



Smoke Signal



A Gathering of the Mississaugas

By: Clifford Niganobe



Chief Reg Niganobe giving opening remarks at the meeting of the Mississaugas

On September 24th, and 25th, a meeting was hosted by our First Nation, Mississaugi #8, for all our Southern family to join us by invitation up at the Chiblow Lake Lodge. Mississaugas of Alderville, Scugog, Hiawatha, New Credit and Curve Lake were invited to Mississauga #8 for the gathering.

The Mississaugas have a rich history dating back for millennia. It was a time of the great war with the Iroquois nation that we became separated and dispersed throughout most of Southern Ontario. Along with the Three Fires Confederacy, most of Southern Ontario was fought with the Iroquois. Mississaugas resided along the banks of the great Mishizaghing Zibii located at the mouth (boom camp) and what is now the Mississaugi Delta park. The Mississauga's were a part of this push to remove their enemy from the area. Once the Iroquois were defeated and pushed south to New York State, the Mississaugas moved into the vacant territory to guard against any further attacks from their enemies.

Chief and Councils from each First Nation arrived on Wednesday September 23rd and the community was invited to Chiblow Lake Lodge where discussions amongst our nation took place.

A community feast was held Thursday evening of the 24th to welcome the visitors and Elder Doug Williams related the history of the Southern Mississaugas. He gave an inspiring talk of the Mississaugas to the crowd at the gathering.

The whole event was enjoyed by all our guests. The chief gave them a tour of our departments and buildings within our First Nation. They really enjoyed our Chiblow Lake meeting area, the Cultural Complex, the Sports Complex and the Daycare. One Mississauga reserve down south said that they don't have a daycare for their children. In general, they praised what we had to offer our community members.

The meeting was a great success and more meetings and gatherings are planned for the future. All videos and photographs of the meetings are stored at our library for future reference. If you would like a copy of these videos, please contact the library.

Help Please! With the upcoming changes regarding how Child Welfare Prevention and Protection services will be handled once Nog-da-win-da-min becomes the designated agency, the need for a Safe House is needed. An assessment by Nog-da-win-da-min will be needed to determine if you are eligible as an alternative care provider. Financial assistance will be provided.

The Safe house will be a home on Mississauga First Nation that will take in any children due to an emergency after regular Band Office hours. It is not a place to keep a child(ren) indefinitely, just a safe place until arrangements can be made to place the child(ren). If this is something you think you could assist with, or if you need more information, please call either Linda Ambeault, Health and Social Services Director or Yvette Moffatt, Social Services Manager at the numbers below

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AUTUMN EQUINOX TRADITIONAL CEREMONIES

In celebrating the beauty of our Mother Earth as she prepares to rest for the winter season.



One of the many observers at the ceremony held at the Mississauga Falls on September 21, 2015 (Equinox)

The ceremony began around 8:00 am with a smudging ceremony to cleanse all in attendance and a song from the women's drum group. Next was the lighting of the three pipes that were present.

The Equinox and Solstice have always been a time for ceremony for our ancestors in the past. A cycle of 4 months each one which united our people in times of

separation when they moved to their northern hunting grounds and their return to their summer homes. They enjoyed a joyous and festive time of unity. Fall Equinox celebrated the harvest, winter celebrated story telling, spring celebrated the new life that was about to take place and summer to celebrate the life.

Lunch was provided at the Cultural Complex followed by a journey from the Blind River Marina by boat to a location on the shores of Lake Huron for water ceremonies performed by the woman of the Mississauga First Nation.

The day ended around 3 in the afternoon. It is rather an awesome feeling to bring back our cultural practices with all these ceremonies taking place. It is who we are as a nation, our identity.

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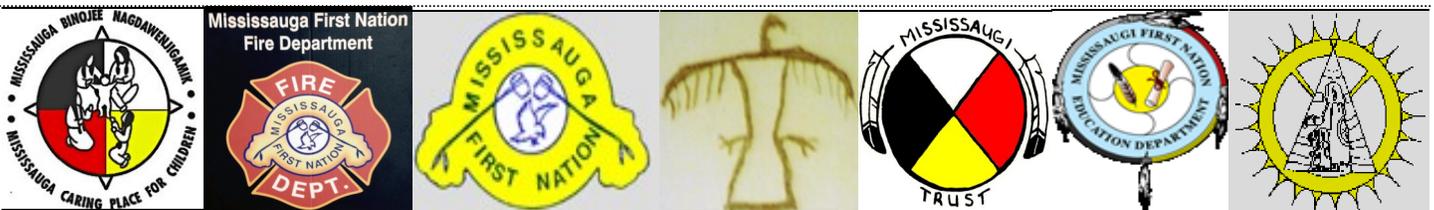
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Take Back The Night

By: Clifford Niganobe

On September 22nd, the 4th annual Take Back the Night was held in the Mississauga community. This event was hosted by the Mississauga First Nation Wellness Program and Mississauga Women’s Shelter.

The event began with opening remarks and a drum song from the women’s hand drum group. There was an opening prayer said by a local elder and guest



Father and son, Robert and Bentley Eskabok releasing a lantern in support of Take Back The Night.

pm. Right after supper, there was a teaching of family values, and men’s and women’s roles in their communities from one of our local elders.

Hope is here and the reality is you can make a difference in someone’s life, maybe your own.

Finally, there was a march from the Cultural Complex to the ball park. The route went from the western exit of the driveway, down Park Road, left on Village Road and then down East Street to the ball park where the Chinese lanterns were released.



Up and away to show support of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous in Canada

Say no to sexual assault, Say no to domestic violence, say no to any kind of violence!

Finally, everyone went back to the Cultural Center to enjoy cake. What a great evening!!



Chief Reg Niganobe and Councillor Roger Boyer II raring to go for the walk.

speakers to talk about their past experiences. Some were very touching and made you wonder how another person can do such a thing to another person.

A delicious supper was served to all in attendance at 5

Honour the women in your life. Give thanks for their lives

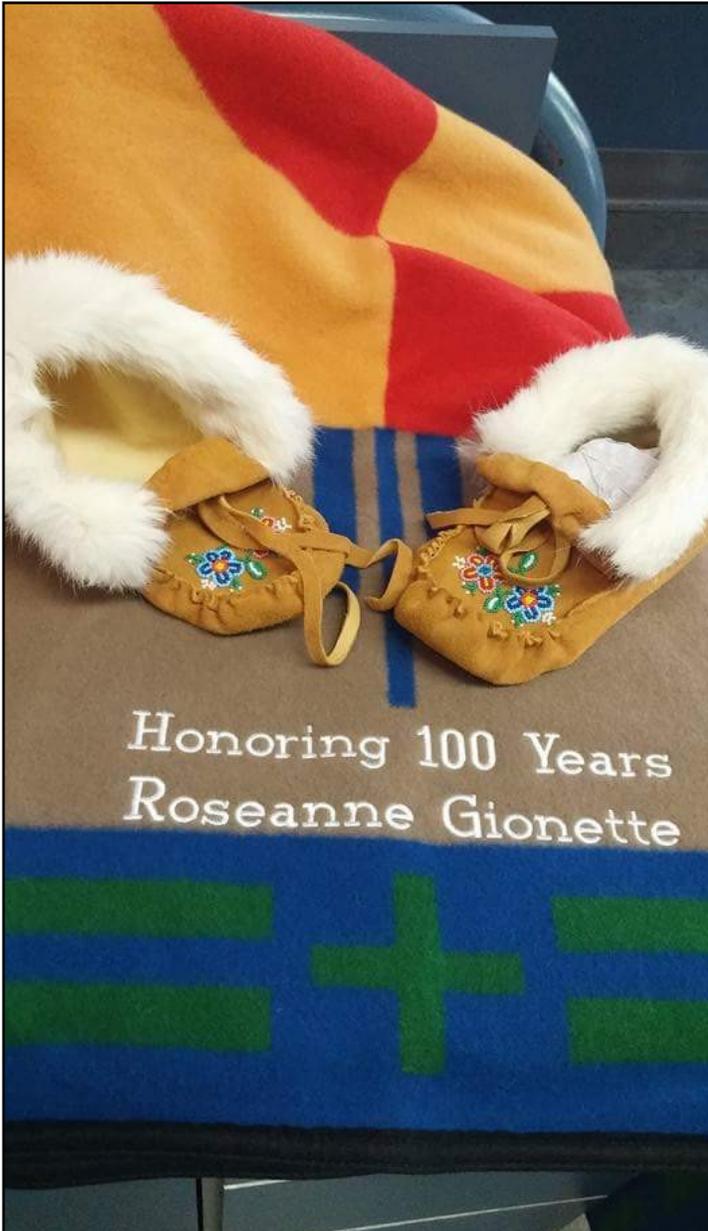


The participants before sending off the Chinese lanterns

Local First Nations Elder Celebrates her 100th year

By: Tracy Gionette-Mackenzi

Roseanne Gionette, an elder of the Mississauga First Nation was born 100 years ago on August 7, 1915. On Saturday August 8, a celebration for her birthday



