

BIBOON 2025 EDITION

MINWAAJIM



Formerly known as the Mississauga FN Smoke Signal



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From The Editorial Committee

Winter arrived with a steady chill, bringing shorter days and a blanket of snow across the landscape. As people bundled up to stay warm, they are waiting for the long winter days to be over and for spring to arrive.

In our eight edition, also known as the winter edition of the Smoke Signal, we continue to slowly re-brand as “Minwaajim”. Minwaajim in Anishinaabemowin means 'to bring good news'. In the language, and this winter edition is “biboon”, which translates to ‘it is winter’

Our approach to keep operating costs low enables us to reduce our carbon footprint on the environment. By offering a digital only platform of the newsletter and growing its outreach potential.

Community members who wish for a physical copy of the Minwaajim, can contact Stacey Schellekens at: stacey@mississaugi.com to be added on the mailing list.

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Chili and Chat

by: Miranda Bobiwash

In the Fall, the Lands and Resources Department, in partnership with the Timber Village Museum, held a Chili & Chat at the Community Hall. The Chili & Chat was to have a delicious meal and to share stories of our community for the Indigenous Heritage Project that will be opening in June. The Timber Village Museum (TVM) display some of the artifacts in the collection, as well as the Lands Department also displayed artifacts that were found on our territory in the past year.

Some of the artifacts displayed were repatriated from the Canadian Museum of History (CMH) in the Fall of 2024.

Mississauga First Nation held a repatriation ceremony last fall to welcome home those belongings that were in held at CMH. A total of eight boxes were returned last fall, and another 25 boxes of belongings were returned in late April.

Heralded by the Data Management Technician Jake Cousineau, Junior Archaeological Technician Zoie Piche and Chief Brent Niganobe, the project began in the Spring of 2024 for our ancestors to come home with help from the Timber Village Museum and archaeologist Alicia Hawkings from the University of Toronto.

All this will be part of an exhibition in June at the Timber Village Museum. There will also be an Indigenous Artists exhibition that coincides with the exhibition at the museum. The art exhibition will show artists from Mississauga and other nations around us, and we are all connected.

The deadline to enter your art submissions for the exhibition is April 30th. The multimedia exhibition will highlight Indigenous artists from the North Shore. Digital submissions are open until Wednesday, April 30, 2025. Scan the QR code to apply!

Don't forget to come and check out the opening of the exhibition, on Saturday, June 7th at the Timber Village Museum with a feast at 12 pm and ribbon cutting ceremony at 1 pm.



Artifacts that have been found on our land



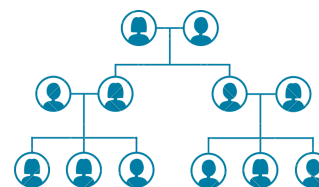
Top of quill basket lid with image of Rock Acres, where Benbowopka Treatment Centre is now located





Family Tree

By: Cheyenne Corbiere



Mississauga First Nation community members have been gathering to discuss and create family trees since 2024's Fall Gathering. At the beginning of 2025, Chi-Naakinagewin and the Librarian/Archival Clerk have been meeting on the last Saturday of each month. This project came to fruition to begin recording our First Nation's family histories for future generations.

You may ask yourself why this is important. Making family trees is important because it will help preserve our histories, understand relationships, and cultural identity, and become an educational tool.

As the MFN staff and community members gather, they started sharing stories immediately, and writing down their connection. Some stories are filled with laughter and some with tears, it is through these emotional moments that bonds are formed. These bonds begin building the foundation of understanding the past relationships between families.

An important part of our family tree-making day is when we all take a break and eat lunch. This is the time when everyone takes a breather and eats delicious food provided by the staff. The community hall then fills with chatter and laughter as more stories are shared. We hope that these family trees will be displayed in our community. Sharing these connections will allow future generations to see their roots in our community.

Our next family tree event is happening on April 26, 2025. Come out to the Community Hall from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm and bring your family to make your family tree!



