



ATIKAMEKSHENG **ANISHNAWBEK**

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Bringing Our People Home Highlights

Atikameksheng Anishnawbek wants to thank everyone who participated in the Bringing Our People Home Events in July. The staff is very happy with the outcome and constructive feedback they have received. From the lively discussions at the Hot Chocolate and Coffee House to the Family Dance and Fireworks, the week was an excellent demonstration of how beautiful and strong our community can be. Miigwetch to everyone who put their hard work and hearts into making these events happen.



Bringing Our People Home Highlights



Bringing our People Home Event



35th Annual Jiingtamok Highlights

After a long period of COVID protocols, Atikameksheng Anishnawbek was finally able to hold its Annual Gathering in person. The event was a wonderful time for community members, family and friends. We want to thank all of our dancers, drummers, vendors, staff and volunteers for making this Annual Gatherings one of the best attended ever. We also want to thank all of the community members who provided their input in the 35th Annual Jiingtamok Feedback Survey. This invaluable information will help the Pow Wow Committee in planning next year's gathering.



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Health & Community Wellness

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Aanii, Boozhoo, welcome to the September 2022 Newsletter. September is here, the leaves are changing colours, the nights are getting colder and the time for harvesting is upon us. We say miigwej to Shkagamikwe (Mother Earth) for the beautiful colours that will soon be here.

The past few months have been busy for the department. In June, the Cultural Team hosted a Sundance Meeting with a few members in attendance and the need to request member was made to host a Sundance Ceremony. This Ceremony requires a 4-year commitment from the host and a four-year commitment from dancers. The Dancers dance and pray for four days for healing of self and for healing all Nations-all four races of man. Shkagamikwe heals herself whether we are ready for it or not and all our relations have their roles, we as a human race, need to do this for ourselves, with our emotional, mental, physical, and spiritual health. Please let the Cultural Team know if you feel our community is ready for this. Miigwej.

In July, many activities were held and some activities we had to set aside our programs to assist with such as the Bringing Our People Home Event. This community wide event was an event where staff had to plan, host and participate in at times. The Health Department coordinated the First Aid and Canteen Booth along with a few activities. The comedy night was good to let our laughs out and enjoy the evening. Meeting our members that we have not seen in awhile was great and I enjoyed seeing all the children enjoy the activities. The Traditional Gathering was another big event for our community, although I didn't assist much with the planning, the gathering brought in many members and visitors to the community.

The Community Policing Committee reviewed the Ontario First Nation Policing Agreement (OFNPA) and provided recommendations to Gimaa and Council, they supported Atikameksheng Anishnawbek request to conduct a Needs Analysis with the Government on Atikameksheng Anishnawbek Policing Services and identified needs in the community. The Needs Analysis will be conducted by MNP and will begin October with a completion date of March 31, 2023. The workplan was reviewed and further recommendations were provided to the administration office regarding the cameras, installing speed bumps in the community, discussed presentations by staff and MNR regarding safety in the community and territory. Many activities discussed with plans to implement. Keep an eye out in the weekly flyers.

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Rose Messina, Health Services Manager has returned to the office from her one year leave, she supervises the Patient Transportation Program and the Jordon's Principle program. We are happy to see Rose return and at the same time, wish Emalie Watt best wishes in her future endeavours as her contract ended mid-August in this role. Rose will be working on integrating a database in the program ensuring documentation and reporting is completed in an efficient manner.

Two research projects approved in the community a few years ago have begun again, with covid, it was difficult to conduct interviews and focus group sessions. The Health Committee looks forward to reviewing the reports making any recommendations to support community programs and services. The Aging Well Research Lead Sharlene Webkamikad held interviews during the spring and summer. The Neonatal Abstinence Research Project Report will be reviewed by the Health Committee at their September meeting and will provide recommendations on programs and services in the community. The Health & Occupational Research Project was completed and reviewed by the Health Committee with a variety of recommendations for the four communities involved in this research.

MH&A Ad-Hoc Committee will be resuming their meetings in September and will determine if the committee will continue. Many items on their workplan were completed and much of the work is within the Health & Community Wellness and the Social Services Departments.

The Community Hub is open for services. The Health Programs Manager and Outreach Worker offices are located at this site and ensure services are provided to all Atikameksheng Anishnawbek families. This program is funded by Indigenous Services Canada for one year and the team will be applying to ISC to continue this program for the next fiscal year. An Open House is being planned and will be communicated to the community to participate in.

The Comprehensive Community Plan Quarter 1 Report was given to the community mid-August by each Department Director. Information will be put onto the website all members viewing. Many items were discussed with input and recommendations from the community. Follow up will be conducted by the departments.

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The Health Department staff nominated Brian Sr. Nootchtai and both Gary & Debbie Steves for the Lifetime Achievement Awards with the Anishinabek Nation. They all received their awards on August 24, 2022, at Casino Rama with the support of Staff and Gimaa and Council. The recipients of the 2020 Lifetime Achievement Awards were Linda Petahtegoose and Rubina Nebenionquit, who received this recognition on this night as well, covid prevented the gathering in 2020. We congratulate all recipients and were happy to witness this and help celebrate their achievements.

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The Director of Health & Community Wellness will be participating in the Giiwednong Health Link (GHL) Strategic Planning and Fall Preparedness Planning with Maamwesying in September. This will be reported on in October.

As the harvesting season is upon us and the Community Hunt will be held early October in the Benny Area. Please contact the Cultural Team if you are interested. They are located at the Sacred Grounds.

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New Staff Announcement

Shelley Petahtegoose



Aanii! I'm Shelley Petahtegoose.

My current position with Atikameksheng Anishnawbek is Restorative Justice Community Wellness Worker. I am responsible for delivering health and social services wrap around and after care services to the clients in the Atikameksheng Anishnawbek Justice Program and to work with internal and external health professionals for the clients care plan and overall health and well-being.

I am a graduate from Laurentian University. I received an Honours Bachelor Degree of Indigenous Social Work and a minor in Indigenous Studies and Criminology. I plan to obtain my Masters Degree next fall. I am very excited to be a part of the Atikameksheng Anishnawbek team. If you have any questions or feedback, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at restorative.justice.cw.worker@wlfm.com

New Staff Announcement

Sydney Keay



My name is Sydney Keay. I am a member of Brunswick House First Nation. I was born and raised in Chapleau, Ontario until moving to Timmins when I was 12 years old. I have three older sisters and many nieces and nephews. My parents have raised me to be a strong, independent woman and to always believe that I could do anything I put my mind to. I graduated from the Developmental Services Worker program at Cambrian college in 2021. During my time in college, I enjoyed returning to my community as a summer student, which really created my love for working within different communities and sharing my knowledge as well as learning from the communities. Contact Information: Cell: 705-690-1867 Email: familywellbeing2@WLFN.com