

M'Chigeeng First Nation Newsletter – JULY EDITION



COVID-19 STATUS

M'Chigeeng First Nation has been working tirelessly to continue to vaccinate our entire community. Health Services has held multiple clinics at the M'Chigeeng Complex over the past several months.

We would like to take a moment to give thanks everybody who has helped in the effort of navigating through this pandemic. First off, Ogimaa Kwe Linda Debassige, for leading the effort in getting our community prepared for the pandemic, and ensures our community practice the safest measures to keep our vulnerable and elders safe. Also, for advocating on behalf of M'Chigeeng for vaccination clinics and vaccines.

Thank you to the Health Services Team (Nursing, HBHC, Diabetes Educator, Community Wellness Worker, Medical Transportation, Youth Workers, Mental Health Team and Family Resources) for taking the responsibility for organizing and ensuring the vaccine clinics went smoothly, for booking appointments, driving and ensuring the Complex was suited for these clinics.

Thank you to all of the CPPW Department for keeping the clinics orderly and organized while members came to get their vaccines, The Administration Dept., Custodial Staff, Arena/Complex Staff for assisting with running these great clinics, It was a great team effort of M'Chigeeng Department! Another huge thank you to our Community Members for getting informed and receiving the vaccine!

Last But not least, MChigeeng wants to thank all of the external organizations that provided assistance and guidance when running these clinics! Central Manitoulin Family Health Team; EMS including Councillor, Jeanine Debassige who volunteered on her days off; Noojmowin Teg; UCCM Police services; GHL; Public Health Sudbury District. Our Community Helpers! Debbie Debassige and Kim Aelick the Community Survey Coordinators and all the survivors! MChigeeng is now, vaccinated more than 80% of its Population.

Our efforts to vaccinate our community is not over yet, we want to ensure as many willing people that want to be vaccinated are able to. Future clinics will be held on Tuesdays at Manitoulin Secondary School, If you are interested in booking an appointment for your vaccination, please call 705-522-9200 Ext. 748 to book an appointment. Or You can book on-line at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/> or call the M'Chigeeng Health Centre for assistance. *Roger Beaudin, Health Services Manager*

Chief and Council

2020-2023

Chief Linda Debassige
Deputy Chief Daughness Migwans
Charles Beaudin
Dennis Corbiere
Jeanine Debassige
Martin Debassige
Sam Debassige
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Henery Panamick Sr.
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COUNCIL MEETINGS SCHEDULE

*Thursday July 8th @ 6:30pm
Thursday July 22nd @ 6:30pm*

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THANK YOU

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Community Updates



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Here is a list of Current Employment Opportunities within M'Chigeeng First Nation. If you are interested in any of these positions please submit your applications to the Human Resource Manager, Andrea McGregor at this contact information:

Andrea McGregor
M'Chigeeng FN, P.O. Box 333
M'CHIGEENG, ON P0P1G0
Fax: 705-377-4980



**** OPEN UNTIL ALL POSITIONS ARE FILLED**

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

SIX (6) PEER SUPPORT AND OUTREACH WORKERS

Classification Level: Community Services
Employment Status: Term Full-Time (Regular - Pending Funding)
Department: Administration



APPLICATION DEADLINE: JULY 9TH, 2021 @ 12:00 PM

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

PRINCIPAL

Classification Level: Principal (Salary Grid 8 with Principals' Allowance)
Employment Status: Full-Time Regular (starting August 2nd, 2021)
Pension: Ontario Teacher's Pension Plan
Benefits: Extended Healthcare and Dental
Department: Education

MCHIGEENG IS LOOKING FOR ON CALL POSITIONS IS ALL DEPARTMENTS... CALL IF YOUR INTERESTED!

Youth Summer Program

This year the Youth Program will be running in-person Programming now that restrictions in Ontario are beginning to lift.

The Youth Summer Program will be operating out of The MFN Arena

Please Contact **Jackie Mynott** at the Youth Centre to get more information and to register if you are interested!
705-377-5187

Communication

Aanii M'Chigeeng First Nation citizens! I am here to provide you with a quick update on the current projects I have been working on to provide effective communication more efficiently to the community.

I will be creating an event calendar highlighting all important dates/times of events within MFN. Ensuring the community is aware of meetings, programming, and events!

I currently am assisting the Emergency Operations Group in the development of a Reopening Plan for both Programming and Businesses.

I am working on contact listing for emails, if anyone would like information forwarded to them regularly, please email me at

colincorbiere@mchigeeng.ca

Or even if you just want your address updated!

Newsletter Distribution Update

In an effort to reduce waste, I am looking into having this newsletter be sent electronically to limit how many physical copies are used and thrown away as a result of bulk mail. To reduce this waste, I will be gathering information to see who wishes to the receive the newsletter in a preferred platform (mail, social media, email). I will be sure to keep everyone updated on this initiative.



FINANCE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE PAYMENT METHODS:

BMO CUSTOMER:

Contact M'Chigeeng First Nation Finance Department – Accounts Receivable via telephone 705-377-5362 ext. 205 or email janetd@mchigeeng.ca for customer number to pay for rent, water, garbage, other online.