Community members at the last family tree gathering

Medicine Summit

By: Melissa Morningstar

I recently had the privilege of attending the Medicine Summit, hosted by Munay Retreats Corp, and it was a truly transformative experience. The event brought together various Indigenous cultures, including the Shipibo Konibo, Quechua, Dakota/Lakota/Nakota, Ojibwe, and Sylix peoples, for cultural exchange, spiritual growth, and healing. During my time at the summit, I participated in numerous ceremonies and practices that deepened my understanding of Indigenous cultures and spirituality. Some of the highlights included:

- Five ceremonies with Shipibo Shamans (Maestros) that allowed me to connect with the wisdom and guidance of these skilled spiritual leaders:
- Yoga sessions that nurtured my body and spirit
- Guided meditation sessions that helped me quiet my mind and connect with my inner self
- Flower baths, energy work, and vomitivo that promoted healing and balance
- Traditional Ojibwe, Dakota, and Temazcal sweat lodges that provided a powerful and immersive spiritual experience
- Pipe ceremonies that allowed me to connect with the community and honor the traditions of the indigenous peoples



Melissa Morningstar and Dana Boyer at the medicine summit



Flower bath and energy work in progress

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One of the most valuable aspects of the summit was the opportunity to learn from experienced shamans, medicine men and women, and other spiritual leaders. Their wisdom and guidance helped me gain a deeper understanding of the Shipibo cosmovision and highlighted the importance of cultural exchange and traditional practices.

The summit also offered a range of educational components, including in-depth teachings on the Shipibo cosmovision, integration therapy, and language translators to assist with communication between cultures. Additionally, the wellness and self-care aspects of the summit were also exceptional, with organic local meals made by hand and breathwork and meditation resources, including Yoga Nidra.

Overall, my experience at the Medicine Summit was truly life-changing. I gained a deeper understanding of indigenous cultures and spirituality, and I had the opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals who share my passion for cultural exchange and spiritual growth.

Miigwech to the organizers and spiritual leaders who made this experience possible. I will carry the lessons and memories of this summit with me for years to come.



A Shipibo woman conducting a pipe ceremony



Dana Boyer displaying her regalia

RESEARCH AND EXHIBITION COLLABORATIVE

Mississauga First Nation, in partnership with the Town of Blind River, is leading a multi-year project focused on reconnecting our community with our cultural belongings and sharing the story of the Mississagi people.

This repatriation project will feature tools, pottery, and other items removed from our traditional territory and placed in storage at institutions far from home.

We are grateful for the efforts made by Chief and Council, our project team and their determination to bring our ancestors home.

We are also grateful for the on-going support of the Town of Blind River and the Timber Village Museum, and the project funding received from the Department of Canadian Heritage.

To date, cultural items and ancestors have been repatriated from the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism- a collection that had been cared for by the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation- as well as from Woodland Heritage Services, and the Canadian Museum of History. With these items now in our possession, we will conduct non-invasive research and careful analysis to better understand the lives and traditions of our people. With MFN now leading archaeological research on our Traditional territory, we are building capacity for our youth to continue these endeavors and ensuring our voices are heard.

Our strength and resilience will be celebrated through an exclusive exhibition at TVM. *Echoes of the Misswezabging Ziibii: Rematriation, Resilience, and the Continuing Story of the Mississagi People* will feature items that have recently returned home. This exhibit will open in June 2025 and continue until December 2026 in Blind River. The display will then be re-homed in the Chief and Council Chambers at the Dreamcatcher Complex.

Miigwetch to everyone who has supported this journey.

We will continue to provide updates as more of our ancestor's belongings return home.



EDCO Award

By: Jon Cada

On February 6th, 2025, Mississauga First Nation, in partnership with the Town of Blind River and Destination Northern Ontario, received recognition for the work that has gone into the walking/bicycle trail that connects the two communities. The trio of representatives attended the 68th Annual EDCO Conference and Showcase in Toronto, ON.

At the Awards of Excellence banquet, the team was nominated for an award in the category for 'Visitor Attraction & Tourism Product Development – Rural' and won in the category for 'Excellence in Rural Economic Development.'

Recognition in these categories is a major accomplishment, as EDCO currently has divisions for recognizing communities above 100,000 people and communities below 100,000 people. Between Mississauga FN and Blind River, the two communities combine for a population that is roughly 4000 people. To be recognized in a category so large is a huge honour.

This recognition follows previous awards given for the trail project, notably two awards that were received in 2022 from the Tourism Industry Association of Ontario (TIAO).

Work on the trail project continues in 2025 to ensure all existing trails receive updated signage that invites visitors to explore this area along the shores of Lake Huron. Efforts to develop educational experiences are also being planned for people of all ages.



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Kathryn Scott, CAO, Town of Blind River,
Mike Wozny, Special Projects Coordinator,
Destination Northern Ontario,
Karen Bittner, Director of Facilities and Community
Services, Town of Blind River*



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Chief Brent Niganobe said, “Mississauga First Nation’s entire Council would like to say congratulations to the team that works to enhance two neighbouring communities. We are successful when we can have meaningful dialogue, and most importantly, put words to action. Great work, and we look forward to the next project.”

