



Mental health support can be reached any time through the Hope for Wellness Help Line. Call: **1-855-242-3310** Chat: **hopeforwellness.ca**

Visit canada.ca/indigenousevacuations for a full list of national resources.

Support for evacuees:

Status Cards: Lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed

1-800-567-9604

To request a Temporary Confirmation of Registration Document (TCRD), call or visit any regional office. TCRD can be mailed to you.

Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB)

1-800-640-0642

The Ontario Client Line is toll free and can help refill/replace items covered under NIHB (e.g., prescription medication). To contact other toll free NIHB supports:

Medical transportation

1-888-283-8885 | Sioux Lookout

1-877-779-7749 | Thunder Bay

1-800-881-3921 | Ottawa

1-833-675-3081 | Ontario after hours

NIHB Drug Exception Centre

1-888-441-4777

Support for First Nations & Inuit children

1-855-572-4453

Jordan's Principle and Inuit Child First Initiative ensure that First Nations and Inuit children have access to the products, services and support they need.

Regional travel guide

Ontario 511 can help with emergency planning and evacuation. **Call 511 or check 511on.ca** for road closures, weather, and other impacts on safe travel in your area.



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BE LICE FREE

For any questions or to book in-home services directly, please contact Lice Squad at (705)-507-5667 or visit licesquad.com



WHAT ARE HEAD LICE?



Head lice are small grey or reddish brown bugs, 1 to 4mm long depending on their age. Lice live on the human head, not on pets or other hairy parts of the body. They feed on blood and cannot survive off the head for more than **24 to 48 hours** without a blood meal. **Lice do not hop, jump or fly.** Lice reproduce by laying tear-drop shaped eggs. These eggs are glued on one side of the hair shaft. The viable eggs are typically brownish/yellow to caramel colour. Empty egg cases or dead eggs are called nits. These are clear, opaque, almost see through. Do not rely on products that claim to kill lice and their nits as it is the eggs that need to be killed or removed. Female lice need a male to mate and lay 3 to 5 eggs per day and live for approximately 30 days. Lice eggs take 7 to 10 days to hatch. Baby lice are called nymphs and take 7 to 10 days to be mature enough to mate.

What Do I Look For?



Look for lice and lice eggs in the "hot spots" which are around the ears, at the crown of the head and at the nape of the neck. It is best to use bright lights (sunlight is best) and proper magnification when looking. Look for red scabs caused by scratching, lice eggs and lice crawling through the hair or sucking blood from the scalp. Lice lay their eggs close to the scalp but look along the whole hair shaft. Do not confuse DEC plugs, hair casts or other hair debris with lice eggs. Remember if it is white like paper or snow it is not a lice egg.

The Facts of Lice



- One female can lay 3-5 eggs per day
- To eliminate a lice infestation, one must remove all lice and eggs from the hair by systematically interrupting the life cycle of a head louse.
- Lice eggs are tear-drop shaped, brown in colour and attach to only one side of the hair shaft. Lice egg look-alikes are white and surround the hair shaft.
- Pesticide sprays and treatments should be used with caution or not at all.

4 Easy Steps to Cleaning and Environmental Care

Head lice are not living in your home, on your furniture or in your bedding, they are living on you. Cleaning should be done after your initial nitpick and repeated every 4 to 5 days following after care.

1. Place items that can be put in the dryer on high heat for 20-30 minutes.
2. Vacuum items that cannot be put in the dryer.
3. If an item cannot be put into a dryer or vacuumed, bag it and set it aside for 48 hours.
4. Sterilize hair tools in boiled water, steamer or dishwasher.



Makwa Giizis Horoscope

Snow Goose and Capricorn

People born at this time, under the constellation of Capricorn, possess the ability to be practical and organized. These individuals have the potential to hold authority in what they choose to engage in. They will often find themselves in the position of leading a project or organization and if they do they may well approach it in a meticulous manner.

In Native American tradition the snow goose totem, found in the north on the medicine wheel, is used to represent the energy of these folk. The snow goose is quite a unique bird that chooses to follow the snow rather than the sun. Likewise individuals who are born at this time appreciate the purity of beginnings, a purity that may be far too limiting and lifeless for others. However the opportunities that come with such beginnings are a blank canvas, a huge potential for those who possess practical leadership qualities. The Snow Goose is also a creature that is methodical.