Presented to Roseanne Gionette by Chief and Council of the Mississauga First Nation on her 100th birthday celebration on August 8, 2015

was held at the Golden Birches Residence at the Blind River Health Centre. Her large family and many friends attended to help celebrate this joyous occasion.



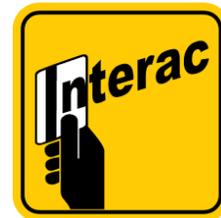
From left to right: Councillor Roger Boyer II, Son Richard Gionette and Chief Reg Niganobe standing behind Rose Anne Gionette to help celebrate her 100th birthday at Golden Birches.

Also, Chief Reg Niganobe was in attendance along with a few councillors to present Rose with a beautiful blanket and moccasins.

NOTICE

The Mississauga Band Office now has a debit machine

You can now pay your Rent with a Debit Card



(Debit Only)

When Hunting and Fishing in your Traditional Territory, always remember:

No policy or regulation from the settler government can ever override a treaty. They may tell you, well it is our policy and regulations. You reply yea, I have a policy and it's called a treaty. It is your inherent right to use your traditional lands to hunt and fish, and this was never given up..

Sharon Verne—workshop at Chiblow lake lodge video— Fall Harvest 2013

The Great Ojibway Migration

<https://decolonialatlas.wordpress.com/page/3/>

A wiigwaasabak is a birch scroll, sewn together with cedar roots, used ceremonially by Ojibwe medicine men. They use geometric diagrams to explain many complex things and have been handed down for generations. This particular 2.6-meter long wiigwaasabak was made by Eshkwaykeeshik (James Red Sky). It recounts the historical journey of the Ojibwe people from their home along the Zhiiwitaagani-gichigami (Atlantic Ocean) to the Nayaano-nibiimaang Gichigamiin (Great Lakes) which occurred in the 14th and 15th centuries.

“After the Great Manito had created all creatures on earth, he found they were dying off and decided he needed to get them to worship him, but he didn’t know how so he called a meeting of all the birds and all the creatures on earth to talk about it ‘somewhere across the Big Water, where this Manito was.’ The Manito needed someone to take his message to the people and asked who would do it. The Bear was there and said, ‘I’ll take it across to the people.’ The Bear went off with the message of Everlasting Life, but it was very heavy to carry and he could hardly walk. When he came to a wall, he couldn’t get through it at first until he stuck his tongue out, which

made a hole that he could get through. He did this each time he came to a wall, and the four wind manitos stationed at each of the cardinal directions thanked him for the work he did. He came upon four walls before he finally got through to Mide-wegun or Mide lodge.

The Bear had successfully carried the Pack of Life thus far when he met Megis, the shell, who took over the trek down the St. Lawrence River to Montreal, past the Lachine Rapids to Mattawa, on down the French River to Lake Huron, through the Straits of Mackinac to Sault Ste. Marie.

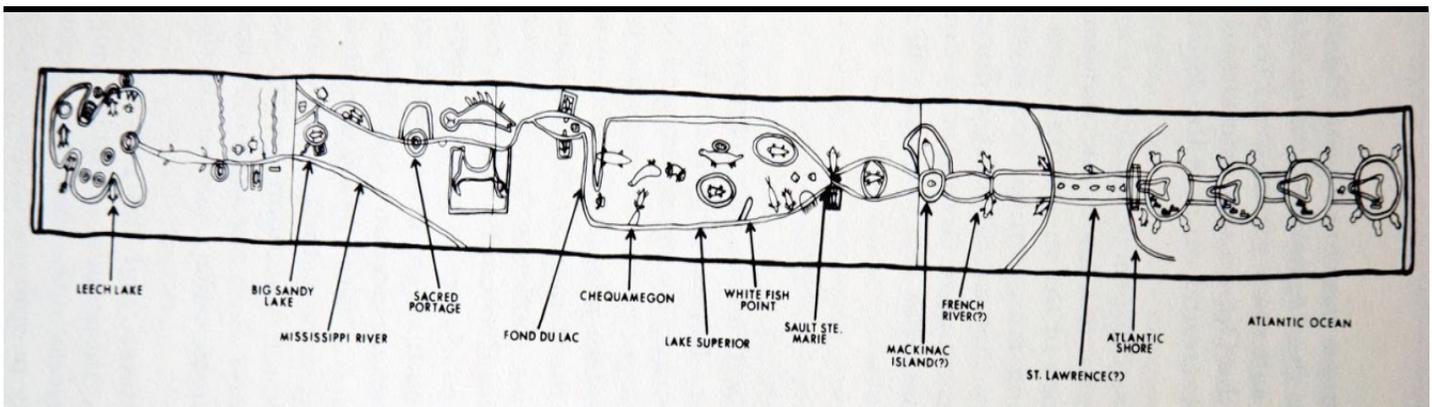
Somewhere along this stretch of the journey the Megis transferred the Pack of Life to the Otter, who carried it along the south shore of Lake Superior to the Keeweenaw Peninsula, on to LaPointe in Wisconsin, breaking through a sand bar at Fond du Lac at the west end of Lake Superior and travelling up the St. Louis River westward to Leech Lake.”

~ Eshkwaykeeshik (James Red Sky)

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Another teaching is about the differences between men and women....and finding a balance in relationships of any kind between the sexes:

*How fire represents the man; men are responsible for keeping the fire at ceremonies; that fire is like that male energy....when we take part in a sweat lodge ceremony it is like being reborn from the womb of Mother Earth....the lodge is that womb....the fire that heats the rocks that go into the lodge from the fire are like the male seed entering the womb....the water put on those rocks is the female energy....water represents the female....water is the lifeblood of Mother Earth with the lakes, rivers etc. that feed her....so women are keepers of the water while men are the keepers of the fire....what does this have to do with relationships????....if man is fire and woman is water, then think of it this way: if you take fire and put it to water you create steam which is largely “invisible”....so too much on the male side can seem to make the female “disappear”....if you take water and put it on fire, you can put the fire out....same thing then if too much on the female side; the male is “extinguished”....so it’s all about finding balance....not too much fire and not too much water....a balance or a “partnership” in learning to co-exist. **ART SOLOMON***

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 Email: avincent@mississauga.com

We are open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9-4

ANISHNABEMOWIN CLASSES

Anishinaabemdaa Miiniwaa ngoding
(Lets Speak The Language Once Again)

The Anisninaabemowin Program is offering classes six times a week this fall and winter. Come out and join your neighbors as we reclaim our language in our country. In addition to the Great Lakes region, Anishinaabemowin, or other variations of our language was spoken from the East Coast right across the country.

Morning, afternoon and evening classes are available at various locations:

1. Band Office Mon. & Wed. 9:15—10:45
2. Band Office Mon. & Wed. 1:15—2:45
3. Red Pine Tues. & Thurs 1:15—2:45
4. Education Tues. & Thurs 9:15—10:45
5. Education Tues. 6:15—8:15
6. Education Wed. 6:15—8:15

Classes will continue to be offered at the Day Care and Afterschool Programs.

