



ATIKAMEKSHENG **ANISHNAWBEK**

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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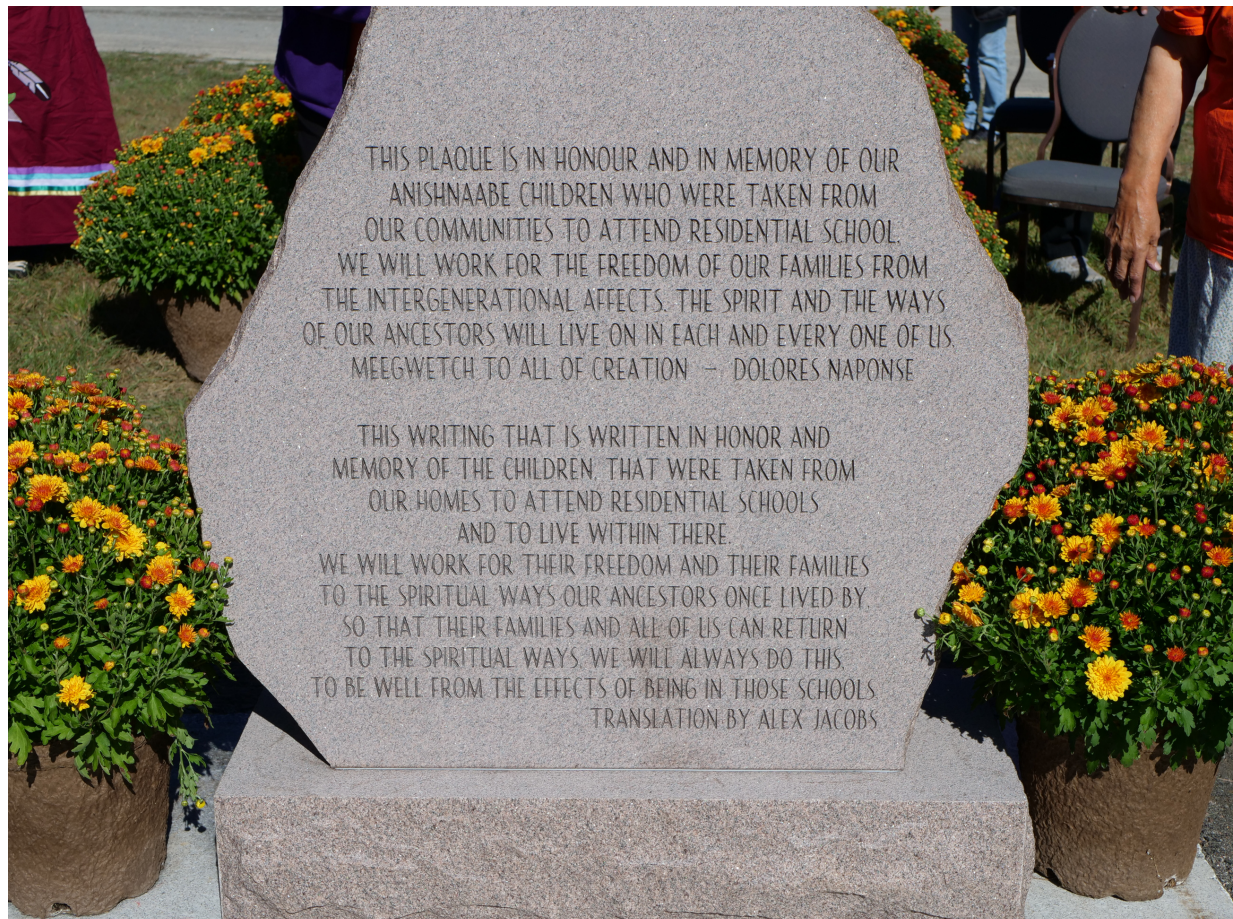
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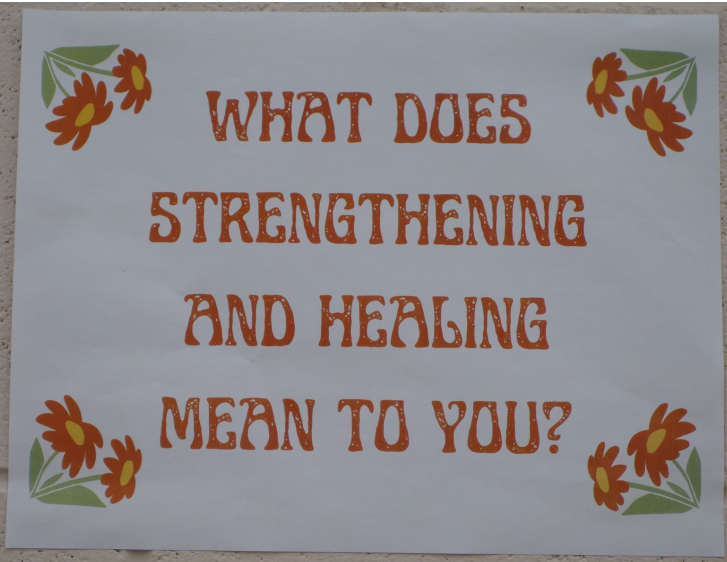
