



## Community Newsletter



Garden River Food Bank  
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 FOOD BANK

# Mother's Day PRIZE BINGO

Sunday, May 7, 2023

@ the GR Community Centre

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7	26	37	51	66
1	20	34	53	68
4	23	Free Space	55	67
13	22	43	50	75
11	28	39	59	63

Doors Open @ 11:00 am  
 Bingo Starts @ 1:00 pm

Prize Table  
 Draw for Raffle Prizes  
 Bake Table

\* Free Strip for Mothers

Canteen will be available



Located at the Community Centre, the stained glass window represents the centre of the community. Each colour has its own meaning and significance.

White is the colour of the North Wind, representing caring. Everything on our Mother Earth is moved by the North Wind. . White is also the colour of winter and represents the white race of man.

The black of the window represents the colour of the West Wind, symbolizing water and respect. In the dark, one must look twice. We learn to respect by looking twice. Associated with black is the fall and it represents the black race.

The colour of the East Wind is red, bringing with it springtime. In the springtime, game is plentiful and food is plentiful, and we all feel good. Red represents the red race, and is symbolic of spring.

The yellow of the window is the colour of the warm South Wind, and it symbolic of the sun. A good relationship with oneself and others take time and patience. Yellow is the season of summer and representative of the yellow race.

As the sun rises over the window, it rises over the centre of the community. Symbolic of the continual renewal of the community. (credit: "Where did our land go?"; Dr. Karl Hele, 1979)



Aanii/Boozhoo Elders, Youth and fellow Citizens!

With April behind us, I wanted to provide the community with an update on some of the meetings and work of the Council, including some of the meetings I have participated in. Much like previous months it has been busy around the table trying to bring new opportunities to Garden River, execute new existing projects and focus on re-establishing partnerships with neighbouring communities. That has been a big focus to my term is trying to utilize partnerships to achieve some of the common goals we may have.

CEDI – We continue to meet with the Mayor, his Council and some of their key staff to specifically focus on a couple of realistic goals. The transit system that has been thought about over the years but never achieved fruition is one of those key discussions. Transportation continues to be a barrier for many of our people and we hope that our joint application to some of the Rural Transportation funding opportunities can support our efforts. We know how important access to transportation is for many of our people, but we also recognize that from an economic development standpoint, it would help support the goals of our Bingo. Aside from transportation, is to need to solidify our relationship of working together. We are putting together a meaningful ceremony that signifies our commitment to working together but also sets the stage for the future in a collective approach to achieving our goals. We are excited and quite hopeful.

Transmission Line Discussion – Garden River continues to meet with communities along the North Shore to position our Nations to actively participate in the energy sector within the province. There are some big companies that are also vying to be awarded this opportunity, however, the relationship we have with our neighbouring communities, we are hopeful that we are successful in our attempts to participate in this sector. We will continue to update membership as discussions continue.

Housing – Housing in conjunction with our finance department continues to delve into some of those historical matters as it

relates to Housing. With both departments working together, we are certain that we will be in a healthier position in relation to clarity but also improved internal mechanisms that would assist the First Nation. Some information worth sharing: Housing collections in July 2022 were 59% of rents charged, Housing collections in January to March 2023 averaged 88% of rents charged with \$63,000 in arrears collections in February and March alone. RBC First Nation on Reserve Housing Program arrears as a total outstanding 2% as of March 31, 2023. We continue to have good discussions and conversations with our lenders along with government to ensure we continue to enhance our community. It is our hope that Garden River becomes more efficient, more responsive, and more accountable to our members.

Housing Projects – \$8,459,600 Investments have been attained through government funding, stakeholders and other institutions who have continued to support our vision. Transitional Housing Project (Ininzhimo) will consist of 14 units for at Risk Women and Children which we hope to build soon. \$5,153,000 has been received from CHMC, Indigenous Shelter and Transitional Housing Initiative, ISC and the Family Violence Prevention Program. 2 Triplex Units which will be 6 units for smaller families, \$990,600 funded through ISC On Reserve Housing Fund. \$516,000 which will develop 2 Bungalow Units that will house families. The Tiny Home Initiative (Niin Wiigwamis), \$1,800,000 which will include 10 units plus an activity centre, 2 units which will be designated handicap accessible. Support for this unique housing development come from CHMC, ISC, Ontario Trillium Fund, TD Bank and the IESO (Independent Electricity Systems Operator). Many Stakeholders including Nogdawindamin, Mamawesyen, Sault College, ISETs, Niigaaniin and will provide some level of support. Development for each site and construction is planned between June-November 2023.

Annuities – Court Proceedings in the 1850 Robinson Huron Treaty annuities case have been further adjourned to allow the Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund (RHTLF) leadership and the Government of Canada and Ontario to continue to negotiations. The group is making good progress in conversation with the Crowns to try to find a resolution that is in the best interest of our communities outside of the courts. RHTLF leadership is working with Canada and Ontario to map the way

forward toward a negotiated resolution as soon as possible. True Reconciliation can never be achieved in a courtroom. The RHT communities welcome the opportunity to come together with the Crowns to negotiate an out of court settlement in the spirit of cooperation and reconciliation. RHT communities know that Treaty beneficiaries and members of our communities are interested in the progress of the case and have been waiting for the annuities to be increased for a long time. RHT leadership will work to make sure information is shared. You will hear directly from the RHTLF when they are able to provide updates on the case. The negotiations continue to be confidential. The completion of a negotiated settlement will generally be made public through their social media feeds and websites.

RHTLF has also appointed Honourable Harry S. LaForme to lead the Office of Mishinawe for the Robinson Huron Treaty First Nation in the ongoing annuities litigation. Justice LaForme is Anishinaabe from the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, Ontario. In the role of Mizhinawe, Justice LaForme will examine issues and engage in consultations with the members and communities of the Robinson Huron Treaty Anishinabek. 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 global damages awarded through litigation or settlement amount agreed to through negotiations, and additional information regarding settlement of the litigation, if settlement is achieved.

Lake Huron Chiefs Meeting – I had the opportunity to meet with the Lake Huron Chiefs, which represent 21 communities within the Region. We each had time to discuss matters within our community including some of the updates. One of the important items

was speeding through our communities. We have decided to pass a motion that elevates the concerns we have with MTO and trying to enforce changes that will make it safer for our members within our communities. Aside from the work that has been proposed is the updates from the various departments within the Anishnabek Nation. We're hoping that we can start determining specific areas to focus on and utilizing the collective voices from the Lake Huron Chiefs to force the changes we require within our communities.

Pennefather Treaty Claim – this potential claim is what we have mentioned throughout some of our meetings with the community. This has been something discussed prior to my term as the Chief and this Council has decided to move forward with enacting our plan. We are hoping to learn from our previous settlement and determine a much stronger position in the information, research and other documents we have compiled. There will be an opportunity for our elders and others to share in some of their experiences and recollections about Garden River and those lands that could be included in this discussion. It is our intent that we start this process which will address some of the long-standing historical land matters for our community. We will update our members as we begin this process.

Membership Code Meeting – Leadership has leaned on the legal services of TTC (Tijierina, Tegosh and Caraballo) to assist in the facilitation of Garden River's membership code. It was imperative over the years to start this process, which would allow our members to provide feedback, recommendations and gain an understanding of the code. We have held a couple of sessions already and we're hoping to have much more. In the end, we are looking to the community, to decide by referendum on any major changes to the Code. This has not been done before and we have decided as a Council that this deserves discussion and engagement. We will continue to hold sessions with our partners for this important work.

Quarterly Meeting – Leadership carried out the quarterly meeting which was a continuance from last December's session. On the agenda, we talked about the timeframe of the audits, presented a Budget for 2022-2023 but also included some reports in relation to Housing. There were other items which we didn't get to during the meeting, however, we're hoping to speak about those at the next quarterly session. The meeting was called after 3 and half hours because of the volatility of the meeting.

In Garden River First Nation we uphold the principle that everyone is to be treated

with dignity and respect. Our valued staff are a precious resource, and we strive to provide an environment where they can do their work in service of the First Nation, to achieve justice, progress, prosperity, and protection of our culture.

Recent statements at meetings and on social media about our staff have included defamatory, misleading, untrue, and racist statements. We oppose this and will not tolerate it. Racism is something we as First Nations have dealt with for centuries, and we do not intend to become racists ourselves. We rise above that and treat everyone with dignity and respect.

Within our administration office our employees are always to be treated with the utmost dignity and respect. Members who come into the office for meetings or to obtain services are expected to adhere to this standard of conduct. Members who attend band meetings are expected to adhere to this policy. Members who are employees of related or affiliated organizations are also expected to adhere to this policy.

I ask everyone in the community to adhere to these principles.

Miigwetch,  
Chief Andy Rickard,  
Namay Dodem  
Garden River First Nation



## Can You Find the Bird?





Thank you Sault Ste. Marie Fire Services and SSMFFA for letting The Garden River Fire Department share the ice for a good cause. The 24 hour hockey marathon is to fundraise money, to give back and support local charities.

Submitted by: Cain Nolan



**15th ANNUAL HOCKEY MARATHON**

SAULT STE. MARIE LOCAL SERVICE PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS

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14 TEAMS PARTICIPATING



## GRFN Notices



# We want to hear from you!

Our **Garden River Public Transportation Survey** will collect feedback from the community so we can address our members' transportation needs and challenges.

### Take the survey!

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/VCKDBN2](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VCKDBN2)



## Knowledge Carrier CALLOUT!

Seeking Historical Oral Knowledge Related to Garden River & the Pennefather Treaty

- Original Reserve Boundaries
  - 1850 Boundaries
  - Miles vs. Leagues
  - Partridge Point Location, etc.
- Treaty Negotiations & Land Cessations
  - Robinson & Pennefather
- Historical Mining & Business Locations
  - (Non - GRFN)
- Non -Treaty Land Surrenders
  - East bank of Echo River etc.
- Original Traditional Territory
- Squirrel Island

**To schedule a one on one interview contact:**  
 Cole Nolan  
 705 989 5987  
[colenolan@gardenriver.org](mailto:colenolan@gardenriver.org)

Food provided  
Honorarium will be paid

# Human Resources



## Congratulations to our April Hires:

- Connie Traves** — A/Education Manager
- Katelynn Lewis** — Jordans Principle Admin Assistant
- Adora-Lee Nawagesic** — Dan Pine Healing Lodge Coordinator
- Samantha Solomon** — Indian Registry Assistant Administrator
- Tyler Pine** — Community Health Representative (Adult)
- Jordan Lee Thibault** — Community Health Representative (Youth)

Please join me in extending a warm welcome to all our new hires!

Regards,  
Hiring Manager

I'm pleased to announce that **Samantha Solomon** will join us as an **Indian Registry Administrator Assistant**. She began her journey with us on April 24th, 2023.

In the role of Indian Registry Administrator Assistant, Samantha Solomon will be responsible for maintaining, updating, and preserving the integrity of the Indian Register. Assisting the Indian Registrar in maintaining the integrity of this information contained within the Indian Register.

Samantha Solomon comes to us with more than 4 years of experience, having

served Garden River First Nations Aboriginal skills and employment training with a strong administrative/customer service background and recent accomplishments have also included working for Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services serving First Nations and non-aboriginals across Ontario to help and secure safe affordable housing.

When not at work, Samantha has two young sons at home waiting for her. Leo who is going to be 2 years old and Ledger who has just turned 1. They keep her busy. She also enjoys watching the Toronto Maple Leafs play.

I'm pleased to announce that **Katelynn Lewis** will join us as **Jordan Principle Administrative Assistant**. She began her journey with us on April 13, 2023.

In the role of GRWC Jordan Principle Administrative Assistant, Katelynn Lewis will be responsible for providing administrative support services to the Wellness Centre manager and other areas within the Wellness Centre.

Katelynn Lewis comes to us with more than six years of experience, having served as a manager in the food and hospitality industry, where she learned the value of exceptional customer service. And recent accomplishments have included her education in Medical Office Administration. Katelynn first came to GRWC while on her placement.

When not at work, Katelynn Lewis enjoys spending time with her one-year-old beautiful

daughter. She enjoys outdoor activities, crafts, and spending time with family and friends.

I'm pleased to announce that **Adora-Lee Nawagesic** will join us as the **Dan Pine Healing Lodge Coordinator**. She/He/They will begin their journey with us on April 26th, 2023.

