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Political Update Chief Mark McCoy

September 2023

Greetings Batchewana First Nation!

I'm thrilled to be addressing you in my first newsletter update as your new Chief.

I would like to begin by thanking everyone who came out to vote in this year's election, the numbers at the polls truly reflect the commitment our members have to advancing important matters and I commend you for your dedication.

Our leadership has hit the ground running and I don't see the momentum slowing down anytime soon! One of the top priorities of our new council is to improve accountability and transparency. One of the ways in which we will achieve this is by reinstating the livestreaming of our council meetings to allow all members to view the important discussions at the council table. We will also be changing the format of the meetings by moving all in camera matters to the end of

meeting to accommodate those in attendance. We will post the new meeting schedule as soon as it is available.

We had the honour of hosting the AIAI Elder's gathering August 22-24, 2023. We were thrilled to be part of a forum that facilitates learning, wellness and storytelling for the elders from each of the AIAI member Nations. The Leadership of BFN truly appreciated the opportunity to learn from fellow Nations Elders from, Delaware, Oneida, Hiawatha, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte, Whata and Caldwell.

The Robinson Huron Treaty Gathering will be taking place September 7-9 in Garden River. BFN leadership are doing our due diligence in reviewing documents to ensure any agreements are in the best interest of BFN. I encourage our membership to attend and learn about important updates regarding the next steps in the litigation and negotiation process.

Our council is currently examining both the internal and external operations of BFN. Moving forward strategic planning and portfolio selection will be taking place and updates will be forthcoming.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our annual Pow Wow, September 2-3, 2023!

FOR OUR

BATCHEWANA FIRST NATION

SEPTEMBER | 2-3 | 2023

NO CHARGE FOR VENDORS

ROUGH CAMPING AVAILABLE

RANKIN POW WOW GROUNDS

SATURDAY | SEPT 2

- ▶ 12:00pm Grand Entry
- ▶ 1:30pm Water Teaching
- ▶ 6:00pm Grand Entry

SUNDAY | SEPT 3

- ► 1:00pm Grand Entry
- 2:00pm Strawberry Treaching

Host Drum **CHARGING HORSE** Co-Host Drum SMOKEY TOWN

JOEL SYRETTE

ALL MENS SPECIAL

GOLDEN AGE SPECIAL >> 1 ST \$1000 | 2ND \$800 | 3RD \$600 ALL WOMENS SPECIAL >> 1ST \$1000 | 2ND \$800 | 3RD \$600

>> 15T \$1000 | 2ND \$800 | 3RD \$600 AND YOUTH SPECIAL >> 1ST \$600 | 2ND \$400 | 3RD \$200



CONTACT: JSEWELL@BATCHEWANA.CA | 705-992-4509

BATCHEWANA FIRST NATION 2023-24 YOUTH WARRIOR

3 CATEGORIES FOR YOUTH AGES 12-18*

*must be 12 as of Sept.1/23

- Batchewana Youth Warrior She/Her
- Batchewana Youth Warrior He/Him
- Batchewana Youth WarriorThey/Them

JUNIOR WARRIOR FOR YOUTH AGES 8-11*

*must be 8 as of Sept.1/23

Eligible youth will be chosen by a Youth Leadership
Committee and winners will be announced at the Annual
Batchewana First Nation Pow Wow, September 2, 2023

Rules and Guidelines:

- <u>Must</u> be a BFN band member
- <u>Must</u> be a returning student
- <u>Must</u> record a 1-2 minute long video answering given questions
- <u>Must</u> answer the 4 short answer questions
- <u>Must</u> sign and submit declaration form
- <u>Must</u> provide a reference letter from a non-family member
- Must be willing to attend community events and speak to groups
- Must not have held Youth Warrior title for 2022-2023 year

APPLICATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 24, 2023

For an Application Package please contact: alexis.tegoshabatchewana.co or 705-254-7827 ext. 100







≫ SEPTEMBER 7-8

≫ SEPTEMBER 9

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY HOSTED BY:

Ketegaunseebee Anishinaabeg

Garden River First Nation

Garden River Community Centre 6 Shingwauk St., Garden River

SATURDAY CELEBRATIONS AT:

GFL Memorial Gardens

269 Queen St. E, Sault Ste. Marie







RHTREATYGATHERING.COM

NOTICE

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP OFFICE

On August the 9th, 2023 at a duly convened meeting of the Batchewana First Nation Chief and Council the following motion was passed:

That Batchewana First Nation Chief and Council hereby Motion to temporarily suspend any new transfers to BFN until January 2024, at which time it will be reevaluated.

If you have any questions regarding:

- Status Cards
- Registration
- Estates, Wills (on reserve)

- Quantum Letters
- Business Licensing

Please contact me by phone at 705-759-0914 ext. 205 if you reach my voicemail, leave a brief message with your name and phone number, I will get back to you or Email lisa@batchewana.ca

We can set up an appointment to address your questions, or assist with registration and issuing a Status Card.

Thank you Lisa McCormick



BBIL Board of Directors Vacancy Opportunity

(Batchewana First Nation Members)

BBIL is currently seeking applications for 1 position on the BBIL Board of Directors

Interested BFN Members:

Should submit their resume/cover letter outlining

their related qualifications and experience in business; along with 3 references in a <u>Sealed Envelope</u> to the following:

BBIL Park Manager

C/O BBIL Board of Directors

Batchewana Band Industries Ltd.

