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Newsletter

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Political Update **Chief Dean Sayers**

May 2023

Negotiations continue, no settlement as of yet for the \$4 a year Annuities Trial.

As everyone is aware, there is a settlement on the horizon in regards to the outstanding \$4 a year annuities issue. Batchewana, along with 20 other First Nations that make up the Robinson Huron Treaty have been fighting this battle for more than 150 years.

We want to let you know that we are close to finally resolving this matter and we are hopeful that we will have a deal in place this year. We will let you know as details arise. We ask you for your patience.

As I write this message for our newsletter, we are preparing for our breaking water ceremony. I'm also thinking about frogs starting to sing soon, an indicator that smelts are running. Rainbow trout will also be running soon as well - if they're not already.

Our mother the Earth is in perfect time synchronization. Never late. Something for all of us to work towards.

We as a People have so many responsibilities and obligations to Creation. We have a beautiful inheritance.

If you want to gain more insights or understandings in regards to our inherent obligations, talk to one of our Elders. Ask them how we can take better care of our mother the Earth.

We also look forward to seeing you at our First Nations Day celebrations on June 21 on Whitefish Island. Watch for more details in next month's newsletter.

Until our paths cross again, be safe.

Baa maa pii gowab min.





Batchewana First Nation
4 Day Work Week Trial Run

Batchewana First Nation will be introducing a 4-day work week for a trial period from May 23, 2023 – October 6, 2023.

There have been many studies that have shown that a four-day work promotes healthier work environments by preventing burn out and reducing staff turnover while increasing productivity. More and more work places across Canada are adopting this new approach to the work week.

During this time most BFN offices will be closed on Fridays with some exceptions. Each department will adapt to this change differently depending on service requirements.

BFN is working to provide employees a healthier, happier environment and improve the working culture of our offices. We aim to provide a positive work life balance to reinforce the 7 grandfather teachings and allow our employees to focus on their physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing.

Programs and services will be maintained by amending schedules to ensure membership are fully accommodated.

The 4-day work week will be initiated for a trial period to ensure that this schedule accommodates everyone.

Watch for further information including updated schedules from departments and facilities.

Meegwetch!



Batchewana First Nation

Robinson Huron Treaty Annuities Case Update

In Stage 1 of the Robinson Huron Treaty case, Justice Hennessy found in favour of 21 First Nation signatories in the Robinson Huron Treaty that there is a mandatory obligation to increase the collective annuity when the economic circumstances warrant. This meant that as a collective, each First Nation would benefit from sharing in the payments from the escalator clause. These findings were upheld by the Ontario Court of Appeal in its decision.

The 21 First Nation's of the Robinson Huron Treaty have been successful in both stages 1 & 2 of the court proceedings and currently stage 3 has been adjourned to allow for negotiations.

The Supreme Court of Canada appeal has also been delayed to see the parties work on a settlement outside of the court.

We remain positive that the negotiations will result favourably for our 21 First Nations **however, there are no details regarding amounts, or dates until a settlement has been reached.**

We are aware that Treaty beneficiaries and community members are eager for updates on the progress of the case and we ask that you look directly to the Robinson Huron Leadership for information as it becomes available.

As stated, there has not yet been a settlement reached at this time so there are no dates or amounts that can be provided however, we believe in the negotiation process and look forward to updating membership with information as soon as it becomes available.

Meegwetch,

Batchewana First Nation Chief and Council



Robinson Huron Treaty LITIGATION FUND



Frequently Asked Questions

1 What is the annuity?

The annuity is a collective entitlement of the Robinson Huron Anishinaabek, having originally been set at "six hundred pounds of good and lawful money of Upper Canada" (approximately \$2,400). However, there is an individual component to the collective annuity. In fact, from 1850-1854 the annuity was paid to the Chiefs and it was the Chiefs' responsibility to distribute any amounts to their citizens. In Stage 1 of the Robinson Huron Treaty case, Justice Hennessy found the reference to \$4 per person in the Treaty text "is a limit only on the amount that may be distributed to individuals, and this distributive amount is a portion of the collective lump sum annuity payable to the Chiefs and their Tribes." The Court found that the Crown has discretion to increase this individual distributive amount, but that there is a mandatory obligation to increase the collective annuity when the economic circumstances warrant. These findings were upheld by the Ontario Court of Appeal in its decision.

2 When will a new annuity amount be determined?

A new annuity amount will not be determined until the case is finally resolved, either through litigation or negotiations. When the case is finally resolved, each of the 21 First Nations will get a share of the proceeds from past compensation. This includes compensation that should have been paid to our ancestors over the last 170 years. The Leadership recognizes the individual component to the annuity and will distribute some amount to individuals which has not been determined. However, the collective nature of the annuity requires portions to be set aside for the collectivity and to ensure community development and a bright future for the generations to come.