Add M'Chigeeng First Nation as payee for online or telephone banking for BMO customers!



DEBIT CARD PAYMENT:

The Finance Department has the option to book an appointment, to ensure payments are received.

OTHER METHOD:

Credit card payment are also an option, please contact Janet Debassige to process payment by phone or in person.

CHEQUE/MONEY ORDERS:

Cheque or money order can be processed at the post office and mailed to M'Chigeeng First Nation, PO Box 333 or drop off at Administration Office main door or the mailbox outside of the building.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

M'Chigeeng Post Office is in search of supply a Postal Clerk. This great opportunity lets you greet community members and learn new skills. Should you be interested send in your cover letter and resume to:

Penny Roy-Corbiere PO Box 333
M'Chigeeng, ON
POP 1G0

Or you can email your information to
pennyc@mchigeeng.ca

LOOK WHO'S HIRING



I'd love to hear
your thoughts...

M'Chigeeng First Nation Finance Department has come to the end of the fiscal year Audit, which will be presented to Chief and Council by the end of July, then to the community at the Annual Community Meeting!

We have been very busy, this past 2019 – 2020, with all the changes, electronic payments, assisting with all the departments ensuring computers and laptops are purchase, for everyone to work from home! But, we are glad everyone is back to work in the office now!

We are still looking for people to apply for the Finance Advisory Group! If your interested in Finance or would like to just learn, APPLY.. APPLY... Forms are found on the website, can be emailed, at the band office.



ONTARIO WORKS/LDM UPDATES

Labour Market Information Survey

Good day to all! I have started work for the final phase of the LMI Pilot Project – Labour Market Information Surveys and Data Collection for M'Chigeeng membership.

You are welcome to call in and inquire about the LMI pilot project. If you have not completed the survey with OW/LDM Employment & Training Hub Center, please call to set up an interview to discuss a time and date you may be available. Interview arrangements can be accommodated via phone call, email, one to one visit, ZOOM and/or Microsoft Teams.

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**Incentives will be provided for completed surveys.*



YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Aanii, my name is Roger Jr. Beaudin and I am a post-secondary student at Laurentian University. In September, I will be starting my 4th year of the Indigenous Studies program. My current employment for my summer position is the Y.E.P. Coordinator.

Within this position, I am responsible for assisting students to find summer employment, maintaining files on clients, following up with employers and students, while ensuring Covid-19 pandemic measures are being followed by both employers and students.

If you're an employer or summer student looking to participate in this program, feel free to call me at 705-377-5362 ext. 218. Miigwetch!

Kind regards,
Roger Jr. Beaudin

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

EDUCATION UPDATES

Congratulations!

M'Chigeeng would like to take a moment and recognize ALL of our Grade 8 and Grade 12 Graduates this year. Congratulations to all of our Graduates!! Your hard work is noticed by us all!



Darci Debassige, Manitoulin Secondary School 2021 Valedictorian



Grade 8	Grade 12
Angelina Armstrong-Shogga	Natasha Bebonang
Destiney Bebonang	Kacey Debassige
Neilah Corbiere-Williams	Kyra Bayer
Aspen Debassige	Darci Debassige (Valedictoria)
Hannah Lovelace	Noah Hare
Mia Manitowabi Armstrong	Shade Kaiser
Ian McCauley	Andrew Roy
Amisk Migwans	Wassenode Panamick Hare
Ryland Migwans	Nyron Panmick Hare
Savannah Panamick Sagon	
Harmony Panamick-Shawana	
Jaron Panamick	
Kira Panamick	
Keaton Roy	

Binoojiinh Gamgoonhs & Junior Kindergarten



We are excited to share with you that the **Junior Kindergarten Program will be re-locating to the Binoojiinh Gamgoonhs Early Years Learning Centre (Daycare)** beginning in September of 2021.

Registration will begin immediately. Please contact Debbie Ense, Early Years Supervisor at 705-377-5383.

Please note, the reason for the location change of the Junior Kindergarten Program is to help cultivate the connection between our Early Years Learning Centre and Lakeview School. The Early Years Centre will include programming that is both reflective and inquiry based in order to give students the best head start to their education. We believe this change will be beneficial to the development of our children's early learning. Programming will foster positive, land based learning, culture, Anishnabemowin and will also follow the Ministry of Education requirements for Early Learning Centres with the Ontario Curriculum. Please be assured that we will continue to create a supportive learning environment that promotes equality, diversity, and inclusion. We encourage parent involvement and continue to prioritize Student Success at all levels of our children's educational journey, which begins in Junior Kindergarten. Miigwech for the continued support in prioritizing your children's success for the 2021-2022 school year. Stay safe and have a great

summer everyone!

EVERY CHILD MATTERS



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Indigenous people – families, survivors and ancestors whom this unspeakable tragedy impacts.

The history of the attempted Genocide of our people, inherent to North America must not be forgotten. This grisly discovery is a reminder that many children who went missing and unaccounted for through the genocidal violence perpetrated by Canada through the institutions of the Indian Residential Schools remain victims as do their families and communities. The impacts of the genocidal policies are still felt today throughout the country and within our communities.