485B Gran Street

Batchewana First Nation, ON

P6A 0C4

All submissions must be

mailed or dropped off by 12 p.m. Sept 29th , 2023

Please Note:

Submissions delivered to the BFN Band Office will not be accepted.

Thank you

BBIL Board of Directors & Management



Begins August 1, 2023

As per June 12th, 2023 Chief & Council Motion #5



BATCHEWANA TIKST NATION

GARBAGE PICKUP 4 BAG LIMIT!

HELP REDUCE WASTE

MORE THAN 4?

Additional Bag Tags for purchase!



WHERE?:

BFN Administrative Office (236 Frontenac Street) Cash & Debit Accepted



COST?: \$3.50 each or 3 for \$10

Questions?

Contact O&M (705) 759-0914 Ext. 234 raven@batchewana.ca Let's all do our part!

Your small actions can create a huge impact on our environment.



Eligible Project Categories

- Forestry
- Eco-Tourism
- Trapping
- Maple Syrup
- Fishing
- Production
- Harvesting
- Resource
 Planning
- AND MORE!!

Who Can Apply?

First Nations, their members or organizations, and territorial organizations in Ontario are eligible to apply.

Do you have a natural resource use or conservation project in mind for your community, organization, or small business?



Funding

The maximum funding per project is \$35,000



Application Deadline

November 6, 2023 11:59 p.m. EST

FOR MORE INFORAMTION

Laura Howard CORDA Office corda@hiawathafn.ca (705) 295-4421 431 Hiawatha Line Hiawatha, ON



Canadian Ontario Resource Development Agreement

(CORDA)

BRIDGING YOUTH TO EMPLOYMENT

BYTE is a FREE Youth Employment Training Program teaching core life and job skills that help participants secure <u>full-time employment</u>. Participants are paid minimum wage for in-class instruction.

INCLUDES:



4-MONTH YMCA MEMBERSHIP



BUS PASS



SPECIALIZED CERTIFICATIONS



MENTORING & JOB COACHING



WAGE SUBSIDY FOR EMPLOYERS

TO BE ELIGIBLE:

- MUST BE UNDER 30
- UNEMPLOYED
- NOT IN SCHOOL OR RETURNING TO SCHOOL
- CANADIAN CITIZEN OR PERMANENT RESIDENT
- . LEGALLY ENTITLED TO WORK IN CANADA
- . ABLE TO ATTEND MON FRI 9AM TO 3PM



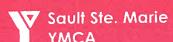
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TEXT/CALL 705 989 4675



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Bald Eagle Resources

Owner/Operator Dan Sayers Sr.

74 Gran Street, Batchewana First Nation Cell: 705-975-1693 baldeagleresources@gmail.com General Landscaping • Snow Removal Lot Clearing • Excavating



SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY SOCIAL

OBADJIWAN

Monday September 11, 2023 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm Obadjiwan Community Centre

Goulais

Tuesday September 12, 2023 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm Chi Wehn Kwe Dohn Community Centre (Goulais)

RANKIN

Wednesday September 13, 2023 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm Thunderbird Room (Rankin Arena)

You're invited to meet:

Community Liaison Governance Hub

Batchewana Employment & Training
Family Wellness
Health

Economic Development

Aanjichigewin Health - Sep 12th;13th Community Wellness – Sep 12th Community Health Rep – Sep 11th; 13th

Housing – Sep 13th

Community Lidison - (705) 989-6019





ALL WELCOME!

PUBLIC SKATING SKATING

RANKIN ARENA Wednesdays 5-6 pm

STARTS SEPTEMBER 13TH



Indigenous Transitions Coach

The Indigenous Transitions Program assists First Nation, Metis, & Inuit students transitioning into and out of Elementary School.

Some of the ways we can assist the parents & students are:

- Support & Guide Students
- Educate & Prepare Students
- Identify Barriers & Solutions
- Create an Unique Transition Plan
- Advocate for Students
- Support After the Transition
- Engage with Parents & Teachers
- Provide Cultural Resources

Also, sign up for our monthly email Newsletter that highlights students, teachers, HSCDSB key dates and events, upcoming holidays, and tips for parents.

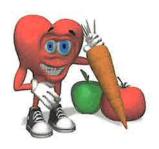
For More Information or to sign up for the newsletter, Contact Hannah Syrette

Email: Hannah.Syrette@hscdsb.on.ca Telephone: 705-945-5448





Batchewana First Nation Student Nutrition Program



Program Objectives:

To provide Batchewana First Nation School aged children from JK through to Grade 12 with a morning nutritious snack during the school calendar days.

All participants please remember the follow:

- YOU must phone prior to each Wednesday by 10:00pm. All shopping will be done on Thursdays. If you don't phone by the cut off time you will not receive snacks for that week. ABSOLTELY NO LATE CALLS ACCEPTED!!!
- You Must be present to pick up snacks
- A registration form must be completed before Snacks will be provided

First Snack day will be September 11th 2023

Food Pick up Days will be
MONDAYS: 10-5pm as follows;
Rankin - Teen Centre-10-5 pm
Goulais - Annex and Obadjiwan TBA (depending on volunteers)

Contact Number: Please leave Your Name and Contact Number

705-992-4509

**ALL SNACKS WILL BE PEANUT FREE""



Thank you for your Cooperation

Batchewana First Nation – Student Nutrition Team



Sept 2023 Batchewana First Nation

Education Department



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

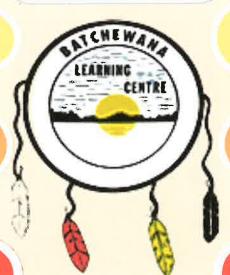


Batchewana Learning Centre

DO YOU NEED YOUR GRADE
12 DIPLOMA?

