



B.I. BLAST

Waabiigoonii Giizis— Flower Moon
May 2017



LAND CODE VOTE JUNE 24, 2017

BALLOT QUESTION

Do you approve:

- *The Temagami First Nation Land Code*, dated for reference March 16, 2017; and
- *The Individual Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada*, dated for reference April 5, 2017?

EXPLANATION

A “YES” vote means that Temagami First Nation will manage its own reserve lands under the *Temagami First Nation Land Code*.

A “NO” vote means that Temagami First Nation lands will continue to be managed by the Department of Aboriginal Affairs under the *Indian Act*.

YES

NO

Mark this Ballot by placing an **X** or **✓** in one of the above boxes.

All Temagami First Nation Eligible Voters will soon receive their VOTER PACKAGE in the mail. All details about methods of voting are inside along with other important information.

PLEASE VOTE!



Cover by Carolyn Laronde

Kwe Kwe! Wasn't the lake breakup epic this year? April 27 it was hot and sunny during the day, the ice was hanging on. Then a storm blew in. It hammered Sudbury, but B.I. was pretty much unscathed. The wind was good and powerful though! Strong enough to pile huge chunks of ice on the west shore, twisting up a few docks in the process. Then came the double rainbow, fog, golden light... come morning on April 28, everyone was treated to a wide open lake. Amazing.

Lynn White says: *"Oh how I love this time of year as you get to listen to the most wonderful kind of music (as the ice clings and clangs against each other and the shore/docks) that nature makes."* Agreed! The Blast is celebrating the return of spring and breakup 2017 with photos from community members, starting with this one from Lynn:



The BI BLAST belongs to the people. Your contribution is wanted and needed! Anything goes, just keep your stick on the ice. Send to: communication@temagamifirstnation.ca or TFN Band Office, General Delivery, Bear Island, ON P0H 1C0

If you have moved, changed your phone number, or email address, please let TFN know as well. You can call in the info, 705-237-8943 / Toll Free 1-888- 737-9884

SAVE THE DATE!

Summer Events:

TFN Traditional Pow Wow July 8th & 9th

Pow Wow Feast Sat. July 8th

TFN General Election July 14th

Nominations Night and Candidates' Night Dates To Be Announced

Tentative – In Planning Stages:

Community Regatta/Water Carnival – Fri, July 14th

TFN Program Info Session – Thu, July 13th

Entertainment / open mic nights – Thu, July 13th and Fri, July 14th

Fireworks – Fri, July 14th

Temagami Canoe Festival

July 15, 16

www.temagamicanoefestival.com / <https://www.facebook.com/temagamicanoefestival>

Art Camp: Info to Come ASAP!

TFN Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday May 9th , 7:00 PM

Tuesday, May 23rd (Tentative) 7:00 PM

Lands and Resources Building Meeting Room

WebEx Will be Available



Photo by Lynn White

TFN Employment

TFN Employment Postings Can Always be Found on the TFN Website:

http://temagamifirstnation.ca/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=55&Itemid=18

Currently, the DPHC Office Manager position is posted;
so are summer student jobs with TFN and the Stewardship Project.

Please contact TFN HR Manager John Hodgson with any inquiries:

hr@temagamifirstnation.ca

(705) 237-8943

Volunteer Firefighters Wanted

Male and Female

Training will be provided at certified centres in Ontario

Bear Island Needs YOU!

Please contact TFN Fire Chief

Steve Laronde

for more information.

(705) 237-8631

Steve.laronde@temagamifirstnation.ca



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NOTICE

COMMUNITY MEETING
SATURDAY MAY 13, 2017
10:00 – 4:00 PM

Lunch Provided: 12:00 pm

LOCATION: LMLC, BEAR ISLAND

Draft Agenda

10:00 - Presentations

- Capital Projects
- Highway Traffic Act Update
- TFN Website Update

12:00 – 1:00 Break for Lunch (Catered)

- 2017/2018 Budget Presentation
- Membership Code / Robinson Huron Treaty Annuity Update
- TFN Tribal Constitution Amendments

Boat Shuttle will be provided from the Mine road at 9:30 am to Bear Island, returning 30 minutes after the meeting ends. On island transportation is also available. For both services, please call the band office to book ahead at 705-237-8943 / or 1-888-737-9884

Webcast will be available – email webex@temagamifirstnation.ca
for login information or call
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TFN GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

CALL FOR ONE "YOUTH" COMMITTEE MEMBER

There is **1 Vacancy** on the Committee (Youth – 30 & under) Term ending July 2017. The committee meets one day per month with additional meetings as needed, determined by the committee.

If you would like more information or the Terms of Reference for the Committee, please call the Executive Director, Virginia Paul at 705-237-8943.

Please respond in writing, with a brief explanation of why you wish to participate on the committee. Committee experience is not mandatory, however please outline any related background or experience that you may have.

Applications can be mailed to Temagami First Nation, Bear Island, ON P0H 1C0 Subject: GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE APPLICANT.

You may also fax email your application to (705) 237-8959 –
tfn@temagamifirstnation.ca

Applications must be received by May 19, 2017 by 4:00 p.m.

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April 28, 2017

Dear Temagami First Nation Citizens (Band Member),

Our community is set to begin the transition to true Nationhood. On **Saturday June 24, 2017**, Temagami First Nation will be conducting a vote to ratify the ***Temagami First Nation Land Code and the Individual Agreement***, developed pursuant to the *Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management*. The proposed Temagami First Nation Land Code was drafted by the Land Code committee with substantial input from the citizens through numerous community meetings, information sessions, surveys, home visits and one-on-one discussions with members of all ages and locations.

The Framework Agreement on First Nations Land Management provides us the opportunity to remove our reserve land from the 34 land management sections of the Indian Act in order to reclaim and exercise jurisdiction over our reserve land and natural resources for the use and benefit of all the members.

We want you to make an informed decision, so please review the background documents found on our website www.temagamilandcode.com. You may also request paper copies of the background documents by contacting the Ratification Officer, Desiree Senf, or by contacting David Laronde, Land Code Coordinator at the lands administration office.

Management of lands and resources on reserve seems complex, essentially, the vote really comes down to one simple question, ***"Do you want Temagami First Nation (Our Nation) to be responsible for the management and control of our reserve lands and resources under the Temagami First Nation Land Code?"***

The Temagami First Nation Chief and Council want more for our community and our future generations. By governing our reserve lands under our Land Code, we can develop a more positive community environment on-reserve for our citizens to live, work and pursue business opportunities.

We would encourage all Temagami First Nation Citizens to participate in this historic vote, and take a step out of colonialism toward Nationhood by taking control of our reserve lands and resources.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'A. Paul', written in a cursive style.

Chief Arnold Paul

A Letter from Land Code Coordinator – David Laronde

Kwe kwe Temagami First Nation Members,

Talk about a speedy breakup, once it started. Breakup means excitement with spring in full swing as we welcome longer, warmer weather and the taste of fresh pickerel ! Spring on n'Daki Menan also means it is time to *prepare* for the *ratification vote* on the **Temagami First Nation Land Code**. After extensive consultation with the TFN membership the past two years the Land Code Committee is pleased to announce that the time has come for the ratification vote on the Land Code and Individual Agreement. Council has confirmed **June 24** as the official and final Vote Day. A "Voter Package" containing the information necessary to cast your vote has been mailed or delivered to you by hand. Please review the contents to see the scheduling for voting dates and times. Also note that there are two more Land Code Information Sessions, one on Bear Island on May 23 at the Elders complex and one in North Bay May 29 at the Friendship Centre. The Land Code and Individual Agreement as approved by council will be presented and discussed once again. While the member consultation is complete and the documents have been finalized by council it is an excellent opportunity to solidify your understanding of the Land Code and First Nation Land Management in general. It is important to us that you make an informed decision before casting your vote.