Mayor Sally Hagman excitedly echoes, “Council is so proud of our passionate team that is dedicated to leveraging partnerships and funding in order to make our spaces safe and sustainable for decades to come. Congratulations on these awards, and thank you to EDCO for recognizing Northern Ontario communities.”

David MacLachlan, Executive Director of Destination Northern Ontario, shares, “Destination Northern Ontario has a longstanding relationship with Blind River and Mississauga First Nation. We are proud of the work happening in rural Northern Ontario and are thrilled to celebrate with two driven communities.”

The trail was first developed in 2018, and an accessible trail loop was completed in 2021. Since then, value-added products have been added to the trail through signage updates, branding and marketing strategies that have generated positive feedback across the country.



*Students from St. Joseph planting
a tree*



Signage at Trail Loop

Mississauga First Nation Private Prosecution Pilot Project

By: Amanda Sayers

Mississauga First Nation is proud to share the outcomes of its participation in The Ministry of the Attorney General's (MAG) Private Prosecution Pilot Project. This initiative began in December 2022 and was established with the aim of supporting the prosecution of First Nation laws.

As part of this effort, our Chi-Naakinagewin program applied to the project to address critical issues (on our reserve), including individuals named in Band Council Resolutions (BCRs). Following approval on January 12, 2023, we worked diligently to move the project forward. In May 2023, a proposal was sent out to law firms, and by June 2023, Falls Law Group was selected to collaborate with us on this important initiative.

With minimal assistance from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), our Chi-Naakinagewin department worked tirelessly to gather evidence on cases involving breaches of our Community Protection Law -(CPL). Despite challenges, we successfully submitted two potential cases to Falls Law Group by the end of the fiscal year. We are grateful that additional funding allowed us to continue with these cases, which were later accepted into the Ontario Court of Justice.

The first court hearing for both BCR cases took place on June 6, 2024. One individual actively participated in the legal process and, on October 3, 2024, pleaded guilty before the Court (in Elliot Lake). This marked a significant milestone in the recognition and enforcement of our Community Protection Law. (in the Canadian Legal System)

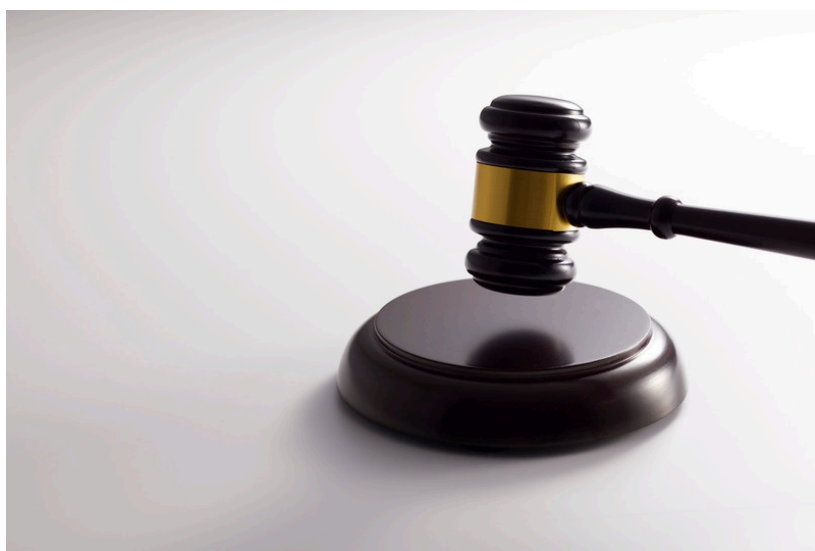
Our journey of self-governance and commitment to protecting our lands has deep roots. On June 2, 2009, Mississauga First Nation adopted a Land Code, affirming our inherent right to self-governance. The Land Code enables us to manage our land and resources independently and allows us to develop laws under its framework. Section 6.1 of the Land Code empowers the Council to create and enforce laws regarding Mississauga First Nation lands and related matters.

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Mississauga First Nation Private Prosecution Pilot Project

Despite numerous efforts to seek support from the OPP in matters involving trespassing and other violations of our laws, we initially faced limited assistance. This compelled us to take matters into our own hands, collecting evidence and building cases in collaboration with Falls Law Group. Over time, the success of the pilot project has helped foster a stronger relationship with the OPP. Notably, in January 2025, the OPP made their first charge under our Community Protection Law, further solidifying its recognition within the legal system.

Mississauga First Nation remains committed to preserving our lands and upholding the laws that protect our community. We recognize the importance of partnerships and thank all those who have supported this initiative, including Falls Law Group and the Ministry of the Attorney General. We also reaffirm our dedication to self-governance and the advancement of our rights for the benefit of present and future generations.