3 What is the process for dispersing the annuity payments?

Disbursement of proceeds to the 21 First Nations from the legal action are subject to a distribution agreement adopted by First Nation Chiefs and Councils. Disbursements to individuals will be made at the community level.

4 When will the case be settled?

The litigation is ongoing; however, the parties have agreed to adjourn the Stage 3 trial to focus on reaching a negotiated resolution. Ontario has also appealed the Stage 1 decision to the Supreme Court of Canada and that appeal will be heard in the fall of 2023. It is our hope the case will be settled in the near future.

5 Why are the negotiations confidential?

Prior to commencing negotiations with Canada and Ontario, the parties entered into a Negotiations Protocol Agreement. This agreement requires all discussions at negotiations be kept confidential. The confidentiality of the negotiations allows the parties to speak frankly to one another without fear that statements will be made publicly. Once an agreement is reached with the Crown, information will be shared with the community.

6 Where can we get some resources to distribute to people in our network?

Thank you for helping amplify our message. We'd be happy to provide some informational brochures for you to distribute to your network. Please email us at info@robinsonhuron treaty1850.com to get in touch.



Robinson Huron Treaty LITIGATION FUND

Litigation Timeline

Decisions

Key Dates

January 30, 2023

RHTLF, Ontario, and Canada requested an adjournment of the Stage Three trial. Canada, Ontario and the 21 Robinson Huron Treaty First Nations are working together at the negotiation table to renew the Treaty relationship and reach a settlement of the annuities case outside of the courts.

Fall 2023

Stage One and Two Appeal to be heard at the Supreme Court of Canada

January 4, 2022

Ontario brings an Application for Leave to Appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada. The Supreme Court has not yet decided if it will hear Ontario's Appeal.

June 23, 2022

The Supreme Court of Canada releases its decision to proceed with hearing Ontario's appeal of the Robinson Treaties annuity case.

June 1-3, 2021

The Ontario Court of Appeal heard Ontario's appeal of the Stage Two decision. Canada has not appealed.

November 5, 2021

Ontario Court of Appeal releases its decision on the Stage One and Two appeals. The Ontario Court of Appeal upheld Justice Hennessy's interpretation of the augmentation clause and rejected Ontario's technical defences.

June 26, 2020

Stage Two Trial Decision: Justice Hennessy, again, ruled in favour of the RHT and RST First Nations, finding the plaintiffs' claims are not barred by Ontario's limitations legislation and that Ontario does not benefit from the doctrine of Crown immunity.

April 13-28, 2021

The Ontario Court of Appeal heard Ontario's appeal of the Stage One decision. Canada did not appeal.

September 25, 2017

Stage 1 begins with opening statement of RHT plaintiffs.

December 21, 2018

Stage One Trial Decision: The Court rules that the Crown has a mandatory and reviewable constitutional obligation to increase the annuity to reflect the economic value the Crown receives from the Treaty Territory.

2010

Formation of the RHT Litigation Fund.

2012

Notice of claim filed.

July 1764

Council of Niagara, 1700 Indigenous inhabitants gathered, a diplomatic exercise where the British sought to renew and strengthen the Covenant Chain.

September 9, 1850

Signing of the Robinson Huron Treaty.

February 10, 1763

Signing of Treaty of Paris.

October 7, 1763

Royal Proclamation set out the principles for Treaty making, Declaration of the Crown, affirmed Aboriginal title and ownership of lands.



Robinson Huron Treaty LITIGATION FUND

Atikameksheng
Anishnawbek

Aundeck Omni
Kaning

Batchewana
First Nation

Dokis First Nation

Henvey Inlet
First Nation

M'Chigeeng
First Nation

Magnetawan
First Nation

Mississauga
First Nation

Nipissing
First Nation

Ojibways of
Garden River

Sagamok
Anishnawbek

Serpent River
First Nation

Shawanaga
First Nation

Shegulandah
First Nation

Shesheganing
First Nation

Thessalon
First Nation

Wahnapiitae
First Nation

Wasauksing
First Nation

Whitefish River
First Nation

Wiikwemkoong
Unceded Territory

Zhilibaahaasing
First Nation

The Hon. Harry S. LaForme appointed to lead Office of Mizhinawe for the Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund

Robinson-Huron Treaty Territory - We are pleased to announce the appointment of the Honourable Harry S. LaForme to lead the Office of Mizhinawe for the Robinson Huron Treaty First Nations in the ongoing annuities litigation.

Justice LaForme is Anishinaabe from the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, Ontario, where he was born and raised and where some of his family continue to reside and remain active in First Nation leadership.

Dr. Alan Ojiig Corbiere from York University describes the Mizhinawe as “traditionally being the keeper of the pipe, a keeper of wampum or other records, and perform other described duties for the grand chief”.