Adora-Lee Nawagesic comes to us with many years of experience working in First Nations' communities facilitating culturally sensitive programs that empower and uplift Anishinaabe families. She is a graduate of the Social Work – Native Specialization program at Sault College and is also a Certified Life Skills Coach and Life Promotion Coach. Adora is also a community arts facilitator and has been organizing workshops on traditional Ojibway arts including ribbon skirts, moss bag making, moccasins, beadwork and birch bark making in the Ojibway Woodland style. More recently, Adora worked with Nogdawindamin Family and Community Services as a Child Welfare Worker. Adora comes from the Gull Bay area and has connections to our community of Garden River.



Welcome again our New Hires!

Human Resources



# Wiindamaage



<p>Birthday Announcement for Tessa Vanderheyden May 7th Happy 13th Birthday Tess. We are so proud of you! Love Mom, Dad &amp; Sophie</p>	<p>Happy Birthday to my Sister, Glenda Belleau on May 20th</p>	<p>May 17th Happy Birthday to my sister Kelly Musgrove</p>		<p>I want to Wish my Eldest and First Son / Bezhigo N'Gwis Jacob Day a Very Happy Birthday / Mino Dibishkaan MAY 5th &lt;3</p>
<p>"Happy Birthday Mom/Gamma (Charlene Jones) May 14! We hope you have a year as great as you. Love, Amber, Kierra &amp; Terry</p>	<p>Happy Birthday to my husband, James Pichette on May 20th</p>	<p>Love Tamara, Dave, and Charlotte</p>	<p>Happy Birthday to the BEST auntie in the world!! My second mom! Kelly Musgrove on May 17th! The girls and I love you so so much and appreciate you more than you could ever know!! Have the best day like you deserve!</p>	
<p>Happy 13th birth day KIONNA OMC ur a TEENAGER!! One of the best sisters, so smart and caring we love you so much! Love: mom, dad, Journey, Jacob, Langston &amp; Misko</p>	<p>Happy Birthday to my Sister-in-Law, Maureen Jones on May 19th</p>	<p>I want to Wish the Most Brightest Spirit I have Ever Met Kionna Day Happy Birthday in MAY Turning Teenager this Year. Love you Gramma / Nokomis ♥</p>		



# Clean North Award winners



cleannorth.org

### Citizen Awards:

Angela Belleau was a key partner for the Ketegaunseebee Food Sovereignty Project, a youth-led volunteer effort that involved distributing 240 perennial food producing plants to Garden River First Nation Community members with special consideration for elders and youth.



berry producing shrubs, and grape vines, which will produce food for decades, benefiting current and future generations.

Submitted by Jauvonne Kitto

The goal was to better Garden River First Nation's food sovereignty by increasing the amount of food grown there. Plants distributed included fruit trees, nut trees,



## Dreamcatcher



## Opportunities



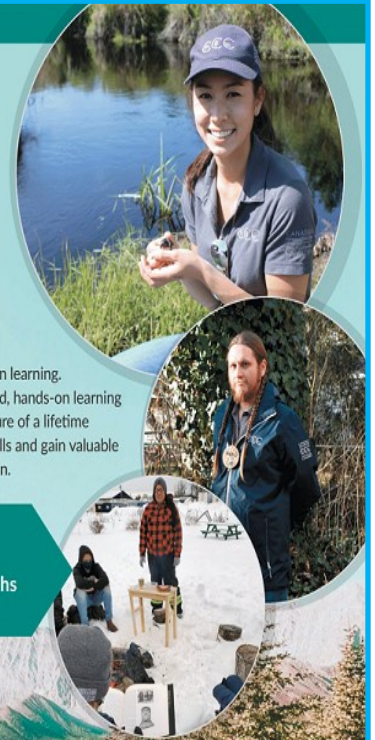
Gabriella Pine would like to thank the Dreamcatcher Foundation for supporting her 2022/2023 hockey season

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#### Program Details:

- Age 18-30
- Three-stage program over nine months
- No cost to join



## Zaagi'idiwin



May 3rd

Happy 20<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary to my love Dave Boissoneau I have felt so loved, appreciated and protected by you all these years, and you are the best Father, Step-Father and Poppa to our grandbabies

Love, Love You! G'Zaagin



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Boozhoo Ketegaunseebee,

The weather is getting warmer and plants are now waking up after a long winter. Zhigaagawanzh (garlic leeks/wild onions/ramps) are starting to emerge now! Zhigaagawanzh are one of the first edible herbaceous plants to emerge in the spring and are an important wild food source for the Anishinaabe people.

Zhigaagawanzh are easy to cook with, identify, and harvest; but they are very sensitive to over harvesting! One plant takes 5 to 7 years to reach maturity and it can take up to decades for over harvested populations to regenerate. Please harvest them sustainably to ensure that there are zhigaagawanzh for future generations.

See below for some tips on how to sustainably harvest zhigaagawanzh:

- You can find garlic leeks typically in mature sugar maple stands with little undergrowth
- Be careful not to step on or trample patches
- Harvest garlic leeks from the centers of patches
- Try to transplant whole plants to new locations to promote new populations
- Harvest only the leaves to ensure future generations of garlic leeks
- Please do not harvest the bulbs! Harvesting bulbs will kill the plant.
- Consider taking 20% or less in each patch
- Do not over harvest
- Remember to share your wild harvests with elders and community members!

Learn more about sustainable harvesting on this site: <https://foragerchef.com/a-rite-of-spring.../>

April 12, 2023

# Announcement Regarding Makwa (black bears) in Garden River

Boozhoo Ketagaunseebee,

As the weather warms up, makwa (black bears) will start to emerge from hibernation and wander into residential areas in search of food.

The Garden River First Nation (GRFN) Lands and Resources Department will be monitoring bear activity in the GRFN community, including locations bears visit, what time people see bears, and what they are doing (wandering, foraging wild foods, eating garbage, etc.).

To report a bear sighting, contact the GRFN Fish and Wildlife Coordinator, Aaron Jones, at 705-859-0225 ext: 201, or message the GRFN Lands and Resources Facebook page.

To learn more about black bear safety, and how to avoid attracting bears to your property, please see the attached Ontario MNRF Bear Wise flyer, or visit: [Ontario.ca/bearwise](http://Ontario.ca/bearwise).

**"The best way of being kind to bears is not to be very close to them" - Margaret Atwood**



**Aaron Jones**  
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## What to do if you see or encounter a bear on your property.

Black bears live mostly in forested areas where they are best able to find food, winter den sites and refuge. With human activity, development and population increasing in what we often call "bear country" or "cottage country" so too are the possibilities for people to see or encounter bears. Knowing what to do if you see a bear on your property is being Bear Wise.




**BEARS CAN  
BE DANGEROUS**

In an immediate emergency, call your local police or 911. To report bear problems call:

**1 866 514-2327**  
(1 866 514-BEAR)  
TTY 705 945-7641

For more information, visit our website:

**ontario.ca/bearwise**

**There's more ...  
see over!** 

To learn more about bear encounters, see our Fact Sheets "Be safe in bear country" and "What to do if you encounter a bear".



## Keep bears out of your neighbourhood.

You may not even know you are doing it. You could be attracting bears onto your property and into your community. Garbage is the main reason why bears are drawn into communities. Bird and pet food, greasy barbecues and ripe or decaying fruit, berries and vegetables are other invitations to bears to forage for food in your yard. This is not good for you, for your neighbours or for bears.




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Every encounter with a black bear is unique. The following information is what experts recommend you do. There is no guarantee that what works in one instance will work in another.


#### Black Bear safety basics:

- Never approach the bear to get a better look
- Do not attempt to feed a bear
- Anticipate and avoid encounters
- Know what to do if you encounter a bear
- Learn about bears and their behaviour
- When outdoors, supervise children and never leave pets unattended

#### if you spot a black bear:

- Stay calm. Often the bear is simply passing through
- Do not run away. Walk towards a building or vehicle and get inside
- If you have children and pets, bring them inside too
- Once indoors, observe the bear. Did it move on or did it stay on your property? If the bear stayed, what was it doing or eating?
- Encourage the bear to leave. Bang pots and pans, or blow an air horn or whistle. The more stressful a bear's encounter with you, the less likely it is to come back
- If the bear got food (like garbage or bird food), or if the bear tried to get food, you will need to remove or control the item that attracted the bear
- Once the bear leaves, remove the attractant and assess your property for other possible attractants like garbage, dirty barbecue, bird or pet food or fruit or berries from your trees or bushes
- It is possible for a bear to return even though you removed the attractant. Bears do return to places where they have found food. Once the bear does not get food, it will move on
- If you have done everything you can to remove attractants, and the bear persists, call 1-866-514-2327
- If a bear is damaging your property, breaking into your home or threatening your personal safety or that of others, call 911 or your local police
- Alert your neighbours about bear activity, and work together to keep your neighbourhood free from items that attract bears
- Work with your municipality to solve problems before they happen
- If a bear is in a tree, leave it alone. Remove people and dogs from the area. The bear will usually come down and leave when it feels safe

NOTE: If you have shot a bear in defense of your property, you are required by law to immediately report it to your local Ministry of Natural Resources office either in person or by telephone. This requirement applies whether you intend to keep the bear or not. Failure to do so is a violation of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act.

**There's more ...  
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**Problems with bears are usually created by people. By following these tips every spring, summer and fall, you can avoid attracting bears to your property:**

#### Garbage:

- Eliminate odours. Put garbage in containers that have tight fitting lids, and only put it out on the morning of garbage day, not the night before
- Whenever possible, store garbage in bear-resistant containers, or indoors (house, shed, garage). Do not store garbage in plywood boxes, old freezers or vehicles
- Put meat scraps in the freezer until garbage day
- If you do not have curbside pick up, take your garbage to the dump often
- Frequently wash garbage cans and recycle containers and lids with a strong smelling disinfectant

#### Bird/Pet food:

- Fill bird feeders only through the winter months
- Do not leave pet food outdoors. Feed pets indoors, not outside or in screened in areas or porches

#### Fruits/Vegetables/Compost:


- Avoid landscaping with trees, shrubs or plants that produce food known to attract bears (some examples include crab apple trees, mountain ash, beech and oak)
- Do not put meat, fish or sweet food (including fruit) in your compost
- Remove vegetables and fallen fruit from the ground
- Pick all ripe fruit from trees and bushes

#### Smells:

- Be aware that cooking odours can attract bears
- Remove grease and food residue from barbecue grills, including the grease cup underneath, after each use

Learn about bears, their needs and behaviour. Share your knowledge with others. Encourage your neighbours and your community to practice Bear Wise habits. It takes everyone working together to keep bears away.

For more information about bears, see our Fact Sheets "Bears travel far for food" and "Bears are part of our natural heritage".

**There's more ...  
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## Robinson Huron Treaty LITIGATION FUND

### Annuities Case Update

Since 2012, the Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund, which represents the 21 First Nations of the Treaty area, has been in litigation with the governments of Ontario and Canada for failing to fulfill the Treaty Augmentation promise in the Robinson Huron Treaty of 1850.

On January 30, 2023, the court proceedings in the annuities case were adjourned to focus on negotiating with the Crowns and renewing the Treaty relationship. Our leadership has said that true reconciliation can never be achieved in a courtroom and we are working towards an out-of-court settlement in the spirit of cooperation, reconciliation, and renewing the nation-to-nation relationship with the Crowns.



» For more information on the case, visit us at:  
[www.robinsonehuronTreaty1850.com](http://www.robinsonehuronTreaty1850.com)



### What is an annuity?

The annuity or 'annual payment' is a Treaty right under the Robinson Huron Treaty of 1850. Treaty rights are collective rights, and in this case the right to the annuity is held by the collective Robinson Huron Treaty Anishinaabek. The annuity was originally set at "six hundred pounds of good and lawful money of Upper Canada" (approximately \$2,400). This was the collective entitlement of the Robinson Huron Treaty Anishinaabek in 1850.

From 1850-1854 the annuity was paid to the Chiefs who had the responsibility to distribute any amounts to their citizens. In 1855 the Crown began making payments to individuals in cash which worked out to approximately \$1.60 per person.

In Stage 1 of the litigation, Justice Hennessy found that the reference to \$4 per person in the Treaty text is a portion of the collective lump sum annuity payable to the Chiefs and their Tribes. According to the court's ruling, the Crown can use its judgment to increase this individual amount, but has a mandatory obligation to increase the collective or lump sum annuity when the economic circumstances warrant. These findings were upheld by the Ontario Court of Appeal.