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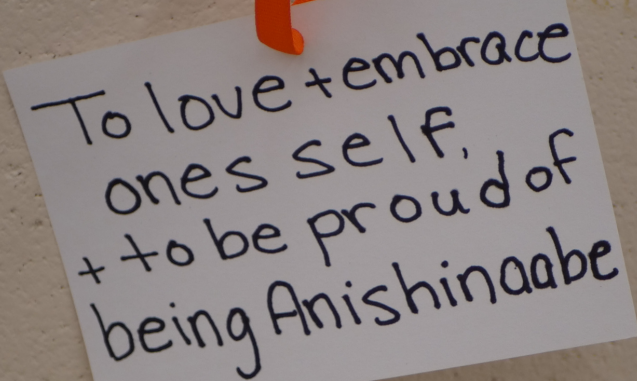
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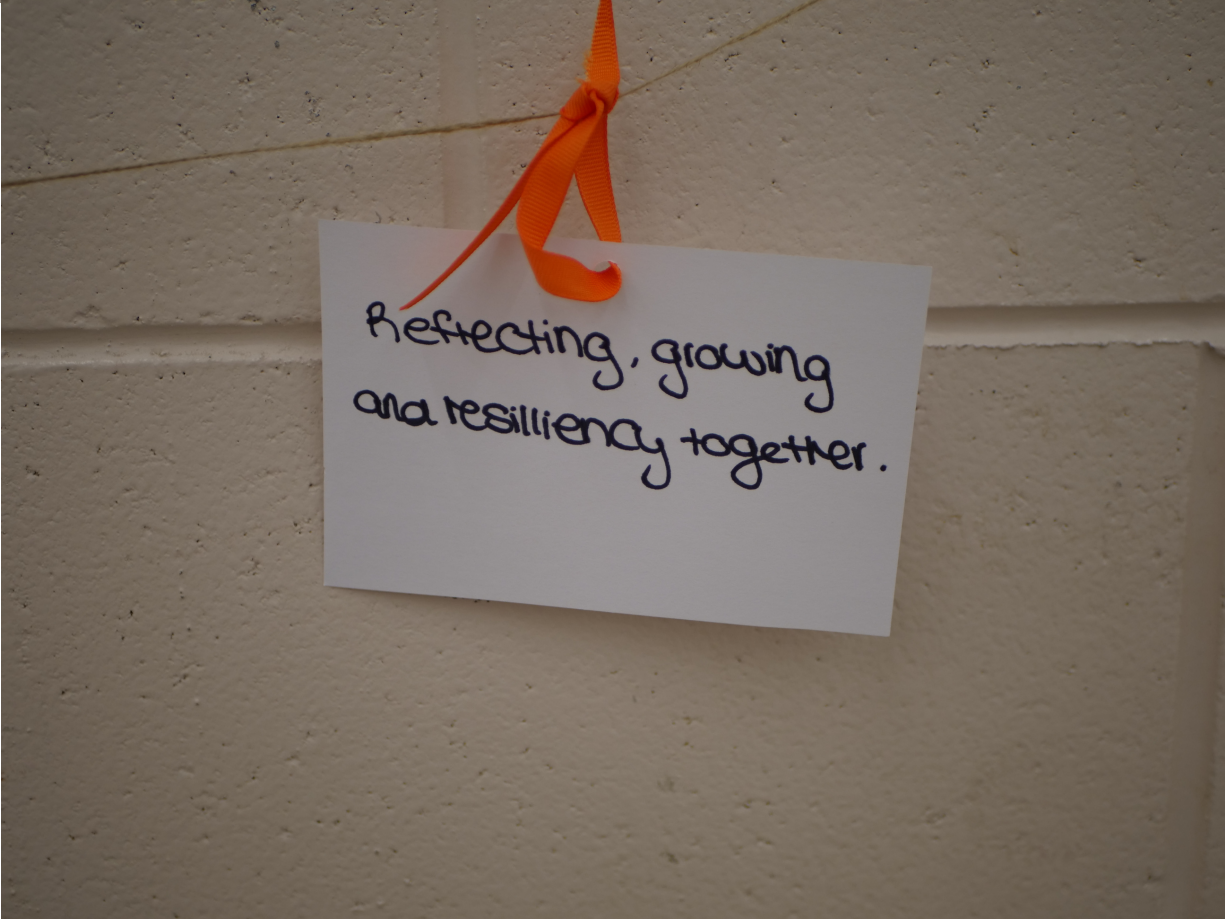
Truth and Reconciliation Day



