



# The Aamjiwnaang First Nation CHIPPEWA TRIBE-UNE

## March Break

Children/Youth Services is hosting daily activities during March Break!

Looking for Fun activities for March Break?



**Maqwin Doosh Gumig**  
10:30am - 11:30 am

- Monday - Lambton County Library Activity
- Tuesday: Make a spring Planter
- Wednesday: Paint Crock-a-Doodle snowglobe
- Thursday: Shamrock Cookie decorating



## **Aamjiwnaang Chief & Council**

### **Agenda Item Submission** **Information and Deadlines**

- \* Regular Council Meetings - 1st & 3rd Monday of every month. If Monday falls on a statutory holiday the meeting is generally held the following day. Please note, that from time to time meetings may be cancelled or postponed.
- \* Deadline - Tuesday's prior to the regularly scheduled meeting date, by 12:00 noon, for Band Manager review.
- \* Agenda Item Request Form is available at reception for the following locations: Administrative Complex (Band Office), E'Mino Bmaad-Zijig Gumig (Health Centre) & Maawn Doosh Gumig (Community Centre); and, on the Aamjiwnaang website.
- \* Your completed request form can be submitted in person or email, you may also wish to attach additional documentation and information to support your request (i.e. acceptance letters, budget, personal summary, etc.).
- \* Requests will be reviewed by the Band Manager, to ensure that the appropriate personnel/ department have the opportunity to respond or resolve the request, prior to being placed on the Council agenda.
- \* The guidelines set out above are in place to ensure that the flow of information to and from the Council table is efficient, and that your matter is addressed and resolved in a timely manner.

If you have discussion items for  
Chief and Council on:

**March 21st, 2022**

Your information is due by:

**March 15th, 2022**

Miigwech, for your co-operation and understanding.

Ashley Jackson, Aamjiwnaang Council Clerk  
[ajackson@aamjiwnaang.ca](mailto:ajackson@aamjiwnaang.ca)

## **COUNCIL AGENDAS**

Presently a copy of the Council Agenda is posted on the front doors of the Band Office and Community Centre.

If you would like to receive an "electronic" copy of the Council Agenda, please send an email to: [pnahmabin@aamjiwnaang.ca](mailto:pnahmabin@aamjiwnaang.ca) providing your name and band number.

Only band members can receive an electronic copy of the Agenda.

Thank you.

Patrick Nahmabin

Community Information Officer



**Aboriginal Affairs and**

**Northern Development Canada**

**IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THE  
MANDATORY IDENTIFICATION TO  
OBTAIN A STATUS CARD,  
PLEASE CALL: 1-800-567-9604**

- Advise the call centre representative that you want to obtain a Temporary Confirmation of Registration Document (TCRD).
- They will ask a series of questions to confirm your identity and then mail a Temporary Confirmation of Registration Document (TCRD) to you.
- This document will state your registration number and can be used in place of a Status Card to access benefits and services.

**NOTICE – Aamjiwnaang Seniors**

RE: Seniors Travel and Recreation Funding

Chief and Council along with the Community Services Committee have developed a new Seniors Travel and Recreation Funding Policy to help assist Seniors with Travel and Recreational activities. This application is for Seniors who have reached the age of fifty-five (55) years and over. The maximum funding is \$500/CA per fiscal year. Applications can be picked up at the Community Centre or Band Office. For more information please contact the Community Centre – 519-491-2160

**NOTICE - Band Members**

RE: Youth Funding Policy / Funding Applications

Chief and Council along with the Community Services Committee have developed a new Funding Policy to help our youth with their Sports, Arts and Recreational activities. This application is for youth to the age of 25 years. The maximum funding is \$800/CA per fiscal year. This maximum will take into consideration LNHL reimbursement and any other recreational funding. Applications can be picked up at the Community Centre or Band Office. For more information please contact the Community Centre – 519-491-2160

**How to get Help**

Find the right time and place to talk. Be calm, caring, non-threatening. Listen. Talk about the concerns by using facts and accurate information. Encourage the person to see a doctor. Encourage the person to seek professional help.

**Where to Get Help**

Emergency 911

Kids Help Phone 1-800-668-6868

Distress Line 519-336-3000

LGBTQ Two Spirited Youth Line 1-800-268-9688 – OR –Text: 647-694-4275

Bluewater Health Addictions and Problem Gambling: 519-464-4400 ext. 5370

Withdrawal Management 519-332-4673

Women’s Interval Home 519-336-5200

Sarnia-Lambton Children’s Aid Society 519-336-0623

Westover Addiction Assistance 1-800-721-3232

Windsor Withdrawal Management (detox) 519-257-5225

Grand River Withdrawal Management (detox) 519-749-4318

London Withdrawal Management (detox) 519-432-7241  
Lambton Mental Health Crisis Line 519-336-3445

Victim Services Support Line 1-888-281-3665 ext. 5238

Alcoholics Anonymous 519-337-5211

Drug & Alcohol Registry of Treatment 1-800-565-8603

Aamjiwnaang Mental Wellness 519-332-6770

Pregnancy Centre 519-383-7115

Sexual Assault Victims 519-337-3320

Problem Gambling 1-888 230-3505

**For more information or support please call : 519-332-6770**

**Medical Travel Drivers:**

Terry Plain (Monis) 519-402-5535

Sheila Firth 519-383-1073

Christine Plain 519-466-0054

Muriel (Toddy) Joseph 519-336-6323 or  
519-312-2403

Ron Simon 519-331-7607

Marion Waters 519-312-5283

**Wheelchair Accessible  
Van Driver:**

Contact the Health Centre at  
519-336-6770

### Medical Transportation Clients:

If you are riding with a contract driver, please respect the following COVID precautions::

- Wear a face covering at all times.
- Sanitize your hands before getting in.
- Sit in the back seat, passenger side to maintain distance.
- Ask the driver if you can open your window if weather allows.
- Cancel your trip if you are in self-isolation or feeling unwell.

Our drivers are volunteers and have the right to accept or deny any trip request. All of our drivers must be fully vaccinated or undergo regular COVID testing. To protect their own safety, drivers may choose to accept or deny trips based on your vaccination status. IF they ask, please be respectful.

We value our drivers and appreciate your understanding and respect, Miigwech.

### Medical Travel Information

*If you live on reserve and drive yourself or a status individual living on-reserve to an appointment, you are eligible for private mileage to help with the cost of gas.*

The eligibility for mileage is for on-reserve only and appointments must be funded by OHIP or NIHB (eg. doctors, hospital, dental, optometry, lab work) and must be within our catchment area – up to London, Chatham or Windsor.

(eg. Aamjiwnaang to Sarnia = \$7.32 for private mileage)

Trips to pick up prescription medications are not covered.

Medical Travel slips can be found at the Health Centre.

The slip must be filled out completely and signed and dated by the service provider. Incomplete slips will not be accepted.

Medical travel slips are to be submitted to the Health Centre for payment.

The next date for slips to be handed in is by Monday, September 27 and bi-weekly after that on Monday's.

**ATTENTION TO ALL  
MEDICAL DRIVERS!!!  
Medical Travel slips  
are now due by  
Monday's at noon.**

### Seniors Prescription Drug Coverage

When a senior in Ontario turns 65, their medications are automatically covered by a program call the Ontario Drug Benefit Program, This program charges a deductible (Client pays for the first \$100 towards their medications every year starting on August 1) and a co-payment (up to \$6.11 per prescription)

If you have status you do not have to pay the deductible or the co-payment. If you are charged a deductible or co-payment at the pharmacy, please provide them with your status card and those charges should be covered by the Non-Insured Health Benefits Program (Indigenous Services Canada). If you end up paying out of pocket, please contact Peggy at the Health Centre 519-332-6770 ext. 320

### FYI—Payments and Reimbursements

If you are submitting paperwork to Peggy Rogers, for reimbursements or payments, could you please have it submitted by Mondays, noon.

Please remember to include all of your contact information:

Name, Mailing Address and a phone number you can be reached at or an email.

I do follow-ups when paperwork is submitted.

Miigwech,  
Peggy Rogers,  
Administrative Assistant  
Aamjiwnaang Health Centre  
519-332-6770, ext. 320  
progers@aamjiwnaang.ca

### **FYI—Ambulance Bills**

IF you have received an ambulance bill, please ensure that the hospital has your status card on file. If they do not have your status card on file, you will receive a bill for these services.

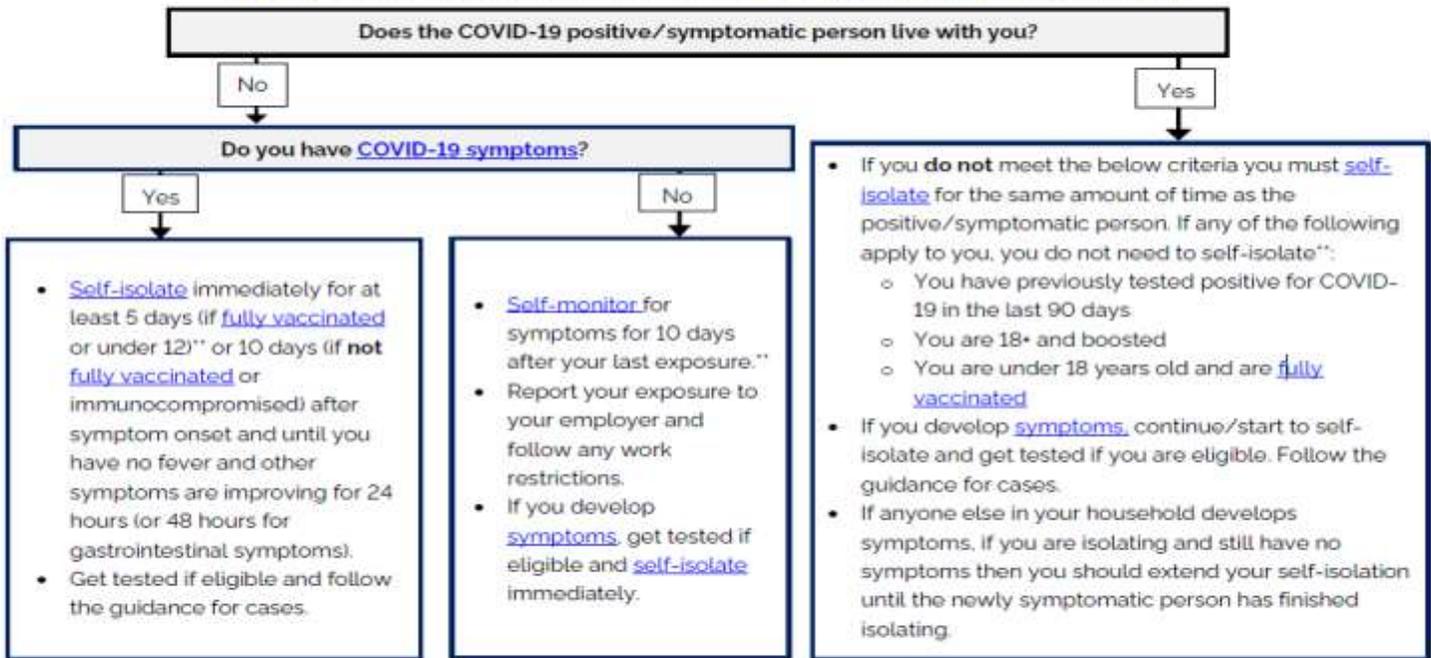
If you receive a bill for an ambulance, you can call the Patient Accounts Office at the hospital and submit your status card number to them.