Sources:

<https://www.aptnnews.ca/national-news/trespassing-conviction-makes-history-for-first-nation-law-in-ontario/>

Hydro One Projects Update

By: Shawna Boyer

Waasmoowin Energy Inc. (WEI) was created to represent Mississauga First Nation and eight other First Nations, including, Batchewana FN, Garden River FN, Thessalon FN, Serpent River FN, Whitefish River FN, Wahnapiatae FN, Sagamok Anishnawbek and Atikameksheng Anishinawbek. WEI has partnered with Hydro One Networks Inc. (HONI); to develop two new transmission lines, the Northeast Link and North Shore Power Lines.

WEI and Hydro One meet regularly; to ensure that shareholders benefit from both the short-term and long-term visions of the projects. WEI and HONI continue to work through the projects' agreements to benefit First Nations as equal partners in the power line projects and their participation in the development of the projects, spanning five years from April 2024 to April 2029. The project's purpose is to link hydro from Sault Ste. Marie, to Hanmer, Ontario. These construction projects provide an economic opportunity for the First Nations to own fifty percent of the project, and their participation during the construction phase and maintenance of the transmission lines.

Three community meetings have been held to inform community members about the transmission lines project. The project's components are being facilitated by the Lands and Resources Department, Community Economic Development Department, and staff of the Employment and Training Programs. The Lands Department has supported the project's fieldwork with a monitor for the archaeological and environmental assessments and facilitated traditional knowledge interviews with our knowledge keepers.



Community members discussing the project at the meeting

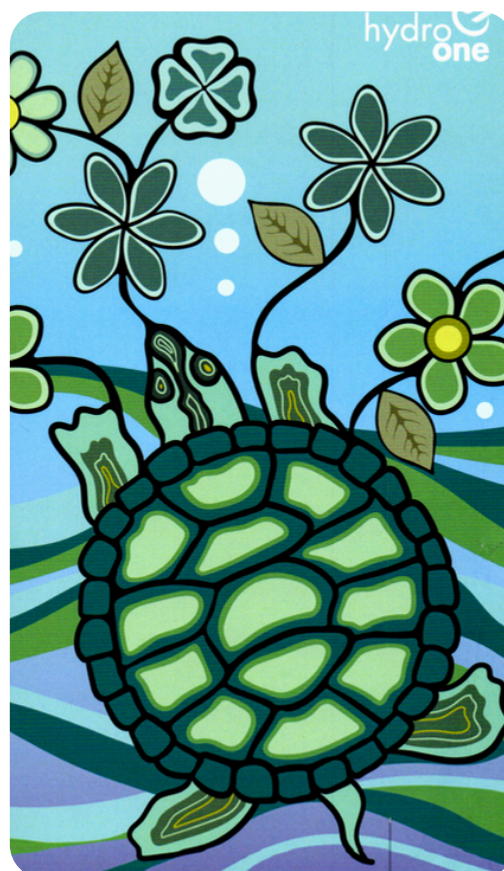
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Hydro One Projects Update

The Economic Development Department maintains a business directory to ensure that contracting opportunities are shared among First Nation businesses, independent contractors, and Hydro One general contractors for the projects. The Training and Employment, and Education staff are coordinating to offer workforce training to support experienced labourers, independent contractors and individuals looking to find employment on the projects. Waasmoowin Energy Inc. has also identified youth and elder representatives from each of the partner communities to support engagement efforts with all stakeholders in the project including Hydro One staff and its partners.

Recent accomplishments in the projects' environmental assessment requirement efforts include increasing the quality of work regarding archaeological representations of the impacted land base. Mississauga First Nation provides strong resources and advocacy to ensure that each First Nation's standards are met. A high standard of work is being advocated for that is appropriate and considerate of the ancestors and territory of each First Nation, ensuring that each First Nation's standards are met. The artifacts and belongings collected are being tested and cared for to maintain physiological and cultural integrity.

Mississauga First Nation and Waasmoowin Energy Inc. will continue to provide updates on archeological fieldwork, including training opportunities for interested individuals. Indigenous archeology field monitoring training will be available in May 2025.



Out on the Land

Lands and Resources Update

By: Christina Jackpine

Over the winter, our team has experienced snow, rain, ice, sleet, sunshine, and beautiful scenery. 1, 2, 3, on a tree? Have you come across marked trees? What is that all about? We have been timber cruising.

As cited on AFM news (2024), timber cruising is: *“The process of measuring forest stands. Timber cruising is the process of measuring forest stands to determine characteristics such as average tree sizes, volume, and quality. It provides an estimate of available forest resources to help make informed management decisions related to forest management planning.”*

Our team's expertise has been integral to the Waasmoowin – Hydro One transmission (HONI) line project from the beginning. Our contributions have ranged from providing crucial technical advice to hands-on fieldwork. We have been deeply involved in ensuring the respectful integration of traditional ecological knowledge and archaeological considerations, placing traditional values at the heart of the project.