WHAT DOES
STRENGTHENING
AND HEALING
MEAN TO YOU?



To love + embrace
ones self,
+ to be proud of
being Anishinaabe



Reflecting, growing
and resiliency together.

Lands and Economic Development

The Lands and Economic Development Department has some updates to share with the community

We have collected, raised, hatched, and released approximately 200,000 walleyes back into Atikameksheng Lakes this summer. The hatcheries in our Department Office and Youth Centre will be cleaned and set up for the Brooke Trout eggs in the fall.



Ø The Species-at-Risk Coordinator (SARC) and Natural Resources Coordinator (NRC) are continuing to seek additional funds to expand the scope and equipment for the Turtle Project. As of now, we have collected over 220 Snapping Turtle and Painted Turtle eggs.

Ø The Lands Staff is currently working on the Fisheries Monitoring Project with Laurentian University. The lake depth surveys to produce a map that can be used to randomly select sites for placing nets have been completed, and netting of lakes began the week of July 11th.

Ø The Species-at-Risk Coordinator (SARC) has submitted a project proposal with Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources (CIER) that focuses on work with Species-at-Risk. This project will be centered around monitoring the Atikameksheng territory for Eastern Wolves via trail cameras. We hope to hear back from CIER within the next month.



Lands and Economic Development

- An early mineral exploration permit application notice was received from the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources, and Forestry (NDMNR) submitted by proponent, MacDonald Mines, on July 20th, regarding proposed exploration activities to be conducted in Janes and Davis townships. A notice has been posted in the Community Flyer to gather any comments/concerns from members.
- The LifePath Program is still accepting applications for Cohort 2. The new cohort will begin in late summer and run until March 2023, with a three (3) month placement. If you have any questions or would like to apply, please contact our LifePath Program Coordinator at lifepath.coordinator@wlnf.com.
- If you have a resume or are looking to update one, please contact our Economic Development Officer at ecdev@wlnf.com! We are frequently in contact with businesses looking to hire.
- We collected, raised, hatched, and released approximately 200,000 walleyes back into Atikameksheng Lakes this summer. The hatcheries in our Department Office and Youth Centre are prepared for the Brooke Trout eggs in the fall.
- We collected over 220 Snapping Turtle and Painted Turtle eggs this summer. The eggs were placed in our incubators and monitored daily by the Lands Team.
- The 4th Annual Turtle Release was held on September 15th, with over 30 people in attendance. Turtle Clan Teachings were held at the Teaching Lodge, courtesy of Elder Mary Elliott and Brandon Petahtegoose, followed by the release at Halfways.



