



BFN NEWSLETTER

Batchewana First Nation Covid-19 Updates

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December 2020

ATTENTION BFN MEMBERS
CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

**Please be advised that ALL
Batchewana First Nation
Administration offices
will be closed:**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18TH
T O
FRIDAY, JANUARY 1st , 2021**

**Please Note: The Administration office
will be open on December 30th for
payments and Niigaaniin Pick up from
10:00 am to 2:00 pm**





BATCHEWANA FIRST NATION OF OJIBWAYS

RANKIN RESERVE 15D
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WHITEFISH ISLAND 15

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Update from Chief Dean Sayers...

Ahniin Kinaweyah:

I want to first of all wish you happy holidays and a wonderful new year. I also wanted to take somewhat of an inventory of the past year. We started the year off with having to cancel our involvement in the LNHL Hockey Tournament in Mississauga due to COVID-19.

The COVID 19 pandemic became a big part of our daily lives. Since that time, we've had to incorporate many measures to help protect the health and safety of all of our people. In the work around the pandemic, we had to be conscious of the fact that as indigenous people we have pre-existing medical conditions including heart disease, diabetes, and a litany of other issues. One of the first things we did was to pass a Pandemic by-law that allowed us to develop processes and procedures that would protect our people including an enforcement mechanism. The pandemic bylaw is still in place.

Some of those measures including prohibiting unnecessary travel into our communities, limiting group sizes, and even prohibiting visitors to our apartment complexes. In addition, we closed all parks and encouraged our membership to limit trips to town as a means to avoid exposure. We worked closely with our pandemic team and over time, we decided to revisit some of those initial pandemic precautions and encouraged measures like safe social distancing, the use of masks and handwashing to be incorporated into the necessary gatherings in some of our facilities. Further measures included operating as an essential service model and limiting face-to-face visits in our administration buildings. We also made provisions for our staff to work from home. Currently we are operating in a phased approach with staff operating on a staggered work schedule so that we can provide frontline services to our people in a safe way.

The increased measures, responding to urgent needs as well as working from home and working virtually has been a stressor that has affected not only on our community members but our staff and supports. However, we have still been able to make progress. We have been able to secure additional funds to make sure that we can continue to provide quality programming and services to you during this time even though costs have significantly increased for program provisions. I encourage you to contact the First Nation to set up appointments to access these programs and services.

The last item I wanted to once again bring to your attention is the postponement of our General election. The election that was scheduled for February 5, 2021 has been moved to May 5, 2021 as a result of the pandemic. Your health is paramount.



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Signatory of the 1850 Robinson-Huron Treaty
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COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Chronological No. 2020 - 024

Date of Duly Convened Meeting: D 28 M October Y 2020

Moved by Councillor Mark McCoy
Seconded by Councillor Dan Sayers Sr.

WHEREAS the election for Batchewana First Nation Chief and Council is scheduled for February 5, 2021;

AND WHEREAS there has been a spike in numbers of infections in the Algoma Region recently and numbers are expected to rise;

AND WHEREAS Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) recommends that First Nations with upcoming elections not proceed with elections during the COVID-19 outbreak because of the public health risk associated with large gatherings;

AND WHEREAS a temporary regulatory option, the First Nations Election Cancellation and Postponement Regulations (Prevention of Diseases), SOR/2020-84 (the Regulations), permits Chief and Council to, within 90 days of the date upon which their tenure ends, extend that tenure for a maximum period of six months;

AND WHEREAS Batchewana First Nation Chief and Council have reviewed and considered the recommendation from ISC, and have considered the health, safety and well-being of the members of the First Nation and the risks associated with conducting an election during the current COVID-19 outbreak;

AND WHEREAS Batchewana First Nation Chief and Council have a fiduciary duty to protect the health and safety of its band members during the Covid-19 Pandemic;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT BATCHEWANA FIRST NATION CHIEF AND COUNCIL at a duly convened meeting held on Wednesday October 28, 2020, hereby direct that:

1. The Election scheduled for February 5, 2021 is hereby postponed for a period of ninety (90) days and shall be held on May 5, 2021.
2. The tenure of the current Chief and Council is hereby extended until the new election date, and Batchewana First Nation Chief and Council are hereby delegated the necessary authorities to continue in office and ensure the daily operation, management and delivery of programming and services to the First Nation until the date an election for the office of Chief and Council is held;
3. The nomination meeting is also hereby postponed and will be scheduled at a later date to coincide with the amended election date.

Quorum 5

Councillor Dan Sayers, Sr.

Councillor Mark McCoy

Councillor Gary Roach

Councillor Lynn Tegosh

Chief Dean Sayers

Councillor Marlene Hewson

Councillor Melissa Sayers

Councillor Harvey Bell

Councillor Peter Sewell



BFN Niigaaniin Update

The BFN Food Bank is now offered once every month instead of every second month to better accommodate membership during these difficult times. The way the food bank is accessed is, membership and community members call our office to set up an appointment and once they come to the office, we deliver the food items out to the lobby which are then screened and PPE is used.

Food Bank is also given out at the Goulais Mission Community Centre and Batchawana Bay Community Centre. Dorothy Coad is the Aaniish Naa Worker and will be doing the food bank on **January 14, 2021** in Goulais Mission between 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Clients are not permitted in the offices or Resource Room at this time. All Intakes and PA's are conducted over the phone and the client arranges a time to visit the Niigaaniin office. The client rings the bell (from the outside entrance) and we have a window opening that we give them the forms to sign. Everyone is screened and PPE is utilized.