In the role of Mizhinawe, Justice LaForme will examine issues and engage in consultations with the members and communities of the Robinson Huron Treaty Anishinaabek. The Mizhinawe, in collaboration with the Robinson Huron Treaty leadership, will engage in information sessions about the Restoule case and any possible settlement that may arise from the ongoing negotiations with Canada and Ontario. The information sessions will ensure that RHT beneficiaries are aware of the governing structure of the Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund, formulas for distributing any global damages awarded through the litigation or settlement amount agreed to through negotiations, and additional information regarding settlement of the litigation, if settlement is achieved.

“The Office of Mizhinawe, led by Justice LaForme, will fill a critical role in ensuring our communities and beneficiaries have accurate information and that their voices are heard,” says Duke Peltier, Trustee from Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory.



Robinson Huron Treaty LITIGATION FUND

Justice LaForme has an extensive background in First Nation leadership and law. He served as Co-chair of the Independent National Chiefs Task Force on Native Land Claims; Chief Commissioner, Indian Commission of Ontario; and Chair, Royal Commission on Aboriginal Land Claims. He taught "Rights of Indigenous Peoples" at Osgoode Hall Law School. In January 1994, he was appointed a judge of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, at the time one of three Indigenous judges ever appointed to this level of trial court in Canada. In November 2004, he was appointed a judge of the Ontario Court of Appeal, the first Indigenous judge appointed to an appellate court in Canada's history. He retired from the judiciary in October 2018 and joined Olthuis Kleer Townshend, LL.P as senior counsel.

Upon appointment by Canada's Minister of Justice & Attorney General in March 2021, Justice LaForme led consultations with over 215 international and domestic experts to make recommendations for an independent wrongful convictions commission, and the resulting report delivered to the Minister in November 2021.

In 2022, Justice LaForme was awarded the Indigenous Peoples Counsel by the Indigenous Bar Association and the Order of Canada and has been gifted numerous Eagle feathers. He received the most recent one in Bawaating (Sault Ste. Marie) from the Robinson Huron Treaty leadership.

"Leadership from the Robinson Huron Treaty First Nations is confident Justice LaForme has the right skills to complete this important work on behalf of leadership," says Chief Dean Sayers of Batchewana First Nation. "Although our negotiations with Canada and Ontario are still ongoing, it is important that we continue to engage with our communities about the annuities case."

Progress continues to be made in negotiations between Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund leadership and the governments of Canada and Ontario. Those negotiations remain confidential.

BATCHEWANA BAND INDUSTRIES LIMITED

Annual Shareholders Meeting

Tuesday, May 2nd, 2023

Rankin Arena Thunderbird Room



5:00 pm Shareholder's Meeting
Supper Provided

As a Batchewana First Nation band member, you are invited
to the Shareholder's Meeting.

Come out and see and hear about all the great changes
that have taken place in the park
and some plans for the future.

Please have BFN status card on hand.

Hope to see you there!

Contact 705-946-0746 BBIL Office with any questions

Information
Tables On.....

- Industrial
Park Update

Presentations
On.....

- Audit

Notice of Public Consultation on the Issuance of a New Long-Term Care Home Licence for Batchewana First Nation Long Term Care Home to be located in Batchewana First Nation

The Ministry of Long-Term Care (MLTC) is reviewing a proposal from Batchewana First Nation (the Proposed Licensee) for issuing a long-term care (LTC) home licence for Batchewana First Nation Long Term Care Home (the Home), a new 96-bed LTC home proposed to be developed on Gran Street in Batchewana First Nation. The proposal involves:

- the development of 96 LTC beds subject to meeting all licensing requirements under the Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021 (the "FLTCA"); and
- the approval and issuance of a new licence with a term of up to 30 years for the operation of 96 "New" beds at the Home, following the development of the Home.

If you have comments or opinions and would like to bring them to the attention of the MLTC, you may:

Present them orally at a teleconference public meeting, to be held on May 2, 2023 at **10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** The dial-in phone number for the meeting is 1-800-952-5114. When prompted, please key in the participant passcode **3627664#**.

Submit them in writing on or before **May 12, 2023** by:

- a) sending an email at LTCHomes.Licensing@ontario.ca; or
- b) sending by mail to:

Long-Term Care Licence Consultations
c/o Hill+Knowlton Strategies
50 O'Connor Street, Suite 1115
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 6L2

Details regarding the consultation and meeting will be posted on the Long-Term Care Consultation Registry located at ontario.ca/page/ontarios-long-term-care-licensing-public-consultation-registry on **April 13, 2023**. You may also email LTCHomes.Licensing@ontario.ca to receive more details on the meeting.

Please include the name of the LTC Home and quote **Project #23-059** on all written submissions. As part of the MLTC's review, the Director will consider all written and oral submissions before making a final decision relating to the proposal.