The Framework Agreement on First Nations Land Management in Canada started out in 1996 with 14 First Nations signing on. The First Nations Land Management Act became law receiving assent in 1999 as Bill C-49. There are now 73 First Nations that have ratified their Land Code and are now managing their own reserve lands and resources. Another 75 are in the developmental phase like we are. Then approximately another 60 First Nations have application to sign onto the Framework Agreement. This agreement lays out the path and procedures for First Nations to follow in order for Canada to legally transfer 34 Land Management provisions of the Indian Act to a First Nation. One can see taking control of Land Management is widely popular in Canada among First Nations. Among the Land Code First Nations surveyed by KMPG not one wanted to go back to the old Indian Act land management.

TFN Members can vote by mail-in ballot, online voting or in person. TFN Members are encouraged to cast their vote early by mail-in ballot or online. Mail-in and online voting methods will be available starting May 5, 2017 at 9:00 am. Please contact Land Code Committee members and/or staff, or the Ratification Officer, if you need assistance to vote and also pickup mail-in ballots to deliver to the Ratification Officer. Please call us at the Lands Office at 705-237-8600 or email david.laronde@temagamifirstnation.ca

NOTICE OF VOTE



TO: MEMBERS OF TEMAGAMI FIRST NATION

TAKE NOTICE that a Ratification Vote shall be held in accordance with the Temagami First Nation Community Ratification Process in order to determine if the Eligible Voters approve the *Temagami First Nation Land Code* and the Individual Agreement.

The following question will be asked of the Eligible Voters of Temagami First Nation by ballot:

"Do you approve:

- **The *Temagami First Nation Land Code*, dated for reference March 16, 2017; and**
- **The Individual Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada, dated for reference April 5, 2017?"**

ADVANCE POLL DAYS for the Ratification Vote will take place:

- **Thursday, June 8, 2017** from 9:00 am until 7:00 pm at: Bear Island located at Lands & Resources Office, Bear Island, ON
- **Saturday, June 10, 2017** from 12:00 pm until 7:00 pm at: North Bay, North Bay Indian Friendship Centre, 980 Cassells Street, North Bay, ON

OFFICIAL VOTING DAY for the Ratification Vote will take place:

- **Saturday, June 24, 2017** from 9:00 am until 7:00 pm at: Bear Island Lands & Resources Office, Bear Island, ON

ALTERNATIVE (ELECTRONIC) VOTING

will be available:

- **24 hours/day** starting on **May 5, 2017** at 9:00 am and ending Saturday, June 24, 2017 at 8:00 am
NOTE: Electronic voting will be closed during the following times: Thursday June 8, 2017 from 8:00 am until 10:00 pm, and Saturday, June 10, 2017 from 11:00 am until 10:00 pm

MAIL-IN VOTING

Mail-In Ballot must be received by the Ratification Officer no later than the close of the polls on the Official Voting Day (June 24, 2017 by 7:00 pm).

ELECTRONIC AND PAPER COPIES of the Background Documents, the Ratification Documents and the Ratification Process may be obtained from David Laronde, Land Code Coordinator, at the Temagami First Nation, Lands & Resources Office, Bear Island, ON, POH 1C0 Tel: 705-237-8600. Electronic copies may also be obtained from the Temagami Land Code Website at www.temagamilandcode.com.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that all Members of Temagami First Nation who are eighteen (18) years of age or older as of the date of the Official Voting Day (June 24, 2017) for the Ratification Vote are eligible to vote, **PROVIDED THAT SUCH MEMBERS MUST COMPLETE A VOTER REGISTRATION DOCUMENT OR COMPLETE THE ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION PROCESS.** Voter registration documents are available from the Land Code website at www.temagamilandcode.com or from Desiree Senf, Ratification Officer at the address and telephone number appearing below.

ELIGIBLE VOTERS CAN REGISTER AT THE POLLS UP TO THE CLOSE OF THE POLLS ON THE OFFICIAL VOTING DAY (June 24, 2017 by 7:00 pm).

DATED at Temagami First Nation, Province of Ontario this 21st day of April, 2017.

Desiree Senf, Ratification Officer

Bear Island, Temagami First Nation, ON, POH 1C0
Telephone: 705-567-0662 Cell: 249-358-1240

NOTE: All Eligible Voters shall receive a registration document, a mail-in ballot package and instructions on how to vote. Eligible Voters who wish to vote in person may attend the polls to register and vote on Voting Days.

Note: All times are Eastern Standard Time (EST)

Temagami First Nation

All members are invited to attend

Land Code Information Sessions

**Discussing the Land Code
and Individual Agreement**

May 23, 2017

3 - 9 pm

**BEAR ISLAND
Elders Building**

May 29, 2017

7 - 9 pm

**NORTH BAY Indian
Friendship Centre,
980 Cassells Street**

DOOR PRIZES

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Lands and Resources Dept. - www.temagamilandcode.com



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8 May, 2017 – Bear Island – 10 am – 4 pm

**DUTY TO CONSULT AND JURISDICTION
WORKSHOP**

with Bruce McIvor - First Peoples Law

Location: Elders Building

AGENDA

<i>10:00 am – 10:30 am</i>	<i>Welcome and Introductions</i>
<i>10:30 am – 11:00 am</i>	<i>Basis of Indigenous Jurisdiction</i>
<i>11:00 am – 11:30 am</i>	<i>Treaties and Jurisdiction</i>
<i>11:30 am – 12:00 pm</i>	<i>UNDRIP/FPIC</i>
<i>12:00 pm – 1:00 pm</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
<i>1:00 pm – 1:30 pm</i>	<i>Land Codes Jurisdictions</i>
<i>1:30 pm – 2:30 pm</i>	<i>Exercising Jurisdiction</i>
<i>2:30 pm – 3:30 pm</i>	<i>Veto <u>vs</u> Consent</i>
<i>3:30 pm – 4:00 pm</i>	<i>Wrap-up</i>

Implementing Anishnabeg Jurisdiction on n'Daki Menan



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N'Daki Menan Lands and Resources Department

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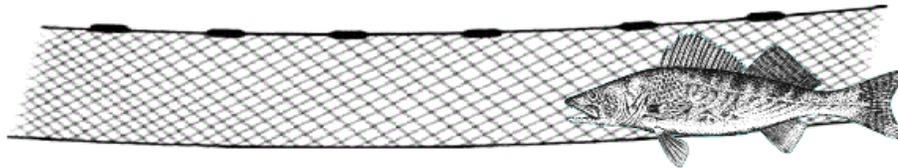
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NOTICE

Net Tagging Reminder



**The Temagami First Nation citizens passed resolution
#0515-001 at a community meeting May 31, 2015**

*The Lands & Resources Department has net tags available.
Please come into the Temagami First Nation – Lands &
Resources office and see Carolyn to obtain tags.*

*Any questions on the Community Resolution contact Robin
Koistinen at 705-237-8600*

Anishnaabemodaa- Let's Speak Nish!

Pickerel: Ogaas. (Sounds like Oh-Gaw-s).



FORESTRY INFORMATION SESSION

**Temagami First Nation
Lands and Resources Department**
Will be hosting an information session on

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2017
3:00 - 6:00 pm

Location: L.M.L.C., Bear Island
--- Light Refreshments ---

There will be representatives from:

- Temagami Management Unit
- Nipissing Management Unit
- Timiskaming Management Unit
- Sudbury Management Unit

with information on their Annual Work Schedules.