Joyce Senecal will be handing out food bank (January schedule TBA) at the Batchawana Bay Community Centre.

There are no in-person Training Programs being offered due to Covid, but we do encourage clients to do online training programs.

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Nutrition Program and Elder's Packages Update...

December 2020

For families with school age children, Grade SK- Grade 12. If you are not registered for the Nutrition Program on/off reserve; Please call Rankin Daycare and leave your name, address, and phone number.

Batchewana Daycare: Linda Huber 705-759-0330

Update:

* The next nutrition packages are scheduled to go out on January 11, 2021 unless schools are closed for an extra two weeks the alternative date will be January 18, 2021.

* The next elders packages are scheduled to go out on Wednesday January 13, 2021

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Batchewana Daycare at (705) 759-0330. We hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday season!



BFN Staff Recognition...

Congratulations Jennifer Syrette, we are proud to call you ours! Jennifer was a recipient of the 2020 Rose Campaign acknowledging all that she does for our community and the future generations.



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#COURAGETOCHANGE! ROSE CAMPAIGN 2020

DECEMBER 6th, the day we remember the 14 women who lost their lives in 1989 simply because they were women with the courage to challenge societies biases and stereotypes of women's perceived roles. Out of their tragedy sparked a movement of change that we continue to follow to this day. For this we honour them and remember them as world changers.

Today we also remember the lives of the murdered and/or missing Indigenous women and girls as we continue to take action over these 16 Days of Activism, to end violence against women and girls around the world.

Over these 16 Days we continue to shine the light on the incredible actions of 16 women in this community who have exemplified the courage to create change for future generations. Our twelfth Rose Campaign 2020 recipient is Jennifer Syrette.

Jennifer, you were nominated by a member of our community for your strength, your courage, your work and passion towards ending violence against women and your dedication to creating change for future generations.

Specifically, you were nominated for your commitment to helping women as you truly care about their lives, safety and happiness. You work effortlessly helping women and their families fight for the cause of raising the level of respect, justice and fair treatment of both Indigenous women and women in general.

Jennifer, you have been recognized for your work through Indigenous Women's Anti Violence Task force, to reduce the incidences of violence and the right to justice, addressing social issues and concerns that are affecting Indigenous women. You mobilize change and justice for all.

Thank you Jennifer, for having the courage to create change in your community!



STEPS TO TAKE IF EXPOSED TO COVID-19 DURING A HOLIDAY GATHERING

If you are exposed to COVID-19 at a holiday gathering, while traveling, or at any time, quarantine yourself to protect others by doing the following:

- Stay home for 14 days after your last contact with a person who has COVID-19.
- Stay away from others, especially people who are at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.
- The best way to protect yourself and others is to stay home for 14 days if you think you've been exposed to someone who has COVID-19

Watch for fever (100.4°F or higher), cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19.

Consider getting tested for COVID-19. Even if you test negative for COVID-19 or feel healthy, you should still stay home (quarantine) for 14 days after your last contact with a person who has COVID-19. This is because symptoms may appear 2 to 14 days after exposure to the virus, and some infected people never have symptoms but are still contagious.

- Do not travel until 14 days after your last possible exposure.
- If you can't completely stay away from others during the 14 days:
- Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arm lengths) away from other people.
- Wear a mask that covers both the mouth and nose when you are around other people or animals, including pets (even at home).
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Monitor yourself and household members for symptoms of COVID-19.
- Get information about COVID-19 testing if you feel sick.

If you develop symptoms consistent with COVID-19 within 14 days of the event or celebration, such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath, or if you test positive for COVID-19, immediately notify the host and others who attended. They may need to inform other attendees about their possible exposure to the virus. Contact your healthcare provider and follow the CDC-recommended steps for what to do if you become sick, and follow the public health recommendations for community-related exposure.

If you have been diagnosed with COVID-19, a public health worker may contact you to check on your health and ask you who you have been in contact with and where you've spent time in order to identify and provide support to people (contacts) who may have been infected. Your information will be confidential. Learn more about what to expect with contact tracing.

Travel and Overnight Stays During This Holiday Season!



Travel may increase your chance of getting and spreading COVID-19. Postponing travel and staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others this year. If you are considering traveling, here are some important questions to ask yourself and your loved ones beforehand.

These questions can help you decide what is best for you and your family:

Are you, someone in your household, or someone you will be visiting at increased risk for getting very sick from COVID-19?

Are cases high or increasing in your community or your destination?

Check <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/data-and-analysis/infectious-disease/covid-19-data-surveillance/covid-19-data-tool>

Are hospitals in your community or your destination overwhelmed with patients who have COVID-19? To find out, check local public health department websites.

Does your home or destination have requirements or restrictions for travelers? Check local requirements before you travel.

During the 14 days before your travel, have you or those you are visiting had close contact with people they don't live with?

Do your plans include traveling by bus, train, or air which might make staying 6 feet apart difficult?

Are you traveling with people who don't live with you?

If the answer to any of these questions is "yes," you should consider making other plans, such as hosting a virtual gathering or delaying your travel.

The safest thing to do is to stay home, but if you do decide to travel, testing can help you do so more safely. Testing does not eliminate all risk, but it can help make travel safer.