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## Brief History of the Robinson Huron Treaty of 1850

### 1764 ~ The Treaty at Niagara

The Lake Huron Anishinaabek have always governed Anishinaabeikiing (the territory) in accordance with the sacred laws of Creation necessary to maintain the complex web of interdependent relationships upon which all living things rely on for survival. This deeply interconnected nature of the world means people must rely on one another to thrive. Anishinaabek governance through the Council Fire system is fundamentally based on principles of Respect, Responsibility, Reciprocity and Renewal. It was within this framework that the Anishinaabek entered into treaty relationships with other nations, including the British Crown.

The Royal Proclamation of King George III issued on October 7, 1763, became a crucial part of the Covenant Chain relationship forged at the Treaty at Niagara in the summer of 1764. At the Treaty of Niagara, Sir William Johnson, on behalf of the British Crown, presented the Anishinaabek with the Great Covenant Chain belt and in the accompanying speech asked “the Chipaweweighs at St. Mary’s” to hold one end of the belt while he would hold the other end at the King’s Council Fire in Albany, and “to look upon this Belt as the Chain which binds you to the English, and never let it slip out of your Hands.” The “Chipaweweighs at St. Mary’s” is a reference to the Anishinaabek Council Fire at Bawaating, a central and long-standing site of Anishinaabe governance, which is where the Treaty Council was held in 1850.

For nearly a hundred years before the Treaty, and for years after, successive representatives of the Crown, from Sir William Johnson to William Benjamin Robinson, strictly performed the Covenant Chain Alliance protocols at annual Council Fires, participating in mutual gift exchanges to reaffirm their solemn promise to respect the autonomy and title of the Anishinaabek and renew their longstanding treaty relationship. These shared protocols were strictly followed in what became Upper Canada in the decades leading up to the Treaty Council of 1850, with one exception; the Colonial Government of the United Province of Canada’s unilateral actions beginning in 1845 in the Mica Bay Affair in 1849.

### 1849 ~ Shingwaukonse’s Vision and the Mica Bay Affair

In 1845, the Colonial Government began unilaterally issuing permits in the Treaty territory, contrary to the Covenant Chain Alliance, including the Royal Proclamation. The Anishinaabek saw these as direct challenges to their jurisdiction and control of the territory and in the ensuing years the Anishinaabek, lead by the principal spokesperson Chief Shingwaukonse, clearly articulated their vision for a thriving nation in a rapidly changing world.

Over the next four years, Chief Shingwaukonse of Garden River and Chief Nebenaigoching of Batchenwana sent several memorials and petitions to the Crown, and travelled many times to meet the Governor General in person. They explained the history of the Covenant Chain Alliance and made clear demands on the Crown to respect Anishinaabek autonomy, jurisdiction and territory. They rejected the ongoing illegal use and occupation of Anishinaabeikiing in the strongest possible terms. They insisted that the Crown pay compensation for the wealth being extracted from their territory and sought a Treaty that would provide them with the ability to benefit from these unused land.

In a speech that was reprinted in the North American and United States Gazette on September 26, 1848, Chief Shingwaukonse is reported as saying to Col. T.G. Anderson at their Council Fire meeting at Bawaating that year:

*The Great Spirit, we think, placed these rich mines on our lands for the benefit of his red children, so that their rising generation might get support from them when the animals of the woods should have grown too scarce for our subsistence. We will carry out, therefore the good object of our Father, the Great Spirit. We will sell you these lands, if you give us what is right. At the same time, we want pay for every pound of mineral that has been taken off our lands, as well as for that which may hereafter be carried away.*

In the fall of 1849, the Crown appointed Commissioners Alexander Vidal and T.G. Anderson to meet with the Anishinaabek along the shores of Lake Superior and Lake Huron and to inquire into the terms upon which a treaty could be made. When the Commissioners held Council Fire meetings

at Bawaating they further aggravated the Anishinaabek’s frustrations. As a result, Chiefs Shingwaukonse and Nebenaigoching, along with their lawyer Macdonell, led a party of Anishinaabe warriors to Mica Bay, where they shut down the mining operations. When news of the incident reached Toronto, the Colonial Government (with the reluctant and conditional approval of the Governor General) dispatched 100 members of the Toronto Rifle Brigade to Mica Bay to “quash the insurgency.” The troops, however, failed to make it to Mica Bay as the steamship they hired was shipwrecked along the coast of Lake Superior and forced them to walk back to the Hudson’s Bay Company’s Fort in Sault Ste. Marie where they stayed the winter.

The Mica Bay affair was a demonstration of the Anishinaabek’s continued application of their laws with respect to unauthorized intrusions into their territory. It indicated their willingness and ability to exercise their jurisdiction in their territory and showed the Crown that there were consequences for failing to make good on its repeated promises to do justice to Anishinaabek claims; promises that the Governor General had made personally, and publicly, just that summer when he met with the Chiefs in person.

### 1850 ~ William Benjamin Robinson and the Treaty Council at Bawaating

After shutting down the mine at Mica Bay, Chiefs Shingwaukonse and Nebenaigoching, along with their lawyer Macdonell, were illegally arrested in Sault Ste. Marie and taken down to Toronto for court proceedings. While in Toronto, the Chief and Macdonell met with William Benjamin Robinson.

Through a lifetime of experience in the fur trade, the mining sector and the treaty-making process, Robinson had developed excellent relations with the Anishinaabek and even spoke Anishinaabemowin. Robinson was also from one of the most prominent families in Upper Canada, the youngest of three brothers, all of whom had extensive careers in provincial politics. In a political and diplomatic landscape governed by personal relationships, Robinson had the confidence of the Government, the mining sector, and the Anishinaabe.

In August of 1850, preparations were


underway for the Treaty Council. The Governor General authorized the Commissary to issue 20 Flags, 10 Medals and a Nest of Brass Kettles. These presents, along with several others, would be distributed by Robinson at the Treaty Council. Throughout the last-half of August, Robinson, along with the Governor General Lord Elgin, the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs and several other Crown delegates travelled up to Garden River and Bawaating where preliminary meetings and discussions took place.

On September 3, 1850, Treaty Commissioner Robinson and the Governor

General Lord Elgin travelled to Garden River to meet the Lake Huron Anishinaabek delegates for the opening ceremony. As their boats arrived Anishinaabek greeted them with volleys of gunshot. They then met at the house of Chief Shingwaukonse where he, Chief Tagawinini and the Governor General formally addressed each other to affirm their attachment and trust in Robinson to speak on behalf of the Crown as the Treaty Commissioner. This officially opened the Treaty Council which continued for several more days. The minutes of what was said by the Chiefs were recorded by the Crown, but those records have since been lost.

On September 9, 1850, Robinson and the Lake Huron Anishinaabek reached agreement and the written version of the Treaty was executed. The annuity for that year was paid at the Treaty Council in Bawaating.

From 1851 to 1854 the annuity was paid out in goods to the Chiefs for their respective communities. Due to some factors within the Provincial Government, it wasn't until 1855 that the annuity payment was made in cash to individuals.



## 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 my 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](mailto:info@robinsonhuron treaty1850.com) to get in touch.

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## Robinson Huron Treaty LITIGATION FUND

### Litigation Timeline

Decisions
Key Dates

- January 30, 2023** (Key Date)
 

RHTL, 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.
- January 4, 2022** (Key Date)
 

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 1-3, 2021** (Key Date)
 

The Ontario Court of Appeal heard Ontario's appeal of the Stage Two decision. Canada has not appealed.
- June 26, 2020** (Decision)
 

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.
- September 25, 2017** (Key Date)
 

Stage 1 begins with opening statement of RHT plaintiffs.
- 2010** (Key Date)
 

Formation of the RHT Litigation Fund.
- July 1764** (Key Date)
 

Council of Niagara, 1700 Indigenous inhabitants gathered, a diplomatic exercise where the British sought to renew and strengthen the Covenant Chain.
- February 10, 1763** (Key Date)
 

Signing of Treaty of Paris.
- Fall 2023** (Key Date)
 

Stage One and Two Appeal to be heard at the Supreme Court of Canada
- June 23, 2022** (Decision)
 

The Supreme Court of Canada releases its decision to proceed with hearing Ontario's appeal of the Robinson Treaties annuity case.
- November 5, 2021** (Decision)
 

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.
- April 13-28, 2021** (Key Date)
 

The Ontario Court of Appeal heard Ontario's appeal of the Stage One decision. Canada did not appeal.
- December 21, 2018** (Decision)
 

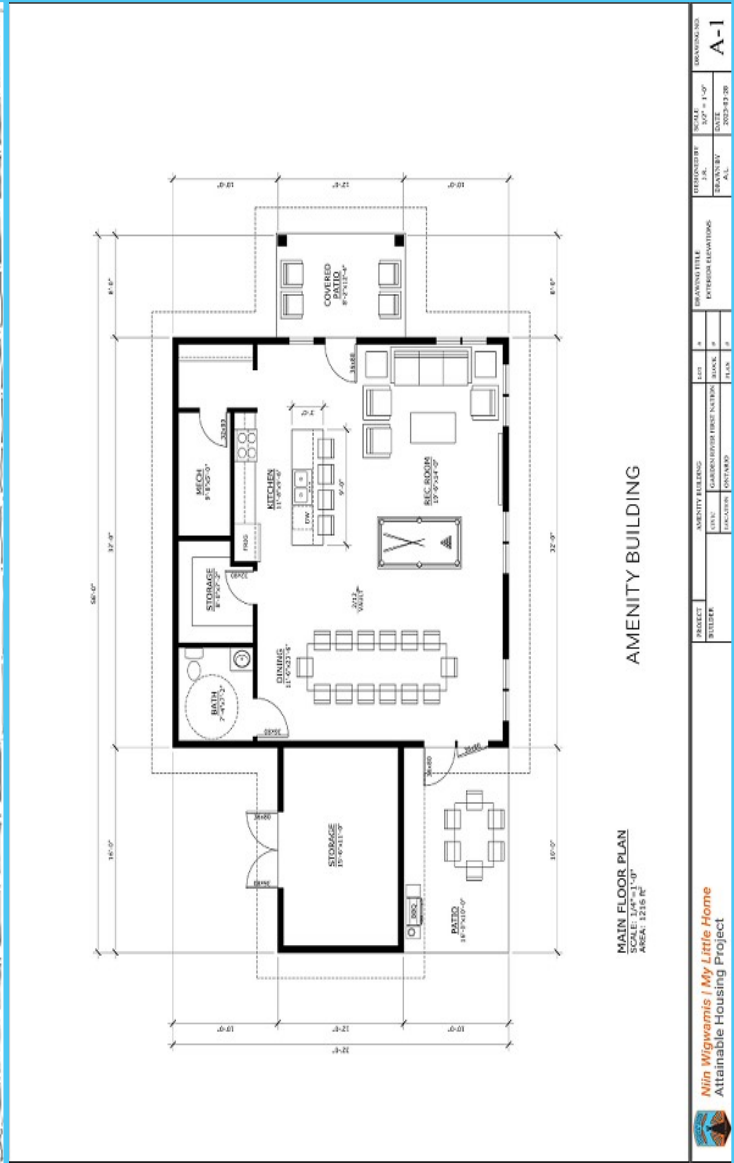
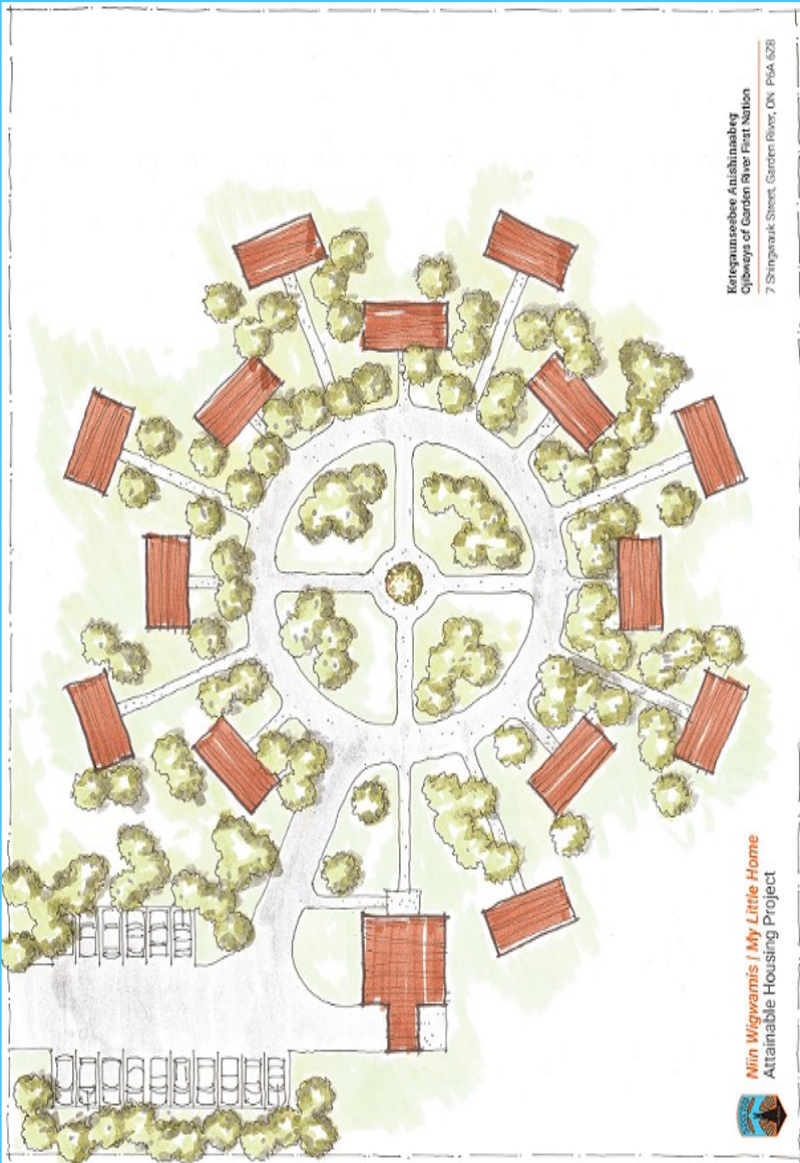
Stage One Trial Decision: The Court rules that the Crown has a mandatory and reviewable constitutional obligation to increase the annuity to reflect the economic value the Crown receives from the Treaty Territory.
- 2012** (Key Date)
 