Hope to see everyone out!

Contact: Robin Koistinen – 705-237-8600



Welcome TFN's New Lands & Resources Office Manager, *Carolyn Laronde*

Hello, I am pleased to have started the position of *Lands & Resources Office Manager* with Temagami First Nation. I have over 30 years of office administration experience with outside organizations along with operating our home-based mining exploration business.

I'm very comfortable working in this remote environment and thank the Bear Island community for making me feel welcome.

I live in Temagami with my husband David and we have two grown girls – Katie works in the community and Haley works in Terrace, BC.

In my spare time, I manage the Temagami Canoe Festival and plan music, theatre and arts & culture events for Temagami Artistic Collective. I love to canoe and swim on Lake Temagami, gardening and working with stained glass.

Thank you for this opportunity and I look forward to continuing my work with Temagami First Nation.



Carolyn 705-237-8600 Carolyn.laronde@temagamifirstnation.ca



Start of the Storm that Cleared the Ice, April 27—Photo by Terry McKenzie

Greetings from TFN's New CHR, Raymond Katt (aka BiZhiw)

Quay Quay Residents of Bear Island and Temagami First Nation.... I have returned home with much enthusiasm to work with you as your Community Health Representative.

My name is Raymond Katt currently, but I am in the process of changing it back to what my family name was before colonization: BiZhiw. It means lynx, or wild cat.

Bigiiweyan N'Daki-Menan is a theme that derived into my life as it means "coming home to our land", in our dialect.

It feels good (nishin) to be back with a renewed energy to be your CHR to help out in any way that I can.

Over the 25 plus years of my profession I have had many experiences working in many capacities in cities, towns, and First Nations throughout Ontario as a Helper to the Anishnawbia.

Take Care...

BiZhiw



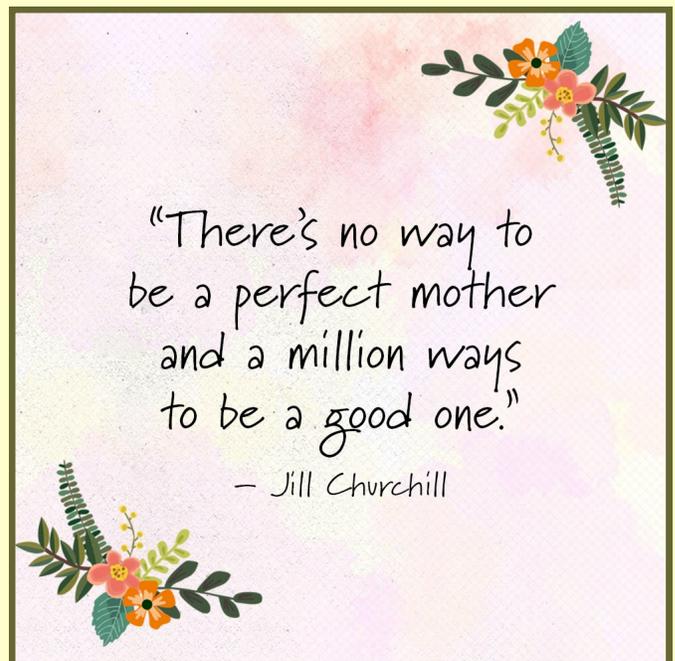
chr@temagamifirstnation.ca

705-237-8900

Mother's Day Dinner

Sunday, May 14 5:30 PM at LMLC

*For More Info, Please Contact
Fred or Linda 705-237-8900*



CALL OUT FOR APPLICATIONS FOR BIRCH BARK CANOE BUILD APPRENTICESHIP PROJECT 2017

Funding applications
available for Apprenticeship

Contact Robin Potts
for more info. 705-499-0093

Wages.

Eligibility?

Must be a

TFN/TAA

Member

How to Apply?

Email Cover Letter (describing your interest in learning
the tradition of birch bark canoe building) and Resume or
drop off at Band Office to Robin Potts

by May 15, 2017 @ 12pm

robin.potts@temagamifirstnation.ca

Birch Bark Canoe Build
Mentors will be involved
in the selection of
apprentices.

Successful Apprenticeship
Candidates must be
willing to enter into an
apprenticeship agreement.



Random News, Accomplishments, and Good Stuff from the Community



Misty Paul has completed her nursing undergrad courses. She is also minoring in Indigenous Studies.



Misty says. "Shout out to TFN for supporting my education since kindergarten. Whenever I was struggling with school I always thought of my home community and that kept me going.

#bearislandbornandraised #tfnproud #thankful #bscn #soontobenurse

Aww, Misty. You make everyone sooo proud.

Chi Miigs to you!!!

Demi Mathias is also making us sooo proud!!! Demi says: "Last night I attended my Indigenous Honouring Ceremony with family and friends! I would like to say a big miigwetch and thank you to all of those who made my university career the best it could be, and as well supported me throughout it. I have finished my four year

honours degree at the University of Ottawa in aboriginal studies with a minor in political science and could not be more thrilled to be starting my master degree in the fall at Trent University in Canadian and Indigenous studies!

Miigwetch to my family, friends and of course my parents for their endless support, love and pride!

Also a big thank to TFN for supporting me throughout the years and granting me with many opportunities. ❤️

Chi Miigwetch to these wonderful young Teme Augama Anishnabai Kwes!!!





Left: Woo Hooo!! Go Delma! Go Delma!

Delma Peshabo was the winner of the Elder's 50/50 draw jackpot. \$510 smackeroos! Congratulations!

Photo by John McKenzie.

Below, **Vanessa Turner** recently posted this beautiful photo of herself with Mariah and these beautiful words on Instagram:

Supporting @herbraids and awareness of clean water for all.

"We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children."

#temagamifirstnation #cleanwater #humanright#
bluedotmove-
ment #beadsforblue #nibi #herbraids

Below: **Daryle Katt** recently accepted the position of Music Instructor at Dennis Franklin Cromarty High School in Thunder Bay. Daryle plays several instruments, plays everything from pop to classical, and has an incredible voice.



Love.

***Random News, Accomplishments,
and Good Stuff from the
Community, Continued***



Cody Hope and his Nokomis

Cathy Metcalfe

got a fine load of sap this year!
Great work!



Hi Cody! ;)

9 year old ***Haylie Paul*** continues to
achieve great things in her dance career.

She competed in *View Dance Competition* held in
North Bay from April 6-9th at the Capitol Center.
She was awarded first place for her junior Acro solo
"Rise" (age 9-11
category).

Haylie was also
awarded a half
scholarship to
attend the 2017
Fall Dance
Convention in
Toronto, held on
October 14th
2017. Go, girl!!!



Steve Turner answered the call from the Globe and Mail News for stories of soldiers who fought at Vimy Ridge. The famous battle occurred 100 years ago last month, April 9 to April 12th, 1917.