The birth of Tuhbenahneequays; second child had come in the midst of peboon (Winter). Apart from a midwife she was alone, for the Indian believed that at all times the woman's power to give birth and the man's power to hunt must be kept separate. The warriors feared they would become paralyzed or lose their ability if they broke the taboo and entered the wigwam of an expectant mother.

*Sacred Feathers, The Reverend Peter Jones (kawkwaquoanaby) and the Mississauga Indians
 By: Donald B Smith*

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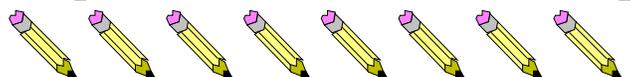
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NOTICE

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Mississauga First Nation Sports Complex

Monday to Friday 9:00 am—9:00 pm, Saturday to Sunday 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

<u>Student</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Senior</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Family</u>	<u>Price</u>
Day Pass	\$5	Day Pass	\$10	Day Pass	\$5	Day Pass	\$25
1 month	\$30	1 week	\$50	1 month	\$30	1 month	\$100
3 month	\$75	3 month	\$120	3 month	\$75	3 month	\$175
6 months	\$130	6 months	\$200	6 months	\$130	6 months	\$300.
1 year	\$200	1 year	\$250	1 year	\$200	1 year	\$500

Gymnasium Rental Fees

<u>Type of Event</u>	<u>Gym Only</u>	<u>Gym & Kitchen</u>	<u>Kitchen</u>	<u>Gym with Kitchen (48 hours) (\$200)</u>
Licensed	\$40/hr.	\$75/hr.		\$300 you clean, \$500 we clean
Non-Licensed	\$35/hr.	\$60/hr.	\$40/hr.	\$250 you clean, \$450 we clean
Rec./Sports	\$30/hr. or \$75/day	\$40/hr., \$150/day	\$40/hr., \$100/day	\$200 you clean, \$300 we clean
Meetings	\$35/hr./\$100/day	\$45/hr., \$125/day		\$250 you clean, \$350 we clean
Kitchen Rental	1 day	\$30 added to invoice		

“That spiritual power I wear is much more beautiful and much greater. We call it wisdom, knowledge, power and gift or love. There are these four parts to that spiritual power. I wear those. When you wear that power it will beautify your mind and spirit. You become beautiful. Everything that Tunkashila creates is beautiful.”
 — Wallace Black Elk, Lakota



From the play “Stinkin Thinkin” here from Left to Right, Former Mayor of Elliot Lake Rick Hamilton, Willard Pine of Mississauga First Nation, and Sue Jensen, Mayor of Blind River posing for a photo.

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Come out and support the worthy causes



A Dedication to our Warriors

By: Clifford Niganobe

Mississauga First Nation have dedicated park benches to our Elders who have worked hard on our land claim and have succeeded in negotiating a settlement. Thanks to these warriors who have made it all possible.



William Boyer Sr. is Placed at the Penewobicong River, beach area.



Eli Niganobe is placed at the children's playground at the intersection of Village Road and Ella Drive

Not shown in the pictures is Leo Chiblow's bench, which is placed at the beach at Chiblow Lake Lodge. James Cada Sr.'s bench was placed around the Red Pine Lodge area.

What a great way to commemorate our Land Claim heroes by having these benches made for them and placing them in the designated areas for all to see and admire.



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1. At least 18 years of age
2. Out of school for one year
3. Working towards OSSD

Come in or call Stacey to setup an appointment to see if you are eligible @ 705-356-3197 Ext. 3

****AND REMEMBER LUNCHEONS
“WEDNESDAYS!**”**



Ernest Morningstar is placed at the Falls

Mississauga First Nation 2015 Pow Wow A Huge Success

By: Clifford Niganobe

The weekend of July 18th and 19th was the Mississauga First Nation 34th Annual Pow Wow held at the Pow Wow grounds along the Penewobicong River. The theme for this year was “Honoring All Our Relatives.”



As the sign says mmm... ever good fish! Vendor's at the Pow Wow, Bob & Ron's Fish and Chips

In the spring of this year, work had begun to put up a new arbor for the drummers and a new gazebo for the announcers. Phase one of the project was completed in time for the Pow Wow. Also, a lot of brush and trees were removed for the parking lot and camping sites. Hopefully we can get the next phase done for next years pow wow.

This years Pow Wow had more people in attendance than last year. This was evident on the first day as the cars began parking on Highway 557 near the main entrance to the grounds. There is still more work planned for the Pow Wow grounds to make it look even more inviting for next year.

Nanahbozhoo and Indian Summer (after making Turtle Island and populating with the different nations and animals)

Nanabozho then withdrew to sit at the North Pole overlooking all the activities of the human beings he had placed on earth. Almost every fall one sees his signal. Just before he dozes off for his winter sleep, the Earth Maker fills his great pipe and smokes for several days. The smoke arising from his pipe produces Indian summer.

Sacred Feather –The Reverend Peter Jones (Kahkewaquonaby) and the Mississauga Indians, by: Donald B. Smith



One of my favourite photos. The handsome couple sitting here is Wayne Petatagoose and Bernadette Boyer who enjoyed dancing at this years Pow Wow



An awesome photo of the new Pow Wow grounds after sunrise with the mist coming in. Photo courtesy of Chief Reg Niganobe

This year's Pow Wow was a great success enjoyed by a lot more people this year. I hope next year's Pow Wow is even more grand. The more the merrier!

For an important marriage the chief presided, aided by his wife. He passed a pipe around the room so each could share a smoke in common. In this way families were publicly united to banish any past or future disagreements and thus stood as “one united”. The chief then gave the couple an oration of his advice, pointing out the good characteristics of each, and then offered his congratulations to them for a happy future.

Unusual Sunflower

By: Clifford Niganobe

Helianthus annuus, the common sunflower, is a large annual forb of the genus *Helianthus* grown as a crop for its edible oil and edible fruits (sunflower seeds). This sunflower species is also used as bird food, as livestock forage (as a meal or a silage plant), and in some industrial applications. The plant was first domesticated in the Americas.

Wild *Helianthus annuus* is a widely branched annual plant with many flower heads. The domestic sunflower, however, often possesses only a single large inflorescence (flower head) atop an unbranched stem. The name sunflower may derive from the flower's head's



2 weeks later, it shows 5 flowers on the one plant and more flowers are ready to bloom.

across the sky on a daily basis.

I received a call from Linda Chiblow (Big Lin) about an unusual sunflower growing in front of her house. She asked that I come down and take photos of it. What makes it unusual is that instead of its' normal growth of 1 flower on one stalk, this one has close to 50 buds for flowers all over the plant. The seeds or plant was provided by the Anishnaabemowin instructors for the community members who chose to take them and plant them. The sunflower was purchased locally in the town of Blind River.

I have taken photographs of the plant on a weekly basis to keep track of its growth and get the final count of the number of flowers on this plant. Final count is 50 flowers on this one stalk.

"Do not dwell in the past, do not dream of the future, concentrate the mind on the present moment" - Buddha



Each white circle contains 1 or more buds where flowers will grow. Usually 1 flower will grow on one stalk. Shown in the picture is Tootsie Corbiere with the unusual sunflower.

shape, which resembles the sun, or from the false impression that the blooming plant appears to slowly turn its flower towards the sun as the latter moves

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Big Lin pointing (nish style) to the sunflower. Here the sunflower has about 39 flowers separate flowers growing off of it.