The Patient Accounts Office phone is listed at the top of your invoice.

The Patients Accounts Office will then submit your bill to NIHB (Indigenous Services Canada) for payment.

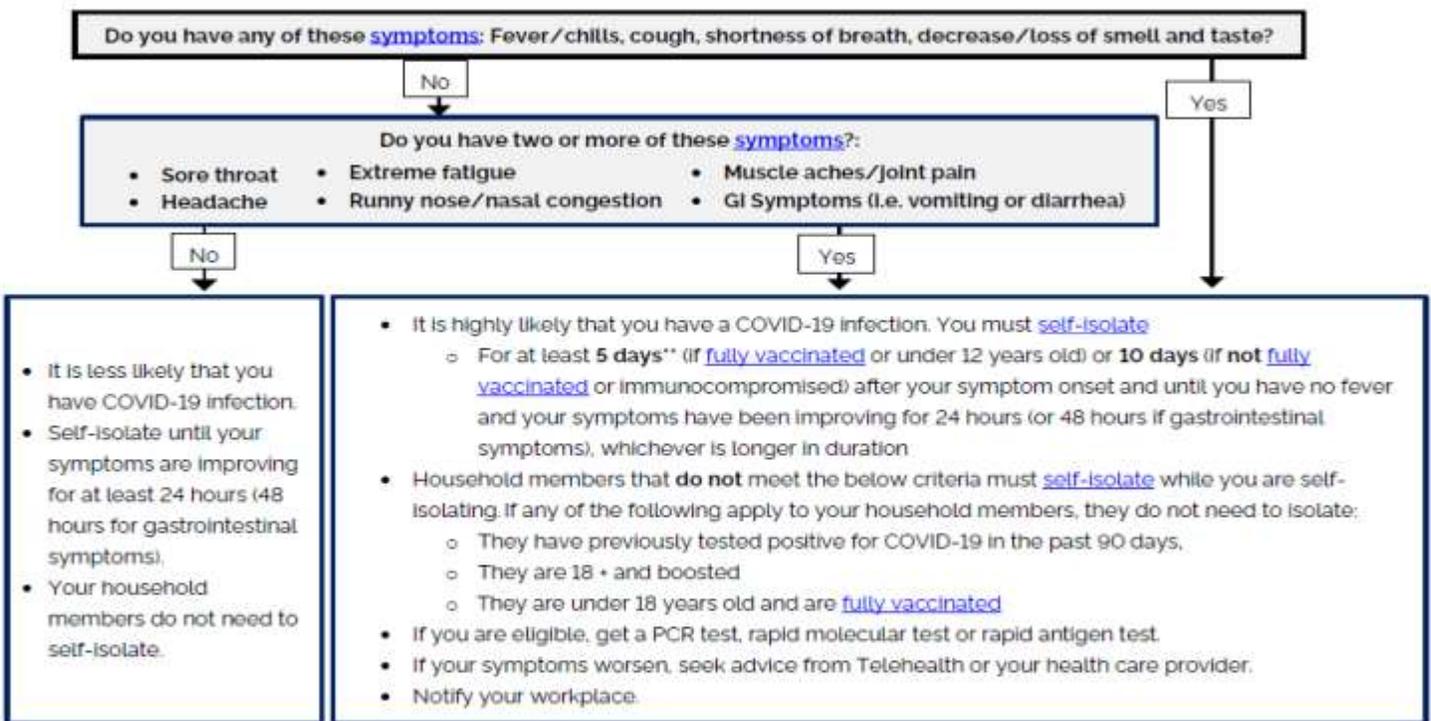


## You've been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or someone with COVID-19 symptoms. Now what?



\*\*Wear a well-fitted mask in public, physical distance and maintain other public health measures for 10 days following your last exposure if leaving home. You should **NOT** visit or attend work in any highest risk settings and not visit individuals who may be at higher risk of illness (i.e. seniors or immunocompromised) for 10 days after your last exposure.

## You have symptoms and are concerned you may have COVID-19. Now what?



**Note:** Symptoms should not be related to any other known causes or conditions. See the [COVID-19 Reference Document for Symptoms](#) for more information.

\*\*For 10 days after symptom onset (or 20 days for immunocompromised individuals); maintain masking in public setting, do not visit or work in any highest risk setting, do not visit vulnerable individuals (e.g. immunocompromised individuals or seniors).



Ontario is distributing **free rapid antigen tests** to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.



## What is a Rapid Antigen Test?

- This is an easy-to-use test that looks for evidence of the COVID-19 virus.
- Results are available in 15 minutes and **do not** need to be confirmed by a PCR test.
- Rapid Antigen Tests can be used at home. For information, please refer to the following:
  - instructions provided inside the test.
  - [video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CBBd4JRWtsg) on how to use rapid antigen tests <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CBBd4JRWtsg>

## Who Should Use a Rapid Antigen Screening Test?

- Rapid antigen tests can be used by people experiencing COVID-19 symptoms including one of:
  - fever and/or chills;
  - cough;
  - shortness of breath;
  - decrease or loss of taste or smell; OR
  - **Two or more of:**
    - runny nose/nasal congestion
    - headache
    - extreme fatigue
    - sore throat
    - muscle aches/joint pain
    - gastrointestinal symptoms (i.e. vomiting or diarrhea)
- While one-off testing (e.g. before a social gathering) by people not experiencing COVID-19 symptoms and without a known exposure is generally not recommended, if you choose to use a rapid antigen test in this way complete it as close to the event as possible (e.g. ideally within a few hours of the event) and know that a negative result could be a false negative.
- Close contacts should self-isolate in accordance with guidance.

## What Does My Test Result Mean?

### Positive Rapid Antigen Test Result

- It is highly likely that you have COVID-19.
- Self-isolate immediately:
  - For at least 5 days (if fully vaccinated or under 12 years old) or 10 days (if not fully vaccinated or immunocompromised) from when your symptoms started and until you have no fever and symptoms have been improving for 24 hours (or 48 hours if gastrointestinal symptoms), whichever is longer.
  - If you live, work, attend, or volunteer in a highest risk setting<sup>1</sup>, let them know that you had a positive result and follow the direction you are given.
  - Household members (including anyone fully vaccinated) must self-isolate while you are self-isolating.
  - Notify people that you have come into **close** contact with starting 48 hours before your symptoms developed and until you began to self-isolate.
  - If you are concerned about your symptoms, contact your health care provider or Telehealth (1-866-797-0000).

### Negative Rapid Antigen Test Result

- If you have COVID-19 symptoms, and your test is negative, you may still have COVID-19.
- Use another rapid antigen test 24-48 hours after your first negative test. If it is negative you most likely do not have COVID-19. Self-isolate until your symptoms are improving for at least 24 hours (or 48 hours if gastrointestinal symptoms).

<sup>1</sup> Highest risk settings include hospitals (including complex continuing care facilities and paramedic services) and congregate living settings, including Long-Term Care, retirement homes, First Nation elder care lodges, group homes, shelters, hospices and correctional institutions.

To learn more about public access to rapid antigen tests, visit [ontario.ca/rapidtest](https://ontario.ca/rapidtest)

**NOT FOR RESALE**



AAMJIWNAANG FIRST NATION



# 85% Campaign

The COVID vaccine is our SHOT to be together again. When we reach 85% on-reserve vaccination rate, we will celebrate with a PRIZE GIVEAWAY! Dispell the myths, encourage others and reduce serious illness.



**PRIZES:**  
**\$1000 CASH**  
**Playstation 5 (PS5)**  
**10 x \$100 visa gift cards**  
**20 x \$50 visa gift cards**



## TO ENTER:

Fill out a ballot and submit to the Health Centre. We will continue to post updates as we get closer to our goal.

Open to all Aamjiwnaang community members

**Miigwech to everyone for doing your part during the pandemic**



# RAPID TEST KITS & MEDICAL MASKS

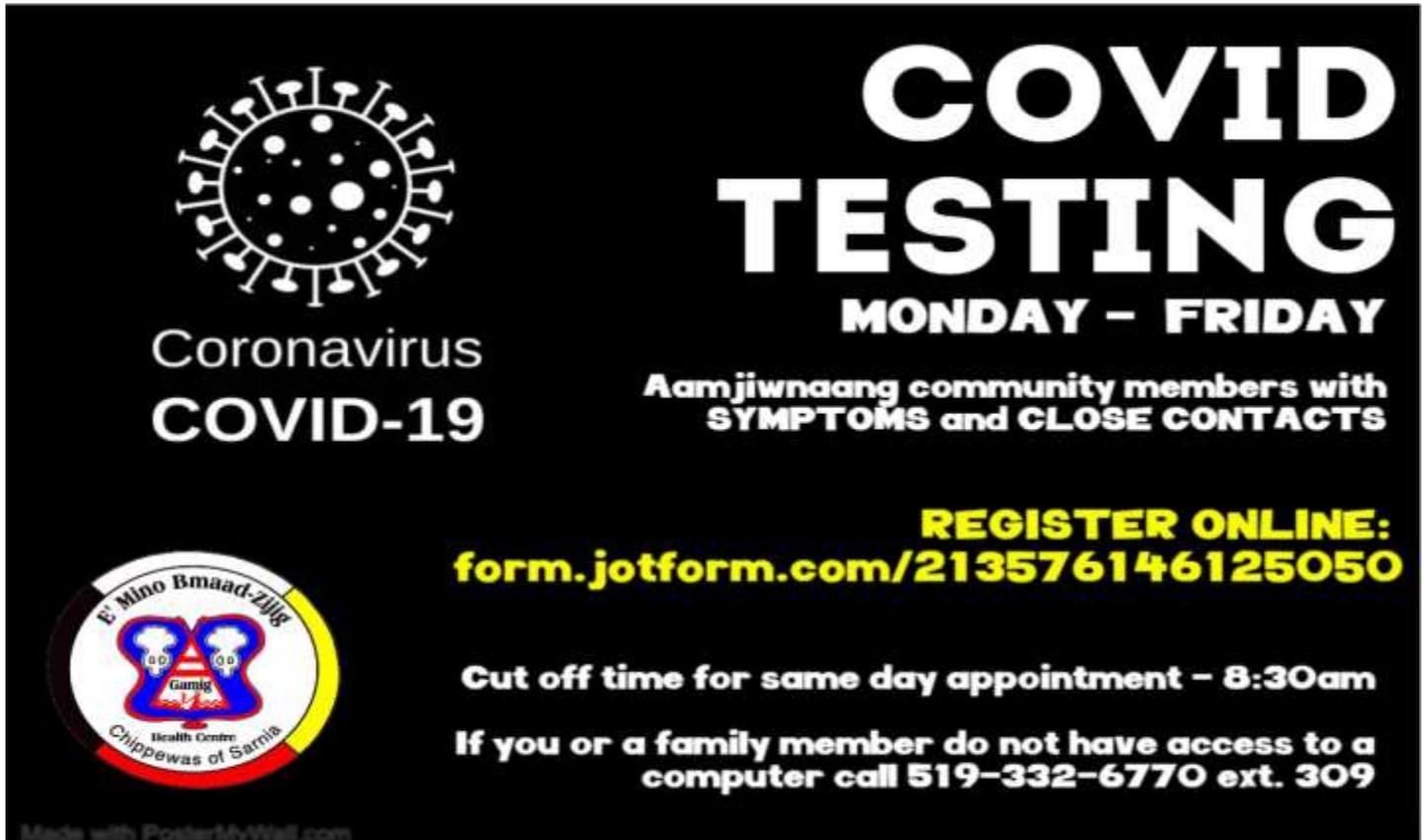
AVAILABLE AT THE HEALTH CENTRE FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS

## 85% VACCINE CAMPAIGN DRAW



Fill out this ballot for a chance to win some great prizes once we reach our goal! Open to Aamjiwnaang community members. You may use this ballot for your household. We will enter each name into the draw. Please submit to the Health Centre.

<b>ADDRESS:</b>	
<b>NAME(S)</b>	<b>PHONE NUMBER(S)</b>



**COVID TESTING**  
**MONDAY - FRIDAY**

Aamjiwnaang community members with  
**SYMPTOMS and CLOSE CONTACTS**

**REGISTER ONLINE:**  
**form.jotform.com/213576146125050**

**Cut off time for same day appointment - 8:30am**

**If you or a family member do not have access to a computer call 519-332-6770 ext. 309**

**Health Center  
Chippewas of Sarnia**

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## Notice to the Aamjiwnaang Community

The Suncor Sarnia refinery has begun a period of planned maintenance that is expected to last approximately seven weeks.

As part of this work, there may be periods of visible flaring, and increased noise. However, we have plans in place to minimize the potential for both these disruptions. We will be conducting monitoring around the perimeter of our site throughout the duration of the work.

To help manage traffic flow during peak traffic periods (shift changes), Sarnia Police will be directing traffic at our Turnaround parking lot on South Vidal Street, ensuring all vehicles exit to the north. Also, in response to community concerns over increased traffic during turnarounds, we will use a radar sign at the River Rd. curve to promote awareness among motorists of their speed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jennifer Meharey at 519-346-2419 or [jmeharey@suncor.com](mailto:jmeharey@suncor.com).

We will be sharing information via the My Community Notification Network. To [sign up for notifications](#), please visit the Bluewater Association for Safety, Environment and Sustainability website at: [www.lambtonbases.ca](http://www.lambtonbases.ca).





## AAMJIWNAANG FIRST NATION Band Council

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March 9, 2022

Boozhoo Community Members,

I wanted to provide a short update with some of the developments Council has been discussing and setting direction on.

First, I want to thank everyone who displayed patience during the Pandemic with relation to our operations. We know the challenges for some with our staff working from home for the most part, and we are grateful to our staff for making their best effort to minimize the impacts to our members. As we move forward, we encourage community members to still exercise caution to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 variants that continue to spread.

I want to acknowledge various departments for providing continued services to the community in addition to alternative types of programming. Public Works, Finance, Early Learning (Daycare), Health Services including PSW's and vaccine clinics, are services that continued without working from home. Ontario Works, Child Welfare, Education, Community Services, Communications, Housing, and various programs offered by the Health Centre were able to efficiently serve the community and clients to deliver programs beyond expectations, given the circumstances. Economic Development and the Environment Departments were still able to work on their files and keep the council informed and to create opportunities for advancement despite the challenges of working virtually. I think we should applaud all the staff for their commitment and dedication to the members of Aamjiwnaang, and the creativity to provide alternative programming in place of large community gatherings. Job well done!

Moving forward, if restrictions stay lifted, Community Services is planning on hosting our 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Powwow June 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Watch for flyers with details coming out soon! We are hoping to resume Solidarity Day without any restrictions as well. Council also expects to resume in-person meetings starting in April. Let's hope the worst of this virus stays behind us!

Council has approved a new monument dedicated to those who attended Residential School as well as Day School. Notices are going out looking for community artists to contribute to this project. We expect it to be a beautiful addition to our community, and we hope it will provide a place to reflect on this legacy and build on our resiliency. Contracts have been signed and we will be moving forward with this project soon. We are grateful to the Economic Development staff for putting a task force together to design this project and present the concept to Council.

Council has approved a recommendation from Public Works for a new multi-sports pad facility. This project will be funded from our accrued surplus of revenue from our gaming agreement (formerly Casino Rama agreement). This project was identified in our Comprehensive Community Plan and will add a much-needed outdoor recreation facility in our community. Contracts have been signed and construction will begin soon. This facility will replace the current basketball court at the ball diamond area. Plans are also underway to upgrade the larger ball diamond for use by community teams and decommission the existing ball diamond.

Once the current ball diamond is decommissioned, plans are being developed to construct a new Child and Family services building and increased parking area, to serve the new building as well as the large ball diamond. The new Child and Family Services building will house the staff currently sharing space in the old daycare and provide them with a building that will allow for more programming in addition to providing a sense of privacy for their clients. Council has approved the design drawings and we have submitted the project to the funders for approval.

Council has approved road resurfacing projects in addition to the west end of Williams Drive, and Virgil Ave repairs which have been completed. Part of DeGurse and Vidal Street South will be completed this year, and we will look to plan for additional resurfacing projects in the next fiscal year which starts April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Finance will be providing another Food Security payment to members out of Covid funding received from the Federal Government. This will be the fourth Food Security payment offered to the membership for a total of \$700,050. All of our Covid funding received has been spent on Covid related expenses to assist the membership, and none has been spent on Band Operations or Council expense. I expect our audit to show any funding received to reflect this, including funds received by Administration, the Health Centre, Education, and Ontario Works.

Community member Matt Stone has signed a contract to assist our Lands Department with issues related to Right of Way agreements including pipeline and transmission agreements. Matt will also be able to assist other departments such as Environment and Economic Development with any legal matters they face.

Housing has secured funding for the construction of a triplex for additional housing for our seniors. The department is in the process of obtaining the design and quotes for construction. We look forward to movement on this much needed project.

Finally, the last item I want to report is that Council has engaged with researchers on outstanding issues related to our community and potential claims. Although this work is on-going, we feel confident that we will be moving forward soon on a claim that has been researched and we expect to commence with the final stages of claim submission in the near future. Please watch for notices to share this information with the community.

As always, Council and Staff are here to serve the community of Aamjiwnaang, and we encourage you to reach out with any concerns or further information related to any communications that are shared on any of our official Facebook sites, website, or the Tribe-Une. Miigwetch.

Yours In Unity,



Chief Chris Plain

[chief.plain@aamjiwnaang.ca](mailto:chief.plain@aamjiwnaang.ca)

(519) 464-8410 - cell

**AAMJIWNAANG FIRST NATION****NOTICE TO BAND MEMBERS  
RE: COVID FOOD SECURITY**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2022  
8:45 – 12:00 PM to 1:00 – 4:45 PM  
Band Office Council Chambers  
978 Tashmoo Ave.**

**\$150.00 CDN per band member over 18 years of age  
+ additional \$50.00 per family with registered minor(s) in the home**

**Members please note:**

- **Payments will be issued according to the information on file from 2021 Distribution.** To add/change direct deposit information, send completed authorization form with void cheque or bank deposit form to the Finance Department or email to [finance@aamjiwnaang.ca](mailto:finance@aamjiwnaang.ca) . Direct deposit is available for Canadian bank accounts only.
- To ensure payment on Friday, March 25, all changes must be received by **Friday, March 18**
- For those not signed up for direct deposit, Canadian cheques will be available for pick up on Friday, March 25. Any cheques not picked up by end of day will be mailed.
- **US cheques will be mailed. They will not be available for in-person pickup.**

# NOTICE

The fiscal year is coming up, so that means...  
Medicals are due by Friday April 8th at noon  
for medicals dated before March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022  
Miigwetch.



**AAMJIWNAANG FIRST NATION  
CHIPPEWAS OF SARNIA  
BAND COUNCIL**

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March 8, 2022

Attention: Aamjiwnaang First Nation Members

Aamjiwnaang First Nation is creating a Residential/Day School Monument to provide Community Members, and visitors, a place to learn, reflect and honor those from the Nation that attended Residential and Day Schools. As a part of the Monument project, we will be including plaques depicting the 7 Grandfather Teachings: Bravery, Honesty, Humility, Love, Respect, Truth, Wisdom.

We are inviting you to submit a preliminary sketch of your interpretation of one or two of the Teachings to be considered for this project. Please submit the original or a clear image of your sketch(es) to Barb Urlacher, Special Projects Liaison Worker, at the Aamjiwnaang Band Office or via email [burlacher@aamjiwnaang.ca](mailto:burlacher@aamjiwnaang.ca) by **4:00pm April 1st, 2022**. With your submission, please include which of the Teachings you would be interested in creating if you are the or one of the chosen artist(s) for this project.

The criterion for the artwork is as follows:

- Final submission piece is created in colour; all mediums accepted.
- 300 dots per inch (DPI) for digital image submissions.
- Final submission piece is least 16" x 16" as that will be the size of the image on the plaque; larger submissions will be accepted.

Pertinent project information:

- Project team will review submissions and make a recommendation to Chief and Council.
- Chief and Council will make the final selection.
- Once the artist(s) has been selected they will have one month to complete the art pieces they have been asked to create.
- The original submission piece is required.
- Aamjiwnaang will pay \$1000.00 for each of the original art pieces chosen for the project.

Miigwetch, for your consideration to work on this important Community project. We look forward to receiving your submission.

Regards,

Chief Plain



## WORLD WATER DAY - 22 MARCH 2022

### The basic facts:

#### When is World Water Day?

World Water Day is held on the 22nd of March every year.