Here's Steve's article, reprinted from

<https://beta.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/hill-70-vimy-ridge-first-world-war-reader-stories/article34560956/?ref=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.theglobeandmail.com&service=mobile>

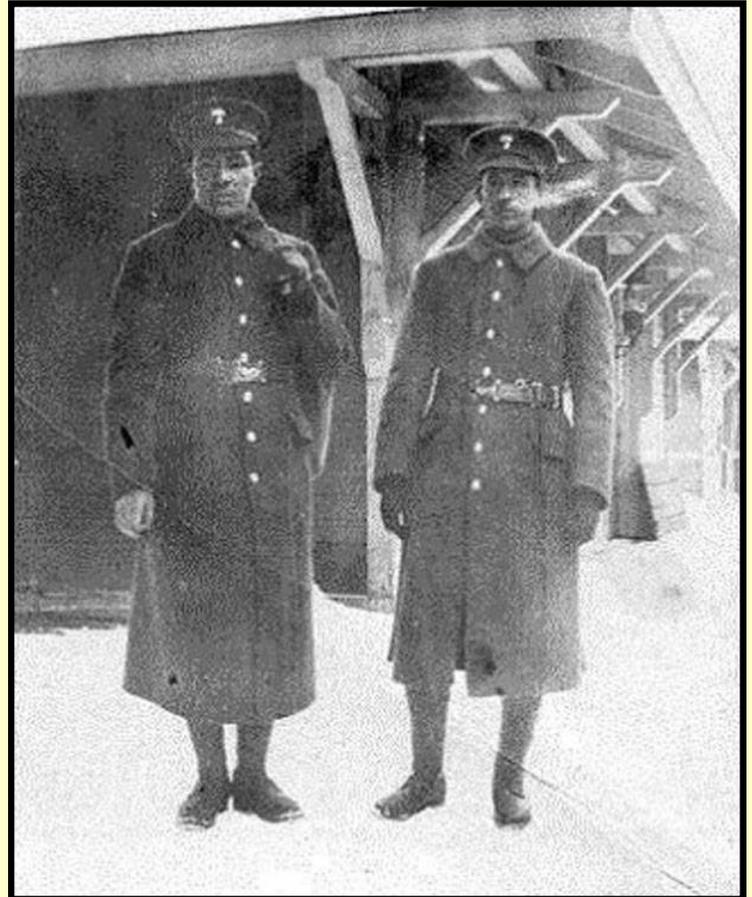
Tom Potts and Donald McKenzie

My paternal cousins, Tom Potts and Donald McKenzie, from Temagami First Nation in Bear Island, ON, both joined the CEF on Dec. 27, 1915, and became members of 1st platoon, A Company, 87th Infantry (Canadian Grenadier Guards), and arrived in France in 1916 with the 4th Infantry Division.

Both men fought at Vimy; they were part of the attack on Hill 145, and their unit was cut up pretty badly during the initial attack. After the war, Tom used to joke that both he and Donald joined together and served together in the same unit, and both received medals... Donald, a medal for valour, and Tom for some German metal from a gunshot wound! Though many people on Bear Island were nominally Christian by the First World War, some of the women invited a shaman to perform a shaking tent ceremony to let them know how the boys going off to war would fare. After he came out from the tent, he told the people that all the boys going to war would be injured, except for one who wouldn't suffer an injury, but all would return home alive.

Donald-involved in all the tough fights that involved Vimy-returned without suffering a wound. All the other men from Bear Island were wounded overseas.

Donald received the Military Medal for his actions at Hill 70. I later found the page in the 87th Regiment's war diary where Donald was mentioned in dispatches for bravery during the Battle for Hill 70.



Donald McKenzie and Tom Potts wait at the Temagami Train Station, likely in the winter of 1915-16.

Donald received the Military Medal for his actions at Hill 70.

Tom Potts once showed his wounds to Donald's grandson, and he had six wound scars.

I found the page in the 87th Regiment's war diary where my relation– Donald McKenzie-was mentioned in dispatches for bravery during the battle for Hill 70, in August, 1917.

-Steve Turner, Aurora, ON

Tessa Hope

has won a Scholarship to the “Digital Humanities Summer Institute” Conference at University of Ottawa this summer.

Google defines Digital Humanities as “An academic field concerned with the application of computational tools and methods to traditional humanities disciplines such as literature, history, and philosophy .”

The scholarship was awarded to Tessa after a tough competition process, which is described here:

<https://arts.uottawa.ca/sites/arts.uottawa.ca/files/dhsite2017-call-for-dh-poster-and-rapid-fire-presentations.pdf>

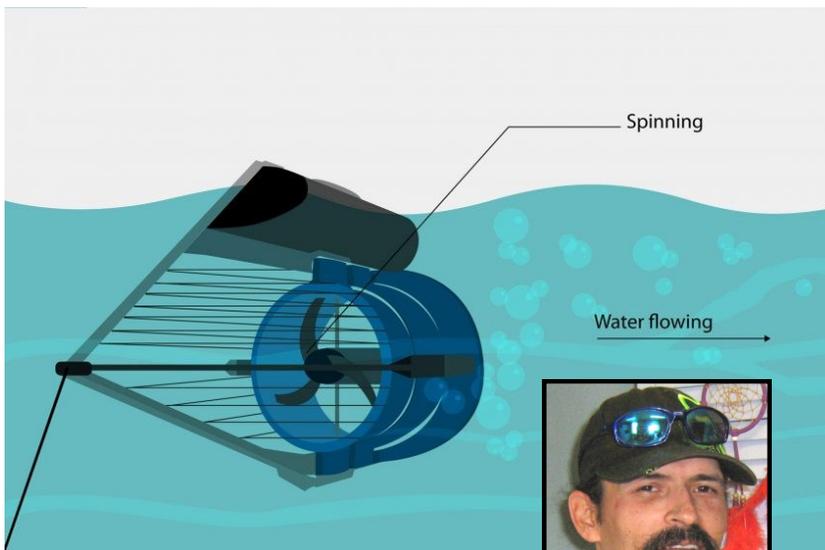
Way to go, Tessa! Maybe someday we’ll understand what digital humanities is. Glad you do! :)



Justin Mathias sent this intriguing item to the Blast: It’s an electricity producing turbine that can be placed in rivers with no need for a dam or any other land-altering structure. It’s called the “Smart Turbine”,

and is made by a company called Smart Hydro Power, based in Germany. One unit is said to produce enough power for 30 homes for a year. It even has a frame to protect wildlife.

Justin says: *“I think that we as a people need to make a move to give inspiration to all Canadians that there is a clean way without all these crazy prices for delivery.”* -Pretty sure everyone would like that!



Miigwetch, Justin!

www.smartpower.de

As this issue of The Blast is being produced, community members are watching webcasts of Aboriginal Team Ontario's games in the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships in Cowichan, BC. That's because

Alex Paul Jr. (Forward) and **Miikah Friday-Keeshig** (Goalie) are on

Team Ontario. Pretty amazing, eh? How can such a small community produce 2 star athletes?

Here's a note from Alex's mom Tracy:

Chi-miigwech to the Temagami First Nation community for your generous support and donations for Alex Paul Jr.'s trip to the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships in Cowichan, B.C.

The fundraising, dinner and donations covered the cost of his trip!! Miigwech! Your support means a lot to Alex and his family and he's carrying it with him on and off the ice.

Special thanks to Alex's Aunties, Uncles, brothers, sisters, cousins and helpers for helping out with the Fundraising Dinner. An extra special thanks to Jesse and James; Auntie Linda and June Twain (great desserts and homemade bread); and the Elders. Also thanks to Linda & George Mathias and Tom & Sheri Mathias. The Dinner was a blast and the dessert draws were a lot of fun!

An update on the draws: Find the Joker winner is Cody McKenzie of North Temiskaming; the 50-50 winner is Tom Mathias; the Find the Joker for Miikah Keeshig Friday winner is Maria Sams; and the Firewood Draw will be later in May. See Misty, Tyler or Jesse's facebook for updates and the winners.

