

# MINWAAJIM

Formerly known as the Mississauga FN Smoke Signal



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From: The Editorial Committee

With the spring bloom starting to come through, the winter snow is disappearing so we can finally have a beautiful spring. This is our second edition and also the winter edition of the Smoke Signal which we are slowly re-branding to “Minwaajim” in Anishinaabemowin. Minwaajim means 'to bring good news' in the language.

In effort to keep operating costs low and to have less impact on the environment, We are currently only doing digital editions of the newsletter for the time being.

Community members who want to have a physical copy of Minwaajim, can contact Stacey Schellekens at [stacey@mississauga.com](mailto:stacey@mississauga.com) to be added on the mailing list.

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# Introduction to Archeology:

## Arrowheads, Flint-Knapping and Stone Tools

By: Jake Cousineau, Data Management Tech

It's hard not to think of arrowheads when archaeology is brought up. It has become the symbol of the field, we see them in tv shows, movies, and on organizations' logos. Although they might not be as common as some might believe, they serve an important role in telling us about the past.

Archaeology is the study of cultural changes and reactions through time. An archaeologist usually answers the questions they have about the past by examining the things that were left behind. We refer to those things left behind as belongings, artifacts, or material culture, but they're not the only way an archaeologist learns from the past. We can also look at the changes in the natural environment over time. This series will introduce you to different things that archaeologist's study, why they do it, and what they learn from it. Today we will be looking at the most emblematic artifact: the arrowhead.

### What is flint-knapping and what can stone tools tell us about the past?

Stone tools or lithics as archaeologists call them are made in one of two ways: by percussion flaking and by grinding. Arrowheads are made through percussion flaking, which is hitting a softer rock with something harder (usually a hard rock, or the blunt end of an antler). Skill and technique are needed to make sure that the soft rock breaks the way you want it to. The first step is to find a good soft rock, ideally rocks with high silica content were used, such as cherts, quartzite, or quartz... in modern times, even glass will work. This is where the term flint-knapping came from, flint is a type of chert. These types of rocks break in what is called a conchoidal fracture meaning they break off in a smooth curved surface rather than in a flat plane. This is perfect because with practice you can predict how the stone will break and shape it into a nice sharp tool. Grinding is used on hard, grainy stones, and this method is better for making wedge shape tools such as celts and adzes, or something like a pestle. These are made by grinding, shaping, and smoothing the stones into the desired shape.



### So, what can a bunch of broken rocks tell us about the past?

By identifying the rock formations from which the stone tools came from, it could tell us where people in the past were travelling to or who they may have been trading with. Furthermore, the type of tools found on a site may tell us what the site was used for. A lot of scraper knives and awls may hint towards a butchering or an animal processing site, whereas adzes and pestles may suggest that people were growing plants and processing the food on site. Clues from other types of artifacts can give further corroboration to these assumptions.

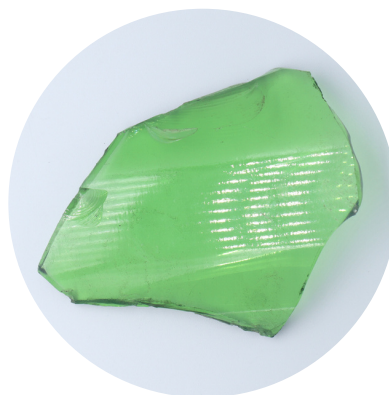
### History of Stone Tools on the North Shore of Lake Huron, Algoma

The earliest evidence of stone tools in the area was found near Ramsey Lake in Mississaugi Provincial Park. A trihedral adze was discovered in the water and was inferred to have been made during the early Middle Period (6000 to 3500 BCE). During the late Middle Period (3500 BCE – 200 BCE) we start to see “exotic” lithic from areas around Lake Michigan on sites in Algoma, rarely were lithic materials from the Canadian shield found. During this period, we also see the use of copper artifacts. There isn’t too much change between the stone tool kits of the late Middle Period and the Woodland period (200 BCE to ~1700 CE). During the Middle Woodland period, the stone tools consisted of flaked tools such as end and side scrapers, paint stone nodules, biface blades and a variety of arrowheads. Although stone tools, became less popular and rarer in the early contact period, they kept being used especially as early firearms were unreliable and burdensome.

Stone tools catch the imagination of the public. Not only are they a cool and interesting find, but they also hold an amazing amount of information about the past. From them, we can learn what people were doing in the past, where they were travelling to and who they might have been trading with.