YOUTH CENTRE IS OPEN
EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM
6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

SPORTS NIGHT
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Elder's Profile

Name: Rose Anne
Gionette

Date of Birth:
August 7, 1915

Parents: Patrick Gionette
and Roadie Lantain

Siblings: Vita Lynn Arse-
nault, Melvina St. Jules, Ned Giontte, Lillian Gagne,
George Gionette, Patrick Gionette, Celina Michaud

Children: Vital, Rosie, Andy (late), Jo-Anne, Lilly,
Richard, Frank, Donald, Mary-anne, Jim

Grand Children: 32 grandchildren

Great Grandchildren: 46 Great Grand Children

Place of Birth: Mississauga First Nation

Interests: Bingo, knitting, berry picking and playing
the piano.

Past work: Caregiver for many children, besides her
own children, and grandchildren. Rose Anne raised
many extras over the years. Her doors were always
open and she never turned anyone away.

She was a landlord in downtown Toronto on Sher-
bourne Street looking after an apartment complex and
15 to 20 townhouses. Rose and Patty's home was a
welcome centre for anyone travelling to Toronto. Peo-
ple from Mississauga First Nation and Blind River
would stay at their house until they got on their feet
and were able to find a job and a place to live. They
were always willing to help.



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MISSISSAUGA FIRST NATION FOURTH ANNUAL FALL GATHERING 2015

By: Clifford Niganobe

From September 30th, October 3rd was the Fourth Annual Fall Gathering held at Chiblow Lake Lodge. The weather was rather nice but a bit on the cool side. All in all, everyone in attendance had a great time. NSL students from area schools attended on Oct. 1st to participate in the activities.

One of the events that took place on Thursday morning was the chain saw sculpture demonstration put on by local artist Andre Dore from the town of Blind River. He had some of his sculptures on display and he had also donated one of his sculptures to Mississauga. His demonstration lasted most of the morn-



Shyhiem Martin up in the tree tying the moose off to allow it to hang for proper draining of the blood.

There was also, a deer meat cooking competition, a medicine walk with Ernestine Mcleod, beading and leather crafts and a history talk about the Mississauga First Nation with the Elders. It turned out too cold and the water was too choppy and rough to set a net for fish.

Two moose (bull and a cow) and one deer was butchered and distributed to the Elders of the community. I recorded Camille Chiblow skinning and deboning the deer on video. I will keep it here at the library for future reference.

This year's Fall Harvest was a great success with a lot of information and fun. Hope to see you next year!



A table was set up where you could learn to make a moose calling horn to enter the moose calling contest.



Dana Boyer trying her hand at chainsaw carving.

ing. Dana Boyer also tried out carving with the chainsaw as seen in the photo above.



A bull and a cow moose was donated by the Cabaiosai men to the Fall Harvest. A demonstration of skinning a moose was put on by attendees as well as a demonstration put on by Camille Chiblow on skinning and deboning a deer.

Thanks Giving Feast for our Ancestors

By: Clifford Niganobe



As of Monday, October 12, 2015, Rocky Island Lake is at low levels again. Taken during a ceremony performed by Willard Pine, to feast the spirits on Thanksgiving Day.

My father and I journeyed up to Rocky Island Lake on Thanksgiving Monday to perform a ceremony for our ancestors buried up at Rocky Island Lake.

It was an awesome journey there and back. It started with a peaceful ride up to Rocky Island Lake. We met a few hunters on the way and at the campsites on Rocky Island Lake. I made a sacred fire to make the feast offering and Willard Pine performed a pipe ceremony and burned the feast plate we had brought up with us. During the ceremony a Golden Eagle flew in front of us and dove just above the surface of the lake and flew toward the island across from us. As we watched him fly toward the island we also noticed that a Bald Eagle was perched on a big spruce tree in the same area as where the Golden Eagle had landed. They both sat perched in those trees watching us perform the ceremony and after the ceremony was completed, they both flew off in separate directions. The two eagles were an awesome site to see. It's like they were participating in the ceremony and flew away at the end to deliver the message of the ceremony to the creator and the ancestors.

We introduced ourselves to a few of the hunters and Willie told them our purpose for coming to the lake. They were all surprise and curious about the reason and asked a lot of questions. My father informed them and they seemed quite satisfied and happy after the chat with them. As the first couple left the campground, they told a woman coming back to her camp that there were a couple of natives doing a ceremony at their camp site and she said she became very excited. As my father was explaining to her the general history of the area, and of the burial ground under the water caused by the dam, she became very emotional at the loss our ancestors experienced.

Our trip back home was a peaceful and enjoyable one and we plan on going back every year afterwards!

COMMUNITY NOTICE

FISHING AND HUNTING PERMITS

September 23, 2015, Chief and Council suspended the issuing of Hunting and Fishing Permits.

October 7, 2015, Chief and Council made clear and concise clarifications about the decision to suspend issuing permits that identify exemptions to allow hunting and fishing for the following:

HUNTING AND FISHING ELIGIBILITY:

- Residents of Mississauga First Nation and spouses of band members.
- Chiblow Lake Lodge cabin rental occupants
- Hunting and Fishing Permits that were issued before September 23, 2015 will be honoured until December 31, 2015

We apologize for any inconvenience this decision may have caused, but it was made with the best interest of Mississauga First Nation membership in mind.
Miiigwetch **Chief Reg Niganobe**

Home Trivia

Welcome to the Smoke Signals Home Trivia! You will find the answers in the past issues of the Smoke Signal. Older issues are posted on the Mississaugi website for you to search the answers.

1. Second or sub chief translate to _____ in Ojibway?
2. Language is the road map of a _____.
3. Which Band Member will play in the Old Timers Tournament in World Cup Hockey in 2016?
4. Mnookming translates to _____ in Ojibway?
5. Who were the facilitators of the quill box making workshop in the spring of 2015?
6. Ode'miin Giizis translates to _____ in Ojibway?
7. What date was our constitution voted in?
8. Who is the Native Support Mentor for Blind River Public School.
9. Name the two individuals walking for Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women whom visited the community during the National Addictions Awareness week in 2014?
10. Name one visiting Jesuits who visited the Mississaugas in the mid 1600's?

Answers on page 15

MISSISSAUGA FIRST NATION WORD SEARCH

Fall 2015 - Words can be diagonal, up, down, backwards and forwards.

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B	I	I	T	O	O	S	H	K	B	I	I	S	E	N	H	M	E	B	B

Word List *_The remaining letters will spell out a phrase*_

Aandasso - change color

Amik - Beaver

Asabikewin - making a net

Baashkaadodin Giizis - Freezing Moon

Baashkiminsige wook - preserve

Bgidwaa - to set a net

Biitoobriskaawaggan - overcoat

Biitoomiknoot - underpants

Biitoomkizinen - overshoes

Biitooshkbiisenh - swamp

Bine - Partridge

Bnaakwii Giizis - Falling leaves Moon

Dkwaagik - it is fall

Eskham gsinaa - it is colder more

Giidsabii - to take fish from a net

Giiwse - to hunt

Gimiwan - it is raining

Midaaswe - Ten

Miiknoot - trousers/pants Mooz - moose

Mindjigaawnak - gloves/mitts

Mizisi - Turkey

Mnoomnii Giizis - Grain Moon

Namewasab - sturgeon net

Ngwaankwat - it is cloudy

Nika - Goose

Noodin - It is windy

Ntam Giizhigad - First day

Tkeyaa - It is cool

Waabaabagaa Giizis - Leaves Turning color moon

Waaskonenjigan - light/lamp

Wan - it is foggy

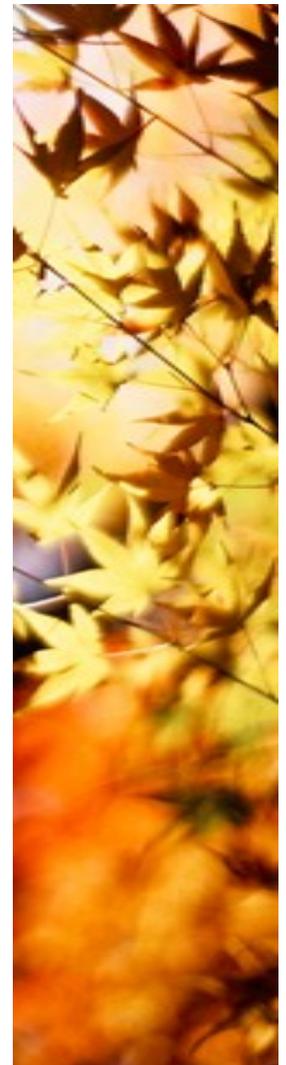
Wiikwan - hat

Zhaangswa - nine

Zigos - aunt

Word can be Forward, backward, diagonal, up and down.