It's important to talk with the people you live with and your family and friends about the risks of traveling. If you decide to travel, follow these safety measures during your trip to protect yourself and others from COVID-19:

- Wear a mask in public settings, like on public and mass transportation, at events and gatherings, and anywhere you will be around people outside of your household.
- Avoid close contact by staying at least 6 feet apart (about 2 arm lengths) from anyone who is not from your household.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer (with at least 60% alcohol).
- Avoid contact with anyone who is sick.
- Avoid touching your face mask, eyes, nose, and mouth.

Travel can increase the chance of getting and spreading the virus that causes COVID-19.

Staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others.

Travel and Overnight Stays During This Holiday Season!



Travel During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Consider whether you, someone you live with, or anyone you plan to visit with is at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19, to determine whether to stay overnight in the same residence or to stay elsewhere. College students who travel to visit family or friends should be thought of as overnight guests. They and their hosts, which might include their own parents, should follow all overnight guest precautions to protect themselves for the duration of the visit. For longer visits, after 14 days of following guest precautions, the student, if without symptoms or recent contacts with anyone with COVID-19, can be considered a household member and follow steps to protect themselves and others.

Assess risk for infection based on how you or your visitor will travel.

Consider and prepare for what you will do if you, or someone else, becomes sick during the visit. What are the plans for isolation, medical care, basic care, and travel home?

Tips for staying overnight or hosting overnight guests:

- Visitors should launder clothing and masks, and stow luggage away from common areas upon arrival.
- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially upon arrival.
- Wear masks while inside the house. Masks may be removed for eating, drinking, and sleeping, but individuals from different households should stay at least 6 feet away from each other at all times.
- Improve ventilation by opening windows and doors or by placing central air and heating on continuous circulation.
- Spend time together outdoors. Take a walk or sit outdoors at least 6 feet apart for interpersonal interactions.
- Avoid singing or shouting, especially indoors.
- Treat pets as you would other human family members – do not let pets interact with people outside the household.
- Monitor hosts and guests for symptoms of COVID-19 such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath.
- Hosts and guests should have a plan for what to do if someone becomes sick.
- Get your flu vaccine

Gatherings can contribute to the spread of other infectious diseases. Getting a flu vaccine is an essential part of protecting your health and your family's health this season. Flu vaccines are useful any time during the flu season and can often be accessed into January or later.

Considerations for Hosting or Attending a Gathering This Holiday Season.

If you will be hosting a gathering during the holiday season that brings people who live in different households together, follow CDC tips for hosting gatherings. If you will be attending a gathering that someone else is hosting, follow CDC Considerations for Events and Gatherings. Below are some general considerations for hosting a gathering that brings together people from different households. Guests should be aware of these considerations and ask their host what mitigation measures will be in place during the gathering. **Gathering with people from different households is strongly discouraged, but here are considerations if you plan to proceed.**



Hosts should consider the following:

- Check the COVID-19 infection rates in areas where attendees live. Based on the current status of the pandemic, consider if it is safe to hold or attend the gathering on the proposed date.
- Limit the number of attendees as much as possible to allow people from different households to remain at least 6 feet apart at all times. Guests should avoid direct contact, including handshakes and hugs, with others **not** from their household.
- Host outdoor rather than indoor gatherings as much as possible. Even outdoors, require guests to wear masks when not eating or drinking.
- Avoid holding gatherings in crowded, poorly ventilated spaces with persons who are not in your household.
- Increase ventilation by opening windows and doors to the extent that is safe and feasible based on the weather, or by placing central air and heating on continuous circulation.
- For additional information on increasing ventilation, visit CDC's information on Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Home.
- Winter weather can be cold, wet, and unpredictable. Inclement weather makes it difficult to increase ventilation by opening windows or to hold an event outdoors.
- If setting up outdoor seating under a pop-up open air tent, ensure guests are still seated with physical distancing in mind. Enclosed 4-wall tents will have less air circulation than open air tents. If outdoor temperature or weather forces you to put up the tent sidewalls, consider leaving one or more sides open or rolling up the bottom 12 inches of each sidewall to enhance ventilation while still providing a wind break.
- Require guests to wear masks. At gatherings that include persons of different households, everyone should always wear a mask that covers both the mouth and nose, except when eating or drinking. It is also important to stay at least 6 feet away from people who are not in your household at all times.
- Encourage guests to avoid singing or shouting, especially indoors. Keep music levels down so people don't have to shout or speak loudly to be heard.
- Encourage attendees to wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Provide guests information about any COVID-19 safety guidelines and steps that will be in place at the gathering to prevent the spread of the virus.

- Provide and/or encourage attendees to bring supplies to help everyone to stay healthy. These include extra masks (do not share or swap with others), hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol, and tissues. Stock bathrooms with enough hand soap and single use towels.
- Limit contact with commonly touched surfaces or shared items, such as serving utensils.
- Clean and disinfect commonly touched surfaces and any shared items between use.
- Use touchless garbage cans if available. Use gloves when removing garbage bags or handling and disposing of trash. Wash hands after removing gloves.
- Plan ahead and ask guests to avoid contact with people outside of their households for 14 days before the gathering.
- Treat pets as you would other human family members – do not let pets interact with people outside the household.

The more of these prevention measures that you put in place, the safer your gathering will be. No one measure is enough to prevent the spread of COVID-19.