Lands and Economic Development

- The Species-at-Risk Coordinator (SARC) had submitted a project proposal with Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources (CIER) that focuses on work with Species-at-Risk and was approved! This project will be centered around monitoring the Atikameksheng territory for Eastern Wolves via trail cameras. Thirty (30) trail cameras have been set up so far.
- Our consultant for the Tourism Feasibility Study, Urban Systems, will be hosting a Community Session on September 27th at 6:00 – 8:00PM via Zoom. Each attendee will be entered into a draw to win 1 of 2 gift cards to Moxy's Bait & Tackle!
- Cohort 2 of the Life Path Program is now full! If you have any questions or would like to apply for the next cohort, please contact our LifePath Program Coordinator at lifepath.coordinator@wlfm.com.
- A Briefing Note was presented to Gimaa and Council on August 15th for the approval of the Board Directors (2 external, 1 internal, 1 Economic Development Committee member) for the Economic Development Corporation, as recommended by the Selection Committee. The Board's Orientation Meeting will be hosted during the second week of November. Please stay tuned to the Community Flyer for the Meet-and-Greet!

Social Services Update

FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM & FAMILY WELL-BEING PROGRAM

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

This program will provide individuals with an opportunity to connect with one another and with other community members in a safe space through discussions on various topics, as well as, doing various activities to promote self-care and awareness. This program will be coordinated by Family Support Worker, Rosella St. Georges.

BUFFALO RIDERS (Drug Prevention Program for Youth)

This program is currently under development. Family Support Worker, Jess Seltzer has completed Buffalo Riders Early Intervention and Let's Talk About Cannabis trainings offered by Thunderbird Partnership Foundation. This program will be targeted towards community youth to provide knowledge about the misuse and abuse of drugs and alcohol with traditional foundation to assist youth in discovering their identity without the use of substances.

This program is scheduled to be delivered in the new fiscal year, March 2023.

INDIGENIZED PARENTING PROGRAM

This program is designed to provide learning in a culturally appropriate environment. We hope to help parents and caregivers gain self-awareness, increase their coping skills, and build on their strengths which will allow individuals to grow in many aspects of their lives. It's an opportunity to provide a safe space for individuals to learn new skills and share their stories with everyone. Building each other's relationships and connections with one another to come together as a stronger community and support system. This program is delivered by our Family Support Workers & Family Well-being Workers.

Social Services Update

YOUTH INITIATIVE

Family Well-Being Worker, Megan Espaniel is working in collaboration with Mental Health Worker, Safiyyah to put on two separate programs for female and male youth once monthly. This will occur for a 12-month period with a catchment of girls 10 to 17 years old and for boys 10 to 17 years old.

The program is designed for pre-teens boys and pre-teen girls to come together to build connections and positive relationships in a safe place. This is anticipated to be an environment where the youth can grow together and talk about any issues they are facing while ensuring there are supports in place for them. Each month, workers will implement teachings, discuss various topics, as well as do various activities to build positive self-esteem.

FAMILY FOOD SECURITY PROGRAM

The Family Support Program is currently working on developing guidelines for families to access the program, as well as, seeking space to run a Family Food Security Program which will assist families both on and off reserve in utilizing the program in obtaining some basic food necessities including nonperishables, meat, and grains.

It is with hopes to run this program until March 2023 and reassess the program to seek further funding. This program will be coordinated by Family Well-being Worker, Sydney Keay.

Social Services Update



Community Well-Being Team Update:

Whitney Nootchtai has officially transitioned into the Social Services Department taking on the Community Well-Being Manager role after providing service to Gimaa, Council and the community for four years in the Political Office. Whitney oversees four staff: Ashley Buzzell, Child Well-Being Worker; Ashley Nootchtai, Nookomis Kidwaa Worker; Brandon Petahtegoose, Oshkaabewis; Darlene Ackerland, Youth Well-Being Worker. Whitney is a graduate of the Social Service Worker program at Fleming College and has extensive experience in working with youth, children and families. Whitney is settling into her new position well.

Social Services Update

Community Well-Being Team Update:

September saw the start of a new program within the community for children and youth. Programming costs are being shared with the Right to Play program and Education. There are approximately 40 children and youth registered in the MMA program which is being taught through Sudbury MMA at the community centre on Tuesday evenings. The group is split into two age categories and snacks are provided following the program. Due to the level of interest and number of engaged participants, we are hoping to bring this program back to the community come spring 2023 and perhaps open it up to adults!