#### What is World Water Day?

World Water Day is an annual United Nations Observance, started in 1993, focusing on the importance of water, coordinated by UN-Water and led by one or more UN-Water Members and Partners with a related mandate.

#### What is the aim of World Water Day?

World Water Day celebrates water and raises awareness of the 2 billion people living without access to safe water. It is about taking action to tackle the global water crisis. A core focus of World Water Day is to support the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6: water and sanitation for all by 2030.

#### What is the theme of World Water Day 2022?

UN-Water sets the annual theme. In 2022, the theme is groundwater. Previous themes can be found here: [www.worldwaterday.org/archives](http://www.worldwaterday.org/archives)

#### What happens on World Water Day?

In the lead-up to 22 March, people and organizations host World Water Day events and participate in the global public campaign, launched in the preceding months by UN-Water on [www.worldwaterday.org](http://www.worldwaterday.org) and social media.

On World Water Day itself, the *UN World Water Development Report* is released, focusing on the same topic as the campaign and recommending policy direction to decision makers.

[www.worldwaterday.org](http://www.worldwaterday.org)

[#WorldWaterDay](https://twitter.com/WorldWaterDay)

### Contact Info

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[www.aamjiwnaang.ca](http://www.aamjiwnaang.ca)

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**The 2022 theme:**

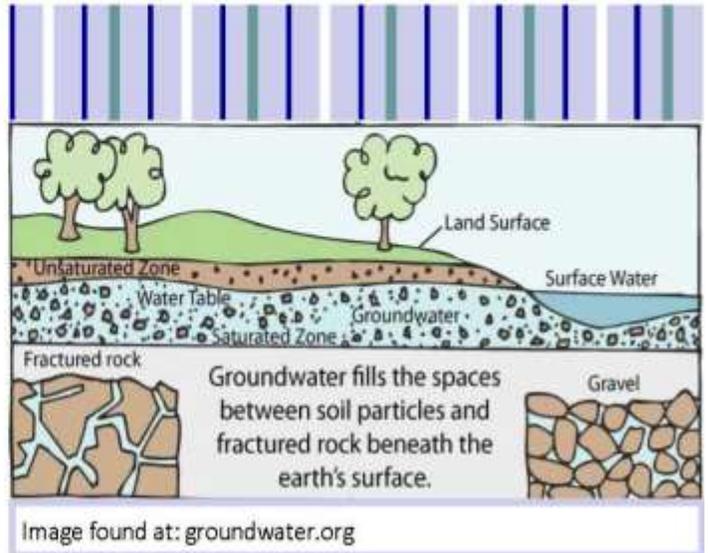
**Groundwater – making the invisible visible**

The theme of World Water Day 2022 is groundwater. The campaign title is 'Groundwater – making the invisible visible'. The following text forms the central narrative of the campaign:

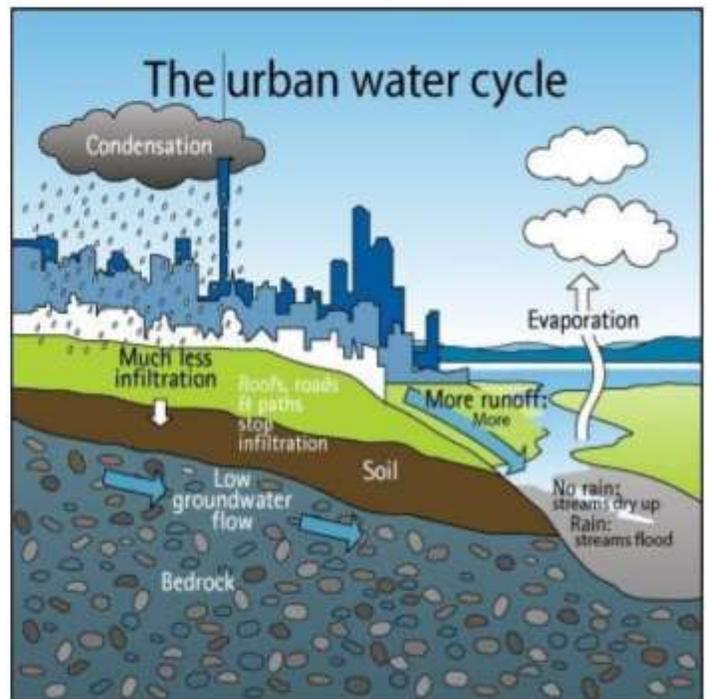
- ◊ Groundwater is invisible, but its impact is visible everywhere.
- ◊ Out of sight, under our feet, groundwater is a hidden treasure that enriches our lives. In the driest parts of the world, it may be the only water people have.
- ◊ Almost all of the liquid freshwater in the world is groundwater, supporting drinking water supplies, sanitation systems, farming, industry and ecosystems.
- ◊ In many places, human activities over-use and pollute groundwater. In other places, we simply do not know how much water is down there.
- ◊ Groundwater will play a critical role in adapting to climate change. We need to work together to sustainably manage this precious resource.
- ◊ Groundwater may be out of sight, but it must not be out of mind.

For more information copy and paste the link into your browser address bar:

<https://www.worldwaterday.org/>



*'Water is Life'*



## BOOZHOO AAMJIWNAANG ANISHINABEK

Aamjiwnaang has six legacy/abandoned sites according to the Ontario Oil Gas and Salt Resources Library database. These sites were drilled and abandoned from 1924 to 2003. The record does not indicate a history of oil or gas production. The Aamjiwnaang Environment Department has received funding to do a Phase 1 Environmental Assessment and we can really use your **HELP!!**

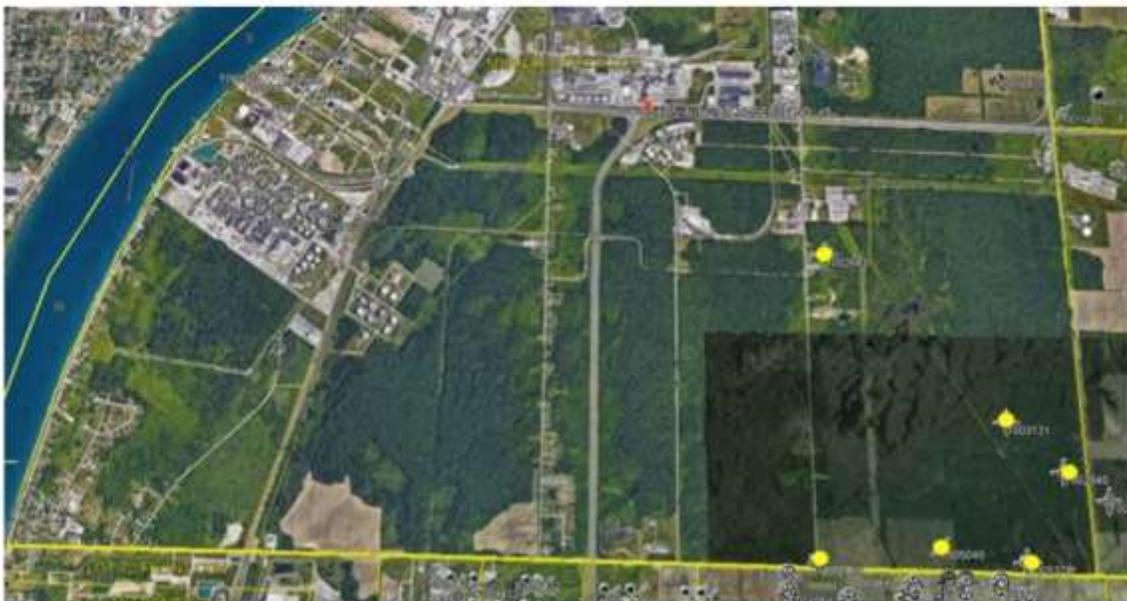
The map and table below indicate the location of the wells.

**We would like to talk to people who have knowledge of any of the areas where there is a **yellow dot** on the map below. An honorarium would be provided to you for participating and discussions would take place March 3-25, 2022, at a time convenient for you.**

**Please call or email to schedule a time to chat:**

**Cathleen at [cobrien@aamjiwnaang.ca](mailto:cobrien@aamjiwnaang.ca) or 519-336-8410 Ext. 245**

- Do you recall any historical drilling activity in these areas?
- Did you ever hear any stories from friends or family members about drilling activity in the area?
- Have you ever seen or heard of any stressed vegetation, land clearing, construction activity on the nearby to the sites?
- Do you recall seeing any spills, drilling mud, unusual liquid, concrete pads or pipes sticking out of ground near the sites?
- Do you recall anyone talking about any unusual smells coming from the ground nearby these areas? If yes, can you identify the location where?



# AAMJIWNAANG'S ANNUAL EARTH DAY & COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP CELEBRATION

**SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022**  
**10:00 AM – 1:00 PM**  
**AAMJIWNAANG COMMUNITY CENTRE**



Environmental Education Booths  
 10 AM – 1:00 PM

## AGENDA

10:00 AM	<u>Team Registration</u> (Pick up bags/colour coded tags)
10:15	<u>Opening Prayer &amp; Drum</u>
10:30	<u>Start Community Clean-Up</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tashmoo, White Circle &amp; Maness Court</li> <li>▪ Chippewa Crescent &amp; Virgil Avenue</li> <li>▪ St. Clair Parkway</li> <li>▪ Scott Road, DeGurse &amp; Christopher Drive</li> <li>▪ LaSalle Road</li> <li>▪ Vidal Street, Wahboose &amp; Beaver Circle</li> </ul>
12:00 PM	<u>Barbeque @ the Community Centre</u> (Hamburgers & Hotdogs)
12:30	<u>Announce Winners</u> (Garbage and Recycling Collection)
	<u>Hand out Trees &amp; Door Prizes</u>
1:00	<u>Closing Prayer &amp; Miigwech</u>



**CONTEST!**  
 Recycling/ Garbage Clean-up  
 Fun Activities for the Whole Family!!  
 Seed Planting & Tree Give-Away  
 Community Barbeque

### Community Clean-Up:

This is a contest to see who can do the most recycling and garbage clean-up in our Community.

### Volunteers Needed:

Set-up, registration, displays, bags & tags, photographing, tallying tags, cooking, serving (300 people), handing out trees, and clean-up. If you would like to volunteer in this year's Earth Day Event, please contact Courtney 519-336-8410 ext. 250.

\*\*Please keep an eye out for more updates!

This event is sponsored by multiple companies.