We have shifted our perspective in gathering knowledge. We spent time with a band member, where we made rabbit snares, learned about conservation, and heard some exceptional stories. This experience taught us a lot about the knowledge-gathering process and how to respectfully include all age groups. It is important to acknowledge the valuable knowledge held by our younger generations. We aim to revive the traditional practice of knowledge sharing through storytelling. If you are interested in participating in a session, please call the office, and we will be happy to arrange a time to meet. We also offer great incentives.

The traditional territory of Mississauga is vast and our connection to this beautiful land runs deep. Let us get out and explore!

Reference:

American Forest Management (2024, February 07). What is Timber Cruising? AFM NEWS <https://www.americanforestmanagement.com/news/what-is-timber-cruising>

Community Energy Champion

By: Christina Jackpine

The Community Energy Champion position is an entry-level position available in the Infrastructure Department. The qualifications sound intense but do not let that discourage you from applying. The goal of the Energy Champion is to identify key priorities that will improve our Energy footprint and change the way we use our energy.

On a commercial level, you will find yourself applying for programs and grants that will allow MFN to save money and use less energy. Currently, we are swapping out all our lighting for LED through the Save on Energy program. The role of the champion is to coordinate the contractors, managers, and logistics for the installation process. You will learn how to do an energy audit (comparing past bills and developing a baseline) so we can closely monitor our usage before and after installations.

On a community level, you can assist people with their applications for similar programs that will help them lower their monthly energy bills (electricity, gas) through Save on Energy and Enbridge. You can educate and promote healthy energy habits and help change the way we use energy.

Indigenous Clean Energy (ICE) has excellent resources for the Champion. In the past, we were chosen to represent Mississauga First Nation in the ICE 20/20 Catalyst Program. Our Champion travelled across Canada to visit various renewable energy projects on First Nations to observe daily operations and learn the challenges and wins for each project.

One project that stood out was a multi-million-dollar BioMass facility located in Meadow Lake First Nation in Saskatchewan. This facility, owned by the First Nation, receives wood waste, which is then incinerated and converted into energy for the mill and surrounding communities. It truly is a remarkable facility. Visits like these inspired our Champion to explore other renewable energy projects.

The Community Energy Champion position has a wide range of duties day-to-day and allows you to build essential skills to begin your career in the Energy sector. You will get experience in proposal writing, grant applications, community engagement, technical advisory and so much more! Apply today! If you have any questions, you can reach out to Christina Jackpine, our previous Energy Champion.

For more information, please do not hesitate to contact Christina Jackpine at envtech1@mississauga.com

Photos from the Past



1. Gordon Corbiere 3. Romeo Bissillion 5. Tim Daybutch 7. Harvey Ermatinger 9. David Fox
2. Ray Morrison 4. John Berthelot 6. Peter Armstrong 8. Tim McGrath

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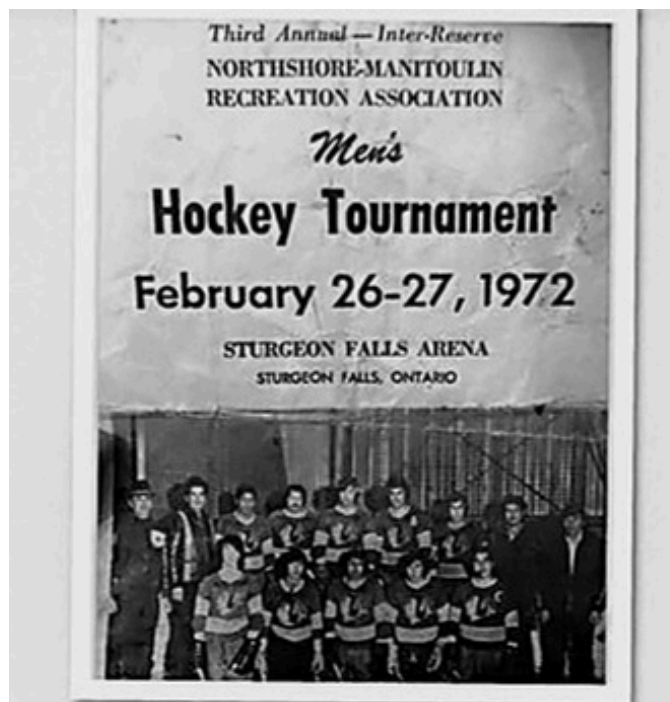
St. Mary's Separate School Blind River, Ontario