**ARCHEOLOGICAL KNIFE**



**PIECE OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL GLASS SHOWING CONCHOIDAL FRACTURING**

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## Mississauga's Hudson Bay Company Post "Hudson Bay Company Archives"



The Mississauga River trading post is "included in a list of North West Company Posts, which were combined with the Hudson Bay Trading Post in 1821 when it was presumably transferred." The Post was mainly used for the purpose of trading furs in return for supplies that the Indians might need. Some of the people that were in charge of the trading post were; "Henry Sayers from 1845 to 1862, Joseph Boyer 1871, and John Dyke from 1877 to 1890." This Post supplied food, tools and other necessities that the people of the Mississauga River Band of Indians might need for the days to come. The Post was then closed in the year of 1900.

\*Excerpt taken from Hudson Bay Archives & MFN History





If you recognize any of these people in the photos or would like to submit photos for future editions; Please e-mail Miranda at [archives@mississaugi.com](mailto:archives@mississaugi.com)

# TWO FIRST NATIONS & A CITY FORM PARTNERSHIP FOR MISSISSAUGI PARK

By: Miranda Bobiwash

Back in January, two first nations communities of the North Shore and the city of Elliot Lake formed a partnership to collaborate with the Government of Ontario to make an agreement called the Mississauga Park Foundation.

It was made to help maintain and operate the Mississauga Park in connection with the two first nation communities in the North Shore. Mississaugi First Nation and Serpent River First Nation are on board with helping each other out to build up the local economy and will bring new tourism to the park, economic benefits and employment opportunities.

Chief Bob Chiblow stated “Years of hard work and determination have resulted in the formation of the Mississagi Park Foundation, an effort that will allow all three communities to continue to provide recreational activities within this unique landscape both now and for the next Seven Generations.”

A ceremony was held at the Culture Centre in January with Chief Bob Chiblow, Chief Brent Bissaillon of Serpent River First Nation and the acting Mayor of Elliot Lake, Andrew Wannan to sign the Agreement for Mississauga Park and to display the new crest of the Park for the Mississaugi Park Foundation. The Committee for the Mississaugi Park foundation were also present at the ceremony. The Committee includes Denise Payette, Stacy Bisiallion and Keith Sayers from Mississauga First Nation.



“We will ensure all those who visit the park will not only experience its great beauty but will also gain a deeper and more meaningful understanding of the Anishinaabe culture when they leave.”

-Chief Bob Chiblow



Photo taken at the MFN Cultural building



## Sources:

Environment, Conservation and Parks, (2023), Ontario Announces New First Nations Partnership to Operate Mississagi Provincial Park

Selva, K., (2023), Elliot Lake Today, First Nations, municipalities join forces to run provincial park



## Little NHL 2023

By: Miranda Bobiwash

This year, Mississauga First Nation had three teams going down for the Little NHL 2023. The U7's, U9's and U11's all played their games while everyone including their families and the community in the crowd cheered them on. The U7's played against Oneida Nation, Moose Cree and Wikwemkong. For the u9's, they won one game out of four in the tournament and the last game went into overtime with a close call but unfortunately, coming up short with the final score being a nail-biting 10-9. The U-11's came out with some hardware to bring back home and winning the U-11 Division Championship.

Congratulations to all the teams that played in the Little NHL 2023 and Miigwetch to all the families, staff, community and supporters who helped out.

Also would like to say Chi Miigwech to Al Miley & Associates, Mspections and Supplies for the Soul for purchasing of all the team jerseys.

Congratulations are in order for all the children that attended the LNHL, especially for the U-11's who came back home with some silverware winning the U-11 recreational division. Their final game was against Whitefish River.



*U-11 Recreation Division Champions | Coached by Natalie, Travis, Brian and Veronica*



*U-7 A Champions | Coached by Britney, Sherri, Ashley and more*



*U-9 | Coached by Chelsea, Claude, Kerrie, and Zen*



## Story From LNHL Player : Jake Morningstar

By: Heather Morningstar

The day after Jake played in the "A" U15 Competitive Final, Jake said he already misses Little NHL! He plays for the Moose Cree Scrappers as part of the U15 Competitive Division in the Little NHL. Out of all the tournaments he participated in throughout the season, the Little NHL is his favourite for many reasons. Jake gets to see his friends and family that he only sees during the tournament and the energy is intense. The arenas are packed, loud and yet he can look into the crowd and see some familiar faces. His mom, sister, aunts, uncles, cousins, and grandparents are all watching him with pride. Jake showed leadership and respect while proudly representing Mississauga First Nation and is forever grateful for the support while playing with the Moose Cree Scrappers. He is already counting down the days until LNHL 2024!