Batchewana First Nation Presents

Ojibwemowin

Online Language Program

*Open to all Batchewana First Nation
Membership!*

Draws for Participants once a month!



**Runs every
Tuesday from
3:30 - 4:30pm
starting**

**December 1st
2020 until March
30th 2021!**



*Join us online
through zoom!*

Meeting ID: 958

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Passcode: 978604

COVID-19 TESTING

FREE

(Symptoms or No Symptoms)

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

Indigenous individuals,
ages 2 years and older

TEMPORARY SITE

BAAWAATING FAMILY HEALTH TEAM

210C Gran St.

Batchewana First Nation

**Office Trailer located beside the
Batchewana Health and Social
Services Building**



Wednesday, December 16

Saturday, December 19

TIME: 8:30AM – 4:00PM

Appointment Only

*Appointments must be made **at least 48 hours** before
your appointment date*

Call, Text or Leave a Message

7 Days a Week (including weekend) 8:30AM – 4:00PM

249-525-8036



BAAWAATING

Family Health Team



**BATCHEWANA
FIRST NATION**



**SAULT AREA
HOSPITAL
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SAULT-SAINT-MARIE**



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NORTH SHORE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES INC.

SABKESHIINH NGWAAGAN PROGRAM

PRESENTS

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP WITH SELF & OTHERS ONLINE SERIES FOR YOUTH

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2021 - RELATIONSHIP WITH SELF
APRIL 2021 - RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS

JAN. 11, 18, 21 & FEB. 1
4:00-5:00PM VIA ZOOM

Workshop Fee: Free

Registration & Questions:

Special Notes:

- Workbook provided to all participants
- Need to complete the Healthy Relationship with Self in order to attend the Healthy Relationship with Others session in April 2021

Registration Deadline:

Thurs. Dec. 17, 2020 @ 12:00pm

Contact:

frances.pine@nmninoeyaa.ca

705-227-1309

***Recommended for 13-18 y/o (High school age group)**

Open to youth affiliated with all Maamwesying Clinics, including the Northern Clinics & the 7 First Nations along the North Shore living on & off reserve between Sudbury & Sault Ste. Marie, including SSMIFC.



SAVE THE DATE

**Feb. 8 – 12, 2021 – Exciting,
Free, Virtual Event**


**Cultural teachings plus speakers in the field of trauma,
mental health and additions, including Gloria
Oshkabewisens-McGregor, Michael Thrasher,
Dr. Teresa Marsh & Julie Ozawagosh.**

**Creating Moccasin Tracks: Skills Building and Cultural Exchange
Conference,**

More Information To Come.....

Mental Wellness Minobimaadizing Program,



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- Programs for parents and children ages 0-6 years old
 - Breastfeeding support
 - Prenatal/postnatal resources
 - Welcome home newborn baskets
 - Well Baby assessments
 - Program incentives
 - Screening and nutrition
 - Traditional teachings

CONTACT:

The Batchewana First Nation Health Centre 705-254-7827
Sue Menard, RN, BScN - Healthy Child Development

Nurse Educator, Ext. 135

Renée Roussele RN, BScN, NSWOC -
Community Health Nurse Ext. 140



BCANDS' INDIGENOUS SUPPORT FOR STUDENT LEARNING PROGRAM (SSLP)

WHO—Indigenous students of any age across Canada with limited financial resources, including those students living with disabilities. To be eligible, you must be of low-income, enrolled in Formal education (online, remote, on-site), and actively attending

WHAT—The Indigenous Support for Student Learning Program is accepting applications from eligible students to be considered to receive a laptop and related accessories

WHY—To support and assist Indigenous students in their continued educational success and participation

Resources are limited—apply today!
Applications must be received by March 15, 2021
Visit www.bcands.bc.ca for more information and to apply



British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society

#6-1610 Island Highway — Victoria, BC — Canada — V9B 1H8
Tel: 250-381-7303 — Toll Free: 1-888-815-5511 — Fax: 250-381-7312
Email: sslp@bcands.bc.ca — www.bcands.bc.ca

Students Will

Receive:

- Pre-Literacy Assessment
- Individualized programming
- Daily intervention
- Monitor progress
- Post-Literacy Assessment



Sound Thinking is a method of teaching readers the most common missing piece of instruction - decoding the sounds. Once students master the code they are able to read fluently which directly impacts their understanding of what they are reading.

Trained Sound Thinking
Batchewana practitioners want you
to know:

"This course was very valuable.
The way the program is set up is very
concise and efficient. I look forward to
using these strategies in
the fall!"

"This training was a real eye-opening
experience for me. It taught me how
to properly articulate
sounds and teach children how to
learn to read instead of word
memorizing."

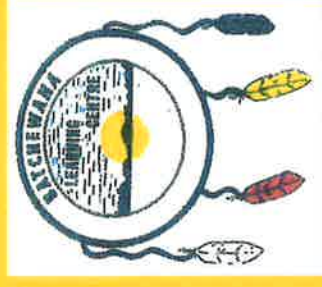
"I think this course should be to all
Early Childhood Educators, teachers
etc., all people that teach young
children."

"I think Sound Thinking is an amazing
course. I believe all teachers should be
trained and
use this program to teach children
how to read."

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Reading Success



For All Ages
With the
Sound Thinking
Method

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Literacy Lead/Trainer: Judy Hillier
Created by: Susan J. Nordean

Other Words From Sound Thinking Staff

"I can see how great our students will do with this instruction!"