REVOCATION VOTE

WHAT?

Batchewana First Nation, Rankin Indian Reserve No.15D have been working on a Partial Revocation of a designation to return lands back to band lands in order to allow for 5 members to obtain Certificates of Possessions

WHEN:

Thursday May 11th, 2023 ←

Time:

→ 9:00am - 9:00pm

LOCATION:

Rankin Arena Thunderbird Room ←



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
Jen Neveau
jenilee.neveau@batchewana.ca
705-989-2000

AIAI ELDERS GATHERING 2023



August 22nd to August 24th (3 days)

Schedule of events will be available closer to dates.

Located at the Quattro Hotel
229 Great Northern Road
Sault Ste. Marie, ON

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ATTEND?

Open to BFN members ages 55 years and up!

To sign up please call Health Program Planner at:
705-254-7827 ext. 144

BATCHEWANA FIRST NATION NATURAL RESOURCES

BE BEAR WISE : BEAR SAFETY TIPS



Never feed or Approach Bears

Intentionally feeding bears or allowing them to find anything that smells or tastes like food teaches bears to approach homes. Bears will defend themselves if a person gets too close, so don't risk your safety or theirs!



Secure food, Garbage and Recycling

Food and food odors attract bears, so do not reward them with easily accessible food, liquids or garbage!



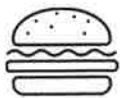
Remove bird feeders when bears are active

Removing bird feeders is the best way to avoid attraction of bears.



Never leave pet food outside

Do not leave pet food outdoors. Store pet food where bears cannot see or smell it!



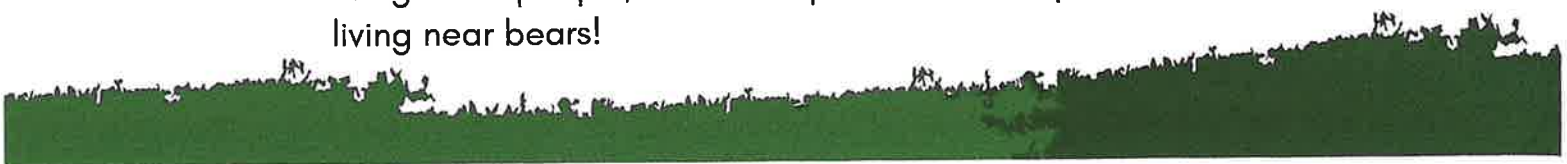
Clean and Store Grills

Clean grills after each use and make sure that all grease, fat and food particles are removed. Empty the grease trap every time you barbeque.



Alert neighbors of bear activity

See bear's in the area or evidence of bear activity? Tell your neighbors and share information on how to be BEAR WISE! Bears have adapted to living near people; now it's up to us to adapt to living near bears!





May 2023

Batchewana First Nation

Education Department



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For More Contacts

15 Jean Ave, Sault Ste. Marie, ON

Phone 705.759.7285 or 705.759.9801

Toll Free 1.866.339.3370 Fax 705.759.9982





Batchewana Learning Centre

DO YOU NEED YOUR GRADE 12 DIPLOMA?

GET CREDITS FOR LIFE EXPERIENCES WITH MPLAR!

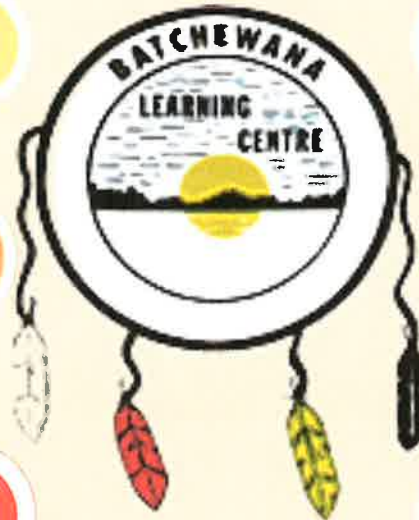
WANT TO BE PART OF THE FUTURE OF BATCHEWANA FIRST NATION?

DO YOU HAVE COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY PLANS?

DO YOU ONLY NEED A COUPLE OF COURSES TO GRADUATE?

JOIN US AND CHOOSE YOUR PATH TO YOUR FUTURE!

ARE YOU LOOKING TO GET DUAL CREDITS?



SCAN ME!



If you answered yes to any of the above statements, please contact

Wayne (BLC Principal).

Email: Principal@batchewana.ca

Phone (705) 759-7285 or scan the QR code to get in touch!



Education Wellness

YOUTH WORKSHOPS

Inside and outside of the school setting

REFERRALS

Can the QR code below or email us for a referral form!

CULTURAL

Help students reconnect with the land, mother earth and our traditional Anishinaabe ways through education and teachings with local elders.