Notice of claim filed.
- September 9, 1850** (Key Date)
 

Signing of the Robinson Huron Treaty.
- October 7, 1763** (Key Date)
 

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

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## Niin Wigwamis | My Little Home Attainable Housing Project



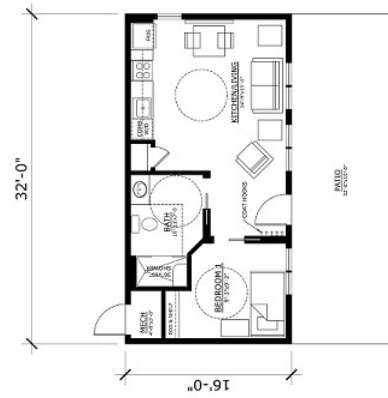
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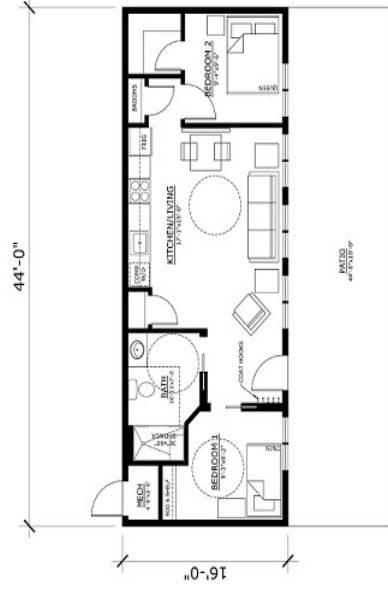
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MOOZ - 704A | 2 BEDROOM EXTERIOR



MAIN FLOOR PLAN - 704 SQ FT  
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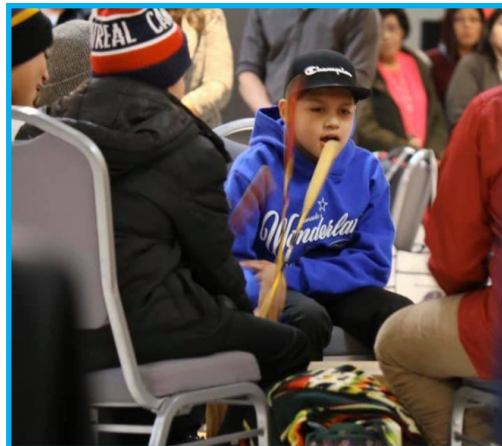
## Nimkii Aanakwat (Thunder Cloud) Drum and Singers (2 part series—2nd part in June Issue)

### Brief Introduction:

Nimkii Aanakwat has been an active drum (drumming and singing) since 2015. There are several young boys/Giiwezensak but now who are young men /Eshkinigii Ininiwag from Garden River First Nation and surrounding communities of Baawaating, but most are from Garden River First Nation. Sometimes the boys leave the drum, or take a break, but they can always return back to the drum / Ode'Ve'igan. Nimkii Aanakwat has a specific vision and purpose, it is meant to help with the healing and wellness of our community, by providing that heart beat and a place to gather. The boys have drummed at numerous community functions, gatherings and ceremonies: community walks, openings and closings, graduation ceremonies, ceremonies at the former Shingwauk site (Algoma U) where many children were forced to attend and lost their language, culture, right to family. But on those very steps the boys have drummed to honour those who both never had the chance to keep and speak their language while living and growing up and some never returned home, they drummed and sang for those children because they couldn't. They drummed at end of life ceremonies and many times they took the initiative, we did not have ask them. These young men did an amazing job, as they are often self motivated. Miigwetch to active parents like: Kristen Jones is very instrumental in coordinating, transporting the young men and information sharing. Also Jacob Day and Sarah Shawanda, Steve Nolan and Emily Joan Nolan, Phil Jones, Ashley Vincent, Danielle Fox, Albert Lariviere, Special acknowledgement to Kristie Lariviere baa who was very Instrumental in our early days to keep Nimkii Aanakwat Active.



One Teacher/Kinomage Inini: has recently stepped up to the plate, to guide them and provide teachings and songs. We say Chi Miigwetch to Phil Jones other learners and helpers have also come: Jody Jones and Jackson Zack. We are grateful / Miigwetchiwendam to these young men and Phil, as the our young people could use guidance from other teachers, men and adults, in this trying world that we live in. These young men are also learning as they all are learning together, as our people are in a collective healing learning journey as a people.



**HISTORY:** When these young men / Eshkinigii-wak began, they did have a few songs, some teachings how to manage around the drum and how to take care of the drum. As they brought their own songs to the drum that they had learnt in school or from others, they had the most Important Quality: the desire. Over the years, they have had different men / Ininiwag, to come and teach them and guide them, but they came as guests, Quinn Meawasige gifted them with their first professional Drum Sticks, Phil Jones, Justin

Perreault, Brad Robinson, Dion Syrette, Dwayne McGregoire, Ron Rickard and other men / Ininiwag from our community to help guide and teach them (Steve Nolan, Dan Tice, Jeff Biron, Keith Boissoneau, Rene Ojeebah,



Jacob Day, Richie Nolan, Mark Sayers, Craig Sayers, Luke Pine, and all the fire guys) as they need male influence and teachers as well, especially at this age and stage in their life, and I do see a difference when a Inini / man is seated there at the drum with them, the man's very presence influences them far more greater, and it is a good thing to see. I am grateful for each and everyone who has come and sat with them to help guide them and teach them, as we all know in this in this challenging world today, any and everything positive that we can give them to stay and be on a good path (MINO BIMAADIZIWIN) the better the chances of these young men EshkinigiIniniwag will have to stay on a good path. As it truly does take a village to raise a child, to also nurture them as they grow, learn and live life.

*(June 2023 Newsletter will have the rest of this article along with more images. Submitted by Gramma Misko Asin / Red Stone / Barbara Day)*






**BASEBALL IS BACK!**

**INDIGENOUS ROOKIE LEAGUE**

**COME PLAY**


WHO CAN PLAY: YOUTH AGES 8-11 & 12-15  
 PRACTICES ON: MONDAY EVENINGS  
 GAMES ON: WEDNESDAY EVENINGS  
 LOCATION: GARDEN RIVER BALL FIELDS

**GROUP FITNESS CLASSES**

TUESDAYS	THURSDAYS	SATURDAYS
YOUTH 5:30PM - 6:30PM	YOUTH 5:30PM - 6:30PM	LATIN DANCE 10:00AM - 10:45AM
BEGINNER/ INTERMEDIATE 6:30PM - 7:30PM	BEGINNER/ INTERMEDIATE 6:30PM - 7:30PM	

**STARTING TUESDAY, APRIL 18**  
**RUNNING INDEFINITELY**



**JOIN THE LEAGUE**



**COACHES NEEDED**  
**NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED**

FOR MORE INFORMATION TO REGISTER/COACH CONTACT:  
 rbillingsley@grfnrec.com  
 cmoretin@grfnrec.com

Recipe Corner

**Slow Cooker Pesto Mozzarella Pasta**

Slow Cooked chicken with pesto, lemon and butter. Then cooked pasta is added and topped with cheeses.

*Equipment:* Slow cooker 6 quart or larger

*Ingredients:*

- 1 1/2 lbs chicken breasts
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 8/1 oz jarred pesto
- 1/2 cup salted butter
- 1/2 lemon

*These items get added at the end.*

- 1 lb. dried rotini pasta (cooked & drained)
- 1/2 cup grated parmesan
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella
- 1/4 tsp. dried basil to garnish

*Instructions:*

1. add the chicken to the slow cooker. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Spread the pesto, squeeze the lemon over the chicken. Cut the butter into slices and lay on chicken.
2. Cover and cook on low for 5-6 hours without opening lid
3. Near the end of the cooking time, cook the pasta according to directions and drain.

4. Shred the chicken with 2 forks. Add the cooked pasta and parmesan cheese, stir all together. Add the mozzarella cheese over the pasta. Cover for about 15 more minutes or till cheese is melted.
5. Serve and enjoy!



Education

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Acting Education Manager at the Education Unit. My name is Connie Traves. I retired from education almost 3 years ago. I was very fortunate to spend my last 7 years as the principal at East View Public.

I am very excited to be serving the students, families and community of Garden River First Nation. I am honored to be working with the wonderful staff at the Education Unit.

Please feel free to reach out to me at the Education Unit. I look forward to learning from you and with you in this role.

Connie Traves  
 Acting Education Manager  
 Garden River Education Unit  
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 705-946-3933 ext 207



## Elementary School

Aanii Boozhoo from the Garden River Elementary team!

Ziizibaakdoke Giizis (April) is a time of new beginning and new growth. The change in season is when Ininaatigoog (Maple trees) start Anishnaabe new year with the maple sugar season. Family's and communities all over turtle island enjoy this special time with one another. We are extremely grateful for this opportunity that Shkagamigkwe gives us each and every year. Chi migwetch kinagegoo.

Mii'iw

Garden River Elementary Team







## Elementary Liaison

# REGISTRATION

### New Student Enrollment

If your child is born in 2019 (JK) or 2018 (SK), please register them with us today.

**How to register:**

1. Come in anytime at the Garden River Education Unit
2. Fill out registration papers
3. Provide status card if your child has one
4. Receive a copy of the Elementary guidelines to see what services are provided for your child

Please register with Deanna Jones, Elementary Liaison  
I can be reached at 705-946-3933 ext 203 or by email at [dejones@gardenriver.ca](mailto:dejones@gardenriver.ca)

## Huron-Superior Catholic DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

# HIGH SCHOOL 101

Join the Indigenous Transitions Coach to chat about High school!

Let's learn about High school! Each session, we will cover topics about high school! Attendance, Uniforms, Supports, Services, Career Pathways, Parent Involvement, and Much More!