The Nookomis Kidwaa program is wrapping up their sewing program (star blankets) with the group that started in June 2022. The program saw a total of 10 participants and 10 quilts were completed. The Nookomis Kidwaa program is beginning a new fall session with a new group of participants. This new session will commence September 28, 2022.

Our Oshkaabewis continues to provide cultural services to the organization and community. The drum group continues through the months of September and October for our young boys and men.

Other programming that has and is occurring is the snack and homework club, various cultural teachings at community events and the Feast It Up! Program.

Resource Development Department Update



Aanii kina wayaa! Ozaawaa Memengwaa Kwe n'dizhnikaaz. Ginoozhe doodem. Z'gamook n'doonjibaa. Anishnaabe-kwe n'dow. Hello! My name is Michelle Toulouse. I am proud to join Atikameksheng Anishnawbek as the Director of Resource Development (DRD). I have been working in First Nation administration and government for over 12 years. I have experience in negotiating and implementing resource benefit agreements, developing relationships, and I am really excited to develop and grow the new Resource Development department. I look forward to working with and meeting all of the staff and community members of Atikameksheng Anishnawbek. I look forward to providing regular updates on resource development projects and negotiations going forward. Please feel free to drop me a line or email me (director.resourcesdev@wfn.com) if you have any questions. Nahow, miigwetch!

DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Atikameksheng Anishnawbek Negotiation Team (AANT):

Meeting #18 - August 10, 2022

Highlights:

- KGHM Victoria Mine Impacts and Benefits Agreement (IBA) Discussions
- Vale Relationship Agreement Revisions Discussions
- New Mining company MOU Discussion and Update
- Traditional Land Use Study
- Debrief on Vale/Glencore Nickel Rim South Project meeting
- Updates on DRD staff recruitment
- Project Dashboard meeting

Resource Development Department Update

Meeting #19 – September 14, 2022

Highlights:

- Project Dashboard Request for Proposal
- KGHM Victoria Mine – Notice of Project Status
- AANT Terms of Reference Revisions
- AA Consultation and Accommodation Protocol Revisions
- Ministry of Mines request for information on updated Consultation and Accommodation Protocol
- Updates on meetings attended with proponents and Ministry

Human Resources:

The Resource Development Department formally started with the on-boarding of Director of Resource Development (DRD), Michelle Toulouse on August 8th, 2022. The Mineral Development Advisor (MDA) position, previously part of the Lands and Economic Development Department, has now transitioned over to the Resource Development Department (RDD) starting August 8th, 2022. We are currently in the process of hiring a full-time Executive Assistant to the DRD and a Community Consultation Lead.

Director of Resource Development:

- Orientation with Gimaa and CEO to provide introduction to the role, departmental expectations, workplan, strategies, policy documents and agreements for review.
- Orientation with Chief Financial Officer to review finance procedures, processes, and budgets
- Worked on New Relationship Fund (NRF) reports and application for 2022-23 fiscal year
- Document, policy and agreements review – ongoing
- Attended internal and external meetings as required
- Prepared and presented briefing note and BCR for Chief and Council related to NRF application
- Prepared briefing note regarding updates to AANT terms of reference and Consultation and Accommodation Protocol updates

Mineral Development Advisor:

- The MDA has been busy coordinating and attending meetings with some of the proponents and Ministry representatives for introducing the DRD. Some of the meetings that took place included meetings with SPC Nickel, Magna Mining, and the Ministry of Mines.
- MDA and DRD visited SPC Nickel's office and drill core facility on Kelly Lake Road on August 29th, 2022.
- MDA along with the Environmental Coordinator and the proponent completed site visit to a proposed aggregate pit project site in Denison township (shown in map below) on September 6th, 2022. The Stage 1 archaeological assessment conducted on this site showed presence of some Euro-Canadian midden including old cast iron stove parts, plough, broken glasses. The proponent mentioned they will be using a 300-meters buffer around this area within the project site, leaving the artefacts in their original condition. This proposed project is currently consulting with the surrounding communities. There will be an information session for the community members in coming weeks, please stay tuned to flyers and newsletters for more information on the upcoming session!