MENTAL WELLNESS

Direct mental health and social support services using culturally appropriate practice to support success in their education and mental wellness.

MUSIC THERAPY

Help children who've experienced trauma find their voice, express how they feel, and get to know their inner selves.

LAND-BASED LEARNING

Transferring knowledge to our youth about traditional activities and knowledge; from harvesting animals for food to gathering materials to build a birch bark canoe.

TO SUBMIT A REFERRAL
FOR SERVICES:



If your child is in need of support and advocacy
in their education - please contact us!



education.wellness@batchewana.com



(705)759-7285 ext. 205



Special Education



**FOR MORE PROGRAM
DETAILS & CONTACTS**

SCAN ME



Rachelle Lambert - **Special Education Manager**
Meredith Sewell - **Behaviour Lead**
Kyla Sewell - **Administrative Assistant**



Batchewana First Nation

Post Secondary Information Session

Open to All Grade 12 Graduates & New Mature Applicants

Wednesday, May 10th, 2023 (last session)

6:00pm – 7:30pm

Batchewana Learning Centre

15 Jean Avenue

(Manitou Park area)

Agenda:

Application Procedure & Post Secondary Policy

- Residence Information
- Essays and Direct Deposit Information
- Scholarship Information
- Refreshments Provided

Please R.S.V.P. to Christine Sayers

If you have any questions contact:

Christine Sayers @ 705-759-7285 Ext. 214 or christine.sayers@batchewana.ca

Deadline Date for Post Secondary Funding is May 15th, 2023





NEW POST SECONDARY ONLINE APPLICATION.

Students presently attending College or University will follow this link:

<https://batchewana.dadavan.com/student/studentpage.jsp>

New Grade 12 Graduates or New Mature Students will follow this link first.

<https://batchewana.dadavan.com/student/pseapplication.jsp>

If you are unsure on how to fill out the application, please review the following instructional videos:

<https://customcodex.com/DHC/PSE/new-student-application-pse>

<https://customcodex.com/DHC/PSE/your-student-portal-how-to-log-in-apply-and-upload-documents>



NOTE: YOU MUST
USE A PERSONAL
EMAIL ADDRESS.

NOT A COLLEGE OR
UNIVERSITY EMAIL
ADDRESS .

CAN'T USE THE
SAME EMAIL
ADDRESS AS
ANOTHER FAMILY
MEMBER.

DEADLINE DATE:
MAY 15TH, 2023
(ALL APPLICANTS
WILL BE NOTIFIED
BY EMAIL 5-7
BUSINESS AFTER
MAY 15TH, 2023)

Christine Sayers

Post Secondary
Counsellor

Email:

christine.sayers@batchewana.ca

Phone 705-759-7285

Ext. 214



BATCHEWANA FIRST NATION

Reading & Writing Program

Tuesdays & Thursdays
3:30 - 5:30

REGISTRATION IS NOW
OPEN
FOR JK - GR. 3

6 WEEK PROGRAM
STARTING
MAY
(PENDING)

REGISTER HERE!

<https://forms.gle/rKnKUSK4B3vYGbks6>

For more information call Taylor Madonna
705 759 7285 ext. 219
taylor.madonna@batchewana.ca





Batchewana Learning Center

DRIVER'S ED SURVEY



- ✓ Are you a BFN member?
- ✓ Are you between the ages of 15 to 29?
- ✓ Are you in high school OR studying to get your GED / Diploma?



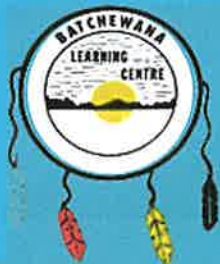
HELP US - HELP YOU!

**FILL OUT THIS SURVEY & HELP
US DECIDE DRIVER'S ED
PROGRAMMING**

SCAN



DEADLINE JUNE 16TH



FOR QUESTIONS:

**EMAIL - MEGAN -
BLCSUPPORT@BATCHEWANA.CA**



Save the Date...

Annual Education Celebration

Thursday June 8th, 2023

Rankin Arena - Main Floor...

Honouring all

Junior/Senior Kindergarden, Grade 8, Grade 12,

College and University Graduates



Calling all
Graduates!

Submit your picture
for our presentation





FAREWELL TO

Education Department

Employees



Lana Jones
High School Counsellor



Kevin Weatherbee
Building Superintendent



Brenda Sayers
Education Finance Officer

Please join us in recognizing the years of service of the following staff that are moving on the new endeavours!

**GOOD LUCK ON YOUR
JOURNEY!**



Meet The **ELEMENTARY** **SCHOOL LIAISON**



About Me...

Hello!
My name is Taylor Madonna.

I am a member of Batchewana
First Nation, a graduate of
Algoma University and a former
ASW!