Aboriginal Team Ontario is doing well so far and Alex is having an awesome experience. For more info on the team, including live streaming for the games, see the links below:

<https://www.facebook.com/Aboriginal-Team-Ontario-Official-229545524011/>

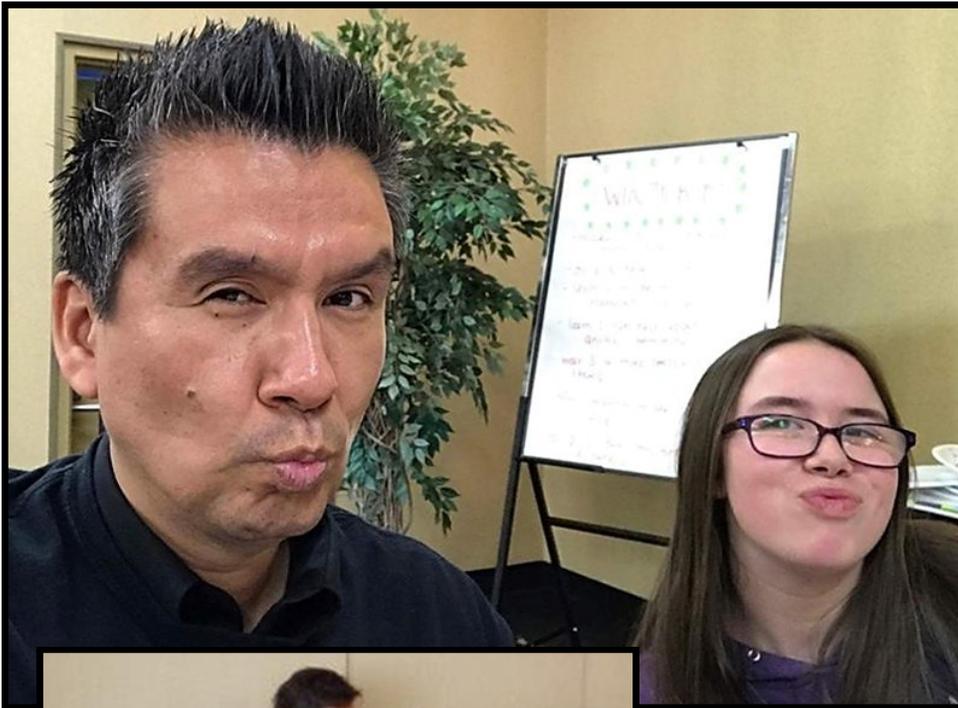
<http://isparc.ca/2017-nahc-official-web-page-schedules-results-webcast/>

Miigwech!



The 23rd Annual Anishnaabemowin Teg Conference was held on March 30 to April 2, 2017, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan . The Theme: "Aabziitoodaa gdi-nweninaa nji e-shkiniijig: Reviving Our Language for the Youth."

A posse of community members attended, including many youth. All say it was a great time. !



[http://
anishnaabemowin-
teg.org/](http://anishnaabemowin-teg.org/)

Craig MacDonald Returns to Bear Island

The Restorative Justice Committee

held a delicious community turkey dinner at LMLC on April 26th.

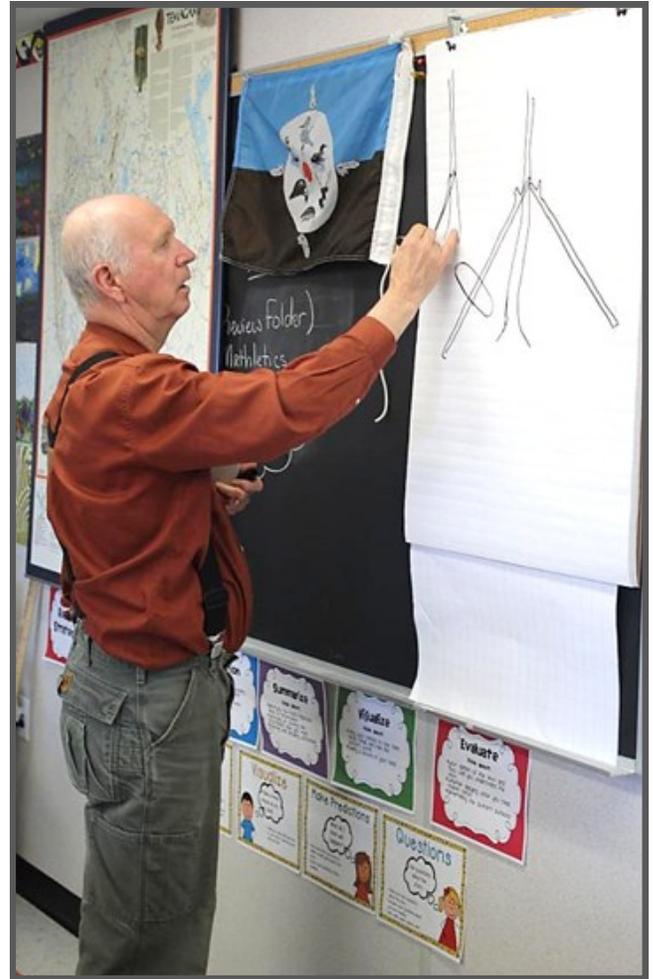
The guest of honour, Craig MacDonald, could not attend in person due to Lake conditions. Thanks to Skype, Craig was able to attend on screen and gave the crowd a great description of traditional travel methods. The Jiiman o Daaban— Canoe sled— provided a versatile mode of travel during those in between times. Craig related a tale told to him by Alice Moore of a perilous trip to the mainland to get a sick child to a doctor. After getting bogged down in slushy ice with their Jiiman o Daaban, the only option was to have one of the other children walk tightrope-style on poles spanning from the Jiiman to strong ice. Alice said her hair went white that day!



At the end of the evening, Craig remarked of his computer, “This is the first time I’ve ever been on this machine!” We’re glad you gave it a go, Craig!

As of the first week of May, Craig is on B.I. He has been visiting with old friends, swapping stories.

Lands and Resources is interviewing him, and students at LMLC were treated to a discussion in which Craig explained all the technologies used to make maple syrup and maple sugar. It was amazing to learn about the different techniques and technologies used for different conditions, stages of the process, etc.



At the April 26th dinner, MC Virginia McKenzie said on behalf of the crowd, “Chi Miigwetch, Craig, for your love of our community, and for being a knowledge keeper. We are so grateful.” Well said.