**“Saving our Home and Native Land”**

**“Thank you to everyone who completed the Community Energy Plan Survey! The survey prize draw was live on the Aamjiwnaang First Nation Community Energy Champion Facebook page on Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. All the prize winners have been contacted directly. Congratulations to the lucky winners:**

- **Lenovo Tab P11 Plus 64 GB Tablets - Gail Nahmabin & Deb Plain**
- **\$50.00 Petro Canada Gift Cards - Ashley Fisher & Beze Gray**
- **\$50.00 Calm n' Scents Gift Card - Marjorie D. Powers**
- **\$50.00 Rack n' Roll Gift Card - Bonnie Plain”**

*Aamjiwnaang's*

### **Legionnaires Sponsor Night**

**Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Game Time 7:10 pm**

Tickets can be picked up at the  
Band Office and Community Centre

Only one ticket is required per family unit  
for admission to the Arena

Masks Required



### *SHELL OPEN HOUSE*



**Come and enjoy some refreshments and learn about the upcoming turnaround.**

**Friday, March 18, 2022**

**Community Centre - Gymnasium**

**6 – 8 pm**

**We look forward to seeing you there!!**



## **Powwow Call Out**

**Anyone interested in helping out with Aamjiwnaang's annual powwow please leave your name and contact at the Community Centre – front desk. 519-491-2160**



## Anishinabek Education System in Partnership

### Partnerships

#### Regional Education Council Fall Meetings

The Kinooaadziwin Education Body (KEB) and partner Ministry of Education (EDU) host a series of regional meetings every year in the Fall, which bring together Regional Education Councils (RECs) and partner District School Boards (DSBs) of the Anishinabek Education System (AES).

The two-day meetings invite Participating First Nations (PFNs) to gather within their region on the first day of the event, while participation on the second day is extended to DSBs. The purpose of the meetings is to provide a platform for networking among partners and to foster relationship-building between the parties. This year, the REC Fall Meetings took place in October and were offered in a combination of in-person and virtual settings, which varied by region.

The agendas on Day One highlighted education priorities for the PFNs, but also provided space for open discussions on relevant and common topics including:

- the negotiation of the next five-year Anishinabek Nation Education Fiscal Transfer Agreement; and
- the development of a model for Anishinabek Education Services available to PFNs.

Similarly, on Day Two the agendas focused on regional priorities with the local DSBs, along with common topics including:

- the development of a professional and leadership development plan;
- the roll-out of the AES Student Transitions Protocol;
- student consent and self-identification; and
- continuing the conversation on Addressing Racism and Inequity in Schools.

The REC Fall Meetings are always a great opportunity for AES partners to work collectively towards student success and well-being for Anishinabek youth.

The Fall Regional Meeting reports will be shared with the PFNs and their partnering DSBs, early in 2022. The priorities and discussions driven from these meetings will inform the agenda for the Niigaan Gdizhaami Forum being held on April 20 & 21, 2022. The KEB and EDU look forward to the continued work and collective action with PFNs and DSBs.



### LOOKING FORWARD

#### [AES System-Wide Standards Community Engagement Session](#)

- January 12, 2022

#### [AES Collaboration Event](#)

- January 28, 2022

#### [Addressing Racism Professional Development Workshops](#)

- February 2022

#### [Niigaan Gdizhaami Forum](#)

- April 20-21, 2022

### Regional Highlight

#### Regional Education Council #4

##### *Ezhi Kendmang Anishnaabe Naadziwin*

On November 2, 2021, the first module of Ezhi Kendmang Anishnaabe Naadziwin was delivered to a group of York Region District School Board (YRDSB) teachers, administrators, and outdoor learning team members.

The planning team gathered in a building on the shores of Lake Simcoe with a view of Georgina Island. The room was arranged in a circle where facilitators Shannon Crate and Lauri Hoeg, were joined by members of the Chippewas of Georgina Island.

Shannon is no stranger to delivering training on Indigenous matters and she has met with the YRDSB on many occasions. She never works from a script but rather uses her bundle, which was carefully laid out in the centre of the circle. Shannon is humble in her work, which has had an incredible impact on the Indigenous child protection landscape in Southern Ontario. She has spent a lifetime championing Indigenous ways of knowing in the world of child protection.

Lauri has spent her career in various positions, working to better education outcomes for Georgina Island learners. She is currently serving as an Indigenous Trustee for the YRDSB.

Lauri led the transition of the Georgina Island school

from a federally managed school to a successful First Nation school that prioritizes land-based learning.

Participants eagerly arrived, happy to be gathering in-person. They came grateful for the learning opportunity and showed that they truly *want* guidance and support in understanding the Anishinabek. They *want* to build their self-awareness and to strengthen their teaching skills so they might better support Anishinabek learners in their system.

Shannon is a gifted and relatable storyteller who weaves personal stories into the content, driving home important points. As a neuro-divergent individual, she frequently references how ADHD impacts all that she does. Her experience of going through school un-diagnosed was more than difficult and she peppers the session with personal examples of how she tried to cope.

One teacher shared the shock he felt when an Indigenous student refused to complete the homework he had assigned and brought a note from her mom, Shannon, to excuse the child from homework. When Shannon gestured to her bundle and explained to the teacher: "You have them all day. You have all day to teach them about your world. When they come home it's time for me to teach them about this." It was an AHA moment that participants won't soon forget. They understood.

Teachers are hungry for this kind of instruction, and we look forward to more sessions in the New Year!

Left photo:

Facilitator Lauri Hoeg sits with the bundle at the heart, the centre, of the teaching circle.



Middle photo:

More than \_\_\_ participants gathered in the first of four sessions with YRDSB and the Chippewas of Georgina Island.



Shannon Crate (left) and Lauri Hoeg (right) are a sister team from the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation. Their individual gifts brought a genuine and effortless energy to the session that left all participants feeling welcome and engaged. Miigwech to Lauri and Shannon for such a fantastic day!



Anishinabek Education System in Partnership



TRADITIONAL ANISHINABEK GOVERNANCE CLAN SYSTEM

<p><b>TURTLE CLAN LAW MAKERS</b> The Turtle Clan are the rulers and have knowledge of the laws and governance. The Turtle Clan must work to ensure there is a fair agreement between the clans.</p>	<p><b>LOON CLAN INTERNAL</b> The loon clan are the internal support and advice. The Loon Clan are seen as the birds that carry the responsibility for setting laws and customs within the community.</p>	<p><b>OSAME CLAN EXTERNAL</b> The Osame Clan are the water clan who are responsible for the water. The Osame Clan are the outside world and are seen as the Osame Chief. The Osame Chief is responsible for representing the clan to other clans (e.g. Wabigoon Nation).</p>	<p><b>BEER CLAN SOCIAL</b> The Beer Clan are responsible for the social aspects of the community. The Beer Clan are responsible for the social aspects of the community by looking after the social and cultural aspects.</p>	<p><b>BEAR CLAN HEALTH</b> The Bear Clan is responsible for protecting their people and ensuring the safety of the people. The Bear Clan are the medicine people. They know the healing ways of plants.</p>	<p><b>SAGE CLAN EDUCATION</b> The Sage Clan are responsible for the education of the people. The Sage Clan are the teachers and are responsible for the education of the people. They know the ways of learning and teaching.</p>	<p><b>HARTEN CLAN ECONOMIC DEV.</b> The Harten Clan are the warriors and are responsible for the economic development of the community. The Harten Clan are seen as the warriors and are responsible for the economic development of the community.</p>
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Key Messaging from the Joint Master Education Agreement Committee

Quarterly report for the period ending December 31, 2021

Continuing the Journey of the Multi-Year Action Plan

A new three-year Multi-Year Action Plan (MYAP) Agreement was signed in September 2021 between the Kinooaadziwin Education Body (KEB), on behalf of the Participating First Nations, and the Ministry of Education. The MYAP will be implemented over three years and includes 14 joint projects funded through a transfer payment agreement in the amount of \$7.9 million. This funding is essential to further supporting the success and well-being of Anishinabek students. Under the renewed agreement, the KEB has engaged several additional staff to support the work of the MYAP. The new positions include a MYAP Manager, a Curriculum Development Coordinator, a Special Education Coordinator, and a Strategic Initiatives Coordinator.

Pilot Projects

The KEB continues to work directly with the Participating First Nations through focused pilot programs that focus on student well-being (Aaniish Naa Gegii), continuous school improvement (Learning As We Go), and student support (Graduation Coach). New pilots will be implemented this year, such as the Summer Reach Ahead Credit program for Grade 8 students, as well as the Aboriginal Student Support Worker program in each of the four Regional Education Councils. The cultural competency training program, Ezhi Kendmang Anishnaabe Naadziwin is also being piloted this year in all four Regional Education Councils of the Anishinabek Education System.

In addition to pilot programs, there are currently 25 projects funded through the 2021-2022 Niigaan Gdizhaami Fund, which provides opportunity for PFNs to lead local projects individually or in partnership with local District School Boards. Some of the projects are new while others are ongoing projects from previous years that continue to develop in phases.

Anishinabek Education System (AES) Standards

This year the KEB will finalize the draft AES Standards. This is integral work that defines the goals of the AES in achieving excellence in education and being grounded in who we are as Anishinabek. The draft standards statements were shared with the PFNs this fall and engagement continues at a regional level. We are grateful to the PFNs that provide valuable input through ongoing engagement sessions. These system standards will align with the Master Education Agreement to support the shared vision for student success and well-being that addresses one's physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being. Miigwech to all those who have brought their knowledge, experience, and valuable input to these discussions to confirm the AES Standards.

# Senior Coffee Time DROP-In



**AS we SLOWLY start to re-open**

**I would like to start Senior Coffee—Time**

**Come on out to enjoy a coffee / tea and sit and talk ...let's get out of being all couped up in the house. Snacks will be provided**

**Start Date Tuesday March 8th, 2022**

**Tuesday March 22, & March 29th, 2022**

**From 1-3pm**

**Seniors Room located at Community Center**

**COME ON OUT & SIT A CHAT ... See you soon**

# Congregate dining UPDATE

**CONGREGATE DINING DATES**

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 9TH, 2022**

**THERE IS NO SENIOR LUNCH WEDNESDAY MARCH 16TH, 2022**

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 23, 2022**

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 30, 2022**

**These dates in March will be drive thru from 12- until all GONE**



**April, I'm gearing for Congregate Dining to get back to its normal indoors sharing a lunch together.**

**Remember Congregate means**

**“ Activities are planned with participants. Health, well-being and social stimulations are promoted”**

**We need to come together after all this time apart, I look forward to seeing you all again real soon.**

Name & Number on Sheet - Thank you

Aamjiwnaang Seniors 55+



How much do you really know about March 17th?

Do you have the luck of the Irish? Do you have your lucky four-leaf clover?