Words are courtesy of Anishnabemowin instructor Don Trudeau

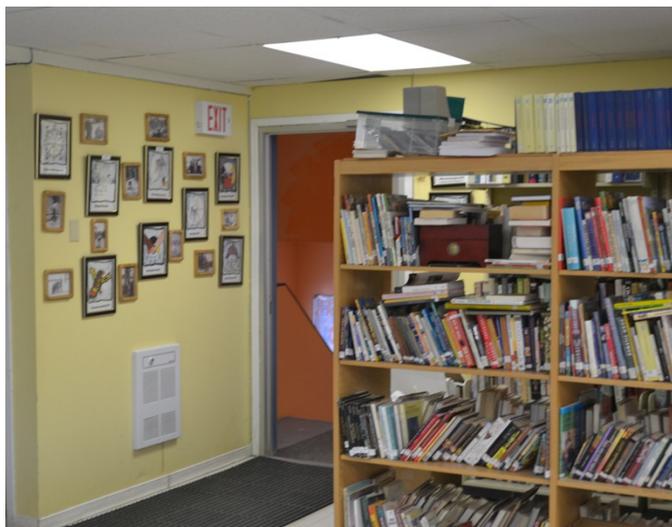


Mississauga Library Has been Rearranged

By: Clifford Niganobe



The interior of our library has a new roomy, cozy look. At the suggestion of a co-worker (Nanette Boyer) it was decided that the walls of the library be painted and the furniture rearranged after the approval of Education Director, Debbie Mayer. I received a lot of positive compliments from community members and they like the new look.



The true Indian sets no price upon either his property or his labor. His generosity is limited only by his strength and ability. He regards it as an honor to be selected for difficult or dangerous service and would think it shameful to ask for any reward, saying rather: "Let the person I serve express his thanks according to his own bringing up and his sense of honor. Each soul must meet the morning sun, the new sweet earth, and the Great Silence alone!. What is Silence? It is the Great Mystery! The Holy Silence is His voice!

— Charles Alexander Eastman, *The Soul of the Indian*

Trivia answers:

1. Mikewogima, 2. culture, 3. Conrad Bobiwash, 4. In the spring, 5. Theodore & Myna Toulouse, 6. Strawberry Moon, 7. March 9, 2015, 8. Nannette Boyer, 9. Chris Swan & Mel Azevedo, 10. Father Gabriel Drulletes.

Word search solution:

Two seasonal migrations was a common practice for our ancestors. They moved from their northern and southern homes.

I wanna make a jigsaw puzzle that's 40,000 pieces. And when you finish it, it says 'go outside.'

Demetri Martin

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Peace and happiness are available in every moment. Peace is every step. We shall walk hand in hand. There are no political solutions to spiritual problems. Remember: if the Creator put it there, it is in the right place. The soul would have no rainbow if the eyes had no tears. Tell your people that, since we were promised we should never be moved, we have been moved five times.

— Unknown

What seems like the right thing to do could also be the hardest thing you have ever done in your life— unknown

FALL ACTIVITIES FOR THE OJIBWAY (Past)

TRADITIONAL OJIBWAY RESOURCES IN THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES

In autumn a band separated into family units. Among the women, late fall activities typically began with the systematic storage of wild rice and maple sugar and involved continued drying of fish and game obtained in the summer months. Special preparations for setting up the winter camp followed storage activities. These preparations included the weaving of bulrush mats for the winter wigwams and the inventory of personal clothing. Weaving the mats was an activity that required the participation of several women and children in a family and entailed the curing of bulrush weeds, making of ropes, and making of the tools needed to weave and sew the mats. In many areas, the fall was a special fishing season, particularly just before the lakes froze in November. The women would set their nets, aided by the men only in the coldest of winter. Dried fish constituted a critical food supply in the winter, particularly in years of poor hunting. - (Densmore 1979: 120).



2014 ANNUAL REPORT

A MESSAGE FROM THE TRUST



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2014 was a great year for the Trust and Trustees. The Trust was able to hold a successful vote on the proposal application package on May 24, 2014

An excellent effort was put forth by the Trustees to ensure a successful vote.

The Trust would like to thank Chief and Council for their support in this Endeavour, as well as all the members who voted. Without the memberships support the vote on the application package would not have been successful.

The Trust can now allocate funding to the individual members under the membership stream; health, education and small business. In addition, the First Nation can submit requests through the Community Project

and the Comprehensive Community Plan streams.

The goal of the proposal packages are to provide financial assistance to the First Nation and membership.

The three streams are:

Comprehensive Community Plan Proposals — identified prioritized community projects as outlined in the 2013 completed Comprehensive Community Plan for Mississauga First Nation and supported by Chief and Council.

Membership Funded Proposals— Assistance where there is an additional need for financial resources in education, health and small business initiatives.

Community Project Stream — First Nation programs/services projects identified and prioritized by Program Managers for proposals supported by Chief and Council.

From May 26, 2014 to May 26, 2015 the Trust received 61 inquiries, sent out 43 applications and 22

completed applications were sent back.

The Trust has approved two applications under the Comprehensive Community Plan totaling \$52,325.

The applications were for contribution towards infrastructure improvements to the fire hall and planer shed as well as studies pertaining to the potential development of a grocery store.

Two projects were approved under the Community Project stream totaling \$56,950. The approved projects were for contributions towards the purchase of a used fire tanker truck as well as infra-



Tanker Truck Purchased

structure improvements to the Dreamcatcher Complex. Under the membership stream seven applications were approved totaling \$18,224.28. These approved applications were contributions towards education, health as well as a small business venture.

Listed below are a few testimonials from our appreciative members.

"Thank you to the community of Mississauga for supporting my course work required to complete my degree."

"Thank you for the support of the Trust and Band members of Mississauga First Nation for your contribution that assisted me toward my educational goals. It helped me achieve my goal of applying to university to study accounting."

I would like to thank the Mississauga Trust and Mississauga Community for their financial assistance in helping me with furthering my education. Without your support I may have not have had the opportunity to do this. Kudos to you for providing such a great program. Thank you. Big Chi chik meegwetch!"

"I would like to send my sincere appreciation to the Trust in their support in my educational and professional development. Through your support you have provided me an opportunity to gain the knowledge and training needed in order to be an effective employee with the First Nation."



For more information regarding the three streams, please visit our website at mississaugi.com or

email the Trust Office at claudetteb@mississaugi.com. You can reach us by telephone at 705-356-1621 ex. 2206 or 1-800-356-1621 ex. 2206.



Mississauga First Nation Land

The purchase of the two properties in the Eastman Subdivision mentioned in last year's report was completed in January 2015.

The Trust purchased the Jack Scott property from the Misswezahging Development Corporation.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Mississaugi Trust and the Mississauga First Nation signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the supervisory functions for the Trust Manager.



ONE-TIME CASH DISBURSEMENT

The Trust distributed the one-time cash disbursement to members who were eligible for membership prior to February 25, 1995. In 2014, \$7,000 was distributed.

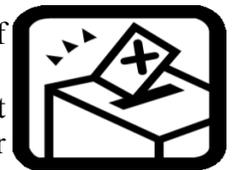
The Trustees, working with the Trust's auditor and investment manager, established the capital and revenue accounts as per the Trust Agreement in 2014.

Interest earned from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 was \$313,631.66.



The TD Portfolio Reports on page Three (4) and four (5) also includes other financial data and on page six (6) and seven (7) show the portfolio summary for the past five (5) years for the capital account.

At the time of printing this report the Trust has held their 2015 Election.