"Very fun and insightful course. Lots of great hands-on activities."

"Love the program! It is a very systematic approach to teaching reading."

"I'm excited to assess and use this with the kids. I think they will benefit hugely from this way of learning to read because they are really struggling."

Everyone would be on the same page."

"Great training course, so crucial in our education system! I am glad I took the training it was very informative, great readings and group participation."

The following research is the foundation to the Sound Thinking program:

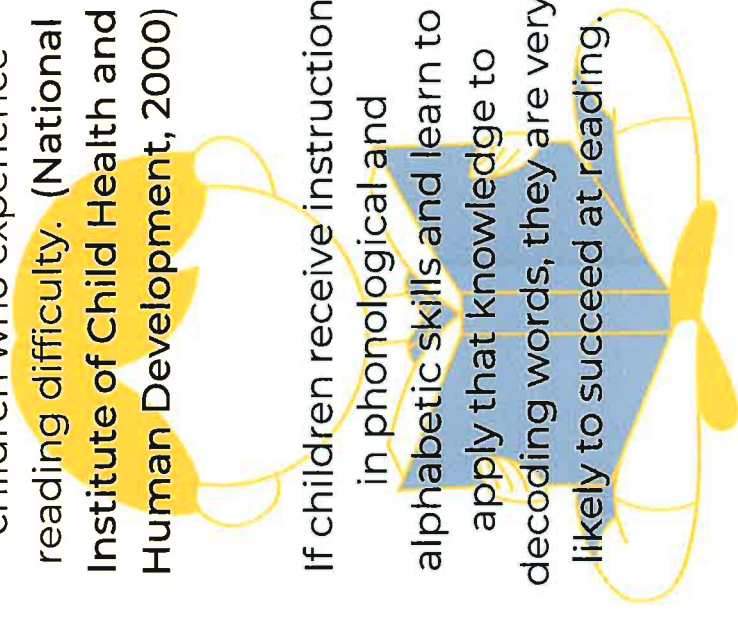
The focus on early intervention is well-conceived, given the strong evidence that research-based instruction beginning in kindergarten significantly reduces the number of children who experience reading difficulty. (National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, 2000)

If children receive instruction in phonological and alphabetic skills and learn to apply that knowledge to decoding words, they are very likely to succeed at reading.

Reading level in 1st grade, moreover, is an astonishingly good predictor of reading achievement into high school (Catts et al., 1999; Cunningham and Stanovich, 1997; Shaywitz et al, 1999; Fletcher et al. 1994.)

Reading failure begins early, takes root quickly and affects students for life.

Research-based reading strategies can build a foundation for reading success in students of all ages. (When Older Students Can't Read; Louisa C. Moats, Ed.D.)



BFN's Memorial Tree

Batchewana First Nation would like to thank everyone who participated in our Annual Memorial Tree Lighting Ceremony. Covid restrictions altered our original agenda, however we will be back bigger and brighter next year.

In Memory Of:

<i>Gilbert & Vergina Ramsay.</i>	<i>Robert (Gary) Gingras</i>
<i>Shirley & Pat Boniferro</i>	<i>David Desjardins and Shirley Timmerman</i>
<i>Jacoline Ford</i>	<i>Charles McKay</i>
<i>Adrian Bell</i>	<i>Lorna Barath (Boyer)</i>
<i>Margaret Bell</i>	<i>Jean LeBlanc (Boyer)</i>
<i>Roland (Beatle) Hewson</i>	<i>Frank Daniel Syrette and Delia Beliveau</i>
<i>Harry Jones (Papa)</i>	<i>Onazime (Lizim) Boyer</i>
<i>Clay Hewson and Robbie Hewson</i>	<i>Nora Boyer Mainville</i>
<i>Aaron Jones</i>	<i>Gregory Boyer</i>
<i>Jessie & Garnie Boyer</i>	<i>Mary Virta</i>
<i>Eleanor, Alex and Kevin Elie.</i>	<i>Roberta Frayn-Milne</i>
<i>Jean Robinson & Marie Robinson</i>	<i>Howard SR. & Sway Stevens</i>
<i>Verna Neveau</i>	<i>Addie & Albert Allan</i>
<i>Sonny (Clifford) McIntomney</i>	<i>Allen & Shirley Agawa</i>
<i>Kathy and April McIntomney</i>	<i>Verna Neveau Moore</i>
<i>Darlene Robinson</i>	<i>Clifford Neveau</i>
<i>Kimberly Robinson</i>	<i>Victor & Susan Boyer</i>
<i>Roy Roger's</i>	<i>Gary Boyer (Bubba)</i>
<i>Peter and Isabell Robinson (Lewis)</i>	<i>John and Stella Sewell</i>
<i>Eugene Allen (Yin) Syrette</i>	<i>Jerome and Hilda Syrette</i>
<i>Jim and Wanda Boyer</i>	<i>William Buzz Syrette</i>
<i>Bill and Lilly Boyer</i>	<i>Marilyn Sexton</i>
<i>Auntie Mary Neveau</i>	<i>Laureena Hill</i>
<i>Frank Boyer</i>	<i>Bernard And Catherine Nadjiwon</i>
<i>Joyce Howard</i>	<i>Lloyd Boyer</i>
<i>Elwood Syrette & Donna Syrette-Robitaille</i>	<i>Amanda Neyland</i>
<i>Josh Barber</i>	<i>Joseph Nadjiwon</i>
<i>Ronnie and Sandra Sayers</i>	<i>Melissa Gingras</i>
<i>Oliver and Clyde Boyer</i>	<i>Joyce Fournier</i>
<i>Isadore Agawa</i>	<i>Eli and Madeline Jordan</i>