## Moose Cree Scrappers "A" U15 team 2023



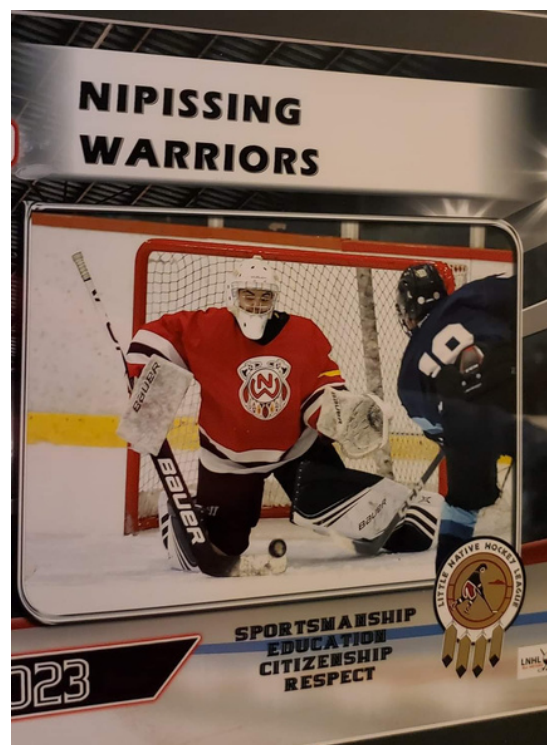


## Tale of Two Cousins

by: Danielle Beauchesne

It was a game for the books as two boys who were related and didn't even know they were related played against each other at the Little NHL this year. The two boys who are both goalies for two separate teams, were competing against each other in the Under 18 Competitive division. Isaiah Morningstar who plays for the Nipissing Warriors and Theron who plays for Hockey Equality. With the intensity rising in each period, it was tie 3-3 in third period.

In overtime, Hockey Equality came in with the win for the final score to be 4-3. It was a match that many call one of the best games in the Little NHL. We would like to say thank you to community for the sponsorship and allowing the unexpected reunion to happen. Their great grandfather was watching down on them including a packed arena to watch an amazing game. They are both related by the late Harvey Morningstar (Isaiah's Grandfather) is the brother of Jason Morningstar's mom (Theron's Grandmother.)



## Students from MFN Adult Centre Attend Ice Fishing Trip on March 29th



*Pictured with fish is Anthony Chiblow*

## WHAT'S THE WEATHER IN ANISHNAABEMOWIN?

Directions: Match the weather to the words in Anishnaabemowin.



**IT IS RAINING**

**Saagawte  
(saw-ga-te)**



**IT IS STORMING**

**Nagwaankwad  
(nu-gwawn-kwud)**



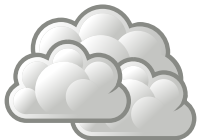
**SUNNY**

**Taamgwad  
(tom-gwud)**



**IT IS WINDY**

**Zogpo  
(zohg-po)**



**IT IS CLOUDY**

**Gimiwan  
(ge-mi-win)**



**IT'S SNOWING**

**Nooden  
(no-den)**



# Anishnaabe Winter Words

Match the word to the correct picture in Anishnaabemowin!



HOCKEY

Goon Daabaan  
(goan dah-bah-n)



SOCKS

Zhooshkwaadekamigad  
(zhoosh-kwah-da-ku-mi-gud)



HAT

Mdaasan  
(mi-daw-sun)



SNOWMOBILE

Wiiwkwaan  
(wi-ew-kw-on)



SWEATER

Naapkawaagan  
(naw-p-ku-waw-gun)



HE/SHE IS FISHING

Pagwiyaan  
(pug-wi-yawn)