Hockey Team

Jamie Morningstar, Donald Boyer, Denis Amyotte, Ronald Morningstar
Cletis Boyer, Glen Chiblow, Andrew Morningstar, John Bissaillion
Glen Armstrong, Richard Tousignant, Ronnie Miron, Brian Marinoff
Sean Brennan, Glen Morningstar, Erry Chiblow, Freddy Houle, Claude Leblanc
Mark Bissaillion, Roger Doiron, Larry Dentinger

Photos from the past



21. Plus Roy

LINE UPS — GT

MISSISSAUGI WARRIORS

1. Bobby Morningstar
2. George Morningstar
3. Wilfred Morningstar
4. Larry Niganobe
5. Wayne Jackpine
6. Teddy Boyer
7. Danny Boyer
8. Emile Ball
9. Cliff McCoy
10. Robert Ball
11. Jim McCoy
12. Mike Vincent
13. Don Blondieu
14. Clarence Delaire
15. Keith Dillon
16. Eddie Gionette
17. John Derosbie
18. Fred St. Pierre
19. George Commando
20. Scotty Johnson

Coach: Ray Boucher Manager: Willard Nigonobe



Little NHL

By: Kerrie Bellefeuille

This year, Mississauga First Nation proudly sent four teams to the 2025 Little Native Hockey League (LNHL) Tournament in Markham. The teams included boys' recreational teams in U9, U11, and U13 categories, and a U11 girls' recreation team. The 51st Annual Little Native Hockey League (LNHL) Tournament, held in Markham, Ontario from March 9th to 13th, 2025, brought together over 4,000 Indigenous youth athletes across Ontario, making it the largest tournament in LNHL history.

All teams played hard, had fun, and made new friends. It was a great week of hockey, and our players and coaches represented the community with pride. Thank you to everyone who supported our young athletes!



Back row left to right: I. Debassige S. Kapashesit G. Niganobe A. Bellefeuille A. Black-Mallette C. Southwind.

Front row left to right: A. Carlson A. Fox T. Francis W. Russell .

Goalie: B. Spence.

Little NHL



*From Left to right: D.Peltier and A. Fox.
(Played together in LNHL '24, D.Peltier now
plays for Wiki)*



*From left to right: E. Fireman, M. Grimard,
C. Morningstar, S. Fitzpatrick*



*From left to right: T. Thibault, R.Cada, R.Smith, E.Fireman, S.Boyer, E. Kelly Harper,
C.Morningstar, G.Ney, S.Fitzpatrick, M.Grimard, A.Cameron, W. Pamajewon, M.Lamour*

Little NHL

By: Natalie Chiblow



Hudson Chiblow

Hudson Chiblow played for Sagamok Anishnawbek this year for Little NHL. The team did great they made it to the semi-finals where they lost a point to the winning team that took gold in the U13 Recreation A division. Hudson, a second-year goalie, is representing MFN very proudly as an athlete.



Curling Champions

By: Natalie Chiblow



Congratulations to Katie Chiblow Skip and Captain of W.C Eaket girls curling team. They played hard on February 18-19, 2025, to win a spot in NOSSA on March 4-5, 2025, in Sault Ste Marie.

Thank you to our community coach Kevin Rutledge. The girls had a great season, and this was Katie's last year as she graduates this June 2025.



Congratulations

By: Heather Morningstar



Jake Bond (Morningstar)

Congratulations are in order for Jake Bond (Morningstar) as he has been selected to represent Team Ontario at the 2025 National Aboriginal Hockey Championship.

The tournament will take place in Kamloops, British Columbia, From May 4th to 10th 2025. We wish Good Luck to Jake as he represents MFN proudly and Team Ontario.



Zhooshkwaadekmagad Kidwenan | Hockey Words

E-aasgaabiwitaaged Assist
Ziindaagshko Body-check him.

Wewiib Hurry

Zhigaabiwewag Face-off

Gii-baashtibizo moowebagan Icing

Mshkogaabiwewag Power play

Gbaakodii-gamigoong Penalty box

Gdaa'aakogen Shoot

Mawebageng Stick-handling

Ningwii-bizo Winger

Mowebagan Puck

Mowebagan-naatig Hockey stick

Zhaashkwaa-beshaakibiigan Blue line

Ziindaagshkowaan Boarding

Aashdeganaamon Cross-check

Weshso Deke him

Dwesin sab Empty net

Zhooshkwaade-gamig Arena

Kaandoo-nini Goalie

Anji-gaabiwig Line change

Zhooshkwaade-gwenan Hockey uniforms

Jiishaanegan Zaamboni

Noondesewag Shorthanded

E-zhi-ngowe'aangiziwaad Team

Zhooshkwaadaaganan Skates

Gegwa miigaaske. Don't fight.