The Snow Goose, when migrating, may fly thousands of miles each year in a V shape. At the head of the formation is the female leader. The leader will be the strongest, she help to break up the wind for those who fly immediately behind her but slightly to the side. Her position is intentional as she does not obstruct the geese's vision behind her, but takes the main burden of any flight resistance that comes from the wind. The Geese directly behind her are the next strongest creatures in the gaggle. The geese that shadow take the burden for the geese that follow them and so on. This process could be seen to show the methodical approach as well as value of working methodically within an organization these individuals born at this time possess.

Snow Geese also adhere to a pecking order, within the gaggle, showing an appreciation of authority. The pecking order can be seen to symbolize the authoritarian Capricorn traits, as individuals born at this time can deeply value authority as well as possess it. The snow goose or Capricorn individual can possess practical meticulous authority, but in the process of attending to matters that they choose to engage in through having such qualities, they can become out of touch with their emotions. For this reason the Snow Goose individual can grow from following the wisdoms of the Flicker individual found in the south on the medicine wheel.

Source: <https://twofeathers.co.uk/pages/native-american-astrology>
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OFFICES CLOSED

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Nimkii Aazhbikoong

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



Anishinabek kina gdaawmin,
Ka-bskaabi daapnaanaan enweyiing,
Ka-bskaabi daapnaanaan go
nitooyiing,
Wey-ya ha, wey ya ha, wey ya ha.

Gaawiin gego ge-ngaashmi go yiing,
Giinwin maanpii e-nji-baayining,
Anishinaabek kina gdaawmin,
Giinwiin maanpii e-nji-baayiing.

English translation:

*We are Anishinaabek, it's who we are
It's turning around, we are picking up
our voices
It's turning around, we are picking up
what we lost
Nothing will stop us
Here is where we are from
We are Anishinaabek, it's who we are
Here is where we are from*



YOUTH SPEAKER SERIES

Join us for the Youth Speaker Series, an Anishinabek Education System event celebrating the voices, talents, and life experiences of inspiring Indigenous youth from across the AES. Hear their stories of growth, achievement, and cultural identity as they uplift and empower their communities.

JOHN & DEANNE HUPFIELD



ABOUT JOHN & DEANNE

Dr. John Waaseyaabin Hupfield (he/him) is Anishinaabe, Marten clan, and a member of Wasauksing First Nation. Hupfield's research is rooted within his work as a grassroots community based educator, teaching powwow alongside his partner Deanne Hupfield, to urban Indigenous folx in Toronto over the past 15 years. As a grass dancer, he travels extensively to powwows across the Anishinabek nation, and Turtle Island. His work looks at 'powwow as place', one of critical importance for Anishinaabeg, where personal learning and cultural knowledge are integrated through song, movement and land.

FEBRUARY 2ND. 2026

Join us on February 2nd, 2026 from 3:00pm to 4:00pm as they share their journey in education and dancing!

REGISTRATION

To register, and submit a question to John and Deanne, please scan the QR code and complete the form.

For more information please contact the Youth Initiatives Coordinator
Kaelyn.Pizzale@a-e-s.ca



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WFN Trust Income Grants

Application Period Now Open

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

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

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

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

SUBMISSIONS ARE TO BE DIRECTED TO:

Wahnapitae First Nation Trustees
By email: trustinfo@wahnapitaefn.com
Or by mail: WFN – Centre of Excellence, Trust Office
259 Taighwenini Trail Road Capreol, ON P0M 1H0
Or by fax: 519-663-2525



COMMUNITY LAND USE

Engagement Week

Community Engagement Night • Tuesday, March 10

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

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

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

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

Youth Consultation • Wednesday, March 11

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

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

✉️ Sara.Lehman@wahnapitaefn.com ☎️ (705) 858-0610



Youth Engagement Session

Wednesday, March 11

📍 **The Gazebo** 🕒 **4-6:30pm**

— **Ice Cream Sundaes & Snack Bar** —

Come share what you hope to see in the community!

For youth ages 25 and under, parent/guardian supervision required if child(ren) not registered in ASP/YLP program.