What I do:

- Support grades Early On - Gr. 8
- Create and run group programs for students
- Help with all student needs
- Individual programs
- Advocate for additional supports (such as assessments or other services)
- Support parents
- Assist with community programming
- Update families on upcoming events and programs

Update your contact
information and be
entered for a chance to
WIN!



My Contact Info

Phone: 705-989-4632

Taylor.Madonna@batchewana.ca

Office: 705-759-7285 ext. 219

Scan this to go to
online contact info
form!

I will contact you
when I receive it!





Upcoming Events!



Post Secondary Info Session

May 10th @ 6pm - 7:30pm

Batchewana Learning Center. Come out to learn more about residence, scholarships, essays and direct deposit.



Post Secondary: Online Applications Due

May 15th

College & University students Apply Here:

bfnedu.dadavan.com/student/studentpage.jsp

New Grade 12 graduate students Apply Here:

bfnedu.dadavan.com/student/pseapplication.jsp



Elementary Reading / Writing Program

Tuesday & Thursday @ 3:30pm - 5:30pm

To register - Click below:

<https://forms.gle/rKnKUSK4B3vYGbks6>



BLC Driver's Ed Survey

Deadline to share feedback: June 16th

To Fill Out the Survey - Click Below

<https://forms.gle/kb5TmJKUtjNwXSoY8>





Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians

Lois Cornelius Education Scholarship

1 - Scholarship \$1,500



AIAI

The Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) is a Political Territorial Organization (PTO) established in 1969, to represent their seven member First Nation communities at all levels of government. AIAI represents approximately 20,000 Status First Nation people from Batchewana First Nation, Caldwell First Nation, Eelūnaapéewi Lahkéewiit (Delaware Nation), Oneida Nation of the Thames, Wahta Mohawks, Hiawatha First Nation and Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte (Tyendinaga).

PURPOSE

The AIAI Lois Cornelius Scholarship Award was created to promote and recognize First Nations excellence in Education and to honour the memory of AIAI Elder Lois Cornelius. Lois was a passionate lifelong advocate for education and the language. She worked diligently to assist the youth as she firmly believed they could accomplish anything they set their mind to. The successful applicant will receive a \$1,500 Education Scholarship and honourable recognition by AIAI's Grand Chief at the 2023 Annual General Assembly.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- All applicants must be a registered band member with one of the seven (7) AIAI member Nations - Batchewana, Caldwell, Eelūnaapéewi Lahkéewiit (Delaware), Hiawatha, Oneida, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte (Tyendinaga), and Wahta Mohawks.
- Applicants can only accept this Scholarship as a **ONE TIME** recipient.
- Applicants must be enrolled as a returning full-time post-secondary student for the 2022/2023 academic school year.



Applications must include the following:

- A **SELF PROFILE** essay that demonstrates obstacles overcome to succeed in your educational journey, your current academic program and year and why you should receive the scholarship. (500 words max)
- One (1) letter of support from your current program advisor, school counselor, or professor/instructor, etc.
- One (1) letter of support from your Administration Office confirming that you are a registered First Nation member of your community.

Lois Cornelius Scholarship APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Friday May 5th, 2023 at 4:30 P.M.

NOTE: Any Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

REMINDER: Include your contact information: *i.e. Return address, email, and phone number*

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Reception
Association of Iroquois & Allied Indians
387 Princess Ave, London, ONT, N6B 2A7
Phone: 519-434-2761
Fax: 519-675-1053

Email: reception@aiai.on.ca

Website: www.aiai.on.ca



Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians

2023 Annual Health Scholarship

2 - Scholarships \$1,500 each



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PURPOSE

The AIAI Health Scholarship Award was created in 1989 to promote and recognize First Nations excellence in a Health or Traditional Healing post secondary program. Ultimately, we strive to increase the number of First Nations people entering into a health profession as their career goal. The successful applicants (2) will receive the \$1,500 Health Scholarship and honourable recognition by AIAI's Grand Chief at the 2023 Annual General Assembly

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

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- Applicants can only accept this Scholarship as a **ONE TIME** recipient.
- Applicants must be enrolled as a full-time student in a Health related or Traditional Healing post-secondary program for the 2022-2023 academic school year.



Applications must include the following:

- A **SELF PROFILE** describing why you are deserving of such a scholarship.
- Transcripts displaying your current academics.
- One (1) letter of support from your current program advisor, school counselor, or professor/instructor, etc.
- One (1) letter of support from your Administration Office confirming that you are a registered First Nation member of your community.