You must at least get 3 questions right in order to have a chance to win a Gift Card

Answer is there you need to circle ONE

1. People traditionally wear green on St. Patrick's Day to avoid what?  
Getting kissed or/ getting pinched or/ one year bad luck/or/ people not knowing they're Irish
2. What nationality was St. Patrick?  
Irish or/ German or/ Scottish or/ British
3. What did St. Patrick believe a shamrock represented?  
Good luck or/ good fortune or/ the holy trinity or/ nature
4. According to myth, when is best time to sneak up on a leprechaun?  
When he's taking a nap or/ when he's counting gold or/ while he's mending his shoes or/ when he eats
5. Which of the following colors are in the Irish flag?  
White/green & yellow or/ Yellow/orange & white or/ green/yellow & orange or/ green/white & yellow
6. Myths says that if a human catches a leprechaun, he has the ability to do what in turn for his release?  
Give you his shoes or/ grant 3 wishes or/ reveal the secret of life or/ lead you to his gold
7. Which of these colors was originally associated with St. Patrick's Day?  
Orange or/ Blue or/ White or/ Green



**Submit all ANSWERS to Becky Adams**

**mail slot at Health Center**

**Deadline is March 18th, 2022**

**Draw date will be March 22, 2022**

**Via Facebook**

**Gift card deadline for pick up will be**

**March 31st, 2022**



# JOIN US!



## ABOUT THE PROJECT

Your community leaders from **Aamjiwnaang First Nations** are excited about it and want to understand if the activities will help young children grow and learn in your region.

# Nurturing the Seed

*relationships matters*

*Nurturing the Seed* is a resource that was developed by Infant Mental Health Promotion with the **guidance of Elders and Indigenous advisors.**



## WHAT IS THE PROJECT?

With your permission, a staff member will meet with you and your child and will complete the **Ages and Stages Questionnaires (ASQ).**



## WHY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE?

- Your child will get a plan to support their growth and development
- Your community will learn more about the well-being of its youngest children and their families.

Provides families with everyday activities to help your little one grow and learn to be happy and healthy in **Heart**, **Mind**, **Body** and **Spirit**, by supporting the parent/caregiver **relationship** with their young child.

## CONTACT:

Rachael Simon

Supervisor, Children/Youth Services  
**Aamjiwnaang E' Mino Bmaad-Zijig Gamig**  
 1300 Tashmoo Ave. , Sarnia, ON N7T 8E5  
**T: 519-332-6770 Ext. 330 | F: 519-332-8925**  
 rsimon@aamjiwnaang.ca

As a **thank you** for participating, you will receive a total of **\$50** worth of gift cards.

# March Break FUN



*For the Community of Aamjiwnaang*

Please sign up on "Original Post"

Or you can call, text or email Amy Vandersteen at  
519.384.1955 or [awilliams@aamjiwnaang.ca](mailto:awilliams@aamjiwnaang.ca)

We will meet at the Sarnia Cineplex at 11AM on  
Monday, March 14th to pick up your gift cards.

*Monday, March, 14 2022*

**DRAW will be held on March 9th**

*Good luck everyone & have a safe and FUN March Break!*

AAJMIWNAANG CHILDREN/YOUTH SERVICES

# TAEKWONDO

*For Kids*

*\* March Break 9am - 10:30 am \**

*Ages 7-11*

**MONDAY MARCH 14  
AND  
TUESDAY MARCH 15**

*Ages 12-18*

**THURSDAY MARCH 17  
AND  
FRIDAY MARCH 18**



MAAWN DOOSH GUMIG  
1972 VIRGIL AVE, SARNIA, ON N7T 7Y3

For more info email :  
[nmaness@aamjiwnaang.ca](mailto:nmaness@aamjiwnaang.ca)



# Womens Wellness



## Vision Boards



**March 17th**

6:00-8:00 pm

Community Center Gym



Contact Gabby to sign up

519-332-6770 Ext 328

[gmacdonald@aamjiwnaang.ca](mailto:gmacdonald@aamjiwnaang.ca)



## Aamjiwnaang Children & Youth Services

# Gymnastics Lessons for Ages 4-7 years



**When:** Sundays at 9:00-9:50 a.m. from March 27 - May 1 (6-weeks)

**Where:** Bluewater Gymnastics Club

**Age Group:** Boys and Girls 4-7 years old

Sign-up by emailing [nmaness@aamjiwnaang.ca](mailto:nmaness@aamjiwnaang.ca)

Limited Spaces available.  
Draw to take place if sign-up exceeds limit.

Deadline to sign-up is  
March 18, 2022.



# March Break FUN

**FREE Swimming at Mooretown**

*For the Community of Aamjiwnaang*

**Monday - Friday during their rec  
time from 11-12 & 3-4**

Please let them know at the front you're from  
Aamjiwnaang. They'll have you sign in.





Aamjiwnaang Children & Youth Services



# April is Autism Awareness Month!

## Show Support, Wear Blue!

**When:** Friday, April 1, 2022

Post a photo on the Children & Youth Facebook page for a chance to win a Family Puzzle, a book, and Dinner from Cosmo's!





# Interested in becoming an Alternative Caregiver?

What is Mnaasged's Alternative Care Program?

- Rooted in our cultural values and beliefs
- utilizes the Heart & Spirit training program
- Family based residential care for children in need of protection and out-of-home placement which includes
  - Alternative (foster) Care
  - Kinship Care
  - Formal Customary Care

more info at [www.mnaasged.ca/customary-care](http://www.mnaasged.ca/customary-care)

Aamjiwnaang Social Services department will be hosting Mnaasged for in person training. Dates to be determined!

To get started call Ciara at 519-918-4186 or email [chuard@aamjiwnaang.ca](mailto:chuard@aamjiwnaang.ca)



Aamjiwnaang Children & Youth Services, Mental Wellness, Dago Maajiigoog Binoojiinyag, and Child & Family Services are pleased to present:



OUR 2ND ANNUAL VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

# CREATING SYSTEMS THAT SUPPORT INDIGENOUS CHILDREN & YOUTH

Join us this year as we come together, once again, to learn and explore how we can better ourselves to holistically support our Indigenous children and youth at home, at school and in the community!

## REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

**MARCH 29 | 9:00-11:00:**

Youth & Centering Indigenous Joy, Wisdom, & Partnership in Practice

AKIESHA ABSOLON-WINCHESTER

**APRIL 5 | 9:00-11:00:**

Covid & Our Children's Self-Regulation: What's going on?

DR. LISA BAYRAMI

**APRIL 12 | 9:00-11:00:**

Talking to our Children & Youth about Death and Dying

TINA HUNTER

**APRIL 19 | 9:00-11:00:**

Caregiver Mental Health & the Parenting Dilemma

DR. RICHARD ZAYED

*Please Note:*

*You will be required to register for each day you would like to attend!*



First 100 participants to register, will receive a wellness gift box!

# SMOKING FREE HOMES

## LIVE ON ZOOM



**MARCH 30TH 10AM**

- Learn the benefits of living in a smoke free environment.
- Traditional Use of Tobacco and how to Keep it Sacred.
- Environmental impacts.

To register please contact Roberta at 332-6770 ext.313

**DOOR PRIZES!!!**



# Willie's Adventures



## "PINK OUT THE PARK"

COMERICA PARK, DETROIT

*Baltimore Orioles vs Detroit Tigers*

**\$140 CDN per Person**

**Friday - May 13th - 7:10 pm**

Coach Bus, Ticket (Sec.114), Pink Out the Park Shirt & Light Weight Hoodie to First 10,000  
 Bus leaves Two Waters Corunna at 2:00pm SHARP,  
 Food Basic's at 2:30 pm SHARP. Only soft-sided coolers We are stopping at Tom / Jerry's Party Store.  
 Ticket's available from Willie's Adventures at 519-384-1957 or [willie@cogeco.ca](mailto:willie@cogeco.ca)



**@ Comerica Park, Detroit**

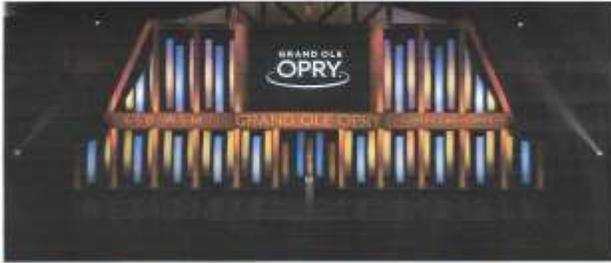
**Sunday July 10th at 4:00 PM**

**"COACH BUS ONLY"**

**\$60 CDN**

Bus leaves Two Waters, Corunna at 11:00 AM, Food Basics at 11:30 AM and PLEdward Arena at 12:00 PM, Soft Sided Coolers Allowed . We will be stopping at Tom & Jerry's Party Store.  
 Contact Willie's Adventures at 519-332-8771, 519-384-1957 or [willie@cogeco.ca](mailto:willie@cogeco.ca).  
 Also PREFERRED Charters Port Huron 1-810-982-7433.  
 Payment can be made by E-transfer.

# Willie's Adventures



## Nashville April 14 - 18th 2022

**Included:** Coach Bus, 4 Nights Accommodation at "HYATT PLACE DOWNTOWN NASHVILLE with Breakfast, 2 Queen Beds, and Sofa Bed in each Room. **Ticket's to Grand Ole Opry & PREMIUM LOUNGE PASS** • Circle Room pass • Special hors d'oeuvres • Unlimited drinks from our top-shelf private bar • Commemorative photo • Artist visit and before Opry \$30 Gift Card for Supper at the Aquarium Restaurant, and Dinner, Show and Dancing at Wild Horses Saloon, and Lunch going to and from Nashville at the Golden Corral, Dayton Ohio. 4 in a room \$1065 US per Person, 3 in a Room \$1165 US per Person and 2 in a Room \$1365 US per Person. Bus leaves Two Water Brewing Co, Corunna at 5:00 am SHARP, Maawn Doosh Gumig at 5:30 am SHARP and Food Basics at 6:00 am SHARP. Contact Willie at 519-332-6771, 519-384-1957 or willie@cogeco.ca or Preferred Charters at 1-810-982-7433. A \$200 US Deposit secures your spot. Non Refunable with remainder due March 4, 2022.