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Joshua Jordan
Georgia Jordan
Eva and Robert Day
Mary Jane (Neveau) McDonald
Bev and Ted Syrette
Mary Kidder
Doug Agawa
Phil Riel
Priscilla Hagen
Floyd Davieaux
Bob & Agnes Syrette
Hilda & Jerome Syrette
(T'ChiOgimah & T' ChiOgimah Kwe Abun)
Clara & Ben Boyer
Douglas Syrette
Violet Syrette
Patience Hodgson
Cowin Weatherbee
Clement & Mae Sayers
Yvonne Sayers
Geraldine Sayers
Jackie Sayers
Helena Sayers
Julia Capponi-Sayers
Dakota Riel-Johns

Kooper Riel-Johns-Bentz
Mike & Sarah Neveau
Shirley & Pat Boniferro
John Alvin (Spike) McIntomney
Bernice Alloy
Martha McColl
Marlene Robinson
Ray Sweeney
John, Doris and Margaret MacGarrie
Richard Sayers
Murray Sayers
Leo Sayers
Rudy Sayers
Louise Riel
Felix Riel
Angeline (Jiggs) Santikko
Margaret Sayers – Jocko

Gordan Sayers
Donna Sayers
John Sayers
Edward James Sayers
Robert Lariviere



PUBLIC NOTICE

Batchewana First Nation Reserves

WINTER OPERATIONS

In accordance with the Highway Traffic Act, there will be **NO PARKING** on the Batchewana First Nation's public roads from November 1 to March 31 from 12:00 am to 6:00 am.

Disobeying the notice will result in vehicles being towed away at the owner's expense as per the following section:

Vehicle interfering with traffic: (12) Despite the other provisions of this section, no person shall park or stand a vehicle on a highway in such a manner as to interfere with the movement of traffic or the clearing of snow from the highway.
(12) R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8, S. 170

Snow removal is a priority on our streets and public roads and cannot be impeded or hindered due to safety reasons.



PUBLIC NOTICE

Rankin Reserve

WINTER OPERATIONS

During the winter the road is plowed to the ditch line. Residents must not place their garbage cans or outdoor sports equipment in the snowplow route to avoid being hit.

Snow removal is a priority on our streets and public roads and cannot be impeded or hindered due to safety reasons.

The Public Works will not be held responsible for any damages incurred if this is not adhered to.

Thank you for your cooperation and participation.



Batchewana First Nation Public Works Department

BATCHEWANA FIRST NATION

Xmas Holiday Garbage Pick-Up



2020



**REFUSE COLLECTION IS AS FOLLOWS
FOR ALL THE BFN RESERVES**

GOULAIS BAY	NO PICK-UP DEC 28, 2020
OBADJIWAN	NO PICK-UP DEC 30, 2020
RANKIN	NO PICK-UP DEC 31, 2020

**GARBAGE PICK-UP WILL RESUME ON your regular pickup
Day the week of January 4, 2020**

GOULAIS BAY	PICKUP WILL RESUME JAN 4, 2021
OBADJIWAN	PICKUP WILL RESUME JAN 6, 2021
RANKIN	PICKUP WILL RESUME JAN 7, 2021



**If your garbage pick-up is missed or you have concerns
Please contact Greg Long at 649-4540**

Operations & Maintenance Public Works Department



Recycling Pickup - Rankin Reserve

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



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



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



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



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



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

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






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



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
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
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
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
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The Batchewana First Nation Addiction Treatment and Wellness Centre

A Community Update



The creator has put us here to think outside the box and create something unique. We must avoid going down a road that has already been travelled and failed. You can't take people somewhere you've never been yourself. We know that we need to do something different for our people.

Confirm message from the Chief

What has happened?

BFN purchased the Salzburger Hof Resort located at 289 Corbiel Road on Batchewana Bay to develop it as a voluntary residential (stay in) Addiction and Treatment Centre for our community.

Why do we need a Treatment Centre for our people?

- We are in a drug and alcohol “pandemic” (drug use is increasing quickly)
- There is an opiate (drug) crisis in our community, and we are seeing more overdoses
- Substance abuse doesn't just harm the individual, it harms our children, families and the community
- We need a treatment centre that is close to home and meets the needs of our community
- Existing models of treatment are not helping the way they should be, so we need to look at doing things differently

When did this work begin and who is involved?