**When: Wednesdays- March 1, April 5, May 3, and June 7, 2023**  
6:00pm-7:30pm

**Who: Grade 7 & 8 Students & Parents**

Where: Google Meet- Link: <https://meet.google.com/cmu-edod-tuj>  
Or dial: +1 289-432-9934 PIN: 698 943 576#

**SIGN ON HERE!**

Questions? Contact Hannah Syrette (705) 945-5448 [Hannah.Syrette@hscdsb.on.ca](mailto:Hannah.Syrette@hscdsb.on.ca)

## Huron-Superior Catholic DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

# HIGH SCHOOL 101

**Sessions:**

- March 1, 2023- Introductions, The Transitions Coach Program, and Career Pathways.
- April 5, 2023- High school 101: Schedules, Routines, Attendance, Study Strategies, Uniforms, and more.
- May 3, 2023- SMC Cultural Room, Graduation Coach Program, & Chat with students from the Indigenous Student Council
- June 7, 2023- SMC Student Life (Parent Involvement, Clubs, Sports), Open Discussion, Questions?

Each Session will begin with a virtual smudge, a land acknowledgement, and a prayer.  
At each session, there will be an attendance draw-\$50 gift card.  
Certificate of attendance upon completion of each session.

**SIGN ON HERE! SCAN ME**

Google Meet- Link: <https://meet.google.com/cmu-edod-tuj>

EASTER CRAFT NIGHT!

Craft night was held on Wednesday, April 5 from 5—6:30 pm for the GRFN JK to Grade 3 Elementary Students. Deanna (Elementary Liaison); Stephanie (Secondary Liaison) and Irene (Resource Centre) joined together to help the kids put together an Easter hat that could be used a wall hanging or as a hat.



Secondary Liaison

**MOCCASIN ~ MAKING**

Some Garden River youth took part in the Moccasin Making Workshop for High School Students which was held on April 29<sup>th</sup> facilitated by Colleen Nolan, also from Garden River First Nation. They created some very beautiful moccasins! By offering a workshop such as this, it was the hope for our youth to learn the art of moccasin making in the hopes of preserving this tradition for future generations, passing along their skill to others or at least, being left with a sense of pride in what they had created. They were a very awesome group of students, so proud of them all!

**CAREER DIMENSIONS WORKSHOP**

On April 27<sup>th</sup>, we also held a workshop geared for high school students where a few students took part in identifying personality strengths and what careers utilize those natural strengths. It was designed to be interactive and fun! This was also facilitated by Colleen Nolan and many thanks again Colleen ~ Miigwech!

**GRADUATION COMING UP!**

Please keep an eye out from our Department on upcoming graduation celebrations! Exciting months ahead of us now as students are preparing for graduations and for those who are planning a return in the Fall!

**HIGH SCHOOL / SECONDARY INFORMATION or INQUIRIES**

Please feel free to reach out to me for any questions or concerns:

1. [sjones@gardenriver.ca](mailto:sjones@gardenriver.ca);
2. 705.946.3933 ext 208
3. or stop by the Education Unit during normal business hours.

- [www.scholarshipscanada.com](http://www.scholarshipscanada.com)
- [www.indspire.ca](http://www.indspire.ca)

Wishing everyone a beautiful month of May ~

*Steph  
School Liaison Worker - Secondary*

**GRFN POST-SECONDARY SPONSORSHIP**

Grade 12 grads, have you applied yet for sponsorship (funding) for college or university with Garden River? Deadline is quickly approaching! May 15<sup>th</sup> for Fall! Even if you haven't received an acceptance letter yet, still deciding between some options or still haven't applied to any college or university programs, best to get your application now and then you can always update it with the post-secondary counsellor along the way. If you need help with this, please reach out to myself or Anne Marie Jones (Post-Secondary Counsellor) at [amjones@gardenriver.ca](mailto:amjones@gardenriver.ca) or at ext. 202

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

Students, please take the time to search online now for thousands of scholarships available for high school students! Then share to your friends! Here are just a few to start with:

- Scholarships - Youth of Canada
- <https://www.youthofcanada.ca/scholarships>
- [www.ontarioscholarships.ca](http://www.ontarioscholarships.ca)



# Adults In Motion

## Iskigamizigan – Ketegaunseebee Sugar Bush Chi Miigwetch Miisheen Shawanda



Since mid-March, Miisheen Shawanda, Land-based Educator with our Elementary Program, has spearheaded our Iskigamizigan project. Giving selflessly of his extensive traditional knowledge, time and skill, Miish has led elementary and AIM (Adults in Motion) students through the entire Iskigamizigan process. We began by hauling three cords of wood into our sugar bush site. Under Miish's guidance, AIM students assisted in preparing the site by clearing our fire pit and space for a woodpile and learning area. After site preparation, the first group of elementary students made the daily trek up the 800m hill to begin tapping trees. Miish shared traditional stories of the relationship between the maple trees and the people, and we offered tobacco thanking the trees for their gift of maple water. AIM and elementary students tapped approximately 35 trees, hanging buckets and repurposed water bottles to collect the precious sap. In the first week, we started collecting sap, hauling the maple water by hand to larger collection buckets. Boiling began in the second week, in cast-iron cauldrons over an open fire. Rain or shine, Miish was in our sugar bush, transporting boiled sap back to the Education Unit, so students could take part in the finishing stages of making maple syrup. On April 13<sup>th</sup>, we had a Pancake Feast for the Elementary Program students and families, with food prepared and served by AIM students and staff. After the weeks of sap collection, we harvested approximately 3.5 gallons of syrup. Miish even led students through the traditional method of preparing maple sugar. The maple syrup harvested will be shared with the community. Chi Miigwetch to all the students and staff who contributed to this year's harvest, collecting and boiling on weekends, and before and after school hours.

Above all, Chi Miigwetch to Miisheen Shawanda, without whom this year's harvest would not be possible. Overflowing with kindness, patience, knowledge and respect, Miish seamlessly integrates traditional ecological knowledge and language in his teaching. Thank-you Miish – your gifts are integral to the success of land-based learning at the Education Unit.

~ Kim Jefferies, AIM Teacher



Aahniin from the Post-Secondary Counsellor:

**CONGRATULATIONS** you made it! The majority of you have successfully completed the 2022/2023 school year. For those of you not continuing your studies in the Spring/Summer session, **please have yourself a great and safe summer.... BUT...**

**Please do not forget to** update your **login/password** so that I can print your final grade reports when they are posted and please do not forget to submit your **new GRFN Application for Post-Secondary Sponsorship before the next deadline: MAY 15TH for the new school year, Fall 2023/Winter 2024.**

Please keep in touch and report any changes in your education plans for the upcoming school year.

### REMINDERS

.....to all students, you must submit your updated login/password so that I can print a copy of your **Winter 2023 final grades and if enrolled in Spring/Summer, your current schedule.**

### SPRING/SUMMER STUDENTS

.....if, at any time, you want to **(I) change your educational plans by either adding/dropping a course(s) or (II) change programs or (III) make other changes**, you **must** contact me in advance to discuss so that I can review and approve your new education plan.

.....if it is your intention to receive the monthly living allowance through spring/summer, you must always **maintain a full-time registration** to be eligible for your monthly allowance. Please be reminded that GRFN **does not** use the "student loan definition for full-time studies". We use the "**normal full-time student load definition** - there is a difference - please make sure that you are using the proper one.

**Please check your registration carefully using the normal full-time student load definition.**

And always make sure that you are only

taking courses that are graduation required courses so that you can complete your program within the official length of your program.

### ARE YOU GRADUATING FROM COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY THIS YEAR ?

If you will have officially completed your remaining graduation requirements by the end of June 2023 and will be graduating, please make sure that you email me to confirm your graduation status.

We will be having our annual graduate celebration sometime in June. The dates and details are not yet confirmed but will be soon.

I will need graduates to confirm their choice for a gift and if you choose a GRFN grad jacket, I will need you to confirm the following: size, colour and if you want Class of 2023 on it or not.

#### FULL-TIME and PART TIME POST-SECONDARY SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINES:

**For Spring/Summer Session (May—August):**  
March 29

**For Fall (September –December) Enrolment:**  
May 15

**For Winter (January—April) Enrolment:**  
October 15

Deadlines are strictly adhered to!!

Submit early to avoid disappointment. Everyone must submit a new sponsorship application package every year—sponsorship is never guaranteed nor automatic for the length of your program.

### ?? JOB HUNTING ??

If you haven't already done so, you should have begun your search for summer employment opportunities. Before you even start your job hunt, you need an **up-to-date resume**. Writing a great resume takes time.

There are many styles of resumes. There are no strict rules to writing a resume, however, there are some important things to keep in mind. Be concise - use concrete language - research each job's qualifications and list your appropriate skills/qualifications that is referenced in the job posting, include previous education and previous employment plus your references. And if you didn't already know, you need to ask the person for permission to use them as your reference.

Remember to check the Education Unit website regularly ([www.gardenriver.ca](http://www.gardenriver.ca)), the GRFN main website ([www.gardenriver.org](http://www.gardenriver.org)) and other department websites and social media for any new job postings.

Good luck in your job search!

### \*\*Scholarships/Bursaries/Awards Reminder\*\*

It's never too late to apply for **scholarships/bursaries/awards**. *There is literally thousands available and each one has their own deadline date. Please, please check your college/university website to see about school specific ones and then visit one of the many websites available to help you perform a customized search for a scholarship. This means that once you have keyed in your academic and personal information, it will search for scholarships for you. All you have to do is complete the application requirements and submit by the deadline.*

INDSPIRE is a national Indigenous organization that houses and administers thousands of scholarships/bursaries/awards. You just have to apply once and they will do the work to find you suitable scholarships/bursaries/awards and ones that you meet the criteria for.

### SOME WEBSITES TO VISIT:

[www.indspire.ca](http://www.indspire.ca)  
[www.studentawards.com](http://www.studentawards.com)  
[www.scholarshipscanada.com](http://www.scholarshipscanada.com)

### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES...

**Are you planning on going to college or university in September?** If you haven't already done so, please contact me at the office to complete your **GRFN Application**

**for Post – Secondary Education Assistance. The deadline is May 15th for Fall 2023/Winter 2024 full-time and part-time sponsorship.** If you do not have a ride to my office, we can set up a virtual meeting to review the application process and discuss how sponsorship works for you or if you are local, we can meet at your high school or here in my office.

Once you start receiving information from the colleges/universities that you applied to **please forward me a copy of your “offer of admission / acceptance letter/email”, and “residence application information”.**

**REMEMBER that there are deadlines to accept your “offer of admission”. There will also be a tuition deposit that has to be paid: for college it is usually June 15th**

and for university, it is usually a week or so after you are allowed to register. This tuition deposit will hold your seat in the program.

We do not pay the tuition deposit directly - but once you are approved, we send sponsorship letters to your school quickly and this will save your seat. Thus, getting me copies of your acceptance letter with your new college/university student number is very important so that we can take of the tuition deposit in a timely manner for you.

Please forward copies of all of your information that you receive. GRFN is not responsible for any lost seats due to deadline dates missed. **PLEASE READ AND RESPOND TO ALL CORRESPONDENCE SENT**

**TO YOU from your college/university and from GRFN Education.**

**Food for Thought:**  
Spoon feeding in the long run teaches us nothing but the shape of the spoon.  
(E. M. Forster)

If you need any assistance or have concerns about your post-secondary education plans, please call me at the office, 946-6300 ext. 234 or email me at amjones@gardenriver.ca or call to set up an appointment to meet in-person or reach out to set up a virtual meeting.

Miigwetch  
Anne Marie Jones  
Post-Secondary Counsellor



## GRFN Public Library aka Resource Centre

### The Garden River Resource Centre/Public Library's

**Services include:**

- Book lending
- Printing services *(free for students)*
- Reading; craft; kids programs
- GRFN Archives
- Home of the GRFN Community Monthly Newsletter

**Additional Info:**

- The VR Console/Computer has approx. 30 games available
- Ontario Parks Permit—2 parking passes that can be loaned out
- Free Wifi Available to students & community members
- 3D Printer—small single colour requests can be printed for a fee
- Printing, blinding, laminating is available.

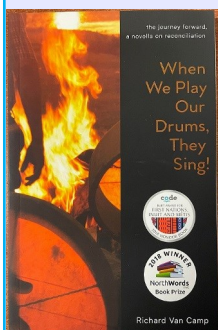
**Appointments:**

can be set up for library usage after regular hours — for homework, VR games, printing, wifi — must be scheduled at least 2 days in advance.

**Email:** irene.gray@gardenriver.ca

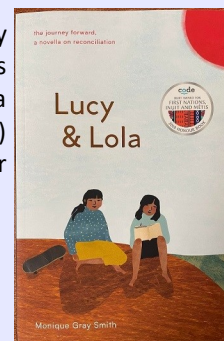
**Or Call:** 705-946-3933 ext. 210

### May's Featured Books



**When We Play Our Drums, They Sing!** *Richard Van Camp.* This is the story of 12-year-old Dene Cho, who is angry that his people are losing their language, traditions, and ways of being.