GET CREDITS FOR LIFE EXPERIENCES WITH MPLAR!

DO YOU HAVE COLLEGE OR UNVERSITY PLANS?



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

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?



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

Anna (BLC Teacher)

Email: teacher@batchewana.ca

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



Batchewana Learning Centre









DOES YOUR CHILD NEED MENTAL WELLNESS SUPPORT?

BATCHEWANA EDUCATION WELLNESS TEAM PROVIDES:

- One to one counselling at student's school
- Groups
- Case management
- Culturally appropriate supports
- Land-base education
- Early Intervention

For more information, email: education.wellness@batchewana.ca









Aanii Boozhoo Kina Weyaa!

Hello Everyone!



Summer has gone by fast, and we are hoping everyone had a great Summer. Autumn is quickly approaching and everyone will be back at school before we know it!

Here some tips and suggestions from the Education Liaisons to help prepare for the upcoming school year:

Start a routine before the school starts! Practice earlier bed times/Waking up earlier

Set up short term and long-term goals! A short-term goal can be reading a book. A long-term goal can be achieving an A+!

- Make sure the goals make sense and are realistic!
 Get some exercise and eat more vegetables and fruits!
- Join an extracurricular activity or club! School becomes a lot more enjoyable and easier to attend if there is a reason to go!

 ASK ASK ASK for help when you need help! Asking for help from your teacher, friends or parent
- Practice self-care! Find healthy ways to burn off some steam!
 Most importantly, TRY NEW THINGS!!!

Please reach out to our Education Liaisons, Taylor Madonna and Chris Solomon if there are questions!!

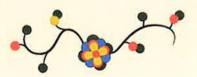
We wish everyone a safe and happy school year and look forward to working with the youth!



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Taylor Madonna and Chris Solomon

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Special Education





Services Offered

BEHAVIOURAL

- BEHAVIOUR ANALYSIS
- SELF REGULATION
- TRANSITION

EMOTIONAL

- OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
- MUSIC THERAPY
- COUNSELING

ACADEMIC

- TUTORING
- KUMON
- ABORIGINAL SUPPORT WORKER (ASW)

COMMUNICATION

- SPEECH THERAPY
- LITERACY

OTHER

- PHYSIOTHERAPY
- PARENT COACHING
- PSYCHO-EDUCATION ASSESSMENTS
- IEP'S (INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PLAN)
- IPRC (INDIVIDUAL PLACEMENT & REVIEW COMMITTEE)

FOR MORE PROGRAM DETAILS & CONTACTS



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











Batchewana Education





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Staff	Position	Office	Email
Jenny Sayers	School Secretary/ Admin	705.759.7285 ext 201	jenny.sayers@batchewana.ca
Chris Solomon	Elementary School Liaison	705.759.7285 ext 219	chris.solomon@batchewana.ca
Taylor Madonna	High School Counsellor	705.759.7285 ext 215	taylor.madonna@batchewana.ca
Christine Sayers	Post Secondary Counsellor	705.759.7285 ext 214	christine.sayers@batchewana.ca
Tanya Pine	Office Coordinator	705.759.7285 ext 202	tanya.pine@batchewana.ca
Anna Canduro	BLC Teacher	705.759.7285 ext 217	teacher@batchewana.ca
Debbie Noorland	BLC Classroom Support	705.759.7285 ext 217	debbie.noorland@batchewana.ca
Rachelle Lambert	Special Education Manager	705.759.7285 ext 209	rlambert@batchewana.ca
Meredith Sewell	Behaviour Lead	705.759.7285 ext 221	Meredith.Sewell@batchewana.ca
Kyla Sewell	Special Education Admin	705.759.7285 ext 220	Kyla.Sewell@batchewana.ca
Eva Dabutch	Education Wellness Lead	705.989.5367	Eva.Dabutch@batchewna.ca
Vacant	Education Wellness Admin		
Blythe Commando	Land Base Specialist	705.989.4574	Blythe.Commando@batchewana.ca
Shannon Moan	Mental Wellness Worker	705.989.4738	Shannon.Moan@batchewana.ca
Brittany Begin	Mental Weliness Worker	705-989-4624	Brittany.Begin@batchewana.ca
Shelly Pewapsconias	Education Director	705.759.7285 ext 213	Shelly.Pewapsconias@batchewana.ca
Dave Grawbarger	Building Superintendent	705.759.7285 ext 210	Dave.Grawbarger@batchewana.ca
BLC Principal			Principal@batchewana.ca