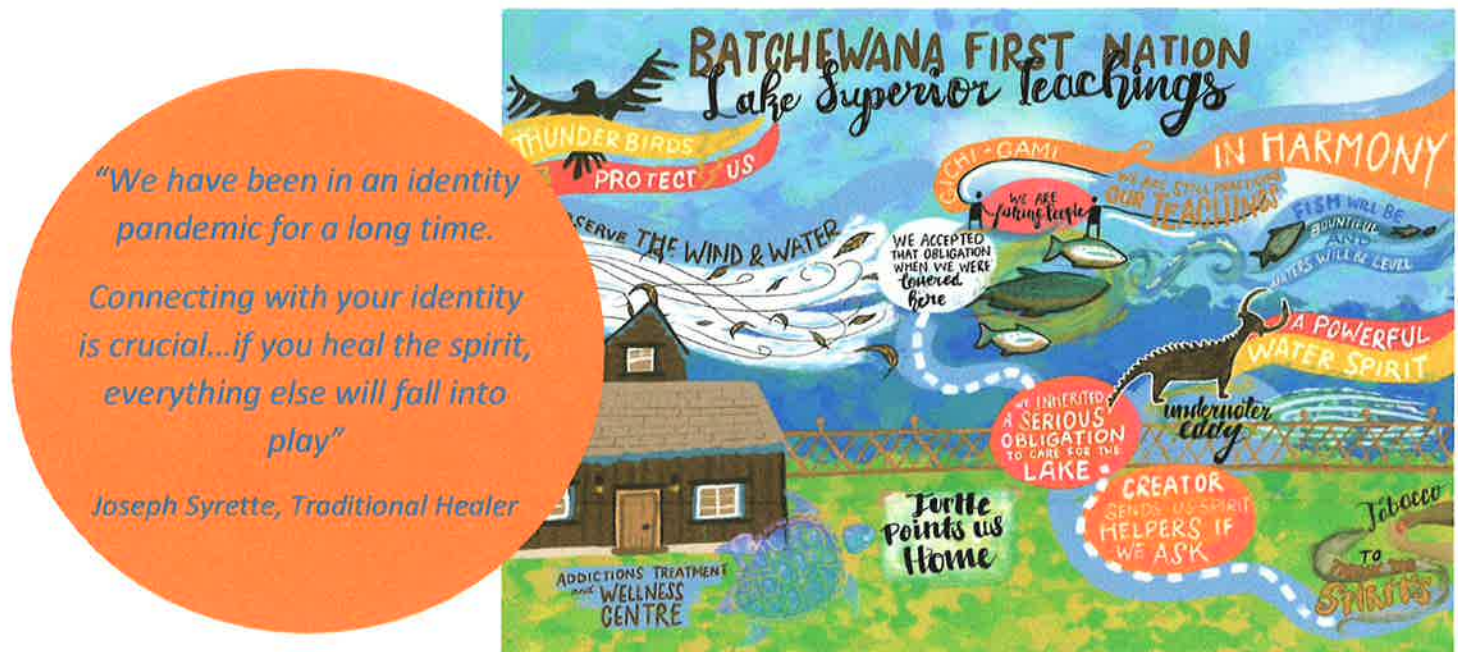
In April, BFN hired Better Together Health Solutions (BTHS) and Integrated Design, Engineering and Architecture (IDEA) to develop the Treatment Centre.

Since April, these BFN groups have been organized to help provide input into the project:

- **BFN Advisory Panel:** made up of the Chief, Council members, Executives and Management who are responsible for leading the project
- **BFN Cultural Advisory Panel:** made up of Elders, Traditional Healers and Knowledge Keepers and they will help guide the design of the program so that cultural teachings and history of Batchewana is included
- **BFN Technical and Partnership Panel:** BFN Mental Health and Addictions Program staff will provide support to the Cultural Panel and make sure the program meets the needs of our community
- **BFN Infrastructure and Capital Panel:** Capital Planning, Operations and Housing will work with the architect and builders on the needed renovations

What is happening at the property now?

- IDEA is looking at the buildings on the property to see what renovations are needed for the treatment centre



What the Treatment Centre will be:

- It will be a safe place for community members with drug and alcohol problems to stay and begin their healing journey toward living the good life once they leave. It is voluntary.
- The treatment program will build off the principles of BFN's Community Wellness Program, *Webnandaa Maahzjiidoodmawin*, and will:
 - ❖ Recognize, respect and support the journey to wellness; meeting the person(s) where they are at and walking alongside them in a supportive and encouraging way
 - ❖ Honor, activate, and protect inherent Anishinabek knowledge systems, spirituality, connection to and use of land, language and cultural practices, power, strength and resilience
 - ❖ Include local traditional teachings from home, land-based activities, traditional medicines, ceremony and mainstream health services to meet all the physical, spiritual, mental and emotional needs of the people
 - ❖ Supports will include life skills training, employment and education supports, housing supports, and after-care plans so that when people leave the centre they can continue to heal and stay well.

What the Treatment Centre will NOT be:

- It will **not** be a correctional facility (jail or prison) or "lockdown" (a place where you go and cannot leave freely). It is a place of healing where people volunteer to go, who are ready to stop using drugs or alcohol choose to go.

When will the Treatment Centre be open?

- There is still a lot of work to go into the planning and renovations. It will probably not be open until 2021. We will provide updates along the way.



"Everyone, without exception...

Everyone has the right to feel good about who they are"

Elder Onaubinisay James Dumont

How is the community being engaged?

- This is the first update and we will continue to provide more updates as new information is available
- Information will be shared through mailouts, social media and the BFN website
- The Team will provide updates through social media and answer any questions you have about the facility
- We will collect your input through paper surveys and online surveys as well webinars (zoom meetings)
- As Covid restrictions loosen up, we will consider small gatherings
- Watch Chief Sayers' video on the Thunderbird Teaching at <https://batchewana.ca/>

What's next? Questions or concerns? Want to share your stories and lived experiences?