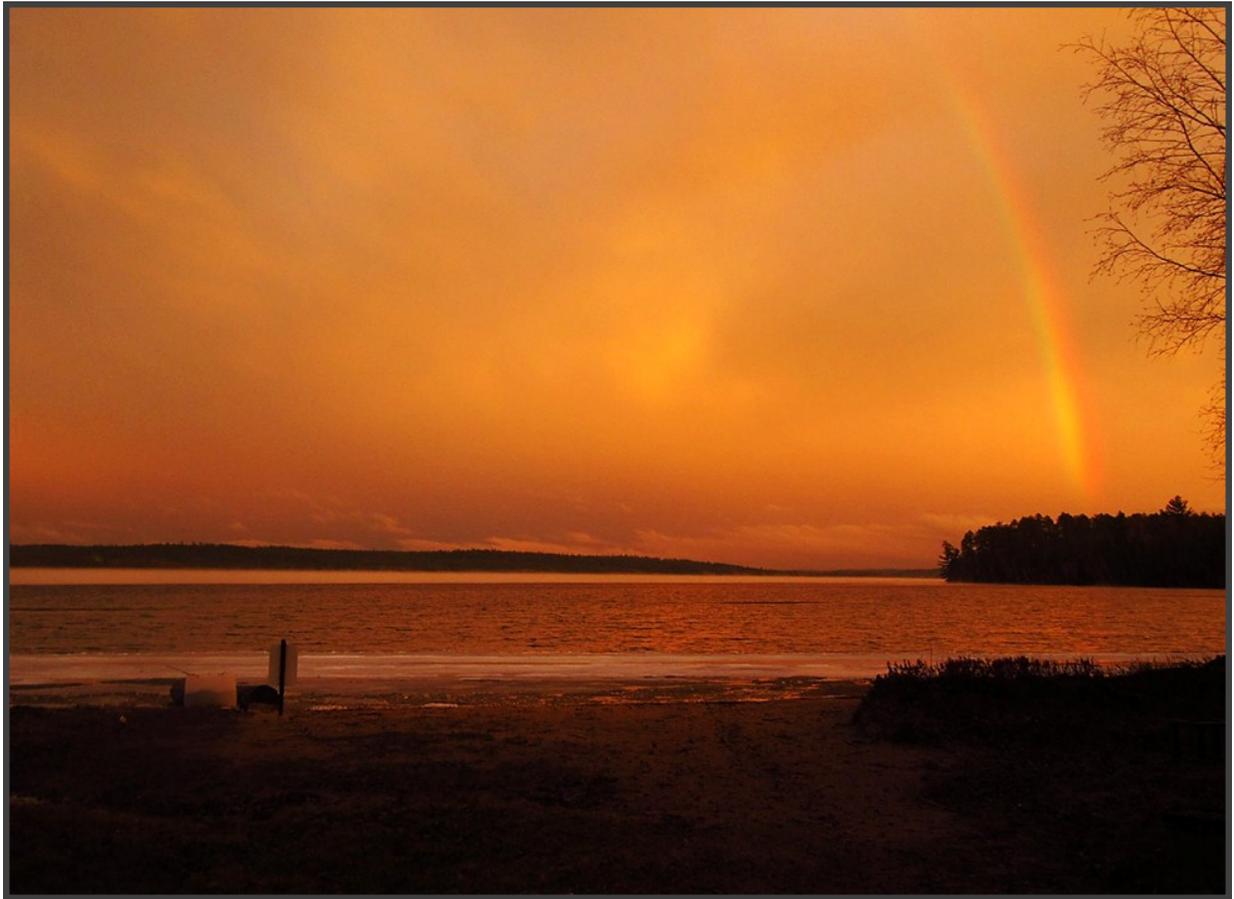
Chi Miigwetch, Craig MacDonald.

What a Day... April 27

Break Up on Obabika Lake

Photos by Natasha Mathias





LMLC NEWS



One of the most wonderful things about life on the Rez is children having an opportunity to learn on the land. During maple syrup season this year, the students again got to participate in making maple syrup with the help of **Minawaa-Miidjim Woodland Agriculture, Marc Sams'** and **Amanda Paul's** nature harvest business. They helped with gathering the sap buckets by the ball field, and there was a boil at the back of the school. The students were in their glory enjoying the deliciousness of not only sap straight from the trees, but the syrup and maple lollipops. Now that's hands-on learning!

Marc says: *"Once again we had an annual maple syrup day at the Laura McKenzie Learning Centre; John Turner held a syrup-based language class for the students, Amanda and I and Dan and Lynn donated the equipment for boiling, and the teachers and staff all helped out to make the day fun. Thanks to all the teachers and staff and students."*

Chi Mii gwetch to you, Marc, and everyone involved!





Friday May 5th at 2:45 pm is
Awards Assembly Day.

Parents / Guardians:

Please be advised that there

WILL be school on

Friday, May 12th.

It is no longer a PD day.

June 9th will be the last PD
day of the year.

Welcome Back, Mrs. B!

The LMLC staff and students
would like to welcome back Mrs.

B from her maternity leave.

We have missed you.



LMLC's Earth Day Clean Up: May 11th

Community Members are Welcome to Participate!



Earth Day is Every Day.



Dyslexia and Learning Solutions Ontario Facilitator Visits

By Patsy Turner

Laura McKenzie Learning Centre has been fortunate to have Tracy Trudell come to the community from her home and work in London, Ontario. She arrived April 8 and left by airboat April 25. I wanted to share some information about Tracy and the work she does. She works with students who have reading difficulties,



but also works with students that have attention issues. She uses the Davis Attention Mastery Program. She has made such a positive impact with the students she came to work with. To make the most of her time here, it was an intensive daily schedule with her students, including weekends. She also extended her expertise to help other students in the Grade 1- 3 class, by explaining about "Energy Dials". She then went on to give each student their own Energy Dial and taught them how self-managing their own energy dial (1 being sleeping – 10 being really high energy) can help them put their energy where it needs to be for reading and learning. Several of the students continue to make reference to their energy dial and how they will put it at a 4 for reading time and when they go to bed, put it at a 1 to help them go to sleep.

We look forward to her coming back to the community in May for a follow up and working with more of the staff and students. If anyone in the community is interested in meeting with her when she is here, feel free to contact the school.

Below is some more information about Tracy and the work she does, taken from the website:

After continually hearing from teachers how smart her son was, but that he just did not apply himself enough or was not focused in class, Tracy started looking for answers. A friend told her about a program her nephew had gone through and introduced her to the book The Gift of Dyslexia. After reading it, she found the answers she had been looking for and contacted a licensed Davis™ Facilitator.

"We went for an assessment and did the testing. After we'd left, my son turned to me and said, "Mom, that's exactly how I think."

Tracy arranged for her son to participate in the intensive week-long program. The results were beyond her expectations as she watched him succeed in his academic and social life.

"I thought to myself, I need to learn more about this program. It's so great for my son. Why isn't everybody doing it?"

Tracy took a Davis Dyslexia Fundamentals Workshop to learn more. She subsequently decided she needed to become a facilitator herself and empower people with the Davis™ learning methods, which are adapted to each client's unique learning style and personal goals.

Tracy is aware that there are many intelligent people struggling in similar ways with reading, writing, spelling, organization, social skills and coordination. She is eager to provide options for them and to return self-esteem to children and adults who are having trouble learning. <http://www.dyslexiaontario.com/about>



Laura McKenzie Learning Centre

Friday May, 26th

11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Penny Table

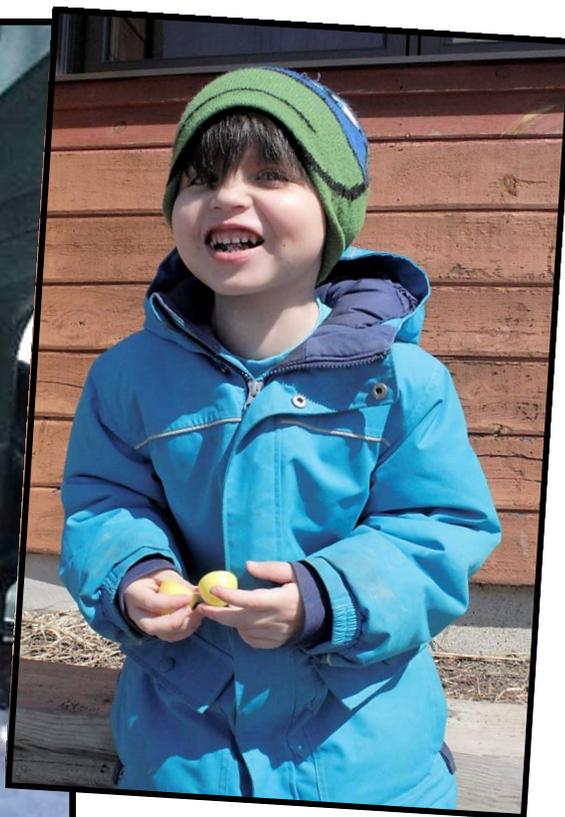
Scone Dogs will be for sale

We are looking for donations for the penny table.
Items can be dropped off at the school during school hours from
8:30-3:30 now through Thursday May 25th