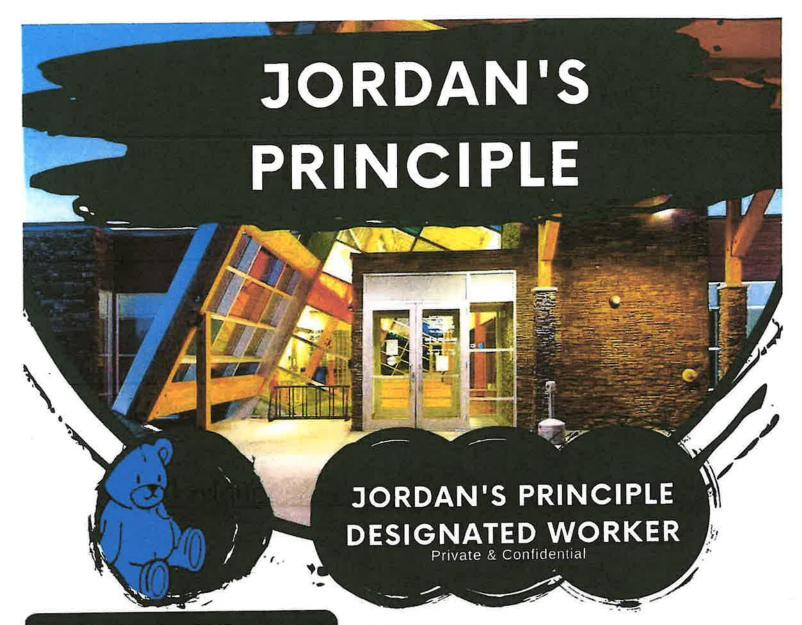
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Community Health Program Calendar For more information, please call the Health For more information, please call the Health Centre at 705-254-7827 **Batchewana Health Centre**



SATURDAY	2 CLOSED	CLOSED FASD Awareness Day	16 CLOSED Traditional Health Clinic	CLOSED	30 CLOSED
FRIDAY	1 CLOSED	CLOSED	15 CLOSED	22 CLOSED	CLOSED
THURSDAY		7	200	21 Move for the Health of Itl Obadjiwan 6pm - 7:30pm	Foot care Clink. 28 @Health Centre Fire Prevention Draw Move for the Health of It! Obadijwan 6pm - 7:30pm
WEDNESDAY		**Batchewana Walk With Me.[" Start at Health Centre 12:15pm - 12:45pm	13 "Eatchewana. Walk With Me !" Start at Health Centre 12:15pm - 12:45pm	Foot care Clinic Obadjiwan & Goulals Batchewana Walk With Me I Start at Health Centre 12:15pm - 12:45pm	Ecot care Clinic 27 @Health Centre "Batchewana. walk With Me !" Start at Health Centre 12:15pm - 12:45pm
TUESDAY		Nutrition Coaching	12 Nutrition Coaching 1:1 Appointments	Nutrition Coaching 1:1 Appointments	26 "Elders Game Time" In Each community 2:30pm - 4:30pm Nutrition Coaching 1:1 Appointments
MONDAY		3 HEALTHY BABIES HEALTHY CHILDREN: Gift Card Pick-up this week.	11	18	25
SUNDAY		CLOSED 4	10 CLOSED	CLOSED Traditional Health Clinic	24 CLOSED



WHERE TO FIND

210A Gran St. Batchewana First Nation **HOW**

Schedule an appointment

or

Pop in

& Ask reception for Terri Sewell

CONTACT: TERRI SEWELL

(705) 989-6764

TSEWELL@NOG.CA

starting hours March 8th Wednesday

1 - 430

WHAT WE CAN DO

A designated Jordan's principle position to assist our community members who require services in accordance with the Jordan's Principle directives funded by Department of Indigenous Services Canada. The Jordan's Principle worker can assist children, youth and their families/caregivers to navigate the administrative process and apply for a variety of products and services.







TRADITIONAL HEALTH CLINIC

<u>Saturday September 16th & Sunday September 17th, 2023</u>

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 April, Please leave your name, telephone with Renee at Batchewana Health Centre

Cal 705-254-7827 ext: 140
You will receive a call back with an appointment time.







NUTRITION COACHING

LEARN HOW TO MAKE THE HEALTHY CHOICE THE EASY CHOICE!

Healthy eating doesn't need to be complicated. By going back to the basics, we can make small changes that add up to big results. Set yourself up for success with Healthy Habits Coaching!

Hosted by Jessica Sally Nutrition Coach from Catalyst Fitness in collaboration with Batchewana Non Dway Gamig.

Initial consults will be held at the Batchewana Health Centre and follow up will be individualized.

PERSONAL APPROACH RECIPE SHARING TRACK PROGRESS
HEALTHY FOOD CHOICES & PORTION SIZES



Contact Renee Rousselle to register!