## DETROIT TIGERS

"SWEET LOU NIGHT"

Tampa Bay Rays vs Tigers

Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6:10 pm



First 10,000 get a Jersey

**\$150 CDN PP**

Coach Bus and Terrace Seat (Sec.116)  
Bus leaves Two Waters Corunna 2:00 pm Sharp and Food Basics Sarnia 2:30 pm Sharp. Soft Sided Coolers allowed with a Stop at Tom & Jerry's Party Store. Contact Willie's Adventures at 519-384-1957 or willie@cogeco.ca

## TORONTO BLUE JAYS

VS

## DETROIT TIGERS

*At Comerica Park, Detroit*



Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> @ 4:10 PM

**\$120cdn Per Person**

**Bleacher Seat (Sec.105)**

Includes: Coach Bus, Ticket, Shuttle from Nemo's Bar & Grill Bus leaves Two Waters Corunna @ 12:00pm SHARP and Food Basics, Sarnia @ 12:30pm SHARP. Ticket's Available from Willie's Adventures at 519-384-1957 & 519-332-6771

## TORONTO BLUE JAYS

VS

## DETROIT TIGERS



*At Comerica Park, Detroit*

Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> @ 1:10pm

**\$ 150cdn pp**

**Terrace Seat (Sec.116)**

Includes: Coach Bus, Ticket, Bus leaves Two Waters, Corunna at 9:00 am SHARP, Food Basics at 9:30 am Sharp. Soft Sided Coolers allowed & stopping at Tom & Jerry's Party Store. Contact Willie at 519-332-6771, 519-384-1957 or [willie@cogeco.ca](mailto:willie@cogeco.ca) You now pay by etransfer



Hosted by the Lambton College Indigenous Student Council  
& Indigenous Student Centre

# INDIGENOUS SPRING EQUINOX CELEBRATION

ROUND DANCE  
SPRING TEACHINGS & ACTIVITIES  
CRAFT VENDORS | FOOD VENDOR

Saturday, March 19, 2022

@ 1:00pm - 6:00pm

**Centennial Park (Downtown)**

**430 Front St. N, Sarnia, ON N7T 7V4**

You are invited to come & celebrate the coming of Spring.  
There will be draws, activities, toonie table and spot dances.  
Please bring cash for vendors and draws.

This is an outdoor event, but there will be warming tents.  
Please dress for the weather - Snow, rain or shine. Current  
covid protocols will be in place.

## Everyone Welcome!

For more information, contact: [Holly.Altiman@lambtoncollege.ca](mailto:Holly.Altiman@lambtoncollege.ca),  
call 519-542-7751, ext. 3494 (leave msg) or 519-402-3911 (call or text)



**Indigenous**  
Student Centre  
Lambton College



**Are you interested in Violin Lessons for your kids? At no cost to the family! Instrument and music supplied**

**El Sistema is a free community supported music program for kids, offering high-level instruction outside school programs, with millions enrolled across the world**

**Comprehensive instruction straight from orchestra professionals to new students  
Opportunity for onstage performance with regular concerts through the year**



**Aamjiwnaang project will start with violin instruction  
This is an El Sistema Aeolian project, delivered by the International Symphony Orchestra of Sarnia & Port Huron**

**If there is an interest, this program could start as early as mid January 2022. Please call the Community Centre 519-491-2160, leave name/name of child and contact info.**

# Nominate a Senior for Meat Package

**We are going into our third year of this Pandemic, and every senior is having a hard time.**

**It's always nice to be thought of I would like you to TAKE SOME TIME TO THINK OF SOMEONE THAT WILL APPRECIATE THE THOUGHT, and THAT SOMEONE IS THINKING OF THEM**



**Draw dates will be as followed:**  
**March 3, 2022**  
**March 10, 2022**  
**March 24, 2022**  
**March 31, 2022**  
**Deadline February 28, 2022**

**I Nominate :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of person AND phone number being nominated**

**Signature :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature & Date of Nominator**

**Please drop off at Health Center Slot box—Attention Becky Adams**

# AAMJIWNAANG ICAN PROGRAM

Aamjiwnaang Community Centre  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday  
3:00pm - 6:00pm

- Brothers Wilde - March 9<sup>th</sup>
- **No** Program March 14, 16, 17  
**Due to March Break ☹️**
- Please remember no boots or wet shoes in the gym! If you have indoor shoes, please bring them.
- We will be increasing our outside play time so have your child dress for the weather.

PROGRAM LEADER CONTACT  
INFORMATION  
Patti Larsen:  
226-932-0786  
[plarsen@nlchc.com](mailto:plarsen@nlchc.com)

# March 2022

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
	1	2 Winter Olympics 	3 Team Challenges!!	4
7 Sports Day Floor Hockey 	8	9 RAINBOW SNACK & BROTHERS WILDE 	10 Therapy Dog 	11
14	15	16	17	18
<b>MARCH BREAK!!</b>				
21 Sports Day Badminton 	22	23 Games Day Dodgeball 	24 Arts & Crafts 	25
28 Sports Day Floor Hockey 	29	30 Games Day Relay Games 	31 Team Challenges!!	



## March Newsletter



I know this year has not started off the way we wished it would have, yet I'm determined to make the afterschool program a positive time for all who come. We can work together to make this happen by following all health protocols. We will be increasing our cleaning procedures, enjoying more fresh air, stopping throughout the program to wash or sanitize hands and enforcing mask wearing at all times. If your child(ren) comes to program not feeling well or becomes unwell during program a phone call or text home will be made to ask that you pick your child(ren) up right away. We want to help keep everyone safe and healthy. If you are not able to pick them up you will need to arrange for your emergency person to pick up your child(ren) ASAP!

Each day before your child comes to program I ask that you send me a text stating they are symptom free as per the self assessment screening tool [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) self-assessment \(ontario.ca\)](#) and are coming to program.

Also, I wanted to remind everyone that we have a no technology policy (i.e. cellphones, tablets, laptops etc) during the duration of program. If your child(ren) need to get ahold of you they are welcome to call you with the program phone. As well, if you need to relay a message to them please text or call the program phone.

I appreciate you following our protocol as we are doing our best to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Looking forward to seeing your child(ren) Thursday February 24, 2022 😊

"Brothers Nolan and Ethan Wilde found a strong passion for writing and sharing music and have been running since. When they started playing at small shows locally in 2018 they found out how much fun it was and in 2019 the brothers were able to successfully win the North American Country Music Association International Duo of the Year. Other awards that year were the Sarnias Battle of the Bands winners. Once the pandemic struck it gave the boys an opportunity to write many songs and this year they are set to release their first album. They've overcome adversity and are on the road to chase their dreams."





**March 2022- Maple Syrup ZIISSBAAKDOKE GIIZAS SUGAR MOON MARCH**

**Legend: Zoom In person Invite Posted On Facebook Programming for prenatal and families 0-6yrs old**

Please look for specific sign up times Contact Laura to sign up through Facebook or email lmele@aamjiwnaang.ca. We still have a limit of how many people we are allowed in program. We will also be posting videos through out the month of March about different activities. We also have transport for programming! Contact Laura for more information.

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Binoojinyag

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Feb. 28 Anishinaabemowin circle with Sophie @ 7pm online Paper Polar Bear Craft @ 7pm	1 Beaver Craft	2 Anishinaabemowin Book Club – It's a Mtg Everyone Welcome @ 7pm (20 Books)	3 11am- Spring cleaning, natural cleaners and labeling in Ojibwe	4	5 Baby tie blanket 10-12 pm In GYM 20 individuals
6 Asking your child: Who is one woman that you know (family or friend) that you look up to?	7 Family Dream Catcher making @6pm-7:30 (15 kits) Gym	8 Play group 9-11 and 1-3 (1 family per time slot) Paper Flower Making	9 Time circle with Laura And craft	10 11 am Cooking with Laura	11	12 
13	14 Making a Magnifying glass (15 kits) @6pm-7:30 (Gym)	15 Play group 9-11 and 1-3 (1 family per time slot) St Patrick Craft	16 Anishinaabemowin circle with Sophie @ 7pm And craft	17 11am-Love Food, Waste Less and Save Money with Kim LaBelle	18	19 Syrup Making in the brush 10am-1pm More details to follow
20 Asking your Child What is your favourite thing to do before you go to sleep?	21 Starting a Garden 15 Kits @6pm - 7:30 (Gym)	22 Play group 9-11 and 1-3 (1 family per time slot) Animal stain glass made of tissues of paper	23 Anishinaabemowin circle with Sophie @ 7pm And craft	24 Boys Ribbon Shirt making 20 individuals 10-12pm (gym)	25	26 
27 	28 Family Gym Night @6pm -7:30 (Gym)	29 Play group 9-11 and 1-3 (1 family per time slot) I spy Bottle With natural items from around Aamjiwnaang	30 Anishinaabemowin circle with Sophie @ 7pm And craft	31 10 am Shaker With Been 25 kits in Gym	The third moon of Creation is Sugar Moon, as the maple sap begins to run, we learn of one of the main medicines given to the Anishinaabe which balances our blood and heals us. During this time, we are encouraged to balance our lives as we would our blood sugar levels. This moon also teaches us the time of year when the sap is running for maple sugar harvest. This is celebrated as the Anishinaabe new year.	

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## Meet our Post-Secondary Team



**LAURA SPERO - POST-SECONDARY COUNSELLOR**  
My role with post-secondary is to support our sponsored students to ensure they are successful in their academic journey. I can help navigate the post-secondary system, as it can be very daunting. If needing to change a program, course load or anything else as it relates to ones academic goals, then I am the person I can support, guide, and always help. I will be the first to say, if I do not know the answer right away, I will find out and get back to you! Miigwech!



**JOEL PICHÉ - ACADEMIC ADVISOR**  
My role with post-secondary is to prepare our secondary students for a successful transition into post-secondary, help our students apply for post-secondary funding, answer education related questions, and promote educational content through social media. Please never hesitate to reach out with questions! Miigwech!



**MERCEDES REDMOND - NIIGAN GDZHIIMAH ASSISTANT**  
My role with post-secondary is inputting student data and information into Outcomes Student Information System, also referred to as Osultran. I also assist with administrative tasks, as needed.



**CHENOA PLAIN - EDUCATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
My role with post-secondary is the administrative tasks of providing letters to institutions and students as needed, as well as completing financial requirements for post-secondary education. I also assist with compiling application information and reporting to the Education Coordinator as well as the Education Committee. Miigwech!



**VICKI WARE - EDUCATION COORDINATOR**  
My role with post-secondary is overseeing the program as a whole, reporting to the Education Committee as well as Chief & Council. I also handle the appeal process for the post-secondary department. Letters and supporting documents can be sent to vware@aamjiwnaang.ca. Miigwech!

**CONTACT US**  
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WWW.AAMJIWNAANG.CA/EDUCATION  
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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Roxanne White MSW, RSW</b></p> <p>A community minded wholistic practice which uses a trauma informed, anti-oppressive approach. Using strategies from leading frameworks as well as traditional healing methods.</p>	<p><b>Can Help in the following areas:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grief and Loss</li> <li>Stress, Anxiety, Low Mood and Depression</li> <li>Healthy relationships</li> <li>Mental health &amp; Addictions</li> <li>Support for those who have a family member with a mental illness</li> <li>Cultural Identity</li> </ul>
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Life is full of challenging times and everyone needs a helping hand occasionally. I support clients in identifying the issues surrounding those challenges that are stopping them from experiencing their lives to the fullest.

