



WASAUKSING FIRST NATION



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2013

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Submissions due: February 14, 2013

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Employment Opportunities, Special Events, And More

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Community Council Meeting - Tuesday, February 5, 2013 7:00-9:00
p.m. Administration Meeting Room

Membership Committee Meeting: - Thursday, February 7, 2013 6:30 -
8:30 p.m. Administration Meeting Room

Business Council Meeting - Tuesday, February 12, 2013 & Tuesday,
February 26, 2013 5:00 p.m.– 7:00 p.m. Administration Meeting Room

Education Committee Meeting - Monday, February 19, 2013 12:00 - 2:00
p.m. Administration Meeting Room

Health & Social Services Committee Meeting - Monday, February 19,
2013. Administration Meeting Room

Housing Committee Meeting - Thursday, February 21, 2013 4:00 - 6:00
p.m. Administration Meeting Room.

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wasauksing Fire Department - For fire emergencies please **Call 705-746-9226 or 911. Next Scheduled Practices:** Sunday February 3rd & 17th, 2013 @ 11:00am-1:00pm. Volunteers are needed, if you are interested please come out to a practice.

Anishinabek Police Services - For All Emergences **Call 1-888-310-1122 Or 911**

Please Listen to Rez 91.3 - Updates for the following information will be available in case we cannot be reached. Power Outages, Telephone Outages, Office Closures, School/Childcare Closures, and School Bus Cancellations.

Wishing Everyone a Safe and Happy Family Day from Chief, Council and Staff.



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CHIEFS OF ONTARIO

Open Letter to First Nation Citizens in Ontario

January 7, 2013

Greetings:

We want to acknowledge all First Nation and non-First Nation citizens for raising awareness with respect to the plight of our people and for working with us to demand change and a more promising future for us all. We recognize and support Chief Theresa Spence for her commitment to bringing greater attention to the challenges that First Nations are confronted with and the need for the federal government to work with First Nation leaders.

As a result of these efforts, a meeting involving the Prime Minister and First Nation leaders has now been set for January 11, 2013 in Ottawa. This meeting must be the start of a dialogue that will result in a plan to restore the Nation-to-Nation relationship and the full implementation of the Treaties.

Throughout the past half century, First Nation leaders and our peoples have fought the 1969 White Paper, constitutional proposals, and an onslaught of paternalistic legislation and policy that attempted to terminate us as Indigenous Peoples. The federal government continues to make decisions for us regardless of our opposition and the fact that these unilaterally imposed changes impact upon our constitutionally protected rights. This approach is based on the colonialist belief that we are not capable of directing our own future.

Indigenous Nations of Turtle Island have always been organized, self-governing societies. We have developed and operated Nation and community governance structures and economies, which included alliances between Nations and trade relations. In keeping with this understanding, the term Inherent Jurisdiction confirms that we are self-governing Nations and that we have occupied this land now known as Canada prior to the arrival of settlers. The settlers to this land acknowledged the existence of Indigenous Nations by entering into Treaties on a Nation-to-Nation basis. Our Inherent rights and Jurisdiction were not created by external governments, nor is it necessary for external governments to recognize our Inherent authority for us to exercise it.

The Supreme Court of Canada has been clear that the federal government must honour the duty to consult and accommodate First Nations when a proposed action may infringe upon Aboriginal, Inherent or Treaty rights. What this means is the federal government must meet with First Nations prior to making any policy or legislative changes on issues that affect First Nations.

We, as First Nations, must continue to advocate for our right to our free, prior and informed consent. For more information on the principle of free, prior and informed consent please see the following websites: www.forestpeoples.org (Guiding Principles) or www.nan.on.ca (Requirement for Free, Prior and Informed Consent).



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The two omnibus budget implementation bills put forward by the federal government, known as Bill C-38 (passed by Parliament in June 2012) and the more recent Bill C-45, included measures that impact First Nations Aboriginal and Treaty rights. Bill C-45 was made law on December 14, 2012 and is the lightning rod that has galvanized First Nations people from coast to coast. The federal government failed to honour its duty to consult with First Nations with respect to either bill. This approach once again laid bare the arrogance and disrespect this government has not only for the rights of First Nations but for transparency and accountability to all Canadians.

Many years ago the *Indian Act* was imposed on us and since that time we have argued against it while at the same time trying to operate as best we can under it.

This has led to the situation that we find ourselves in today. Now is the time to start the conversation about how we move away from the *Indian Act* in a planned and well-thought out manner.

The meeting scheduled for January 11, 2013 between First Nation leaders and the Prime Minister must be the start of a dialogue that leads to tangible progress for our peoples. The meeting cannot simply be a public relations exercise for the federal government. Many are viewing this meeting as a make or break meeting that must result in a clear commitment to a joint process that will focus on the development of concrete plans addressing those matters that are of priority to First Nations.

There is a role for all of us to create the change we want. Many years of colonization have brought us to where we are and it will take a concerted effort by all of us to fully reclaim our places as autonomous Nations within our homeland.

It is through working together that we will achieve our goals.

Ontario Regional Chief Stan Beardy
Grand Chief Gord Peters, Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians
Grand Council Chief Patrick Mahdabee, Anishinabek Nation
Ogichidaa Warren White, Grand Council Treaty 3
Grand Chief Harvey Yesno, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation
Grand Chief Mike Mitchell, Mohawks of Akwesasne
Chief Bill Montour, Six Nations of the Grand River
Grand Chief Stan Louttit, Mushkegowuk Council



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WASAUKSING FIRST NATION REVISED LIST

Election Day: Friday, February 15, 2013

The following Candidates nominated at the Nomination Meeting of Fri, Dec 7, 2012 will have their names appear on the Ballot.