Resource Development Department Update



- MDA has been continuously attending the monthly environment and exploration sub-committee meeting with Vale and exchanging relevant information.
- MDA has been assisting the Environmental Coordinator in reviewing the Long Lake gold Mine (LLGM) and wetland rehabilitation simple environmental review applications and has also been attending project update meetings for the LLGM and Lockerby mine rehabilitation projects. The Ministry of Mines staff/contractors held virtual community information sessions for cultural heritage report on LLGM site on September 13th and for the Lockerby mine rehabilitation project on September 15th, 2022, at 6-8pm respectively.
- MDA attended the virtual Mining- Lake Huron Regional Roundtable organized by Anishinabek Nation on September 13th, 2022.

Government and Proponent Updates:

KGHM:

- Advanced Exploration Agreement IBA Implementation – Activities related to the implementation of the current Victoria Project Advanced Exploration Agreement [SK1] Impacts and Benefits Agreement (IBA) have been taking place. The Environmental Sub-Committee meets regularly to review reports and provide updates related to the project.

IBA Negotiation Update:

Our internal team has been going through the draft agreement section by section and meeting extensively over the spring and summer. The negotiation teams on both sides were feeling some burn out, so a decision was made to break until the fall.

Resource Development Department Update

Magna Mining Corporation:

Sudbury focused base metal exploration and development company formed in 2016, acquired Ursa Major Minerals in early 2017. Their projects include past producing Shakespeare Mine and Shining Tree project. Shakespeare is situated 70 km to the south-west of the Sudbury Basin. Magna Mining recently signed a definitive agreement for acquisition of Lonmin Canada Inc., that owned the past producing Crean Hill Mine. MDA and DRD met with Magna Mining team virtually on September 6th.

Ministry of Mines:

Met with staff from the Ministry of Mines to provide an introduction to new director as well as the updated Consultation and Accommodation Protocol. Discussion on Atikameksheng Anishnawbek traditional territory and values is ongoing.

SPC Nickel Corp:

Sudbury based exploration company with two (2) projects, Lockerby East and Aer-Kidd, within the Sudbury Basin and an option for the Janes Project located 50km northeast of Sudbury. The company also has property in Nunavut. The initial meeting was to provide introductions, company presentation, and updates on current exploration work. MDA and DRD attended SPC Nickel Corp. office in Sudbury and toured the core storage facility.



From left to right, Brad Clarke, Grant Mourre, Michelle Toulouse, Saruna Kunwar. SPC Nickel Corp Tour

Resource Development Department Update

Vale:

- Intent to Submit Exploration Plans - Vale notified us with their intent to submit exploration plans for the proposed Wisner and Ministic projects on August 19, 2022. The notice was published in community flyer to gather any comments/concerns. MDA has initiated the review of the plans and will be preparing a response letter shortly. The proponent Vale is yet to submit these plans to the Ministry of Mines.

- Agreement Negotiation Update – No meetings held.

Meetings:

Internal Meetings Attended in August/September

AANT Committee – August 10, September 14

Chief and Council – August 15, September 12

Comprehensive Community Plan Q1 Update – August 22

Directors Meeting, August 16, September 13

KGHM Internal Strategy/Update Meeting – September 1

Political Team – August 11, August 18, September 1, September 8, September 15, September 22

External Meetings Attended in August/September

Aggregate License App #626540 (Fairbanks Road) – September 6

Lockerby Mine Rehabilitation Update – September 15

Long Lake Gold Mine – Cultural Heritage Study Review – September 13

Magna Mining Meeting – September 6

Mapping and Dashboard Development Meeting – August 17

Ministry of Mines – August 25

SPC Nickel Office/Core Building Tour and Discussion – August 29


Union of Ontario Indians - Lake Huron Regional Round Table on Minerals & Mines – September 13

Vale/AA Environmental and Exploration Sub Committee – August 30


Outreach and Mental Health Update


We partnered with the Suicide Safer Network to promote the health services offered at Atikameksheng Anishnawbek. The event was aimed to raise awareness and to promote that talking about suicide is the best way to prevent it. We want everyone to know that there are services available in Sudbury if you or someone you love is struggling.