Gii-biindigeba'aan. He scored a goal.

Weweni wiisinin, ngo-dbagiiswaan

jiibwaa damnoyin. Eat well, one
hour before you play.

Gmoondiganaamon shkweyaang.

Checking from behind.

Debaamjiged Referee

Gii-pikenaagewag. They won.

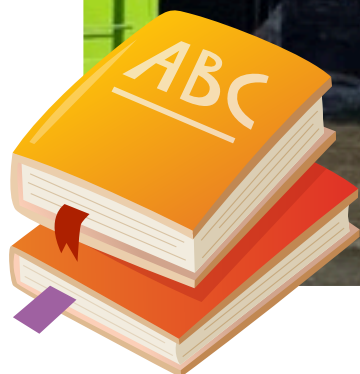
Phrases provided by Shirley Williams, Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory



Watch a Wiikwemkoong
Hockey Tournament
with Anishinaabemowin
commentary.

Library building update:

As you may have noticed the last couple months, the library building is currently under going renovations and will soon open for the community. Keep your eyes peeled for the Grand Opening!





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MFN Website

We're excited to share that our official website is up and running. You can find lots of useful information and updates about our community here.

Please be patient as we continue to add more content. We appreciate your understanding during this time.

Stay tuned for more updates!



For any inquiries, please contact the Communications Coordinator at wiindamaagewin@mississauga.com

WINTER WORDS IN ANISHINAABEMOWIN

CORRECTLY MATCH THE FOLLOWING WORDS:



- Hard Crust
moon

- oojegaa
(o-jay-gah)



- she/he taps
the tree

- Ziisbaakwasw
aabo
(zees-bawk-
waa-swa-bo)



- Maple Syrup

- Onaabani Giizis
(oh-naw-baw-nee
gui-zees)



- The sap is
running

- Nagwaake
(nah-gwa-ke)

WINTER WORDS IN ANISHINAABEMOWIN

CORRECTLY MATCH THE FOLLOWING WORDS:



- Sugaring moon
- Ninnatig (ni-naw-tig)



- he collects the sap
- Skagmisze (ska-me-zhe)



- Maple Tree
- Aawasebe (aw-wah-say-be)



- To Boil down
- Zisbaadoke Giizis (Zees-ba-dokay gui-zees)



2025 HEALTH FAIR

Save the Date

Mark your calendars!

May 15, 2025

Let's make this another successful
Health Fair

MFN Health Services thanks you for
your support

Mnookmi Kidwinan

Memengwaanhs	Butterfly
Waasjibwaan	Trillium
Miinkaanens	Seed
Eshkaabag	New Leaf
Ngwaagan	Rainbow
Waaskone	Flower

Asiginaak	Blackbird
Azhashki	Mud
Gimiwan	Rain
Niibiish	Leaf
Biidiins	Chick
Kitigan	Garden