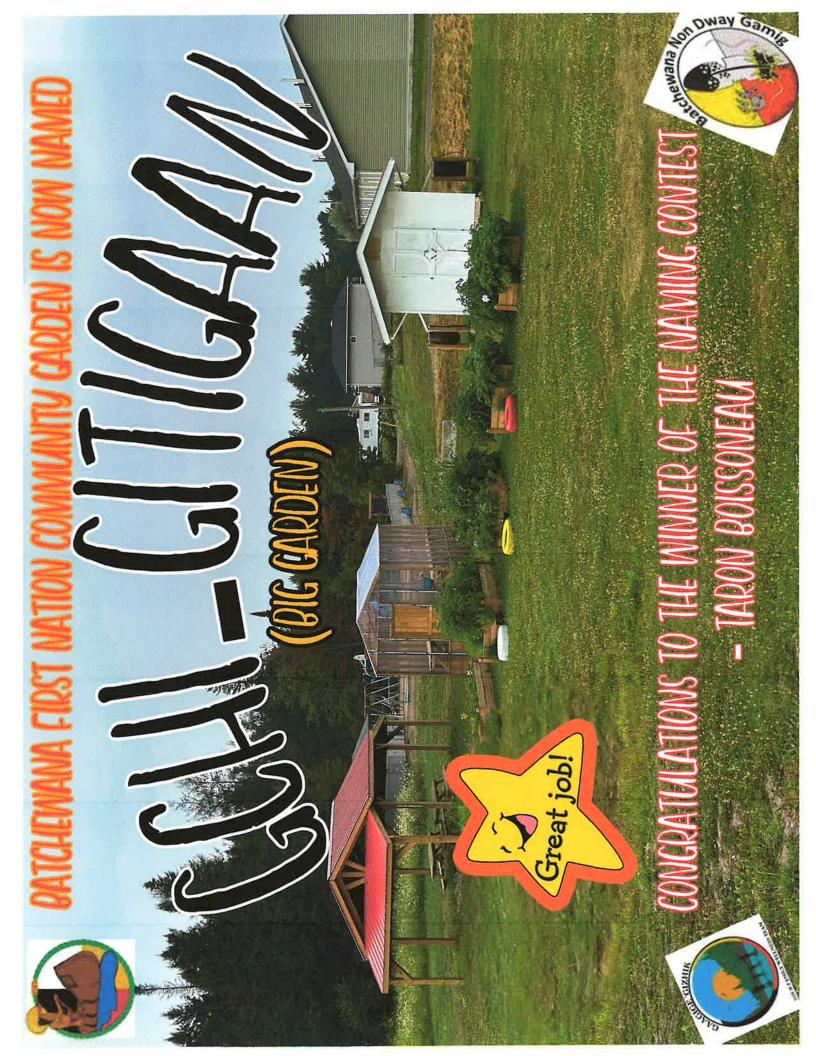
705-254-7827 EXT. 140













FOOT CARE CLINIC

Foot care services are now back in clinic, at the Batchewana Health Centre!

To make an appointment please call Health Program Planner at ext. 144, and an appointment will be allotted.

Next Clinic: September 27th
September 28th
and October 4th

TO BOOK PLEASE CALL

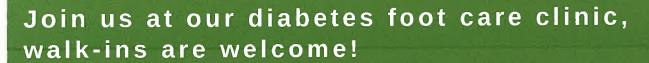
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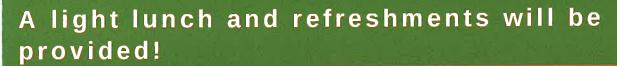




HEALTH AND WELLNESS LUNCHEON

BATCHEWANA FIRST NATION









OBADJIWAN

When: September 20th, 2023

Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm

Where: Obadjiwan Community Centre

GOULAIS

When: September 20th, 2023

Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm

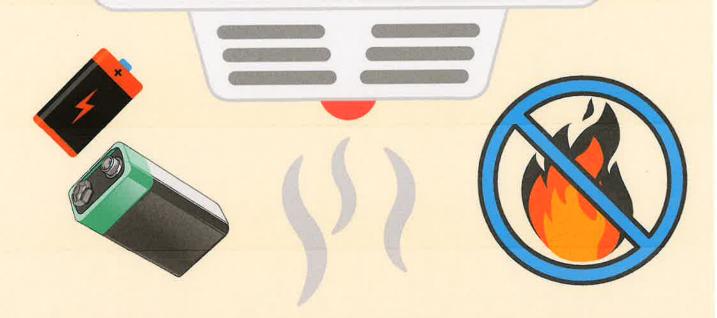
Where: Goulais Community Centre

Kobe Amoah - Footcare Nurse,
Genevieve London - Diabetes Nurse Educator &
Renee Rousselle - Community Health Nurse
WILL BE PRESENT!

For Questions Please Call: 705-254-7827 ext. 140



SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2023 IS TEST YOUR SMOKE ALARM DAY.



Please add this date in your calendar to ensure your smoke alarm is working, while testing the batteries and checking to see if your smoke alarm is functioning and or needs to be replaced.

A smoke alarm should be replaced every 10 years and have the batteries checked once a year.

Test your Smoke Alarm



Batchewana Non Dway Gamig Health Centre 210A Gran Street, Batchewana First Nation, ON P6A 0C3

> 705-254-7827 Ext: 107 REGIS.POULIN@BATCHEWANA.CA





Elders Game Time



JOIN US FOR SOME FUN GAMES AND LAUGHS! LIGHT SNACKS & REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

CRIBBAGE - CHECKERS - CHESS **SCRABBLE - CARD & BOARD GAMES & MORE!**



TUESDAY'S 2:30 - 4:30PM **4 WEEKS IN EACH COMMUNITY**



September 26th, October 3rd, 10th & 17th

<u>Obadjiwan</u> Community Centre

Goulais Rankin Arena
Community Centre Thunderbird Room

 st Happening at the same time in each community st *Light snacks & refreshments available*

Would you be interested in a Cribbage Tournament!?



Open to BFN community members ages 55 years & up! TO REGISTER PLEASE CALL:

705-254-7827 ext. 144 (HEALTH PROGRAM PLANNER)

WALKS IN'S ARE WELCOME!



BLASTOMYCOSIS

Environmental Health Awareness

WHAT IS THIS?

BLASTOMYCOSIS IS AN INFECTION CAUSE BY BREATHING IN SPORES FROM SOIL FUNGUS BLASTOMYCES AN USUALLY BEGINS WITH A LUNG INFECTION. THIS IS NOT SPREAD FROM PERSON TO PERSON WHERE SIGNS OF ILLNESS MAY TAKE UP TO THREE MONTHS TO DEVELOP.