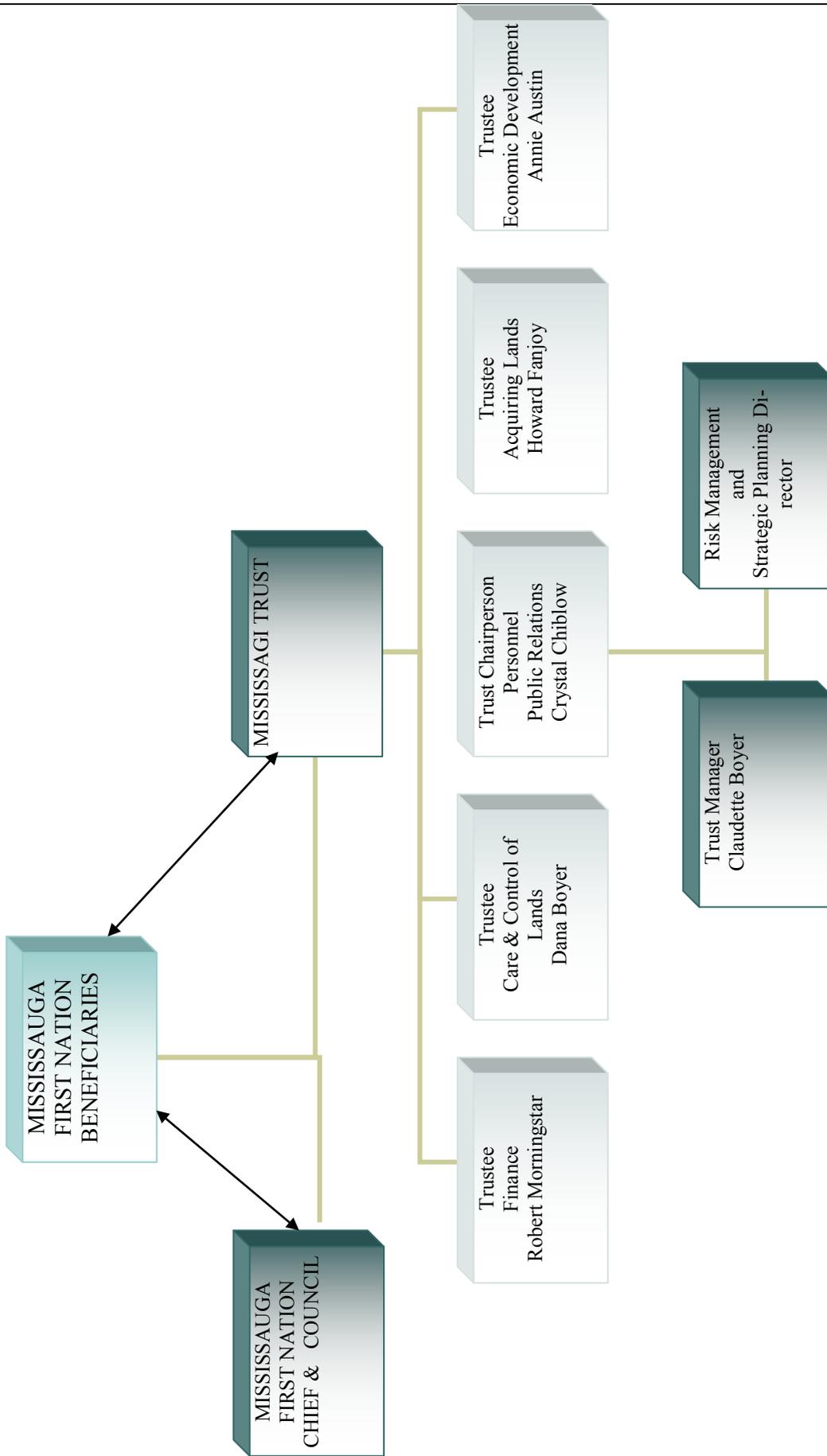
The election took place on May 16, 2015.

Two of the current Trustees had chosen not to seek re-election. The Trustees and the Trust Manager express our appreciation and would also like to say Chi-miigwetch to Gloria Daybutch who has served as a Trustee since May 2012 as well as being one of the original Trustees. We would like to thank Glen Morningstar who has served as Trustee since May 2009.

Annie Austin and Crystal Chiblow were re-elected as Trustees. The two newly elected Trustess are Dana Boyer and Robert Morningstar.

The Trustees' term of office is three years. They consist of the four above-mentioned Trustees, as well as Howard Fanjoy, Independent Trustee appointed by Chief and Council in 1996.

MISSISSAUGI TRUST ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



TD Waterhouse 2014

Capital

Month	Balance	Interest	Realized	Unrealized Cap	Unallocated	Fees	Transfer To & From Rev Acct	Transfer	Balance
				Lost/Gain	Distributions				
December 31 2013	\$ 11,145,888.02							\$143,823.00	\$ 11,145,888.02
January 31, 2014	\$ 11,145,888.02	\$ 28,223.38	\$ -	\$ 93,254.41	\$ 12,002.27	\$ 5,202.80			\$ 11,130,342.28
February 29, 2014	\$ 11,130,342.28	\$ 25,441.23	-	- 3,422.51	7,416.51	4,691.12		-	\$ 11,155,086.39
March 31, 2014	\$ 11,155,086.39	\$ 28,721.23	-	- 39,212.58	7,693.39	5,197.19		28,239.75	\$ 11,118,851.49
April 30, 2014	\$ 11,118,851.49	\$ 27,259.07	-	- 6,845.74	7,903.13	5,020.90		16,095.29	\$ 11,126,051.76
May 31, 2014	\$ 11,126,051.76	\$ 27,248.84	-	18,689.36	8,365.79	5,193.31		128,712.34	\$ 11,046,450.10
June 30, 2014	\$ 11,046,450.10	\$ 26,150.08	-20,713.00	1,372.60	7,635.98	4,992.88		13,199.25	\$ 11,042,703.63
July 31, 2014	\$ 11,042,703.63	\$ 26,504.95	-	- 8,764.62	8,194.04	5,166.51		-	\$ 11,063,471.49
August 31, 2014	\$ 11,063,471.49	\$ 24,453.25	-	12,232.47	8,098.63	5,177.06		33,624.32	\$ 11,069,454.46
September 30, 2014	\$ 11,069,454.46	\$ 26,832.51	-	- 53,146.85	7,715.46	4,993.37		-	\$ 11,045,862.21
October 31, 2014	\$ 11,045,862.21	\$ 23,421.07	5,817.60	- 5,047.55	8,491.54	4,539.32		14,140.90	\$ 11,059,864.65
October 31, 2014	\$ 11,059,312.41	to show revenue interest transferred to new portfolio			1,684,138.56				\$ 9,375,726.09
November 30, 2014	\$ 9,375,726.09	\$ 20,427.53	-	31,017.15	7,153.63	4,240.37		21,219.75	\$ 9,408,864.28
December 31, 2014	\$ 9,408,864.28	\$ 24,208.07	0	- 11,558.92	5,390.78	4,388.42		7,390.33	\$ 9,415,125.46
TOTAL		\$308,891.21	-\$14,895.40	\$ 28,567.22	\$ 96,061.15	\$58,803.25	\$1,712,748.64	\$377,834.85	



Portfolio name: MISSISSAGI TRUST
 Portfolio number: NS4411
 Date: December 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014

TD Wealth
 Private Investment Counsel

Portfolio summary

	This period Dec 1 2014 to Dec 31 2014 (\$)	Year-to-date Jan 1 2014 to Dec 31 2014 (\$)	Past 1 year Jan 1 2014 to Dec 31 2014 (\$)	Past 3 years Jan 1 2012 to Dec 31 2014 (\$)	Past 5 years Jan 1 2010 to Dec 31 2014 (\$)
Portfolio value at the beginning of the period	9,408,863.69	11,145,887.15	11,145,887.15	11,089,811.21	10,353,034.91
Deposits	0.00	14,140.90	14,140.90	14,140.90	14,140.90
Withdrawals, including fees	- 11,778.75	- 2,163,527.64	- 2,163,527.64	- 2,525,355.38	- 2,888,532.99
Canadian interest income	24,208.07	308,891.21	308,891.21	1,180,327.37	2,176,116.11
Non-Canadian interest income	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,295.46	5,569.44
Canadian dividend income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non-Canadian dividend income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Realized capital distributions, gains and losses	0.00	- 14,895.40	- 14,895.40	- 63,431.75	- 126,043.30
Change in unrealized capital gains or losses	- 11,558.92	28,567.53	28,567.53	- 380,724.06	- 215,221.32
Unallocated distributions (see below)	5,390.78	96,061.12	96,061.12	96,061.12	96,061.12
Portfolio value at the end of the period	9,415,124.87	9,415,124.87	9,415,124.87	9,415,124.87	9,415,124.87

How we report income

In this *Portfolio report* we report income on an accrual basis. This means that interest is reported as you earn it and accrues to you each day. We also use the accrual method for reporting dividends from the day you are entitled to receive them (the ex-dividend date).