If you would like a table to sell your own items please call the school
to reserve a spot, a donation would be appreciated

705-237-8982

LMLC Easter Egg Hunt

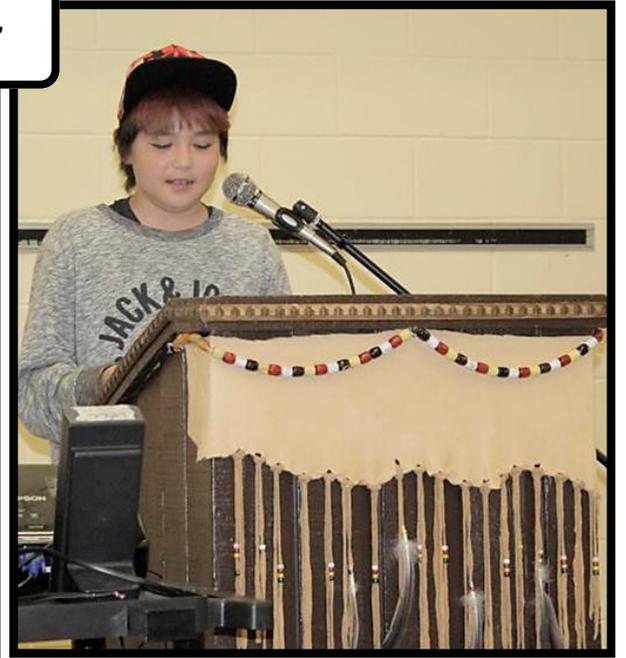


Those young ones were relentless... scooped up the goodies and left the dregs for the big kids! Lol!





LMLC Speech Night





May 1st, 2017

Kwe Kwe;

I would like to take this opportunity to talk about some of the changes at the TMFC as well as our plans for the future. Michelle Polson, RECE AHS Worker has been busy completing workplans for the Aboriginal Head Start Program, making arrangements for all the children in the community, up to Grade 8, to get new rain gear from Mountain Warehouse (order forms are due on May 5th, no exceptions), and making plans for a Whole Parent Meeting in May (more details to follow).

Please see the call out for the TMFC Parent Committee 2017. I really hope we have many applications because Parental Involvement is a very important component of the AHS program. It's on the page following this article.

Michelle will be contacting parents in the near future with more details about the whole parent meeting and other programs we will be offering. I will also be taking this opportunity to update parents on our policies and procedures and the changes we are required to make by the Ministry of Education, as per the Child Care and Early Years Act.



Josey's birthday party!

We've been very busy at the TMFC in the past two months, cleaning and organizing the storage room, sheds, garage, kitchen and offices. We have also spent more time organizing the play rooms into centres so we can focus on the play and centre-based curriculum. With the beautiful weather, the staff are also getting the children back into the habit of going for walks again.



Leodon and Caiden love cupcakes!

The kindergarten children spent the whole week with us while the LMLC was closed. It was really nice to have so many children all day. The children did some planting, they did lots of painting and they did a lot of colouring. The girls kept me busy, printing Moana pictures all week. I really have to commend the daycare staff who were on the floor and cooking this week because they were kept very busy.

The children had their monthly fire drill on April 27th. They are really cute, marching to the clinic and calling out "here" when their names are called for attendance. It is really amazing that they never forget what they are supposed to do.

The medical students came and spent the day with the children on April 28th. It was nice to have some help in explaining why hand washing is so important. The medical students will be visiting the daycare a few times during their time in the community and we welcome them to our centre.

I would also like to invite parents who don't have their children in the full time daycare program, to come visit at the TMFC with your children. Your child does not have to be enrolled in the full day program to come visit. If you need any craft supplies or if you would like us to prepare some school readiness activities for your child, please contact us.

We are also working with John Turner to provide more Native Language experiences for the children and staff. Our plan is to have John work with the staff too so that Native Language is being done consistently, all day with the children. I would like to challenge parents to learn one new word or phrase each week and to share this with your children.

The daycare is always looking for relief workers for the floor staff, cook and janitor positions. Please feel free to contact me at the daycare if you are interested in joining the TMFC team!

In closing, I would like to encourage community members to contact me about coming to share your talents with us (i.e. Can you play a musical instrument?). The children love having visitors. Come at the right time and we'll feed you too!

Miigwetch,
Tammy Presseault
RECE Program Supervisor
Tillie Missabie Family Centre

Tammy.presseault@temagamifirstnation.ca

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Tammy says of Eden (middle left), "This little boy gets so excited when he knows we are having birthday cake. He cheers and everything." Aw, lol!





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Tillie Missabie Family Centre
AHS Parent Committee Call Out 2017
*** 3 Members Required – 1 year term**

TFN Chief & Council would like to invite Parents, Grandparents and Extended Family Members to apply to be a part of the Tillie Missabie Family Centre (TMFC) Parent Committee.

Chief and Council are inviting interested persons to submit a letter stating reasons why you are interested in joining the committee and an indication of the skills and relevant experience you may bring to the committee. Chief and Council will review the applicants and appoint three (3) new members as soon as possible.

Please note that committee appointments will be conditional on obtaining a current Criminal Reference/Vulnerable Sector Check.

MAIL/FAX/EMAIL APPLICATIONS by Friday, May 19th, 2017, no later than 4:00 p.m. to:

Temagami First Nation
General Delivery
Bear Island, ON P0H 1C0
Subject: AHS Parent Committee vacancy

Terms of Reference for the Parent Committee posted and available upon request.

Sometimes You've Just Gotta Dance!

Right, Sonia? ♡



*Maria shows the power of the ice!
So does the dock.*



Above Photo by Lynn White

Inaugural Meeting of the TFN Anishnaabemowin Sagaswe'idiwin/Language Commission

By Patsy Turner

The TFN Language Commission members are proud to let you know that we held our first meeting, Wednesday, April 12 at the LMLC. We currently have 4 commissioners: Theresa King, John Turner, Tyler Paul and Patsy Turner. Jesse Paul is the Ex-officio councillor member and there is one vacancy from the TFN Cultural Advisory Committee.

In the absence of the ex-officio/chair, Patsy Turner assumed the role of chair and called the meeting to order.

The meeting started with a prayer in Anishnaabemowin.

We then reviewed the May 2016 TFN Community Resolution, entitled "Our Language, Our Future", and reviewed the commission's Terms of Reference.

We discussed the current situation of language in our community, we shared some language project ideas, and we all participated in a short language activity.

At the end of the meeting each commissioner was challenged to choose one phrase / word that they will begin to adopt into their daily vocabulary to begin modelling and encouraging using our language at home and in the community.

One of the topics of discussion was about wanting to bring people together to learn and share language, so as a group we proposed to do something sooner rather than later. It was decided that the commission would host a small language gathering during break-up. Something that would get people out and thinking about and using language. So one of the first orders of business to come out of our inaugural meeting was to plan this session for Saturday, April 22, 2017.

Overall, it was a successful meeting. The commission was supported by some community members who showed up and want to support the language resurgence in the community.