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SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Suzanne Nicholas, *Health & Wellness Manager*
Association of Iroquois & Allied Indians
387 Princess Ave. London, ON N6B 2A7
Phone: (519) 434-2761 Fax: (519) 675-1053
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*Chii Miigwech to all agencies, volunteers,
community members and participants for
coming out to our event April 13th*

COME PLANT WITH US @ COMMUNITY GARDEN MAY 23 @ 5-8PM RANKIN HEALTH CENTER

CONTACT

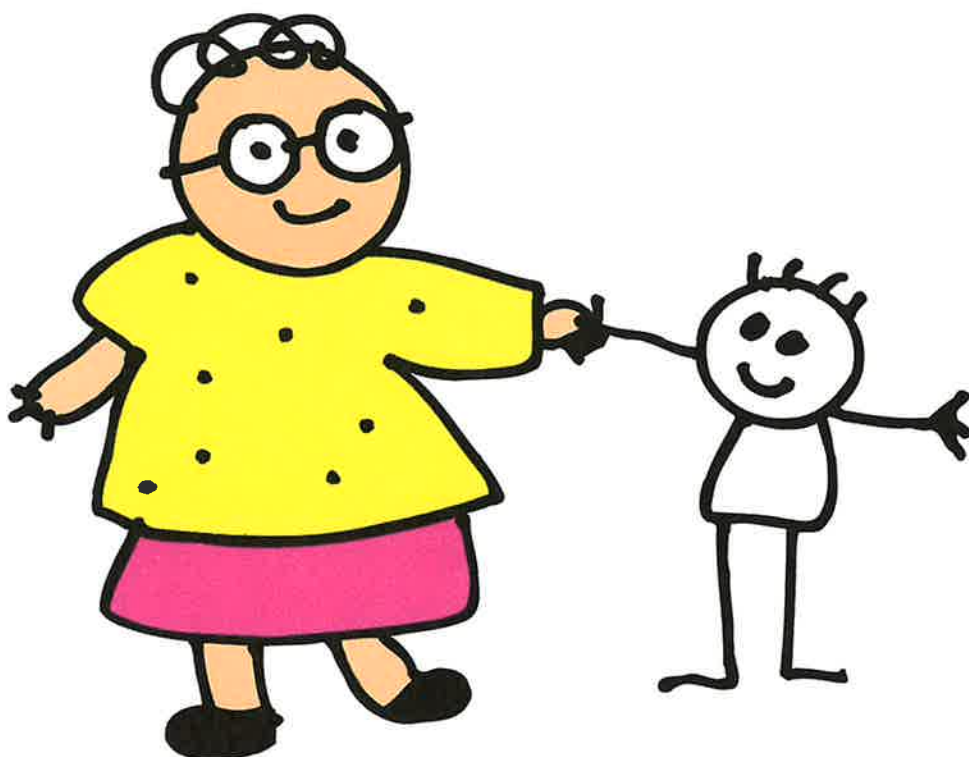
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YOUR FAMILY WELLNESS TEAM



BATCHEWANA
FIRST NATION



GRANDMA'S & AUNTIES PROGRAM UP COMING

Keep an eye out for future events and programming,
contact Kathy for more information !



Goulais Annex

Obadjiwan Centre

Rankin Early On

**Call all Grandma's &
Aunties Kathy Jones-
Pine for more
information**

GRANDMA'S & AUNTIES PROGRAM

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705-998-4436 ext 2106

Kathy Jones-Pine




May 2023



Batchewana Health Centre Community Health Program Calendar

For more information, please call the
Health Centre at 705-254-7827



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Call Sabrina at ext. 135 to book Pediatric vaccines!	1 HEALTHY BABIES HEALTHY CHILDREN: Gift Card Pick-up <u>this week</u>	2	3	4 Nutrition Coaching Move for the Health of It! GOULAIS 6pm - 7:30pm	5	6 Traditional Health Clinic CLOSED
7 Traditional Health Clinic CLOSED	8 Emergency Preparedness Week Enter Online Survey!	9 Nutrition Coaching 1:1 Appointments	10 	11 Nutrition Coaching Move for the Health of It! GOULAIS 6pm - 7:30pm	12	13 CLOSED
14 CLOSED	15	16 Nutrition Coaching 1:1 Appointments	17	18 Nutrition Coaching Community Kitchen Obadjiwan	19	20 CLOSED
21 CLOSED	22 	23 Nutrition Coaching 1:1 Appointments	24	25 Nutrition Coaching HBHC: Traditional Health Teachings @Early On Centre	26	27 CLOSED
28 Soulful Sunday @ Quattro 11am - 4pm CLOSED	29	30 Nutrition Coaching 1:1 Appointments	31 Elders Luncheon Obadjiwan 9am-12pm Goulais 1pm-3pm	For Vaccine appointments please call the Batchewana Health Centre at 705-254-7827 EXT. 144		

HEALTH AND WELLNESS GATHERING CIRCLE 2023 (DIABETES) MAY 11, 2023

Join us at the
Batchewana Health Centre
12:00 PM to 1 PM

Every Second Thursday of Each Month

Healthy Light Lunch Provided!