WHERE IS THIS FOUND?

BLASTOMYCOSIS CAN BE FOUND IN THE ONTARIO REGION WITH HIGH RATES OF INFECTION IN THE NORTH. THIS FUNGUS WILL GROW IN MOIST AREAS, IT CAN GROW IN SOILS OR DAMP AND ROTTING ORGANIC MATTER SUCH AS LEAVES AND WOOD. OFTEN FOUND NEAR BODIES OF WATER IN THE NORTHWESTERN REGIONS OF ONTARIO

RECONIZABLE SYMPTOMS

SYMPTOMS OF BLASTOMYCOSIS MAY INCLUDE:

- · A COUGH THAT WON'T GO AWAY.
- DIFFICULTY BREATHING
- CHEST PAIN
- · FEVER OR NIGHT SWEATS
- UNEXPLAINED WEIGHT LOSS
- EXTREME FATIGUE

SYMPTOMS OF BLASTOMYSOSIS CAN BE SIMILAR TO PNEUMONIA AND OTHER LUNG INFECTIONS. EARLY DETECTION CAN REDUCE THE LIKELYHOOD OF COMPLICATIONS, HOSPITALIZATION AND DEATH. SYMPTOMS CAN TAKE UP TO THREE MONTHS TO APPEAR AND ARE SEEN MOSTLY IN THE LATE FALL, WHERE SOME PEOPLE AT RISK WERE EXPOSED TO THE FUNGUS DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS, ALTHOUGHT THIS CAN BE DIAGNOSED AT ANYTIME DURING THE YEAR.

OTHER INFORMATION

PLEASE REACH OUT TO YOUR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER SHOULD YOU EXPERIENCE ANY SYMPTOMS THAT ARE NOT NORMAL TO YOU. IT IS SUGGESTED TO NOT DISTURB THE ENVIRONMENT OF WHICH INCLUDES DIGGING UP THE SOIL IN THE RECOGNIZED REGION TO REDUCE THE LIKELYHOOD OF INFECTION OF BLASTOMYCOSIS





Batchewana Walk With Me

September 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

Each Wednesay starting at the Batchewana Health Centre

Please Contact Regis Poulin at Regis.Poulin@batchewana.ca

705-254-7827 Ext 107



12:15 pm to

Introducing The Community Health Team Of Batchewana Don Dway Gamig Batchewana Health Centre

Health Director - Elizabeth Edgar-Webkamigad (Ext. 139)

Aanii-boozhoo, Elizabeth Edgar-Webkamigad miinawa Nanoshkaus ndizhinikaaz, jijaack ndodem, Baawaating didaa, Wikwemikong ndoonjibaa. I am honored to introduce myself as the Director of Health and Human Services. I am feeling really thankful for the opportunity to lead the health team, over this last year we have worked with HR to fill our team to capacity and thank all who have supported us in the process. In our newsletter contribution; I take great honor to introduce you to the health team, sharing with you, we are all committed to delivering supportive and caring services; through programs and events that are planned with each season in mind, each community in mind and will engage your feedback when you participate, to help us ensure we are bringing you opportunities for learning, fun, awareness, education and support. We welcome you, your family, and friends to join us in our best offerings in the community over the next while. Please feel free to reach out, should you require any support and if we can't assist you, we will be sure to point you in the right direction for supports.

Office Coordinator - Stephanie Swanson (Ext. 108)

Member of Batchewana First Nation, and reside within our community. Also studied Business Accounting at Sault College, and continues education with the Human Resources field.

Non-Insured Health Benefits Medical Clerk - Carolyn Ainslie (Ext. 132)

Responsible for providing financial, administrative and clerical services to ensure effective, efficient, and accurate NIHB claims when needing to travel outside of our region for medical reason.

Reception - Alexis Tegosh (main line/ext. 100)

I've been here at our health center for 2 short years, also a community member. I cover our front lines here at the health center including the front doors and all calls coming into the main line. Here to direct you to the right path if you're unsure of where to go, what to do, or who to see!

FAMILY WELLNESS TEAM

Welcome to the Batchewana First Nation Family Wellness Team. Our Spirit Name is Gaagige 'Gizhik which means 'Forever Sky''. Our team has been directed to assist families in finding their way to a more traditional way of life which includes traditional childrearing practices with the entire family involved. Our traditional healers have told our families to look to the Sky for help from their ancestors, and our team is here to support this process.

MISSION

Working together as Gaagige'Gizhik (Forever Sky), a preventative, strength-based team to advocate and assist our community and families of Batchewana First Nation to build capacity, connections, and overall family wellness. The goal of Gaagige'Gizhik is to keep families together and support reunification of families. We recognize that, inherently, through our history, culture, language and traditions the best practices for helping come from within the First Nation. We continue to maintain the 7 Grandfather teachings at the core of our work.

VISION

Healthy Anishnawbek Families and Community working together to support each other in reaching their full human potential.

SERVICES WITHIN THE TEAM

<u>Team Lead - Shelly Pascall 705-480-1812 work cell 705-989-5596</u> Supervising and temporarily managing our FWT overall

Band Representatives - Darlene Corbiere (705) 257-5840 & Shelby Maione (705) 989-4093

Band Representatives oversee and monitor child protection matters; draw up legal documents; ensure a cultural disposition in child protection proceedings; act as the case manager for Batchewana First Nation members in the legislative process; mediate between the family, internal and external services and the Child Welfare Agency involved.