**Currently servicing clients online or by telephone**

Appointments and inquiries can be made on my website at [www.circleofdiscovery.ca](http://www.circleofdiscovery.ca) or by calling 519-464-2270

**\*Counselling fees are covered through Indigenous Services Canada for those who qualify for NIHB \*Approved Sunlife provider**

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**Happy 3rd Birthday Dex, Love your Favorite Cousin Rylee**

**Happy 3rd Birthday Dex,  
Love, GG, Auntie Becky, Uncle Ry, Cy,  
Cain**

Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Dex!  
Love, Mama

**Happy 3rd Birthday Dex!**

**Love: Grandma, Papa &  
Auntie Mar**



# Mino Dbishkaayin-Happy Birthday

Camilla-Jasmine Adams	Mar. 11	Eon Bird	Mar. 17
Tanya Bird	Mar. 11	Martin Maness	Mar. 17
Cameron Crowley	Mar. 11	Andrew Durston	Mar. 18
Becky Stewart-Maness	Mar. 11	Rachelle Gentner	Mar. 18
Madison Bois	Mar. 12	Madison Hemphill	Mar. 18
Annette George	Mar. 12	Roger Jackson	Mar. 18
Michelle Kilbourne	Mar. 12	Sandra Mok	Mar. 18
Danielle Miller	Mar. 12	Journey Nahmabin-Cady	Mar. 18
Kristen Nahmabin	Mar. 12	Peggy Rogers	Mar. 18
Diana Stewart	Mar. 12	Reese Shipman	Mar. 18
Derrick Williams	Mar. 12	Christopher Simon	Mar. 18
Jackie Day	Mar. 13	Alfred Joseph Jr.	Mar. 19
Mason Hurd	Mar. 13	Michael Shorey	Mar. 19
Janelle Nahmabin	Mar. 13	Felicity Simon	Mar. 19
Rachel Nahmabin-Reid	Mar. 13	Phoebe Plain	Mar. 20
Levi Plain	Mar. 13	Joshua Cottrelle	Mar. 21
Jana Simon-Montemayor	Mar. 13	Valerie Cottrelle	Mar. 21
Cody Stewart	Mar. 13	Taylor Drakes	Mar. 21
Winona Wright	Mar. 13	Siera Hare	Mar. 21
Vernetta Wrightman	Mar. 13	Wesley Nahmabin	Mar. 21
Danielle Nahdee	Mar. 14	Coral-Lee Oliver	Mar. 21
Brian Rogers	Mar. 14	Jason Simon	Mar. 21
Eric Smith	Mar. 14	Seth Sinopole	Mar. 21
John Snake	Mar. 14	Cori Williams	Mar. 21
Amber Williams	Mar. 14	Alexis Clark-Nahmabin	Mar. 22
Waasnode Adams	Mar. 14	Janet Fawcett	Mar. 22
Kyleigh George	Mar. 15	Christopher James	Mar. 22
Jaelyn Gray	Mar. 15	Vincent Walker	Mar. 22
Linda Kimmel	Mar. 15	Abigail Gravelle	Mar. 22
Megan Kolberg	Mar. 15	Isabella Gravelle	Mar. 22
Cheryle Mason	Mar. 15	Amber Stewart	Mar. 22
Alexandra Nunnamaker	Mar. 15	Brandon DeLauter	Mar. 23
Leslie Peters	Mar. 15	Shawn Pouget	Mar. 23
Everleigh Rogers	Mar. 15	Theodore Ranger	Mar. 23
Derek Simon	Mar. 15	George Rogers	Mar. 23
Amanda Westfall	Mar. 15	Robert L White	Mar. 23
Kayla White	Mar. 15	Faye Bird	Mar. 24
Brianne Brooks	Mar. 16	Keely Shaye Bressette	Mar. 24
Sanford Cottrelle	Mar. 16	Peter DePaepe	Mar. 24
Raiyah James	Mar. 16	Kaylee Fisher	Mar. 24
Harland Joseph	Mar. 16	Dexen Henry	Mar. 24
David Nyquist	Mar. 16	Nakoa Maness	Mar. 24
Tyler Plain	Mar. 16	Corall McNickle	Mar. 24
James Stanley III	Mar. 16	Gregory R Nahmabin	Mar. 24
Josephine Stone	Mar. 16	Matthew Plain	Mar. 24
Sharon Archer	Mar. 17	Wyatt Sposib-Nahmabin	Mar. 24
Molly-Anne Beauchamp	Mar. 17	Gary Williams	Mar. 24

# CROSSWORDS

**Across**

- 1. Series separator
- 6. Slightly wet
- 10. Roper's specialty
- 14. Sign of spring
- 15. Continuously
- 16. Samoan capital
- 17. Star-spoofing recipe?
- 20. Royal address
- 21. Like skeletal muscles
- 22. Brawl
- 25. Acct. addition
- 27. Spring festival
- 28. Material flaw
- 29. Cort&#233;s victims
- 31. Hesitant sounds
- 32. "Love Story" costar
- 34. Follow, as advice
- 37. Precinct recipe?
- 42. Pine Tree State
- 43. Be gaga over
- 45. Spain's El \_\_
- 48. Standard
- 51. TV Chihuahua
- 52. Boxer's sequence
- 55. Mineo of movies
- 56. Picnic drinks
- 57. Map features
- 59. Honoree's place
- 61. Wedding recipe?
- 66. Busy
- 67. Windex target
- 68. Military hopeful
- 69. \_\_-poly
- 70. God with a bow
- 71. Vicu&#241;a's habitat

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**Down**

- 1. Elevator unit
- 2. Pizarro's gold
- 3. Hamm of soccer
- 4. Like a scandal
- 5. Spumante source
- 6. Not naked, informally
- 7. Forum greeting
- 8. Brooks and others
- 9. Initial market analyses
- 10. Elys&#233;e city
- 11. Sedative drug
- 12. Risk a fine, in a way
- 13. Cake elements
- 18. Linda Ronstadt's birthplace: Abbr.
- 19. Automobile front-end cover
- 22. Not to
- 23. Circle
- 24. One making a good impression?
- 26. TV show promos
- 29. \_\_ breve
- 30. Hosp. heart ward
- 33. Intent
- 35. Stone for many a Libra
- 36. Nancy Drew's beau
- 38. Printer's machine
- 39. Year in Yucatán
- 40. Wood delivery
- 41. Hammock holder
- 44. Print widths
- 45. Lead sharer
- 46. As a whole
- 47. Knock off track
- 49. Mexican moms
- 50. Kyrgyzstan's \_\_ Mountains
- 53. Snappish
- 54. Selling liquor
- 56. Narnia lion
- 58. Skyrocket
- 60. Cuzco native
- 62. Numero \_\_
- 63. Do some sums
- 64. Minute
- 65. Peter, Paul and Mary: Abbr.



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In an emergency call 911

National Indian Residential School Crisis Line 1-866-925-4419

First Nations Hope for Wellness 1-855-242-3310

Child & Youth Crisis Line 1-833-622-1320

Kids Help Phone 1-800-668-6868

Text CONNECT to 686868

Sarnia Distress Line 519-336-3000

Business Hours:

Tracey George 226-349-5712

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You can connect with any of the Mental Wellness Team through the Aamjiwnaang Health Centre Facebook page as well. Miigwech. Stay Safe.



**Aamjiwnaang First Nation Public Works Dept.**

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Effective Friday, October 8, 2021, there will be a new designated after-hours phone line for the infrastructure service emergencies, basement back-ups, animal control requests, or winter maintenance issues. There will be one main contact number that will be used for those occurrences.

The after-hours phone number is:  
**519-331-3596**

Please continue to use the band garage number during regular office hours. The Garage number is 519-336-0510. Leave a message if no one answers.

Alternatively, you can call Wilson Plain Jr. during regular hours at 519-330-8749.

**Migwech**

### Job Search Websites

OFIFC [www.ofifc.org/](http://www.ofifc.org/)

Nokee Kwe [www.nokekwe.ca/](http://www.nokekwe.ca/)

Southern First Nation Secretariat, [www.sfns.on.ca/index.html](http://www.sfns.on.ca/index.html)

N'Amerind Friendship Centre (London) [www.namerind.on.ca/](http://www.namerind.on.ca/)

Anishnawbe Health Toronto <http://www.aht.ca/>

SOAHAC London, Chippewas of the Thames, Owen Sound,  
<http://www.soahac.on.ca/>

Six Nations (Ohsweken, ON), [www.sixnations.ca/](http://www.sixnations.ca/)

#### Other Job Search Engines:

- <http://www.aboriginalcareers.ca/>
- <http://ca.indeed.com/Aboriginal-jobs>
- <http://www.wowjobs.ca/jobs-aboriginal-jobs>
- <http://www.turtleisland.org/front/front.htm>
- <http://www.eluta.ca/>
- <http://www.monster.ca/>
- <http://www.workopolis.com/>
- <http://www.jobs.ca/>
- <http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/sc/jobs/jobbank.shtml>

For Up-To-Date News and Information in the  
First Nations Political Arena you may visit:

Chiefs of Ontario visit:

<http://www.chiefs-of-ontario.org/>

Union of Ontario Indians visit:

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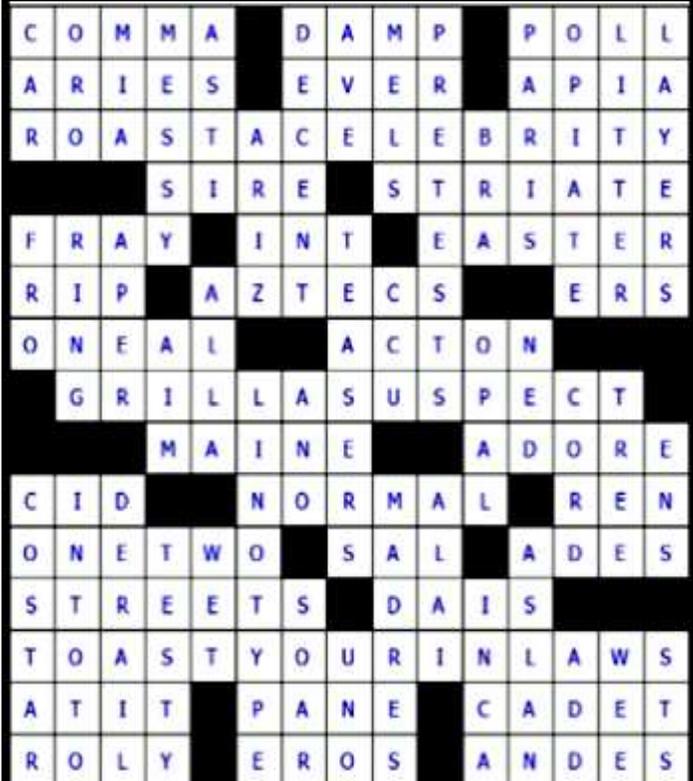
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