Come and join our Health Team at
the Batchewana Health Centre for a
wellness gathering.



In Person or Zoom Link

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83129432805?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83129432805?pwd=V1FVbE5NZHRxMGViWC9hdHlXWGVUdz0)
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Meeting ID: 831 2943 2805
Passcode: 442266

Contact Regis Poulin
Community Health Representative
705-254-7827 Ext 107
chr@batchewana.ca



 **MAAMWESYING**
NORTH SHORE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES INC.

Batchewana Non Dway Gamig
210 A Gran Street.
Batchewana First Nation, P6A 0C4

TRADITIONAL HEALTH CLINIC

Saturday May 6th & Sunday May 7th

**Located at the Batchewana Health Centre
210A Gran Street, BFN**

**Teachings, Spiritual Guidance, Traditional Healing,
Anishinaabe Names, Colours, Clans and More.**

Protocols:

- **Please Bring an un-opened pouch of tobacco**
- **Abstain from Alcohol or Drugs 4 days prior to visit.**
- **Women on "moon time" cannot be seen.**
- **Women may visit 2 days after moon time ends.**

**To request a visit with Joe Syrette and Trevor
(Trapper) Sayers for May, Please leave your name,
telephone with Health Program Planner at
Batchewana Health Centre**

Call 705-254-7827 ext: 144

You will receive a call back with an appointment time.



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COVID-19 VACCINATION UPDATE



Health Canada is recommending high risk individuals to receive their next Covid-19 booster this spring.

In order to receive a vaccine, it must be 6 months from the last dose OR confirmed covid-19 infection.

High risk individuals include:

- Those ages 65 years+
- Pregnant individuals
- Those ages 18 years+ who are immunocompromised
- Those 55 years+ who identify as First Nations, Metis or Inuit and their household members
- Residents of long term care homes, retirement homes or congregate living settings

Those who are not high risk, and have already received a booster since september 1st, 2022, will have boosters available close to fall 2023!



CALL TO BOOK!

705-254-7827 ext. 144
(BACHEWANA HEALTH CENTRE)



QUESTIONS?

Please call Community Health Nurse,
Renee Rousselle at
705-254-7827 ext. 140



TRADITIONAL PARENTING

*Batchewana First Nation
Family Wellness Team (Gaagige Gizhik)*



Congratulations to the
Graduates of the Family
Wellness Team's First
Traditional Parenting 10
week series !

The program was created by Dr. Joey-Lynn Wabie who is an Algonquin Anicinabe ikwe from Mahingan Sagahigan (Wolf Lake) First Nation in Quebec. She is an assistant professor in Indigenous Social Work at Laurentian University located on Atikameksheng Anishnawbek territory (Sudbury, Ontario).



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NIMKII-NAABKAWAGAN FAMILY CRISIS

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TOLL FREE 1-866-266-1466

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EXT 200	Vernon Desjardins	Building Superintendent
EXT 200	Jenny Robinson	Administrative Assistant
EXT 201	April Pine	Program Support Worker
	Melinda Syrette	Cook
	Aleisha Desjardins	Crisis Worker
	Tracy Waboose-Pine	Crisis Worker
	Leanne Ignace	Crisis Worker
	Allison Boissoneau	Relief Crisis Worker
	Chelsea Meawasige-Reader	Relief Crisis Worker
	Emily Begin	Relief Crisis Worker
	Linda Jordan	Relief Crisis Worker
	Morgan Boissoneau-Boyer	Relief Crisis Worker
	Shilo Waboose	Relief Crisis Worker
	Tanya Jordan	Relief Crisis Worker
	Giovanna Iannelli	Relief Crisis Worker
	Lindsey Albury	Relief Crisis Worker
	Tanya Boychuk	Relief Crisis Worker
	Megan Riberdy	Relief Crisis Worker
	Stephanie Shier	Relief Crisis Worker
	Cassandra Robinson	Intern: Relief Crisis Worker

Batchewana First Nation Children's Programing:

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Obadjiwan EarlyON Location:

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Stephenie Dinsmore, RECE
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BATCHEWANA FIRST NATION**Toll-Free: 1-877-236-2632****Phone Number: (705) 759-0914****Fax # 705-759-9171****CHIEF:****DEAN SAYERS****COUNCILLORS:**

Harvey Bell

Greg Agawa

Mark McCoy

Gary Roach Jr.

Trevor (Trap) Sayers

Luke McCoy

Ann Marie Tegosh

Melissa Sayers

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NON DWAY GAMIG – HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Toll Free # 1-855-816-9590

Fax # 759-8716

210A Gran Street, Batchewana First Nation, Ontario, P6A 0C4

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BATCHEWANA BAND INDUSTRIES

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