For questions and more information please contact:

✉️ Sara.Lehman@wahnapitaefn.com ☎️ (705) 858-0610





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WILLS & ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

— IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL —

Wednesday, March 25

⌚ MAAN DOOSH GAMIG ⌚ 6-8 PM
Members wishing to attend via Zoom can find the link to register at: wahnapitaefirstnation.com/members-login

For questions and more information please contact:
✉ Rachel.Bayley@td.com ☎ (519) 663-5190

Shared Stories. Shared Strength.

Robinson Huron Treaty (RHT) Anishinaabek are invited to share stories about how the RHT Settlement payments have supported their lives and well-being, including:

- » Family experiences (such as travel)
- » A new home, vehicle or equipment
- » Small business or creative work
- » Paying off bills or debts

Selected submissions will be shared on RHTLF social media channels. By submitting your content, you consent to its public sharing.



Robinson Huron Treaty LITIGATION FUND

In 150 words or less, tell us how your payment enhanced your life. Photos are welcome and help bring your story to life.
Email submissions to: office.admin@rhtlf.org




Boys & Mens Grass Dance TeachINGS

with David Trudeau

Saturday, March 14

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig ⏰ 10am-3pm

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

Please RSVP by Thursday, March 5:
✉ Sue.Roque@wahnapitaefn.com ⏰ (705) 858-0610





Family Craft Night

Friday, March 27

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig ⏰ 5-7pm

With Spaghetti dinner! Please RSVP by March 20:
✉ Natalie.Goring@wahnapitaefn.com
📞 (705) 920-9106





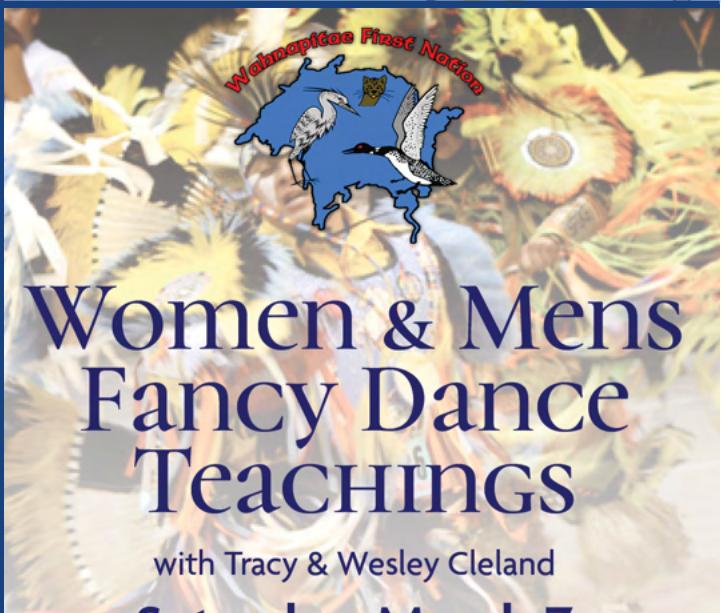
**Traditional
CRAFT NIGHT**

Cloth Top Moccassins

Wednesday, March 11

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig ⏰ 6-8pm

Light snacks and refreshments provided.
Please RSVP by Thursday, March 5:
✉ Sue.Roque@wahnapitaefn.com ⏰ (705) 858-0610