There was rock painting, yoga and many other organizations present that provided attendees with resources. Mayor Brian Bigger and NDP Party member Jamie West were also in attendance. The event was well attended by non-community members, however, there were a few Debendaagziwaad in attendance.

**SUICIDE SAFER NETWORK**
RESEAU DE SENSIBILISATION EN MATIÈRE DE SUICIDE
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WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY

**SATURDAY
SEPT 10TH, 2022**









**ELIZABETH ST.
CAZEBO, BELL PARK**

**1:00 PM TO
4:00 PM**

Suicide Awareness Event

Join the Suicide Safer Network for a family-friendly event to raise awareness about suicide, its impact, and the efforts to destigmatize suicide.

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	ROCK PAINTING, RESOURCE FAIR, JUMP CASTLE, YOGA & MORE!
2:00 PM	OPENING PRAYER & DRUMMING
2:15 PM	SERIES OF SPEAKERS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE





Housing and Infrastructure



Aanii, I'm Amanda Blandford!

I am a member of Atikameksheng Anishnawbek and I was born and raised in the Sudbury area as well as here in the community. I currently hold a diploma in Police Foundations and will be graduating June 2023, from the Social Service Worker Program at Cambrian College. I am excited to be a part of the Atikameksheng team to expand my knowledge my and skills and to work with our Debendaagziwaad.

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Housing and Infrastructure



New Tenant Relations Officer

Michelle Elliott is now our Tenant Relations Officer. Her primary focus is to improve tenant relations between tenants and the housing department and to achieve sustainable tenancies within the housing department operations.

- Establish healthy working relationships with current tenants
- Deliver maintenance educational programs to current and future tenants
- Respond to repairs and maintenance request
- Ensure rental agreements are maintained and rent payments are met
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Michelle graduated from Cambrian College and has been working with Atikameksheng Anishnawbek in the housing department since September 2019. Michelle thoroughly enjoys working with our community members. Michelle has been providing exemplary work in housing and we wish Michelle all the best in her new role as our Tenant Relations Officer.

New Housing Construction

Project 1- RHI 7 units on Nora Road contract awarded to Maki Construction

Project 2 – One bedroom duplex at 118 Lakeshore awarded to Maki Construction

Project 3 ILC Expansion contract bid closed September 19, 2022

Project 4 on BR duplex and 2 3BR bungalows on Nora Road pending

Housing and Infrastructure

Carpentry Fundamentals Training:

Started on May 2, 2022, for 16 weeks. The graduation ceremony was held on September 19, 2022. 27 attended the graduation ceremony. Four candidates were presented with their Carpentry Fundamentals Training Certificate from College Boreal. Graduate family and friends attended the graduation ceremony.

- Elder Dolores Naponse provided an opening prayer and smudge for the graduation ceremony.
- The meal was catered by Lori Nootchtai
- Specialty cake by Felicia Shawanda

Other guests included:

NSTC Naamaadwiuk Employment and training sponsored the training

Rainbow School teachers

This training program was a great success through our partnership with College Boreal and NSTC Employment and Training



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On-Reserve Immediate Needs Housing Renovations

The Housing Committee approved 19 applications at the September 14, 2022, Housing Committee meeting. The homeowner will be receiving the one-time funding grant opportunity to address heating, structural, electrical, plumbing and fire safety in their homes.

30-Year Housing Strategy Analysis Report:

This report will be presented to the Housing Committee at the Housing Committee Retreat on October 15, 2022. Next steps presentation to Gimaa and Council and community consultation on the 30-year Housing Strategy.

The ultimate goal of implementing a strategic plan for housing is the development of a sustainable housing program. Sustainable Housing means a housing program with lower life-cycle costs, better reliability, less maintenance, and sufficient revenues to cover operating cost. This would imply a “rental regime” where there are no, or little rental arrears and tenants are paying regularly and on-time. In addition, maintenance, annual inspections and the transfer of some basic maintenance responsibilities shall be prioritized in order to control cost.