Family Advocate - Don Dufresne (705) 257-5831

The Family Advocate is responsible to provide support/advocacy with child welfare involved families seeking support by providing help to clarify, understand and address issues, increase awareness, and access to internal and external resources, support community wellness initiatives and collaborate to identify gaps in services.

In-Home Support - Sonya Young (705) 989-6013

The In-Home/Care Support Worker will work with the Team and Families to provide in-home based support to: High risk families to prevent the breakdown of families in times of crisis where child protection concerns exist or where the family is considered to be at risk of family breakdowns. A trusting relationship will be built with the child, parents and caregivers to assist with and facilitate the child's growth and development.

Grandmas and Aunties - Kathy Jones Pine (705) 989-5882

The Grandmas and Aunties Worker is responsible for planning, coordinating, and delivering events and services to community members in a caring and supportive role, offering one-on-one, and group-based programming; identifying and addressing individual, family, and community needs to promote connection, belonging, community pride, and improved health and wellness.

Jordan's principle - Terri Sewell (705) 989-6764

A designated Jordan's principle position to assist our community members who require services in accordance with the Jordan's Principle directives funded by Department of Indigenous Services Canada. The Jordan's Principle worker can assist children, youth and their families/caregivers to navigate the administrative process and apply for a variety of products and services.

Community Support Worker - Lana Jones 705-989-2172

Responsible for delivery of primary/secondary prevention services aimed at reducing the requirement for protection services through Child Welfare. Community Support worker will be required to plan, deliver and evaluate services offered to the family/community members based on meeting the essential needs of family/community members as determined by Batchewana First Nation. In consultation and cooperation with the other members of the team, the worker will develop a consensus on needs and priorities, coordinate services and maximize the effective expenditure of available resources.

<u>Family Wellness Team assistant – Danielle Boissoneau-Sayers - 705-989-2202</u>
Adds any/all assistance needed within our FWT

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Grandmas and Aunties Programming

1. Community Gardens – We are planning to have monthly meetings starting in Jan/23 for all members, open to all community members you can be a part of building community gardens for all the communities in Batchewana First Nation

We look forward to the community garden being built this spring/summer. Please contact Shelly Pascall for more information at 705-989-5596

For questions about upcoming Grandma & Aunties programming, please contact Kathy Jones-Pine (705.989.5882) kjonespine@batchewana.ca

COMMUNITY WELLNESS TEAM

(CWT) supports Batchewana First Nation community members wanting to improve their mental health and wellbeing. CWT operates from the Sweetgrass Community Wellness Model to address the unique health needs of the people in culturally appropriate way. Hidden within the sweetgrass is the key to a balanced healthy and happy life. Our work brings to focus the importance of mind, body, and spirit. All programs operate from a trauma-informed lens and practice harm reduction whenever possible. All program can and will be offered on the land. Please see below some of the key components of the CWT and contact information.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES:

Counselling: The counselling team continues to offer individual counselling to BFN members ages 12 and over. Our two counsellors have experience providing cognitive-behavioral therapy, dialectical behavioral therapy, narrative therapy, solution-focused brief therapy and motivational interviewing. We operate from a trauma-informed lens ensuring safety, choice, collaboration, trustworthiness and empowerment. We are happy to provide counselling on the land and in each community. Please contact at the Health Centre Extension 158 or by email at trobinson@batchewana.ca. Program is for ages 13+.

NNADAP: The National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program (NNADAP) helps set up and operate treatment programs to reduce and prevent problematic substance use in communities such as BFN. The program's goal is to help fund First Nations and Inuit-run initiatives. If you are someone you know is interested in attending a treatment program or centre, please connect with the NNADAP worker to learn more. Program is for ages 18+.

Community Wellness (Adult): Community Wellness Workers will support, advocate and consult with individuals and families to assist with client's abilities to overcome crisis situations and identify methods to cope with the situation. This program offers intensive case management to help individuals navigate social services and systems. Program is for ages 20+.

Youth Wellness: Youth Wellness will support our youth with basic need, mental health and peer support. Our youth workers offer cannabis education and awareness, coping strategies and various land-based activities by way of case management and peer support. Program is for ages 13.19

MEET THE TEAM:

Community Wellness Manager - Lacey Dalton (Ext. 160)

Community Wellness Mental Health Clinician - Tyler Robinson (Ext. 158)

As the Mental Health Clinician, it is my privilege to offer counselling support to my community. I operate from a client-centered and culturally sensitive lens. Our journeys toward healing and wholistic wellness are unique and my counselling approach respects that fully and completely. If you are interested in participating in counselling, please feel free to reach out and learn more! I am happy to come out to Goulais Bay and Batchewana to meet your needs.

Community Mental Wellness Worker - Jazlyn Sewell (Ext. 138)

is an absolute pleasure being a part of the Community Wellness Team; I am here to support adults 19 & up. My focus as a Mental Wellness Worker is to meet community members where they are at, create safe space, incorporate land-based activities and work towards creating positive connection between community members and Batchewana First Nation supports and services

Community Mental Wellness Worker - Destiny Harper (Ext. 163)

NNADAP Worker - Robert Allard (Ext. 133)

Responsible for the delivery of services pertaining to Addiction and Mental Wellness. Some of these services include, but are not limited to: Prevention services, intervention services, and aftercare services. I work collaboratively with clients and provide them with the tools, resources and treatment options that will in turn help them flourish on their journey. My goal is to develop and maintain positive working relationships with Community Members that reflect their individual needs as well as provide the most effective services possible, while respecting culture, traditions and overall wellbeing.