About unallocated distributions

Unallocated Distributions are comprised of distributions received from Mutual Fund Trust, Income Trust, and Limited Partnership assets. These distributions will be allocated into the appropriate income, dividend and return of capital categories once those factors are determined with accuracy by the source of the distribution.

Change in portfolio value

	This period Dec 1 2014 to Dec 31 2014 (\$)	Year-to-date Jan 1 2014 to Dec 31 2014 (\$)	Past 1 year Jan 1 2014 to Dec 31 2014 (\$)	Past 3 years Jan 1 2012 to Dec 31 2014 (\$)	Past 5 years Jan 1 2010 to Dec 31 2014 (\$)
Change due to deposits and withdrawals	- 11,778.75	- 2,149,386.74	- 2,149,386.74	- 2,511,214.48	- 2,874,392.09
Change due to investment activities	18,039.93	418,624.46	418,624.46	836,528.14	1,936,482.05
Total change in portfolio value	6,261.18	- 1,730,762.28	- 1,730,762.28	- 1,674,686.34	- 937,910.04



Portfolio name: MISSISSAGI TRUST
 Portfolio number: MP1832
 Date: December 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014

TD Wealth
 Private Investment Counsel

Portfolio summary

	This period Dec 1 2014 to Dec 31 2014 (\$)	Year-to-date Jan 1 2014 to Dec 31 2014 (\$)	Past 1 year Jan 1 2014 to Dec 31 2014 (\$)
Portfolio value at the beginning of the period	1,707,131.05	0.00	0.00
Deposits	7,390.33	1,726,889.54	0.00
Withdrawals, including fees	- 800.02	- 16,343.45	0.00
Canadian interest income	1,565.18	4,740.45	0.00
Non-Canadian interest income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Canadian dividend income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non-Canadian dividend income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Realized capital distributions, gains and losses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Change in unrealized capital gains or losses	1,123.72	1,123.72	0.00
Unallocated distributions (see below)	2,238.36	2,238.36	0.00
Portfolio value at the end of the period	1,718,648.62	1,718,648.62	0.00

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Change in portfolio value

	This period Dec 1 2014 to Dec 31 2014 (\$)	Year-to-date Jan 1 2014 to Dec 31 2014 (\$)	Past 1 year Jan 1 2014 to Dec 31 2014 (\$)
Change due to deposits and withdrawals	6,590.31	1,710,546.09	0.00
Change due to investment activities	4,927.26	8,102.53	0.00
Total change in portfolio value	11,517.57	1,718,648.62	0.00

MISSISSAGI TRUST
Financial Statements
For the year ended December 31, 2014

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the beneficiary of MISSISSAGI TRUST:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of MISSISSAGI TRUST, which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2014, and the statements of operations and changes in fund balances and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatements of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of MISSISSAGI TRUST as at December 31, 2014 and the results of its operations, changes in fund balances and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'BDO Canada LLP'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario
March 26, 2015

MISSISSAGI TRUST
Statement of Financial Position

December 31			2014	2013
	Revenue	Capital	Total	Total
Assets				
Current				
Cash	\$ 27,928	\$ 54	\$ 27,982	\$ 11,702
Property taxes and other receivables	74,269	-	74,269	73,919
	<u>102,197</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>102,251</u>	<u>85,621</u>
Investments				
Long term investments (Note 2)	1,718,649	9,415,126	11,133,775	11,145,888
Property	-	2,950,365	2,950,365	2,731,338
Interfund balances (Note 3)	126,545	(126,545)	-	-
	<u>1,845,194</u>	<u>12,238,946</u>	<u>14,084,140</u>	<u>13,877,226</u>
	\$ 1,947,391	\$ 12,239,000	\$ 14,186,391	\$ 13,962,847

Liabilities and Fund Balances

Current				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 10,826	\$ -	\$ 10,826	\$ 16,932
Due to beneficiary, Mississauga First Nation	1,809,218	-	1,809,218	1,602,259
	<u>1,820,044</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,820,044</u>	<u>1,619,191</u>
Fund balances	<u>127,347</u>	<u>12,239,000</u>	<u>12,366,347</u>	<u>12,343,656</u>
	\$ 1,947,391	\$ 12,239,000	\$ 14,186,391	\$ 13,962,847

Approved on behalf of the Trust



Trustee



Trustee



Trustee



Trustee



Trustee

MISSISSAGI TRUST
Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances

For the year ended December 31	2014		2013	
	Revenue	Capital	Total	Total
Revenue				
Investment income	\$ 397,036	\$ -	\$ 397,036	\$ 447,369
Other income	-	-	-	3
	<u>397,036</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>397,036</u>	<u>447,372</u>
Expenses				
Honorariums	24,000	-	24,000	24,000
Insurance	3,892	-	3,892	13,160
Management fees	61,006	-	61,006	61,388
Meeting and election costs	5,575	-	5,575	1,113
Office	22,812	-	22,812	22,505
Professional fees	8,366	-	8,366	14,313
Property taxes	5,992	-	5,992	1,506
Rental	3,107	-	3,107	3,085
Telephone and communications	1,177	-	1,177	1,308
Training	1,407	-	1,407	840
Travel	2,904	-	2,904	2,135
Wages and benefits	37,105	-	37,105	36,828
	<u>177,343</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>177,343</u>	<u>182,181</u>
Income from operations	219,693	-	219,693	265,191
Approved project applications under the ratified May 2014 Trust guidelines:				
Band members	12,734	-	12,734	-
Distributable income	206,959	-	206,959	265,191
Distribution to beneficiary	(206,959)	-	(206,959)	(265,191)
	-	-	-	-
Unrealized gain/(loss) on market value of investments	29,691	-	29,691	(321,288)
Income for the year	29,691	-	29,691	(321,288)
Fund balances, beginning of year	97,656	12,246,000	12,343,656	12,677,944
Less: disbursements for new Mississauga Band members	-	(7,000)	(7,000)	(13,000)
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 127,347	\$ 12,239,000	\$ 12,366,347	\$ 12,343,656

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

MISSISSAGI TRUST
Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended December 31	2014	2013
	Total	Total
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 29,691	\$ (321,288)
Changes in non-cash working capital balances		
Property taxes and other receivables	(350)	(419)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(6,106)	6,061
Due to beneficiary, Mississauga First Nation	<u>206,959</u>	<u>265,191</u>
	<u>230,194</u>	<u>(50,455)</u>
 Investing activities		
Purchase of property investments	(219,027)	(1,000)
Net sale (purchase) of investments	<u>12,113</u>	<u>66,711</u>
	<u>(206,914)</u>	<u>65,711</u>
 Financing activities		
Payments to band members	<u>(7,000)</u>	<u>(13,000)</u>
 Increase in cash during the year	16,280	2,256
Cash, beginning of year	<u>11,702</u>	<u>9,446</u>
Cash, end of year	<u>\$ 27,982</u>	<u>\$ 11,702</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

MISSISSAGI TRUST

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2014

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

Nature and purpose of organization

The Mississagi Trust was established in 1994 from the Land Claim Settlement Agreement under the laws of Ontario. The main purpose of the trust is to maintain assets for the use and benefit of Mississauga First Nation as beneficiary, as governed by the provisions of the trust agreement.