Atikameksheng Anishnawbek will develop a three-stage approach:

- 1) Consult, inform and educate the message of the cost of housing and promote sustainable housing Community engagement, and information sessions;
- 2) Implement and enforce sustainable housing approach (housing policy); and
- 3) Continue to monitor stage 2 and make adjustments.

The Seniors Home Maintenance and Repair Grant Program aligns with the Community Comprehensive Plan Chapter 7 – Infrastructure and Development:

Goal 4: To develop and 30-year housing strategy/plan

4.9 Develop policies and concrete plans to support the housing needs of seniors as they age with a focus on keeping them in their homes as long as possible by providing necessary supports, retrofits, access ramps etc

Gimaa and Council allocated funding in the amount of \$75,000.00 to provide grants to seniors who wish to make moderate repairs to their homes but cannot afford to.

Housing and Infrastructure

Program Details:

The aim of the program is to address the general well-being and maintain a quality of life to seniors to remain in their homes safely.

The assistance will be in the form of a forgivable grant. However, the forgivable grant is repayable should the home be sold, or the program conditions are not met.

The Seniors Home Maintenance and Repair Grant Program is designed to assist senior homeowners to do needed repairs to their homes up to \$10,000.00.

Please contact the housing department for further information on the Seniors Home Maintenance and Repair Grant Program.

CMHC Journey

In 1990 six units were constructed under the Canada Mortgage and Housing Non-Profit on Reserve Housing followed by Phase 2 to Phase 9 for total of 47 CMHC Section 95 housing units.

CHMC Section 95	Original Loan/Mortgage	Project Maturity Date
Phase 1	\$473,000,00	Expired 2016
Phase 2	\$455,083,00	Expiry Date Dec 2023 (25 year amortization)
Phase 3	\$595,000,00	Expiry Date Apr 2025 (25-year amortization)
Phase 4	\$405,000,00	Expiry Date Mar 2026 (25-year amortization)
Phase 5	\$488,000,00	Expiry Date May 1, 2028 (25-year amortization)
Phase 6	\$525,000,00	Expiry Date Apr 1, 2033 (25-year amortization)
Phase 7	\$777,000,00	Expiry Date Jul 1, 2040 (25-year amortization)
Phase 8	\$437,000,00	Expiry Date Jul 1, 2036 (15-year amortization)
Phase 9	\$751,017,00	Expiry Date Dec 1, 2037 (15-year amortization)

Housing and Infrastructure

Housing List Update 2022 as of August 31st, 2022 - 63 members on the list

One Bedroom (18)	Two Bedroom (17)	Three Bedroom (24)	Four Bedroom (18)
On-reserve (35)		Off-reserve (28)	

We encourage members to submit their letters of interest for housing. The Atikameksheng Anishnawbek Housing Rental Program Policy, Section 11.1.1, states that “A band member who is interested in applying to occupy a rental unit shall submit a letter of interest to the Housing Manager every year, after January 1st, in order to be considered when a Unit becomes available.”

Housing Department Profile Gary Naponse, Director of Housing and Infrastructure Councillor Vance Nootchtai, Housing Portfolio	
Housing Committee Members Diane Bob Jennifer Nootchtai Lorraine Naponse Noella Nebonaionoquet Candace Ozawagosh	Housing Staff Vivian Naponse, Housing Manager Michelle Elliot, Tenant Relations Officer Jason Nebenionquit, Housing Asset Maintenance Worker Amanda, On-the-Job Training Housing Assistant

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Section 5 - Tenant Responsibilities Seasonal Checklists

Fall Checklist

- Every month, check that smoke detectors are functioning properly.
- Check and clean range hood filters.
- Check and clean or replace furnace air filters each month during the heating season (September to May).
- Vacuum electric baseboard heaters to remove dust, where applicable.
- Remove the grills on forced air systems and vacuum inside the ducts.
- Ensure all doors to the outside shut tightly and check other doors for ease of use.
- Ensure windows close tightly.
- Check chimneys for obstructions.
- Drain and store outdoor hoses. Close the valve to outdoor hose connection and drain the hose bib (exterior faucet) unless the house has frost proof hose bibs.
- Check fire escape routes and security around home