SCARF

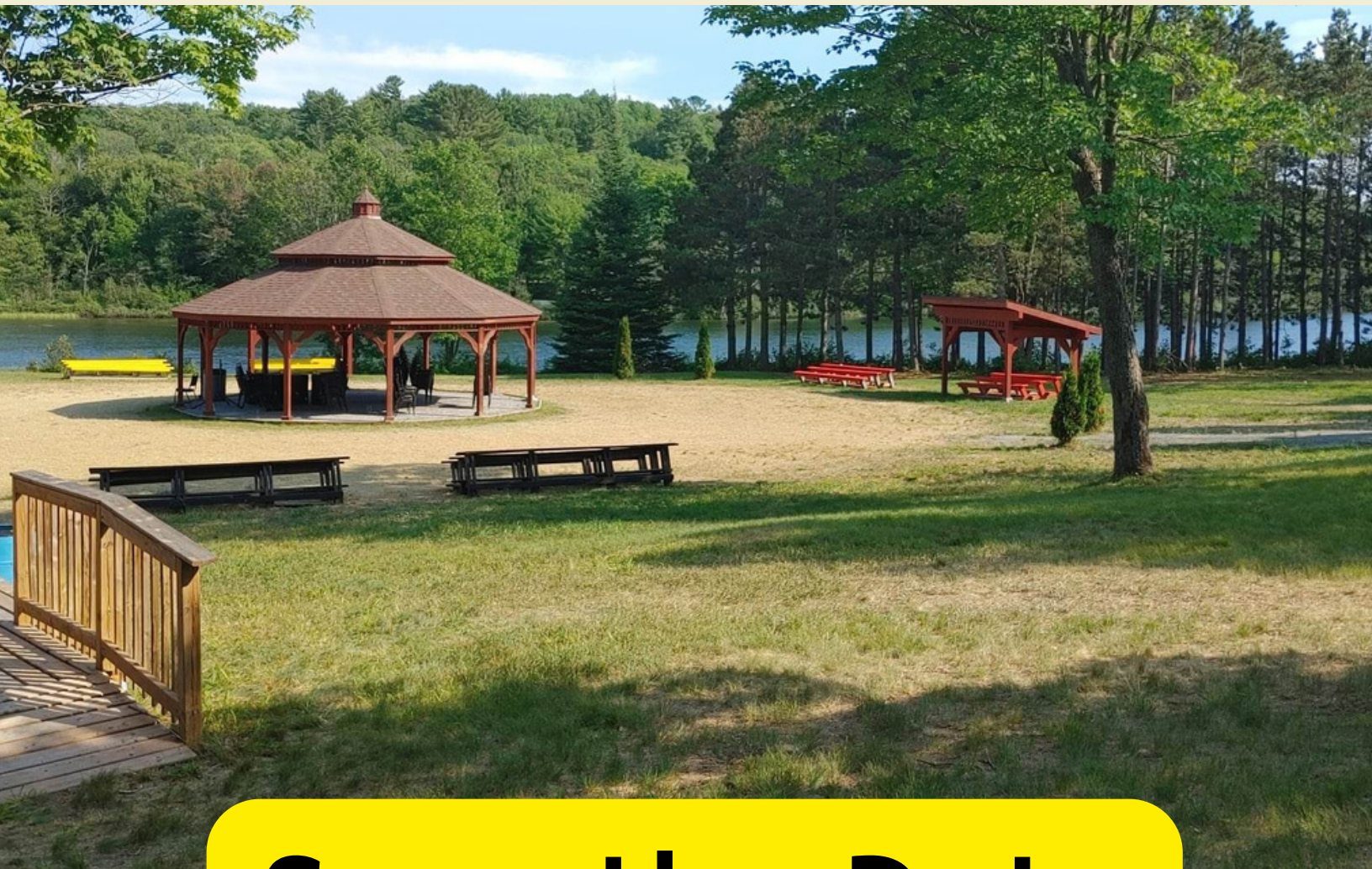
Biiskawaagan  
(Bees-ku-waw-gun)



COAT

Giigoonhyike  
(gi-go-ka)





# Save the Date

**Mississauga First Nation  
42nd Annual Pow-Wow  
July 15-16, 2023**



# Upcoming Events

In the community

## May

**18TH: HEALTH FAIR**

**18TH: TREATY DAY**

## June

**6TH: ANISHANAABE GIIZHIGAD**

**21ST: INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY**

**21ST: MISSISSAUGA NATION'S  
1ST ANNUAL TRADITIONAL POWWOW**  
in Mississauga City

## July

**15-16TH: MFN ANNUAL POW WOW**

## ANSWERS TO WORD MATCH

### WEATHER WORDS

Sunny: Saagawte

It is raining: Gimiwan

It is Cloudy: Nagwaankwad

It it storming: Tamgwaad

Snowing: Zogpo

It is windy: Nooden

### WINTER WORDS

Snowmobile: Goon Daabaan

Hockey: Zhooshkwaadekamigad

Socks: Mdaasan

Hat: Wiiwkwaan

Scarf: Naapkawaagan

Sweater: Pagwiyaan

Coat: Biiskawaagan

He/she is fishing: Giigoonhyike



**MISSISSAUGA  
FIRST NATION**



# Upcoming Events



Paintings done by Cathie Jamieson, Mississaugas of Credit



**Save the date**  
**June 21, 2023**



**Theme: Michi Saagiig Anishinaabe “united celebration”**

**History in the making**

Mississauga Nation is hosting their 1st inaugural Traditional Pow wow in Mississauga city.

Contact: Veronica King-Jamieson, Mississauga Nation Coordinator

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# COMMUNITY NOTES

## FROM THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

Aanii,

We hope you enjoyed the second edition of “Minwaajim.” The word Minwaajim means 'to bring good news' in Anishnaabemowin.

To preserve the Anishinaabe language, the editorial committee will be strategizing and implementing the language in more articles, captions, and headlines. The Editorial committee also understands that it is important to preserve the language and to utilize a strategy that encourages community members in reconnecting 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 reach out.

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 for the next edition of the Minwaajim.

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