**Lucy & Lola.** *Monique Gray Smith.* Lucy and Lola are 11-year-old twins. The girls are spending their summer on Gabriola Island with their Kookum (grandmother) while their mother studies for the bar exam.



**Two novellas in one book, Get TWO STORIES in One Book borrowing at the Garden River Public Library**

### Anishinaabemowin Words for the Month:




## Wissinwin - Food

L A Z H I I W A A B O Z W D G S M O  
 E S H K A N D A M I N G Z C Z H I M  
 D M I F E S H K A N I M I N H O S B  
 M B A G A A N I B I M I D E L O H I  
 I W L N R M I I N A N M I I N M I S  
 N I B K D Q A X L A F G V G S I I I  
 E I F W A A W A N L M Q E I D N M J  
 S Y M M K Y M I I N A N O K P Q I I  
 A A M O O Z I I Z I B A A K W A D G  
 N A A C M J G I N G O O K O O S H A  
 R S T B A K W E Z H I G A N L W Z N  
 R M U W G I G I Z H E B A A V G Z A

Find the following words in the puzzle.  
 Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

AAMOOZIIBAAKWAD - honey	GOOKOOSH - bacon	OMBISIJIGAN - baking powder
BAGAANIBIMIDE - peanut butter	MANDAMIN - corn	SHOOMIN - grape
BAKWEZHIGAN - bannock	MIINAN - blueberry	WAAWAN - egg
ESHKANDAMING - cucumber	MIINANMIIN - berry	WIIYAAS - meat
ESHKANIMIN - banana	MINESAN - fruit	ZHIIWAABO - juice
GIGIZHEBAA - cereal	MISHIMI - apple	

 **The GRFN Public Library presents:**  
 (48 Syrette Lake Road)

## The 2023 GRFN PL Reading Challenge

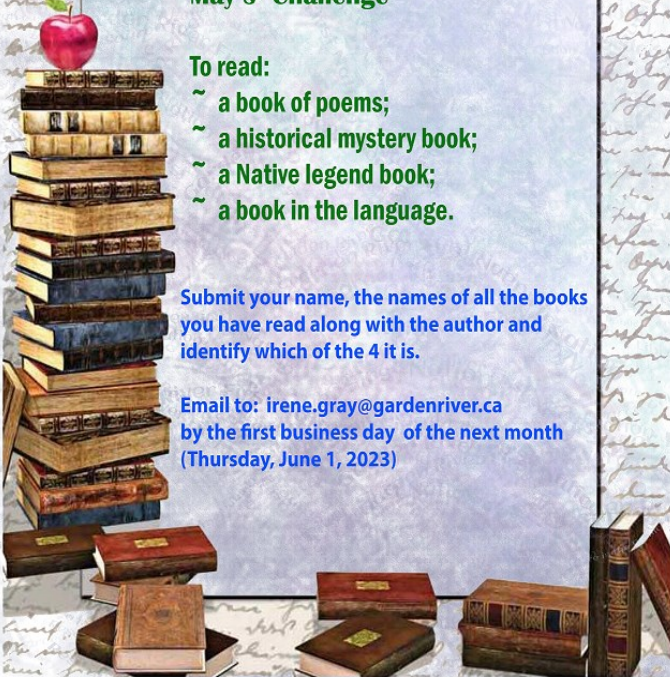
### May's Challenge

**To read:**

- ~ a book of poems;
- ~ a historical mystery book;
- ~ a Native legend book;
- ~ a book in the language.

Submit your name, the names of all the books you have read along with the author and identify which of the 4 it is.

Email to: [irene.gray@gardenriver.ca](mailto:irene.gray@gardenriver.ca)  
 by the first business day of the next month  
 (Thursday, June 1, 2023)




## Day School Claims



Indian Residential Schools  
**Day Scholars**

### NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT APPROVAL AND CLAIMS PROCESS

**Did you attend an Indian Residential School as a student during the day but not sleep there overnight? OR Did your parent attend an Indian Residential School as a student during the day but not sleep there overnight? OR Are you the estate executor, administrator, trustee or liquidator or the heir of someone who attended an Indian Residential School as a student during the day but not sleep there overnight and who died on or after May 30, 2005? If yes, this notice is for you. It is authorized by the Federal Court. Please read it carefully because it affects your legal rights.**

**What is this notice for?** There is a settlement in a certified class action called Gottfriedson v. Canada (Federal Court File No. T1542-12) for the claims of Day Scholars (the "Survivor Class") and their children (the "Descendant Class"). Day Scholars are students who

attended Indian Residential Schools during the day only and did not sleep there overnight. A Federal Court judge approved the settlement agreement on September 24, 2021, and that agreement is now binding on all Survivor Class and Descendant Class members who did not opt out.

**What settlement was approved?** The settlement contains benefits for both the Day Scholar Survivor Class and the Descendant Classes:

- \$10,000 Day Scholar Compensation Payment: Each Day Scholar who attended an Indian Residential School during the day only (but did not sleep there overnight) any time between 1920 and 1997 is eligible to apply for a \$10,000 Day Scholar Compensation Payment. A list of Indian Residential Schools that had or could have had Day Scholars can be found at the end of this Notice, and online at <https://www.justicefordayscholars.com/schools-lists/>. In cases where the Day Scholar died on or after May 30, 2005, the deceased Day Scholar's estate or heirs may apply for the Day Scholar

Compensation Payment.

- \$50 million Day Scholars Revitalization Fund: Canada will pay \$50 million to the Day Scholars Revitalization Fund to be used to support healing, wellness, education, language, culture, heritage, and commemoration for the benefit of the Survivor and Descendant Classes. The funds will be administered by a non-profit society.

The settlement does not include the Band Class. Nothing in the settlement will affect the Band Class claim, which is moving forward to trial.

**When can Class Members make claims for the individual \$10,000 Day Scholar Compensation Payment?** Claimants may begin making claims when the claims period opens on January 4, 2022. The deadline to submit a claim is October 4, 2023, at 11:59 p.m.

More information can be found at: [www.justicefordayscholars.com](http://www.justicefordayscholars.com)



## Garden River Wellness Centre Home and Community Care Program Indigenous Transition Facilitator

Garden River Wellness Centre Home and Community Care Team would like to take this opportunity to introduce Jessica Belleau BScN, RN to our team. Jessica is a graduate of Laurentian University Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Her work experience includes Labour and Deliver, Emergency medicine, community-based nursing specializing in wound care and palliative care along with, community based private care nursing. Jessica works under Home and Community Care Coordinator to assist in facilitating care of all community members in Garden River.

Her role within our program is the Indigenous Transition Facilitator for the community of Garden River. Jessica will assist community members when in hospital to transition back into community and or long-term care. The goal of the indigenous transition facilitator is to assist the clients and their family in bringing our community members back home in a safe and timely manner. Jessica will be working

closely with the System Navigation team with Maamwesying out of Sault Area Hospital to discharge patients out of the hospital back into the community. Her role will include preplanning for discharge with scheduled procedures, planned at home care needs while anyone is in hospital, planning care needs at home for patients out of town when needed; please contact before appointment or while in hospital, referrals for Occupational and Physiotherapy when discharged, home assessments, Personal Support Services, mental health supports at a community base level, case management within the community and linking community members to support services and programming that will best suit the need of the individual or family.

This service is completely voluntary and has been established from extensive research conducted by the First Nation Inuit Home and Community Care to close the gap in health care needs of First Nation peoples. When attending Sault Area Hospital (SAH) when being triaged you will be asked if you identify as Indigenous; this will flag the client for the System Navigation team to start main

streaming proper services for the client. If you have not been seen or approached by the System Navigation team at SAH you can always contact the HCC program by using the contact information listed below. All services provided by the HCC program in Garden River are based on an eligibility criteria and assessments. However, our ITF personal will always provide the following services regardless of eligibility, safe home assessments, medication review, case conferencing, program support, mental health support, referral services, Health Care navigation, care plan and care management, End of Life support for families, advanced care planning and team approach care management. Jessica will also be providing support within the HCC program with PSW coverage and scheduling as needed. Below is her contact information please do not hesitate to contact her with any questions or assistance navigating the health care system.

Jessica Belleau, BScN, RN  
Indigenous Transition Facilitator  
Garden River Wellness Centre  
Office: 705-946-5710 ext. 214  
Work Cell: 705-989-2055  
Email: itf@grhc.ca

**GARDEN RIVER WELLNESS CENTRE**

Every Monday in May & June  
**CHAIR YOGA**  
@ GR Rec Centre Gym  
12-1pm

Selena Belleau 705-946-5710 Ext 267

\*Incentives\*

# GARDEN RIVER WELLNESS CENTRE

Mental Health & Addictions Team

INVITES YOU TO...

## WIISNIIN WEDNESDAYS



Join us for a **HOT** meal  
Enjoy a **coffee**  
Chat with our team



WEDNESDAY MAY 31ST, 2023

WEDNESDAY JUNE 28TH, 2023

1 pm - 3 pm

Outside by the fire



For more information, please contact  
Lisa Clark @ (705) 946-5710 ext. 242.



## May - Elders 65+ Events

12:00	Yoga - every Monday @ the GR REC CENTRE
	Social- 2nd and 16th Lunch Provided @ noon
12:00	
11:00 - 1:00	SKG visit - 4th and 18th Elders sharing stories on Medicines and Plants Lunch provided
	Elders Luncheon
	24 11:30
30 12:00	Social/Bingo Lunch Provided at Noon. Grocery Bingo to follow. Bring your dabbers !!

Selena Belleau 705-946-5710 ext 267



**GARDEN RIVER  
WELLNESS CENTRE**

## G'Naadmaagoom

Now has it's own Facebook page!!

Check out the latest and most up to date  
activities!!

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089863964795>

(Garden River Child and Family Services)

To continue practicing  
safe social distancing -  
Most programs will be on  
a virtual platform.

Off reserve band  
members are  
encouraged to  
participate!

### HOW TO REGISTER FOR A PROGRAM

Please email or call Staff running the  
program to register! Join by phone,  
cellphone, tablet, or computer!!

**\*\*PLEASE REGISTER ONE DAY IN  
ADVANCE AS SPACES ARE  
LIMITED\*\***

### STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

**KH - Kiana Hill** – [khill@grcfs.ca](mailto:khill@grcfs.ca)/705-989-8189 x222  
**MP – Marie T. Pine** – [mtpine@grcfs.ca](mailto:mtpine@grcfs.ca)/705-971-7116 x214  
**SN—Stevie Nolan**—[snolan@grcfs.ca](mailto:snolan@grcfs.ca)/705-989-7770 x221  
**HB—Hailey Bryan**—[hbryan@grcfs.ca](mailto:hbryan@grcfs.ca)/705-542-9717 x201  
**BC – Belinda Camara** – [bcamara@grcfs.ca](mailto:bcamara@grcfs.ca)/ 705-542-9200 x202  
**KM - Kelly Musgrove** – [kmusgrove@grcfs.ca](mailto:kmusgrove@grcfs.ca)/705-987-1645 x206