***The commission meetings are open to everyone.
Our next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, May 10.***

It is helpful to be aware that pressure one language by another is something that happens all over the world. Invasive cultures—the Spanish in South America, various European cultures in continental Africa, the French and English in Turtle Island, etc. - all brought an assault on local language along with disease and other goodies.

The good news is that as part of culture, language is dynamic. There is so much awareness now. Anishnaabemowin can be strong again. People are doing similar work to protect and grow their languages all around the world.

Daring to take back one's language is beautiful, it's rebellious, it's decolonizing. It rocks.



TFN Anishnaabemowin Sagaswe'idiwin / Language Commission Community Gathering, Saturday, April 22

Playing Pictionary using Anishnaabemowin is a hoot! The game was the highlight of the gathering at LMLC on May 22nd. A group of about 15 people took turns drawing and acting out words such as Nimkie– thunder, Jiiman-canoe, Mii zi saan– hair. Kii baap min... we had a good laugh.

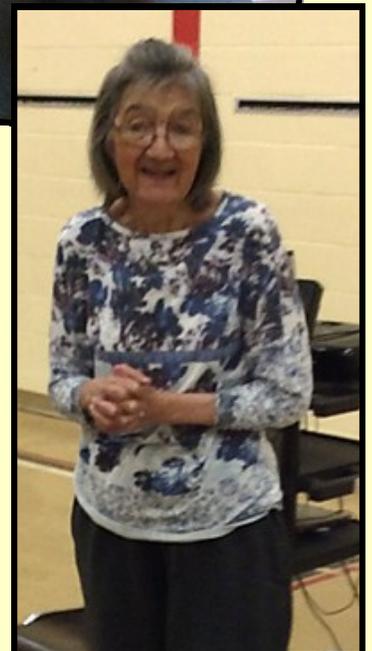
The group was an interesting mix of ages and experience with Anishnaabemowin. Discussion ranged from the experience of not speaking even though parents were fluent, to expressing certainty that fluency could return with practice, to being frustrated by not growing up with it, to being keen but clueless, to feelings of shame for not knowing the language.

Further discussion on projects to encourage use of Anishnaabemowin included dinner and prize events, paying people to learn from a set aside fund, and, the favourite: a Language Camp. It was remarked that a Language Camp encourages all sorts of great stuff to complement Anishnaabemowin use: being on the land, all ages being together, not having to compete with electronics, and all the good feelings that being together brings. It was noted that the language activity at the Obabika Bay Culture Camp was really fun and successful.

Everyone agreed, in the end, that just going ahead and speaking, in whatever way possible—even just a word a day - is something everyone can do without any cost or any planning.

So simple, but so profound— just do it, as Nike says.

So, let's do it! Every word will make it more comfortable, help it become a habit, and create confidence. We may feel awkward, embarrassed for a while... that's okay, that's understandable. The more we speak, the more that awkwardness will disappear. Anishnaabemodaa!!! Let's speak Nish!





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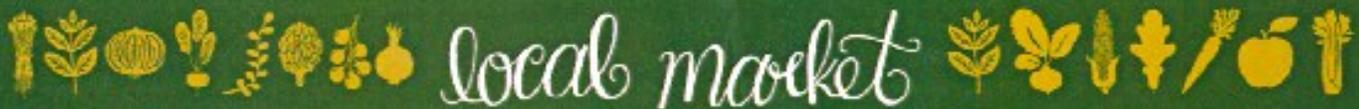
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May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Gym Night Ages 13+ 7:00-9:00	'The Addicted Mind' Presentation and Community Dinner @LMLC 5:30	Gym Night Ages 7-12 6:30-8:00		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Craft Night @ DPHC 6:30-8 Ages 7-13	Gym Night Ages 13+ 7:00-9:00	Game Night @ Sonny Moore Bldg 6:30-8 Ages 7-13	Gym Night Ages 7-12 6:30-8:00	Cooking @ DPHC 1pm GR.7 & 8	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Mother's Day Dinner LMLC @ 5:30pm		Gym Night Ages 13+ 7:00-9:00		Gym Night Ages 7-12 6:30-8:00		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		Gym Night Ages 13+ 7:00-9:00	Men's Dinner @ DPHC 5:30pm Game Night @Sonny Moore Bldg. 6:30-8	Gym Night Ages 7-12 6:30-8:00	Self-care Spa 6pm-9pm @ DPHC	Self-care Spa @ DPHC 9am-9pm
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Self-care Spa @ DPHC 9am-1pm	Craft Night @ DPHC 6:30-8 Ages 7-13	Women's Dinner DPHC @ 5:30pm Gym Night Ages 13+ 7:00-9:00				

Family Healing and Wellness Highlights

705-237-8900

Client shopping trips for men please call Fred by May 26 @ DPHC (7052378900)

*** Last chance to sign up for this Kizhaay Anishinaabe Niin program will be May 5, 2016 at 7:00pm in the L.M.L.C. gym. Call Fred at 705-237-8900 for more info.**

Women's Dinner May 19@5:30pm call if you are attending.

Perry McLeod will be back Sat. May 28th call if you are attending.

Youth/Children Programming

- **Mother's Day Craft ages 3-6yrs**
- **Baking Grades 2 class May3 @1:35pm, Cooking Gr. 3 class May 10@ 1:35pm, Cooking Gr 4 class May 17 @ 1:35pm, Cooking Grades 5&6 class May 11 @ 1pm, Cooking Grades 6-8 class May 12 @ 1pm**
- **Truth about Drugs program to run for grades 5-8**
- **Youth age 18-29yrs Dinner/Movie at DPHC**
- **Gym Night Every Tuesday Ages 13+, 7-9**
- **Gym Night Every Thursday Ages 7-12, 6:30-8:00**
- **Craft Night May 8th and May 29th, DPHC, Ages 7-12 @ 6:30-8:00**
- **Game Night @ Sonny Moore Bldg., Ages 7-13, May 10, 24 @ 6:30-8:00**

*** MOTHER'S DAY DINNER** May 14 @ 5pm **Volunteers needed** call Fred 705-237-8900.

***Note:** Spa days are back if interested in signing up please call Linda. There will be an Anger Solution Program which will start May 22 and will run for 10 weeks if anyone is interested please call Linda or Fred.

Questions please call the DPHC @ 705 237-8900

May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 David Laronde Band Bunny Miller Theatre Temagami 7 pm
7 Miikah Friday Hockey fundraiser draw 12 pm Darcy's house, BI	8 Duty to Consult Workshop 10 am-4 pm Elder's Building	9 <i>Deadline for Enrichment Funds Arts & Culture Applications</i> Regular Council Meeting 7pm L&R	10 <i>Language Commission Meeting, Details TBD</i>	11 LMLC Earth Day Cleanup 	12	13 Community Meeting LMLC / WebEx 10am
14 Mother's Day Dinner 5:30 LMLC Gym 	15 Deadline for Birch Bark Canoe Apprentice Application	16	17 Elder's Lunch and Bingo	18	19 Aboriginal Head Start Committee Application Deadline 4pm	20
21	22 Victoria Day Holiday 	23 <i>Land Code Info Session BI Elder's Building 3-9 PM</i> Regular Council Meeting 7pm L&R (TENTATIVE)	24 Forestry Information Session 3 –6 pm LMLC	25	26 LMLC Bake Sale, Penny Sale 11 am –2 pm	27
28	29 <i>Land Code Info Session North Bay Friendship Centre 7-9 PM</i>	30	31	Notes: To Purchase tickets for Miikah Friday's Hockey Fundraiser, call Woody 705-237-8232 – Big Load 'o' Pickerel! Draw May 7		

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SCHEDULE A		MAY 2017							
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