Aamoo	Bee
Noodin	Wind
Giizis	Sun
Pichi	Robin
Maki	Frog
Ginii	Rose

Mississauga First Nation Education Department

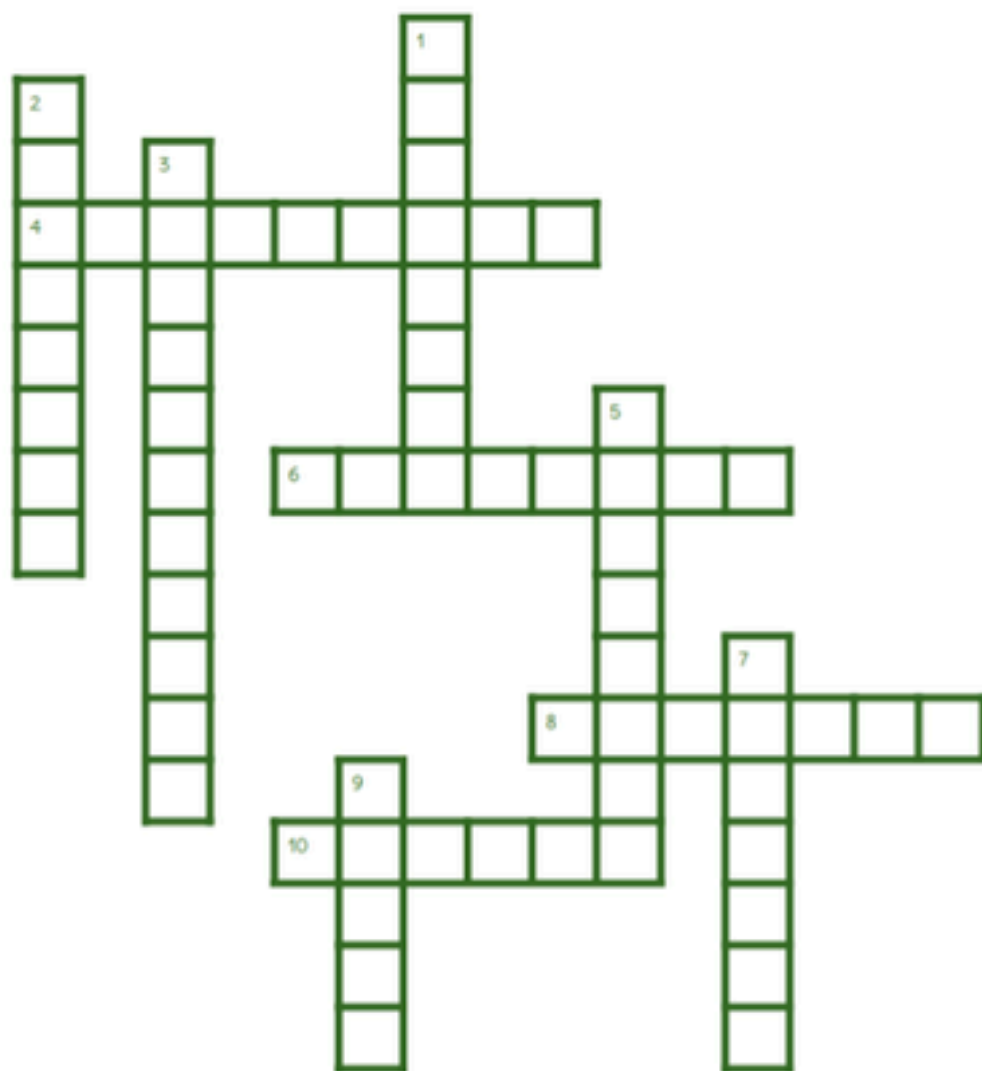


WAASJIBWAAN
MAKI
AAMOO
NOODIN
NGWAAGAN
MEMENGWAANHS

KITIGAN
GIMIWAN
GIIZIS
PICH
GINII
ESHKAABAG

WAASKONE
MIINKAANENS
AZHASKI
NIIBIISH
ASIGINAAK
BIIDIINS

Mississauga First Nation Education Department



Across

- 4. Blackbird
- 6. Leaf
- 8. Garden
- 10. Sun

Down

- 1. Mud
- 2. Flower
- 3. Seed
- 5. Chick
- 7. Rain
- 9. Robin

Save the Date

44th Annual
Mississauga First Nation
Pow Wow

July 19 & 20



MFN Pow Wow Grounds
Hwy 557

For more information
contact

Monica McGregor at
Monica@mississaugi.com
or call 705-356-1621 Ext:
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Upcoming Events

In the community

April

April 24 - Mental Health Service Fair

May

May 5th - Red Dress Day

May 11th - Mother's Day

May 15th - Health Fair/Treaty Day

May 19th - Victoria Day

June

June - National Indigenous History Month

June 6th - Anishinaabe Gizhigad

June 21st - National Indigenous People's Day

Answers to Word Match

Winter/Biboon page 1:

Hard Crust Moon:
Onabaani Giizis

she/he taps the tree:
Nagwaake

Maple Syrup:
Ziisbaakwaswaabo

The sap is running:
oojegaa

Winter/Biboon page 2:

Sugaring Moon:
Ziisbaadoke Giizis

she/he collect the sap:
Aawasebe

Maple Tree: Ninnawtig

To Boil Down: Skawgmizge



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COMMUNITY NOTES

FROM THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

Aanii,

We hope you enjoyed the eighth edition of “Minwaajim.” In Anishnaabemowin, the word “Minwaajim” means 'to bring good news.'

To help preserve the Anishinaabe language, the editorial committee will strategize and implement it in more articles, captions, and headlines. The Editorial committee also understands that it is important to preserve the language and utilize a strategy that encourages community members to reconnect with the language, history, and traditions of Mississauga First Nation. If you are practicing the language and wish to support us, please don't hesitate to contact us.

The newsletter is for the community, and if you want to put anything in Minwaajim, stories from the past, photos or any events happening in the community that you want to promote, you can email Stacey or Miranda for the next edition of the Minwaajim.

The Mississauga First Nation website is also back up and running so go check out [this link](#) to get up to date on what's happening around here.

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