We call on both levels of governments and all institutions to fully implement all recommendations from the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Final Report, the National Inquiry into the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls Report and to stop fighting against Indigenous Peoples in courts and to recognize their treaties, inherent jurisdiction and be a full and true partner in all reconciliatory actions and attempts.

**A BIG HUGE THANK YOU
TO CANDI KAISER!!!
MIIGWETCH FOR MAKING
OUR T-SHIRTS.**

*SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL
BUSINESS!*



HIAH/MERE UPDATE

M'Chigeeng First Nation, HIAH Corp, and the MERE-Western University research partnership look forward to and value your opinions.

YOUR OPINIONS MATTER!!

Another copy of the same survey will be coming to you in July. Your views will feed into decision-making for the MERE project. We appreciate you completing the survey and mailing it back with the postage paid envelope.

M.E.R.E (Mother Earth Renewable Energy) General Partner Inc wishes to invite community members to complete a paper survey (app. 20 min) on the wind project. A first round of surveys went out in May; Miigwech to those who have already returned completed surveys.

For more information – go to this website:

<https://mere.uwo.ca>

Community Development Officer Update

HIAH Corporation is busy preparing for Local Business opportunities for our entrepreneurs and business owners in M'Chigeeng. Focus groups and surveys will be occurring in the coming months to get feedback on the needs of our Local Business owners. Jarrielle is incorporating a Logic model program called "Business Retention & Expansion" to assess the current economic development environment and will be visiting local businesses to find out how we can improve the economy here in M'Chigeeng. This will also include a community survey that will provide an update and report on economic activities that have occurred and will begin in the upcoming months and years. Your feedback is so important to us, and we look forward to advancing economic growth in the community and providing more resources to our incredible entrepreneurs and business owners.

The Cannabis Survey is now officially closed. Thank you so much for providing your feedback on this economic development opportunity and keep your eyes peeled for the results of the survey as they will be forthcoming in the August newsletter.

As COVID-19 restrictions begin to ease, we are looking forward to celebrating the GRAND OPENING of the M'Chigeeng Fresh Mart Butcher Shop this month. We will post the date for the "Official" Grand Opening once it is fully operational and have a date confirmed. Hopefully, we can safely gather in small crowds at that time.

Miigwech for the ongoing community support.



For more information on Community Development, contact Jarrielle Panamick at 705-377-5362.

Drug warning: THC Gold

The Community Drug Strategy has received anecdotal reports of a new substance circulating in Greater Sudbury.

While we cannot confirm what THC Gold consists of, anecdotal information indicates that this substance is being offered free of charge and that these gold flakes contain various substances. This situation serves as an important reminder to the community that street drugs may be cut or mixed with substances such as fentanyl or carfentanil, and that even a very small amount of these substances can cause an overdose.

An overdose occurs when a person uses more of a substance, or combination of substances, than their body can handle. As a consequence, the brain is unable to control basic life functions. The person might pass out, stop breathing or experience a seizure. Overdoses can be fatal.



Prevent opioid overdoses/save lives:

- Avoid using drugs when you are alone. If this is not possible, ask a friend to check in on you.
- Reduce your risk of [COVID-19](#) infection by staying at least six feet away from other people or wearing a non-medical mask when physical distancing is not possible.
- If possible, call someone before using drugs. They can call 911 if you become unresponsive.
- When using drugs with a friend, do not use at the same time.
- When switching substances or if you have not used in a while, start with a lower dose.
- Carry a naloxone kit. Get your [free kit](#) at your local pharmacy today.
- Call 911 if you suspect an overdose.
- Avoid mixing drugs, including prescribed, over-the-counter, and illegal drugs.
- Avoid drinking alcohol while using other drugs.

Overdose symptoms include:

- fingernails and lips turn blue or purplish black
- skin turns bluish purple, grayish or ashen depending on skin tone
- dizziness and confusion
- the person can't be woken up
- choking, gurgling, or snoring sounds
- slow, weak or no breathing
- drowsiness or difficulty staying awake

Free Naloxone training and kits are available at the M'Chigeeng Health Centre or any local pharmacy.

Mnidoo Mnising Crisis Response Team



Minokimeh!

With the warmer weather and longer days, the Mnidoo Mnising Crisis Response Team is looking forward to the opportunities the new season brings. This month marks one year since we started on a global journey in dealing with the pandemic. This spring season seems to be bringing mixed feelings of fear, frustration, loneliness, and hope with it. In these frustrating and confusing times, please remember to reach out. Our Crisis Team is available and ready to respond 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you or someone you love is struggling with difficult circumstances, connect with us! Call 705-348-1937 to speak to our team directly at any time of any day for personalized support and crisis response. Enjoy the warmer weather and make sure that you do what you need to do to be healthy this spring season.

Chi Miigwetch,

Mnidoo Mnising Crisis Response Team

One of the ways we have stayed connected to the communities we serve has been our open air check-ins. These outdoor fires give community members an opportunity to talk to a crisis team member, put their seamaa down, and connect to supports in-person while still respecting physical distancing protocols.