### PROGRAM INCENTIVES/DRAWS

**PROGRAMS** – Participants will receive an incentive for every  
program they attend.

**FAMILY CHALLENGES** – Every family that participates will receive an  
incentive.

**LEARNING ACTIVITIES (LA)** – Each family that participates in the  
Learning Activities will receive an incentive





Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/ Sunday
Please Note: Virtual program participants will not be let in to Zoom more than 5 minutes after program start time. (LA= Learning Activity)					
1 KH-LA: Family Fun Challenge *sign up by 4:30	2 BC/KM—Spring Collage. 4:30 Parents/ Caregivers & Children 0-6 KH/MP—Challenging Behaviours (Hybrid) 6 pm Parents/Caregivers of Children 0-12 HB—Nutrition Talk Tuesdays 4:30 Youth 7-12 yr	3 BC/KM—Story & Song 4:30 Parents/Caregivers & Children 0-6 HB—Workout Wednesday 4:30 Youth 7-12 SN-Bami'aagan Support Group 5:30 (In Per- son—location TBD) Caregivers of Children w/ Special Needs	4 BC/KM—LA: Anishinaabemowin: Nag- weyaab Parents/Caregivers & Children 0-6 HB-Youth Program 4:30 Youth 13-24 KH/SN-Lunch & Learn 10-noon For Grants & Gruncles (In Person)	5 KH-LA: Family Fun Challenge * due by noon	6/7
8 KH-LA: Family Fun Challenge *sign up by 4:30	9 BC/KM—Large Name Art 4:30 Parents/ Caregivers & Children 0-6 KH/MP—Overstimulation in Children (Hybrid) 6 pm Parents/Caregivers of Children 0-12 HB—Nutrition Talk Tuesdays 4:30 Youth 7-12 yr	10 BC/KM—Story & Song 4:30 Parents/Caregivers & Children 0-6 HB—Workout Wednesday 4:30 Youth 7-12 SN-Just Bead It 10-noon (In Person—location TBD)	11 BC/KM-LA: Anishinaabemowin: Apichi Parents/Caregivers & Children 0-6 HB-Youth Program 4:30 Youth 13-24 KH/SN-Lunch & Learn 10-noon Grants & Gruncles (In Person)	12 KH-LA: Family Fun Challenge * due by noon	13/14
15 KH-LA: Family Fun Challenge *sign up by 4:30	16 BC/KM—Freestyle Painting 4:30 Parents/ Caregivers & Children 0-6 KH/MP—Overstimulation in Adults (Hybrid) 6 pm Parents/Caregivers of Children 0-12 HB-Nutrition Talk Tuesday 4:30 Youth 7-12	17 BC/KM—Story & Song 4:30 Parents/Caregivers & Children 0-6 HB-Workout Wednesday 4:30 Youth 7-12 SN-Just Bead It 5:30-7:30 (In Person—location TBD)	18 BC/KM-LA: Anishinaabemowin- Gookoosh Parents/Caregivers & Chil- dren 0-6 HB-Youth Program 4:30 Youth 13-24 KH/SN-Lunch & Learn 10-noon Grants & Gruncles (In Person)	19 KH-LA: Family Fun Challenge * due by noon	20/21
22 Office Closed	23 BC/KM—Flower Designs 4:30 Parents/ Caregivers & Children 0-6 KH/MP—Cultural Teaching (Hybrid) 6 pm Par- ents/Caregivers of children 0-12 HB-Nutrition Talk Tuesday 4:30 Youth 7-12	24 BC/KM—Story & Song 4:30 Parents/Caregivers & children 0-6	25 BC/KM-LA: Anishinaabemowin: Waabigwan Parents/Caregivers & Chil- dren 0-6 KH/SN-Lunch & Learn 10-noon Grants & Gruncles (In Person)	26 KH-LA: Family Fun Challenge * due by noon	27/28
29 KH-LA: Family Fun Challenge *sign up by 4:30	30 BC/KM—Transportation Search 4:30 Parents/ Caregivers & Children 0-6 KH/MP—Cultural Teaching (Hybrid) 6 pm Par- ents/Caregivers of children 0-12 HB-Nutrition Talk Tuesday 4:30 Youth 7-12	31 BC/KM—Story & Song 4:30 Parents/Caregivers & Children 0-6 HB-Workout Wednesday 4:30 Youth 7-12 SN-Just Bead It 5:30-7:30 (In Person—location TBD)			



## 2SLGBTQIA+ Youth Group

- ✓ Safe Space
- ✓ Snacks
- ✓ Peer Support

Join us in-person on the third Friday of every month for a drop-in group  
**Ages 12-17**  
**6:00-7:30pm**  
**GR Child & Family Services Building**  
**(7A Shingwauk Street)**

- ✓ Information sessions
- ✓ Discussion
- ✓ Incentive offered to those who attend

Contact Lana Grawbanger for information or to register  
 705-450-5071 x226  
[lgrawbanger@grcfs.ca](mailto:lgrawbanger@grcfs.ca)



# Bami'aagan Parent & Caregiver Support Group

Are you the parent or caregiver of a child with Special Needs? Join us for our Parent & Caregiver Support Group where we can form supportive relationships and share resources that may benefit you and your children.

*Group will be in-person the 1st Wednesday of each month  
 5:30 pm-7:30 pm*

*\*\*Beginning February 1st, 2023\*\**

Contact Stevie to Register or for more information

Call: 705.450.5071 ext 221  
 Text: 705.989.7770  
 Email: [snolan@grcfs.ca](mailto:snolan@grcfs.ca)



## Dan Pine Healing Lodge



Zaagibagaa – Giizis - Budding Moon

May 2023 Programs – Traditional Helper -  
Trainer

Kimberly Pelletier,  
Dan Pine Healing Lodge, kpelletier@grhc.ca  
705 946 5710 ext 215

**Hybrid Super WOW (Work On Whatever)**  
Mondays 1 – 3

Come join virtually or in person as we all share what projects you are working on. Learn some new skills & make new friends. Only the session on the 29th is open to everyone. The other dates are booked for other organizations.  
May 1, 8, 15, & 29, 2023.

**Hybrid Mazinigwaaso Maawanji'iwe –**  
Let's Bead *Wednesdays 10 - 12*

Come join virtually or in person as we all craft our beading projects from your own supplies. If there is something that you want to learn, let me know. We can work on it together. This is in person or virtual. Please call, message, or email me to register.  
May 10, 2023.

**Hybrid Aniibish Miinawaa Gaganoonidiwag**  
Tea & Talk *Thursdays 1 – 3 pm*

Come join virtually or in person as we all Pull up a chair, grab your blanket, pour yourself a cup of coffee, tea, or something & grab a snack. Join us as we chat, visit, craft, hang out or whatever. Please call, message, or

email me to register.  
May 18, 2023.

**Monthly Men's Night, 5 – 8 pm**

Join us in person for our monthly meeting at the Dan Pine Healing Lodge. Dinner will be provided. This event will be facilitated by Gerrard Sagassige. There are a limited number of participants for all sessions at the Dan Pine Healing Lodge. Please call, message, or email me to register.  
May 4, 2023.

**May the 4th Be With You!!!**

**Traditional Medicine Practitioner –** Patricia Toulouse

She is an Ojibwe Mother & Grandmother from Sagamok. She works with Maamwesying in communities of the North Shore, including Garden River, to provide a Traditional Approach to medicine that focuses on your overall Health & Wellness. Saturday morning (14) will be Medicine picking, processing, or harvesting from 9 – 12. Please call or email for an appointment or to register for either.  
May 13, 14, & 17, 2023.

**Hybrid 2 Spirit Indigi-Queer Hangouts, 6 – 8 pm EST**

Join us in person or online for our monthly hangout with Teddy Syrette. We are creating a 2 Spirit, Queer, Trans, Indigenous support network / society throughout Bawating & region. Watch out for our upcoming yearly calendar of events. Keep an eye out for our new Anishinaabemowin name!!!  
May 18, 2023.

**Traditional Medicine Practitioner** Gerrard Saggasige

His teachers include. Louis Day (Serpent

River), Ron Wakekejig (Wikwemikong Unceded Territory), Leo Elijah (Territory of the Oneida), & Dayhunnee Sunray (Vermont, USA). He is a Traditional Bundle Carrier. His work includes ceremonies: Sweat Lodge, Naming, Clans, Colors, Cleansing, Wiping of the Tears for Mourning / Grief, Wedding, & Passing Over. Please call, message, or email me to register.  
May 2, 3, 4, & 5, 2023.

If you are interested in attending Noondwe Noojimowan (Beauty for Ashes), you can check it out here: <https://maamwesying.ca/index.php/naandwe-noojimowin/>  
The next session is May 28 – June 2, 2023. The Lodge will be closed to all other events during this time.

The intake information is at the bottom of the main webpage in the link above. You can also call Laurie at DPHL for intake.

We are all trying our best to make sure that everyone has access to necessary services. All in person programs will be by pre-registration only. There are limits on the number of people can be in attendance of in person programs. I am looking forward to adding online, in-person, & hybrid programs.

You can also add me on FB; Kimberly Pelletier Sadigijwegjig.

Also add yourself to my FB group: Ontario Indigenous Trainings & Conferences. Please note, all voice mails go to my email. If I am not in my office (during Traditional Health), I receive them immediately.

I am off May 19 – 26, 2023

### CIRCLE OF LEARNING

**Our Ojibway Stories, History and Treaties Workshops for 2022-23**

*Facilitator: Carol Nadjiwon, BA, BEd, MA in American Indigenous Studies. Odawa, member of Batchewana First Nation. Rooted in learning from Elders and ceremonial life.*

You are invited to learn and participate in our Circle of Learning Workshops about our Ojibway stories, history and treaties to be held **once a month** on a Wednesday from

October 2022 to December 2023 at the Dan Pine Sr. Healing Lodge from 5:30 to 8:00 pm with supper included.

Indigenous Peoples have experienced life before contact and after contact. Colonization and racism of control created powerlessness. This included forced assimilation of the residential schools systems, denial of history, culture and economic social co-development. Learning about our past, present and visions for the

future are important to our sense of identity, good health and good life.

**CONTACT LAURIE 705-946-5710  
EXT 228 TO REGISTER**



#	Date	Subject
8	May 3	<b>Colonialism and Control</b> Doctrine of Discovery, Historical Timeline, Indian Acts, Residential Schools
9	June 7	Mid Evaluation and Discussion
10	Aug 2	<b>Decolonization</b> Historical Timeline, Petitions for Justice, Opposition to White Paper, 1980 Declaration of First Nations, 1982 Constitutional Reform., 1850 Treaty Annuities Court Decision in 2018
11	Sept 13	1991 to 1996 Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples and Report submitted in 1996, 2008 to 2015 Truth and Reconciliation Commission and 94 Calls For Action
12	Oct 4	Human Rights – International Rights of Indigenous People
13	Nov 1	Stories. Dreams and Feast for our Relations
14	Dec 6	Overall Evaluation, Feast and Circle



## GRFN ISET

*Garden River First Nation Employment and Skills Development in partnership with Migizi Security Services is offering—*

### SECURITY GUARD TRAINING



**When:** May 8-11, 2023  
**Time:** 10:00am—4:00pm

**Where:** Garden River First Nation Community Centre at 6 Shingwauk St.

**Participants MUST be:**

- At least 18 years old
- No Criminal Convictions on this list <http://www.Ontario.ca/laws/regulation/080037>
- Have at least 2 pieces of Government ID
- Must have VALID Standard First Aid with CPR and AED

**Course Includes:**

- In Person Security Guard Training
- Training Completion Number
- Security Test Exam
- Security License application and assistance with applying for the Security Guard License

**Please contact Lee Ann Gamble for more information and to see if you qualify for funding**

Lee Ann Gamble—Employment Counsellor  
(705) 256-5413 Ext. 205  
[lgamble@gardenriver.org](mailto:lgamble@gardenriver.org)

**Lunch provided Daily**

**10 Spots Available—  
Training to possible  
Employment**

**Deadline to Register—  
April 11, 2023**



## OntarioSecurityHub



## Garden River First Nation

## Labour Market Survey

**COMPLETE A SUREVEY  
AND ENTER FOR A  
CHANCE TO WIN A \$250  
CASH PRIZE, GIFT  
CARDS AND A TABLET**

To be drawn on May 15,  
2023 @ 1 PM at the GR  
Public Works Coffee  
House



The labour Market Information Survey collects information about an individual's employment history, skills, challenges, education and more...

A better understanding of the workforce will help us to design education & training opportunities for our members!