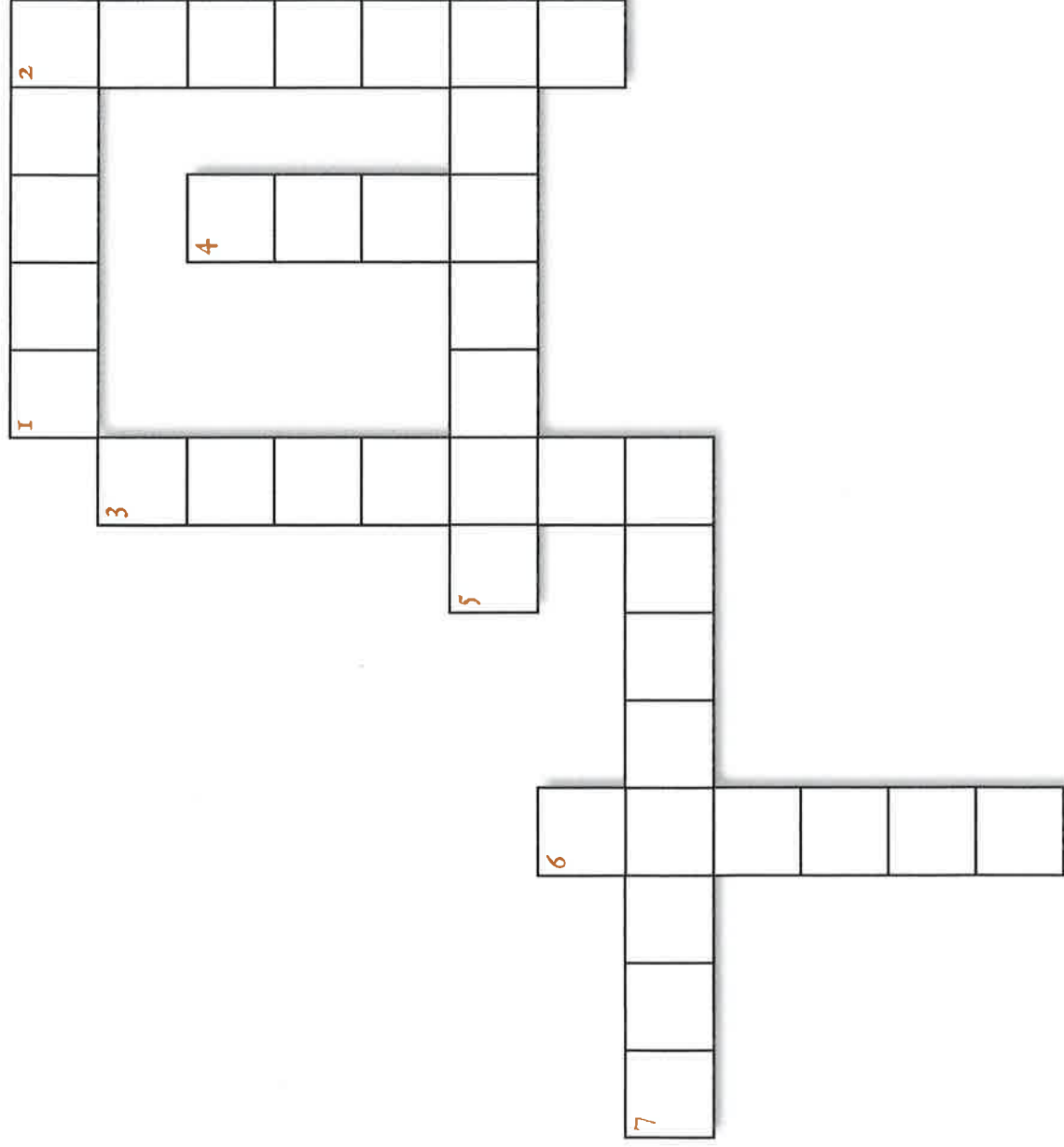
- Please complete the [Batchewana First Nation Addiction Treatment and Wellness Centre Community Questionnaire](#); or
- Complete the attached printed survey and drop it off at the Batchewana Band Office mailbox; or
- If you need help completing or submitting the survey, please contact Jazlyn Sewell or Skylar Barnard at the Community Centre and they will assist you with your needs.

Jazlyn Sewell: (705) 245-7827 EXT 138 or email: jazlynsewell@batchewana.ca

Skylar Louttit: (705) 254-7827 EXT 134 or email: Sky_Barnardsb@hotmail.com

Our Teachings

Complete the crossword using the English word for each teaching:



ACROSS

1. Debwewin
5. Minaadendamowin
7. Debaadendiziwin

DOWN

2. Gwekwaadiziwin
3. Aak'dewewin
4. Zaagidwin
6. Nibwaakaawin

Our Gimaa's

Write the name of our Gimaa beside their community.

- Ahnii Nipissing, Ahnii _____
- Ahnii Wahnapiatae, Ahnii _____
- Ahnii Dokis, Ahnii _____
- Ahnii Shawanaga, Ahnii _____
- Ahnii Magnetawan, Ahnii _____
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- Ogimaa-Kwe Debassige
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- Gimaa McQuabbie
- Gimaa Ozawanimke
- Gimaa Sayers
- Gimaa Rickard
- Ogimaa-Kwe Kells
- Ogimaa Peltier
- Gimaa Duquette
- Gimaa McLeod
- Ogimaa Roy
- Gimaa Boulrice

Our Signatories

Find all the names of the Gimaas who signed our Treaty in 1850.

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