Community Outreach Worker - Michelle Aubrey (Ext. 159)

Role to make connections with band and community members, community organizations, encourage referrals, supporting community events, event planning, working collaboratively with other team members, community—partners and external resources. My experiences working with First Nation communities for over seven years has given me an overall sense of fulfillment while empowering and learning from indigenous peoples.

Youth Wellness Worker - Autumn Wilson (Ext. 134)

Aaniin Boozhoo. My name is Autumn Wilson also a member of Batchewana First Nation. My role is a youth wellness worker, which means I am meeting the youth where they are at and incoorperating a wholistic approach to the degree they are comfortable with. I encourage and support the pathway to a good well-being, connection to one's identity, ancestorial roots and prevention skills. I also create and facilitate programming suited to the communities needs or challenges, while incorporating crisis intervention work.

Youth Wellness worker - VACANT

COMMUNITY HEALTH TEAM

Integrated Community Health Nurse Manager - Renee Rouselle (Ext. 140)

Co-ordinates and implements Public Health programs including communicable disease prevention and healthy lifestyle promotion. Navigates and advocates for members within the health care system. Also has experience in providing nursing services in the home and worked as a nurse specialist for wound and ostomy care at Sault Area Hospital for 10 years

Home and Community Care Nurse - Erin Robinson (Ext. 155)

Collaborates with health care providers and oversees the in-home services for on reserve band members who receive PSW and/or homemaking supports. Services are holistic, individualized., client/family centered and culturally sensitive.

Home and Community Care Coordinator - Veronique Godbout (Ext. 142)

Supervises PSWs and homemakers within the home and community care programs. Schedules and co-ordinates services to assist clients with activities of daily living.

Healthy Child Development Nurse Educator - VACANT

Please call Renee Rouselle (CHT Manager) ext. 140 for more info on our healthy baby's nutrition programs

Booking Clerk NP & MD - Stacy McFarling (Ext. 131)

Employed by Maamwesying, and works within health Centre 5 days per week. She assists membership in accessing health care services and also supports the coordination of services available in Sault Ste. Marie and area.

Community Health Representative - Regis Poulin (Ext. 107)

Assists membership by coordinating programs related to safety and environmental health. Assists the community health team by implementing programs for health promotion

Health Program Planner - Carissa Jaeger (Ext. 144)

Coordinating programs with advertising, planning and implementing. Leading quarterly Elders' events, Identifying and planning health promotion activities. Program delivery of programming and activities pertaining to Diabetes.

SUPERINTENDENT AND TEAM

Derek McCoy (Ext. 147) building's Superintendent. I have been part of the team for approximately 3-1/2 years. I take care of the overall maintenance, cleaning, grounds, and contracting within our building. In my department I have four Custodians, Debbie and Diana McCoy, as well as Dean and Gary Boressea. The Custodians maintain a clean and healthy environment for both staff and clients here at the Batchewana Health Center-

We would like to say welcome to the new Chief and Council, we look forward to working with you. Should you require anything, our office is located at A-112, Batchewana Health Center

MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION

Medical Van Team Lead - Bonna Dalton (Ext. 162)

Permanent full-time Medical Van driver over 5 years, currently you will see me driving within the community or out on the highways to Batchewana and Goulais. Working within the Batchewana Health Centre - Non Dway Gamig is a great pleasure - the experience of meeting and socializing with the community and general public is always self-rewarding. Miigwetch!!

Official part-time driver -Dominic Desjardens. Call-in driver -Vanessa Finleyson

Medical Team

To book an appointment with our medical team below, call Stacy McFarling @ (Ext. 131)

Employed by Maamwesying, works within health Centre 5 days per week. She assists membership in accessing health care services and also supports the coordination of services available in Sault Ste. Marie and area.

Doctor - Dr. Quon

Works between virtual/in-person appointments between Health Center, Indian Friendship Center, and Garden River.

Nurse Practitioner(s) - Shirley Morley & Debbie Roach

Both have extended class license, is able to assess diagnosis, and treating people of all age.

Nick Peters - Physio Therapist

Provides guidance and treatment for optimal physical conditioning.

Genevieve London - Diabetes Nurse Educator

RN specializes in supporting clients on their diabetic journey, consulting with proper yet comfortable eating habits and healthy life styles

Beverly Humphry's - Registered Dietitian

Promotes Healthy Eating Habits, and provides recommendations for various dietary health reasons

Mara Roy - Occupational Therapist

Helps maintain highest independent functional abilities possible with adaptations for safety

Kobe Amoah - Registered Practical Nurse

Provides footcare services to those eligible

Cynthia McCutcheon - Health Educator

Patricia Toulouse - Traditional Health Healer/Traditional Medicine Practitioner

Graduate in human services, practices Earth medicines and treats aliments by individual symptoms. Works with the communities of North Shore which includes, Thessalon, Sault Indian Friendship Center, Garden River, Batchewana, Missisaugi, Serpant River, Sagamok, and Attikmeksheng First Nations to provide a traditional approach to medicine for Community Members.

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