Participants must be 15 years of age or older.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: STEVEN NOLAN, INDIGENOUS LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION (ILMI) COORDINATOR**



**EMAIL: [stevennolan@gardenriver.org](mailto:stevennolan@gardenriver.org)  
Call 705-256-5413**



# GRFN Bingo



## Mega Monster Bingo Line up

MINIS \$5.00	1 Line/4 corners	\$300.00
*must purchase*		
Game 1 LIME	1 Line 2 Lines	\$500.00 \$1,000.00
Game 2 (Special) RED	1 Line Dollar Sign Full Card	\$300.00 \$700.00 \$10,000.00
Game 3 AQUA	1 Line 2 Lines	\$500.00 \$1,000.00
Game 4 (Special) OLIVE	1 Line Letter B Full Card	\$300.00 \$700.00 \$10,000.00
Game 5 WHITE	1 Line 2 Lines	\$500.00 \$1,000.00
Game 6 (Special) BLACK	1 Line Letter I Full Card	\$300.00 \$700.00 \$10,000.00
Game 7 ORANGE	1 Line 2 Lines	\$500.00 \$1,000.00
Game 8 (Special) BLUE	1 Line Letter N Full Card	\$300.00 \$700.00 \$10,000.00
Game 9 TAN	1 Line 2 Lines	\$500.00 \$1,000.00
<b>BREAK TIME 30 MINUTES</b>		
Game 10 (Special) PINK	1 Line Letter G Full Card	\$300.00 \$700.00 \$10,000.00
Game 11 GREY	1 Line 2 Lines	\$500.00 \$1,000.00
Game 12 (Special) PURPLE	1 Line Letter O Full Card	\$300.00 \$700.00 \$10,000.00
Game 13 BROWN	1 Line 2 Lines	\$500.00 \$1,000.00
Game 14 (Special) YELLOW	1 Line Champagne Glass Full Card	\$300.00 \$700.00 \$10,000.00
Game 15 DK. BLUE	1 Line 2 Lines	\$500.00 \$1,000.00
Game 16 (Jackpot) GREEN	Inside Square Outside Square Full Card	\$2,000.00 \$3,000.00 \$15,000.00
Game 17 (Late Bird) *Must Purchase*	Double Postage 4 Postage Stamps	\$1,500.00 \$6,000.00
\$5.00		



GARDEN RIVER BINGO ENTERPRISE PRESENTS

# Mega Monster Bingo

Games • Food • Prizes

MONDAY, AUGUST 7th - 12:30PM

DOORS OPEN AT 8:30AM

TICKETS: \$75/strip ADVANCED / \$100/strip AT THE DOOR

4 STRIP MINIMUM PURCHASE  
RESERVED SEATING AVAILABLE!

FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CALL: (705) 253-8718 EXT. 235  
EMAIL: MINIMONSTER@GRFNBINGO.COM



20 Syrette Lake Rd. | Garden River ON | P6A 7A1



SALES START APRIL 1ST

## RAFFLE

Time



WIN CASH PRIZE  
50/50 SPLIT

August 7, 2023

WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT OUR MEGA MONSTER BINGO

20 SYRETTE LAKE ROAD, GARDEN RIVER

FOR MORE INFO: 705-253-8718 EXT 237 OR VISIT: WWW.GARDENRIVERBINGO.COM

\$5 ea.

~DRAW WEEKLY  
MONDAYS @ 3PM

~EMTs ARE ACCEPTED  
ace@grfnbingo.com

INCLUDE: Name, Phone#, Envelope

CASH & CREDIT CARD ALSO ACCEPTED

YOU CAN ALSO COME  
IN TO THE HALL  
AND PURCHASE



# MAY 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Don't forget... <b>CATCH THE ACE</b> Mondays	2 CATCH THE ACE	3 FREE STRIP DAY	4 FREE STRIP DAY	5 NIGHT OWL	6 NIGHT OWL	
7 NO ONLINE NIGHT OWL	8 CATCH THE ACE	9 DOUBLE POINT FREE STRIP DAY	10 DOUBLE POINT FREE STRIP DAY	11 NIGHT OWL	12 NIGHT OWL	13 NIGHT OWL
14 NO ONLINE NIGHT OWL	15 CATCH THE ACE	16 FREE STRIP DAY	17 FREE STRIP DAY	18 NIGHT OWL	19 NIGHT OWL	20 DOUBLE POINT NIGHT OWL
21 NO ONLINE NIGHT OWL	22 CATCH THE ACE Victoria Day	23 FREE STRIP DAY	24 FREE STRIP DAY	25 NIGHT OWL	26 \$1000 @ 12:45pm \$1000 @ 6:30pm NIGHT OWL	27 NIGHT OWL
28 NO ONLINE NIGHT OWL	29 CATCH THE ACE	30 FREE STRIP DAY	31 FREE STRIP DAY	Mother's Day Basket Draw		

BINGO HOTLINE (705) 253-8718 PRESS #1

# Ngashi giizhigad



Happy Mothers Day Mom/  
Gramma (Charlene Jones).  
We appreciate everything you do  
for us and more!  
Love you! Amber, Kierra & Terry

Happy Mothers Day!  
Mommy! (Livia)  
Love you to the moon, the sun,  
the stars, the milky way and back  
and back and back!  
Love Monty



Happy Mother's Day to our beautiful  
Mother Carol Musgrove!  
Love your 4 daughters,  
Tamara, Kelly, Melanie, and Stacey

Happy Mothers Day  
Sister/Auntie!  
(Katie Hodgson/Amy Jones).  
Hope the kids are good to you!  
Love, Amber, Kierra & Terry

Happy Mothers Day!  
Livia; I am so proud of  
you, my girl! Being a  
Mom is an experience  
and you are doing great!  
Love Mom

Give a shout out to our  
beautiful Mother, Mom,  
Momma, Memaa, our  
Golden girl, Goozie  
(Agnes) you are our  
world, we love from our  
the bottom of our hearts,  
your big kids Pam, Peg,  
Max, Peter, Dianne, Lesa  
N Nancy ♡ ♡ ♡



A very Happy Mothers Day to all  
the beautiful Kweok in our lives!!  
But especially Grandma Tamara,  
Grandma Carol & Auntie Kelly!  
♥ Love Shasta & the girls!

Happy Mother's Day  
Destinee Rose You're the  
Best mom to Kier! Love  
you

We wish you a very Happy Mothers Day to  
Lorinda Nolan from your daughter Michelle,  
Lloyd and your grand babies Rikkilee and  
Dwayne. We love you so very much Ma! We  
hope you have an amazing day you deserve it  
♡ ♡

Happy Mother's Day Mom!  
We all love you so so much!  
Hailee, Destinee, Devin & Lexi

Happy Mother's Day to the strong beautiful women  
in my life, Mary Sayers, Amy Sayers and first time  
mom Hillary Sayers. I love you!  
Love, Kristy, Cain, Wyatt, and Harrison



# Miijim Gaamig



## Great things to donate to

### GRFN-MIIJIM GAAMIG-Food Bank

- Peanut Butter & Jam
- Pasta (dry or canned)
- Pasta Sauce
- Can tomatoes
- Tuna or Salmon
- (Other canned meats: chicken, ham or turkey flakes)
- Kraft Dinner, Sidekicks, Mr. Noodles
- Hot & Cold Cereal
- Canned Soup
- Rice/Flour/Oatmeal
- Coffee (Instant or Ground)
- Tea
- Juice Boxes

Donations can be dropped off @ Miijim Gaamig- Food  
Bank located at the GRFN Band Office

For further information please contact,

Michelle @ 705-946-6300 Ext. 227



**\*MIIGWETCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT\***



MIIJIM GAAMIG  
FOOD HOUSE

## GRFN Miijim Gaamig Garden River First Nation Food House



MIIJIM GAAMIG  
FOOD HOUSE

## Hours of Operation

- Monday—9 am—4 pm
- Tuesday—CLOSED
- Wednesday—9 am—4 pm
- Thursday—CLOSED
- Friday—9am—4 pm

PLEASE NOTE: CLOSED (12-1pm)

Food bank access is limited to one visit per month

Further information, please contact  
Michelle @ MIIJIM GAAMIG  
(705-946-6300 ext 227)

\*Food and Monetary Donations are always greatly appreciated



MEMBERSHIP OFFICE  
**UPDATES**  
April, 2023

GARDEN RIVER FIRST NATION



**Updates**

THE MEMBERSHIP OFFICE IS NOW LOCATED AT:

Garden River First Nation Administration Building  
7 Shingwauk Street  
Garden River First Nation  
P6A 6Z8

Please contact Terri Tice, IRA  
Telephone 705-946-6300 ext. 246  
Cell 705-989-2041  
Email [ttice@gardenriver.org](mailto:ttice@gardenriver.org)

OFFICE HOURS  
Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
closed from 12-1

PLEASE CALL TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

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The GRFN Transfer Station located at  
216 Noonday Drive is **OPEN**



**TUESDAY, 9 am—5 pm**  
**WEDNESDAY, 9 am—5 pm**  
**THURSDAY, 9 am—5 pm**  
**FRIDAY, 9 am—5 pm**  
**SATURDAY, 9 am—5 pm**

**CLOSED SUNDAY AND MONDAYS &  
CLOSED FOR LUNCH EACH DAY (12-1)**



**Newsletter FYI**



**Garden River Community Newsletter  
Submission Deadlines for 2023**

◆ **June Newsletter—Friday, May 26**

- ◆ July Newsletter—Friday, June 23
- ◆ August Newsletter—Friday, July 28
- ◆ September Newsletter—Friday, August 25
- ◆ October Newsletter—Friday, September 22
- ◆ November Newsletter—Friday, October 27
- ◆ December Newsletter—Friday, November 24

**Email submissions to:**  
[irene.gray@gardenriver.ca](mailto:irene.gray@gardenriver.ca)

What can be submitted for the newsletter:

- Program Updates
- Upcoming programs
- Anniversaries/Weddings
- Birthday announcements
- Shout Outs—acknowledge our band/community members for accomplishing their goals
- Congratulations to those who did well
- Community based photos—old-time photo sharing, ‘seen here’
- Community Welcomes—new hires, new members, returning members
- Miigwetch’s, chi Miigwetch’s
- Pet photos
- Inspirational words to share
- Remember when’s—elders please share stories of when you were young
- Public acknowledgement for grants received (dreamcatcher)
- Short stories, poetry

And as always—email to [Irene.gray@gardenriver.ca](mailto:Irene.gray@gardenriver.ca)

GRFN Chief & Council Portfolio Holders	
Chief Andy Rickard	Community Trust, NSTC, Robinson Huron Treaty Trustee
Councilors	Portfolio
Tim Johns Jr.	Community Safety, Educational Programs, Infrastructure, Social Services
Darwin Belleau	Administration, Business, Infrastructure, Lands & Resources
Brandi Nolan	Administration, Business, KGPI, Lands & Resources, Nogdawindamin
Cindy Belleau-Jones	Business, Governance, Infrastructure, Membership, Nationhood, NSTC, APS
Dan Tice	Community Safety, Governance, Social Services, KGPI, Business
Trevor Solomon	Community Safety, Administration, Lands & Resources
Chris Thibodeau	Business, Lands & Resources, Social Services
Tyler Pine	Education, Governance, Nationhood
Kassidy Armstrong	Community Safety, Governance, Indigenous Women Anti-Violence Task Force, Nationhood
Chester Langille	Community Safety, Education, Nationhood
Albert Williams	Administration, Infrastructure, Social Service
Karen Bell	Educational Programs, Infrastructure, Nationhood, Environmental Committee

**GRFN Community Newsletter Contact Information**

Irene M. Gray, Resource Centre Coordinator  
 GR Education/Recreation Centre 48 Syrette Lake Road, G.R., ON P6A 7A1  
 Phone: 705-946-3933 Ext 210, Fax: 705-946-0413  
 Email: irene.gray@gardenriver.ca Website: https://urlis.net/xvdb0

**Garden River First Nation**

**Mission Statement**

In the spirit of our ancestors and our Treaty, we endeavour to conduct ourselves in a manner that is consistent with the Seven Grandfather Teachings given to us by the Creator. We envision a harmonious community that is built on mutual respect that maintains a healthy balance through prosperity and well-being. Through these actions we intend to create a self-sustaining community that fulfills the emotional, physical, mental and spiritual well-being of all members.

**N’bwaakaawin— Wisdom**

**Zaagidwin—Love**

**Mnaadendmowin— Respect**

**Aakdehewin—Bravery**

**Gwekwadziwin—Honesty**

**Dbaadendizin—Humility**

**Debwewin—Truth**

**June 2023 Newsletter  
 Submission Deadline:  
 May 26, 2023**

**Anishinabek Police Service**  
**1-888-310-1122**



Please call **1-888-310-1122** when you need to make a report with your local APS detachment.

Avoid using the local administrative lines unless it is for Criminal Records Checks or to reach our Court Administrators.

Our offices are not staffed 24/7. Officers are on the road and unable to check voice messages.

When you call the dispatcher they will automatically create an occurrence report and it will be given to an APS officer.

Remember that dispatchers are not from the community and will ask you questions, please be patient as it is their job, and it is for everyone’s safety. Miigwech for your understanding.

Flower Moon  
 May 2023  
**Waawaasgone-giizis**