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared using Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Fund accounting

The Capital Fund reports the original amounts received from the boundary claim settlement. In general, capital amounts may only be invested in authorized investments, distributed or loaned for specified purposes and disbursed for authorized expenses.

The Revenue Fund is maintained to account for the trust's earnings on investments and administrative expenses.

Revenue recognition

The trust follows the restricted fund method of accounting for revenue. Amounts received from the settlement are recognized as revenue in the Capital Fund. Investment income is recognized as revenue in the Revenue Fund in the period in which it is earned.

Other revenue is recognized when the amounts to be received can be reasonably estimated and ultimate collection is reasonably assured.

Capital assets

Capital assets are not recorded on the statement of financial position. Purchases of capital assets in the year are recorded as expenses and disclosed in the statement of operations and changes in fund balances.

Investments

Consisting of a variety of fixed, mutual and equity investments are initially recognized and subsequently measured at fair value. Changes in fair value are recognized in income in the period.

Property

Consisting of a variety of land purchases made under the terms of the Land Claim Settlement which dictates the Trust purchase certain lands within or bordering the Mississagi Reserve.

Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value when acquired or issued. In subsequent periods, financial instruments traded in an active market are reported at fair value, with any unrealized gains and losses reported in operations. All other financial instruments are reported at cost or amortized cost less impairment, if applicable. Financial assets are tested for impairment when changes in circumstances indicate the asset could be impaired. Transaction costs on the acquisition, sale or issue of financial instruments are expensed for those items remeasured at fair value at each statement of financial position date.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from management's best estimates as additional information becomes available in the future.

MISSISSAGI TRUST

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2014

1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Distributions to beneficiary

Distributions from the trust may only be made pursuant to the terms of the trust agreement which are generally as follows:

Capital fund distributions are authorized for permitted investments.

Revenue fund amounts equal to annual income as calculated for tax purposes are to be distributed to the beneficiary. Distributions are authorized for projects that would promote the economic, social, and cultural well-being of its members, as well as payments for the trust's operating expenditures.

2. Long term investments

	Market value	Book value
Long term investments - Capital Fund		
Long term investments - capital fund are comprised of the following:		
Federal bonds, effective yield of 3.75% to 4.5%, maturing between June 2015 - June 2021	\$ 2,326,156	\$ 2,259,242
Provincial bonds, effective yield of 2.85% to 4.6%, maturing between March 2015 - June 2023	2,136,705	2,125,741
Corporate bonds, effective yield of 2% to 7.1%, maturing between June 2015 - April 2018	2,010,903	1,988,619
Other Canadian bond funds	2,720,683	2,694,622
Accrued interest domestic bonds	30,837	30,837
Cash	189,842	189,842
	9,415,126	9,288,903
Long term investments - Revenue Fund		
Long term investments - revenue fund are comprised of the following:		
Federal bonds, effective yield of 2.35% to 4%, maturing between June 2016 - September 2023	206,062	205,696
Provincial bonds, effective yield of 1.75% to 4.5%, maturing between March 2015 - June 2022	360,044	359,286
TD Canadian bond funds	1,109,279	1,109,279
Accrued interest domestic bonds	2,816	2,816
Cash	40,448	40,448
	1,718,649	1,717,525
Total long term investments	\$ 11,133,775	\$ 11,006,428

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Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2014

3. Inter-fund balances

Inter-fund balances consist of capital gains unrealized by the capital fund. These gains will be paid to the revenue fund upon being realized.

4. Financial instrument risk

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The trust is exposed to interest rate risk arising from the possibility that changes in interest rates will affect the value of its fixed income denominated investments.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. The organization is exposed to credit risk arising from its accounts receivable. Credit risk is the risk that the counterparty to the transaction will not pay.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the trust encounters difficulties in meeting its obligations associated with financial liabilities. Liquidity risk includes the risk that, as a result of operational liquidity requirements, the trust will not have sufficient funds to settle a transactions on the due date; will be forced to sell financial assets at a value, which is less than what they are worth; or may be unable to settle or recover a financial asset. Liquidity risk arises from accounts payable and due to beneficiary, Mississauga First Nation.

5. Contingent liability

The Trust is in the midst of a legal suit with a former investment portfolio manager for a loss of fair value in the investments under his management. In return, this former portfolio manager has commenced a counter-suit claiming amongst other things, libel and breach of contract. At this time, it is not possible to determine whether there will be any gain or loss from this legal situation. Therefore, no amounts have been reflected in the financial statements.

6. Commitments

Pursuant to a membership vote, the Trust is committed to future funding of \$400,000 for closure of the Mississauga First Nation landfill site and the transfer station construction. This amount has not been reflected in these financial statements.

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Paul Kane's painting of an Ojibway village near Sault Ste Marie, Upper Canada in the mid 1840s. From *Sacred Feathers*, The Reverend Peter Jones (Kahkewaquonaby) and the Mississauga Indians. Donald B. Smith



From Left to Right: Alesia Boyer, Laura Niganobe, Dana Boyer, and Rachel Marion. Four courageous Mississauga kwe who went out onto the land for four days to sacrifice themselves to creation so that they may heal themselves.

Fasting Down at The Boom Camp—(Site of our Ancient Settlement)

By: Clifford Niganobe

Fasting has always been a part of our culture in the past, and since contact with the Europeans, it was almost erased from our culture. In the near past, it was against colonial law to practice our culture and tradition, so in this way it was almost eradicated. Through determination and help from other First Nations, a few of our members went out to learn and bring back this tradition to the community. Most of what they learned was hidden knowledge, meaning that Elders from various First Nations retained the knowledge and held on to it until it was time for them to share it again. It is an awesome feeling to see our tradition and culture being returned to us.



Community members welcoming back the fasters who went out on the land to fast, to seek help, to seek a vision.

Today, was a joyous day for 4 local Mississauga Anishnaabe kwe who went out onto the land to do their fasting, to be part of the revival of this ancient custom now being practiced by the Mississauga Anishnaabek. The fasting was done at the Boom Camp, where the Mississaugas call home. Of course, the evidence is overwhelming that this was the location the Delta area of the Mississaugi River where a huge settlement of the Mississaugas once thrived.

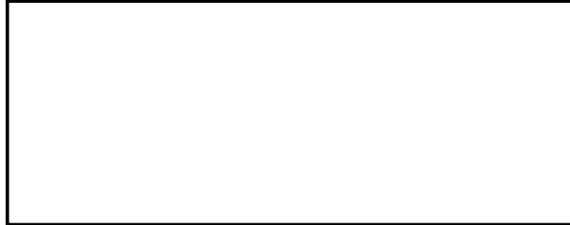
A ceremony and feast was prepared for them, where they were welcomed back to the community and where they relayed their experience to the community if they chose to.

The ones that chose to relate their experiences were heartfelt experiences and I am sure the community members who attended felt what they felt. They found what they were looking for. They did it for the community, their family and friends and most importantly, for themselves. Chi-meegwetch Creator, ancestors, animal spirits for being with them, guiding them and showing them what they needed and wanted to know.

The fasting is held twice a year, in the Spring and in the Fall. It is open to community members who choose to do so. So, if you are interested in fasting, you can contact the cultural coordinator, Evelyn Niganobe to make the arrangements for the next time, which is the Spring of 2016.

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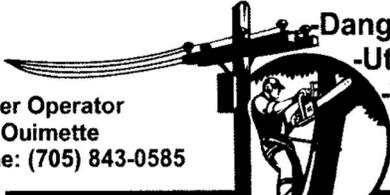
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