Women & Mens Fancy Dance TeachINGS

with Tracy & Wesley Cleland

Saturday, March 7

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig ⏰ 10am-3pm

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

Please RSVP by Thursday, March 5:
✉ Sue.Roque@wahnapitaefn.com ⏰ (705) 858-0610



First Nations Child and Family Services
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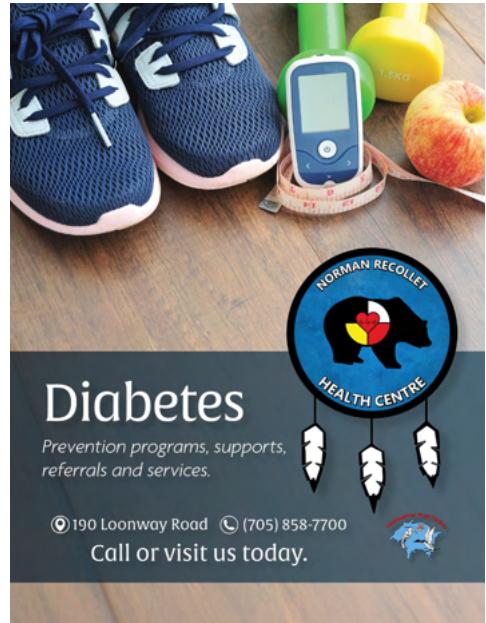
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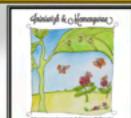
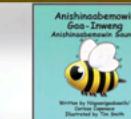
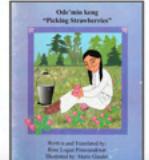
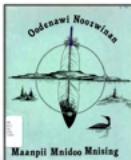
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AFTER SCHOOL & YOUTH

LEADERSHIP

FEBRUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Notes
1	2 ASP Nature and trees in Anishinaabemowin with Bobbie	3 YLP Critical Thinking Games	4 ASP Painting with Love	5	6	7	ASP Ages 4-11 Monday and Wednesday 3:30-5:30PM
8	9 ASP Zaagidwin Giizhqaak (Valentines Day) Language with Bobbie	10 YLP Whimnying in Life outing Both Groups	11 ASP Valentines Day Party!	12	13	14 	YLP Ages 12-17 Tuesdays 3:00-5:30 PM
15	16 ASP FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY (No program)	17 YLP Whimnying in Life outing Both Groups	18 ASP Snow Volcanos Science Experiment	19	20	21	PLEASE NOTE: All scheduled activities are subject to change due to weather, or unforeseen circumstances. Parental responsibility to have other arrangements in place if childcare is required.
22	23 ASP Winter STEM Fun!	24 YLP Anishinaabemowin Language with Bobbie	25 ASP Scavenger Hunt	26	27	28	

Wahnapiitae First Nation
 February 2026 • Makwa Giizis Community Events



Niizhwaaso-Giizhigad	Ntam-Giizhigad	Niizho-Giizhigad	Nso-Giizhigad	Niiwo-Giizhigad	Naano-Giizhigad	Ngodwaaso-Giizhigad
1	2	3 • Soup's ON!-12pm • Seniors TLC-2pm • Anishinaabemowin Grammar & Games-6pm	4 • Wellness Wednesday-10am • Hockey Equipment Giveaway-5pm	5 • Congregate Dining-5pm	6 • Teen Talk-6pm	7 • Jingle Dress Teachings-10am
8	9	10 • Soup's ON!-12pm • Seniors TLC-2pm • Healthy Snacks Pick Up-3pm • Anishinaabemowin Grammar & Games-6pm	11 • Healthy Recipe OTM P/U-1pm • Traditional Craft Night-6pm • Wellness Wednesday-10am • Service Ontario Mobile Office-2pm	12 • Good Food Box P/U • Traditional Medicinal Teachings & Stories-1pm • Regalia Making & Repairs-4pm	13 • Teen Talk-6pm	14 • Harvesting Mooz Workshop-10am
15	16 OFFICES CLOSED	17 • Trfm. Tues.-9am • Soup's ON!-12pm • Seniors TLC-2pm • Anishinaabemowin Grammar & Games-6pm	18 • Wellness Wednesday-10am • Hydro One Vegetation Mngmnt Session -4:30pm	19 • Nutrition Bingo-5pm	20 • Adult Cards Night-5pm	21 • Audit Presentation & RHT Engagement -10am
22 • Sliding Party-11am	23 • Chief & Council Regular Mtg.-6pm • Diabetic Snacks P/U-3pm • Let's Bead-4pm	24 • Trfm. Tues.-9am • Soup's ON!-12pm • Seniors TLC-2pm • Anishinaabemowin Grammar & Games-6pm	25 • Wellness Wednesday-10am	26 • Book Club Discussion-1pm • Regalia Making & Repairs-4pm	27	28
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8	9	10 • Land Use Plan Engagement Night-5:30pm	11 • Land Use Plan Youth Consultation-4pm • Traditional Craft Night-6pm	12	13	14 • Boys & Mens Grass Dance Teachings-10am
Community Land Use Plan Engagement Week: Drop In 9am-3pm						