CHIEF

DES ROCHES, Luc
JUDGE-RICE-CLEMENTS, Roberta
PEGAHMAGABOW, Merle
PIETRASZKO, Wally
TABOBONDUNG, Warren L. (Wally Sr.)

COUNCILLOR

BAKER, Charles (Chuck)	RICE, David Martin
CHOMYSHYN, Michael	RICE, Misadis
DES ROCHES, Luc	SWANSON, Neil
KING, Conrad	SWANSON, Toni
KING, George (Jr.)	TABOBANDUNG, Brent
KING, Jeff	TABOBONDUNG, Dawn
McINNES, Theresa	TABOBONDUNG, Lisa
NANIBUSH, Bernadette Darlene	TABOBONDUNG, Randy
PEGAHMAGABOW, Deborah (Debbi)	TABOBONDUNG, Shane
PEGAHMAGABOW, Merle	VASILIOU, Christina Susan

P.S.: Jim Rice had submitted his withdrawal form in time to be removed as a Councillor Candidate but it was misplaced. The correction was able to be made before the printing of the Ballot. His name has been removed.



CANDIDATES FORUM

DATE: Saturday, January 26, 2013

START TIME: 1:00 PM

**WHERE: Wasauksing Community Complex
Gymnasium**

FACILITATOR: Tracey O'Donnell

This forum is to provide an opportunity for Candidates for the position of Chief and/or Councillor in the upcoming Wasauksing First Nation General Election to address the membership of Wasauksing about their candidacy. Membership will be given opportunity to ask questions of Candidates.

The Facilitator will provide rules for this forum to provide fair opportunity for those who wish to participate.



February

Support Group Meetings:

Diabetic Group (CHR):
Monday from 1:30 to 3 pm at the Elder's Residence.

Breastfeeding Group (CHR):
Mondays-10 am at Elder's Residence (please contact Faith).

Talking Circle (NNADAP):
Mondays @ 7pm at the Seniors Drop-In Center (check Calendar for specific groups)

Contact:

Faith Pegahmagbow CHR or Luci Rice NNADAP for details.

Events to Remember:

Community Kitchen:
February 16, 2013 @
Gym

Family Day:
February 18th, 2013

Elder's Pampering
Day:
February 13th, 2013

Physical Activity Nights

Bad-mitten: Feb 6th &
20th from 7-9 pm in
the Complex Gym.

Children's Programs:

Girls Group is held one Thursday month from 3:30 to 5:00 pm @ the Health Station.

Boy's Group is held one Tuesday a month from 3:30 to 5:00 pm @ the Health Station.

Please contact Maggie, CFW for DATES & further information.

Kinomaugewgamik Breaky Program

A healthy Breakfast is provided to school children every morning.





HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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Community Kitchen Date:

February
10am to 3pm @ Complex kitchen
Sponsored by CHR & CFOW

**Lunch with Luci: Wednesdays
@ Parry Sound High School**

Foot Care:

Esther Brennan, please call to confirm your appointment
Community Health Nurses are in every Tuesday's from 10am - 12pm.

Mental Health:

Dr. Connor is in the office every Thursday. Please call to confirm your appointment.

February is Heart & Stroke Month Great Jump Rope Exercise

Mabel
Mabel, Mabel, set the table
Just as fast as you are able
Don't forget the salt, sugar, vinegar, mustard and
Red-hot PEPPER
(Rope turns faster and faster until the skipper misses.)

Ontario Works Office:

Monthly Drop In – Tuesday, February 15th 10am-2pm

Drop-off Income & Participation forms & enjoy and some good company & Snacks.
Or if you require information Melinda, Lindsay and Deb will be available to help.

ODSP Clients:

Worker contact Number is:
1-800-665-9718 (press 0 for assistance)

Next Cheque Release date is: **February 28th, 2013**

Elder's Luncheons

Elders Lunch sponsored by NNADAP is last Monday of the month at the Seniors Drop-In Center.

Friday Luncheons at the Elder's Residence from 12 to 2pm except Friday Feb 22th.
Meals On Wheels delivered every Wednesdays

24 hour Assistance Numbers:

911 – Fire, Police, Ambulance
(have your 911 address on hand)

Women's Shelter 746-4800 or
1-800-461-1707

Native Mental Health 746-2512 or
1-800-461-5424

Hospital 746-9321

Victim Service 1-877-264-4208

Children's Aid Society 746-9354

Telehealth Ontario
1-866-797-0000

Sexual Assault Services 1-800-461-2929

APS 1-888-310-1122

Kids Help Phone 1-800-668-6868

Talk4Healing: 1-855-554-HEAL



MNO-JIIBAAKWEWKWE-TEG GOOD COOK PLACE



COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Saturday, February 16 2013, 10 am to 4 pm at the Wasauksing Complex Kitchen
Lunch will be provided. All Community members welcome! Come and enjoy this social time while we prepare our foods.

Participants:

will prepare food, take home a portion of the food prepared. On this day, participants will be required to follow safe food handling practices, ie: lots of hand washing, washing food prep areas, wear hairnets/aprons, etc. All equipment will be provided. For more information call Faith, Marilyn, Maggie, Kellie at Health Station



COME CELEBRATE
FAMILY DAY
WITH US
WE WILL BE
HAVING A
SLEIGHRIDING
PARTY



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, 2013
WASAUKSING HEALTH STATION
1:00 – 4:00 P.M.

Food and refreshments will be available. For more information, contact Faith or Maggie, 705-746-8022, ext. 2253 or 2252



2012 BABY CELEBRATION
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2013
10 AM – 1:00 PM
WASAUKSING
COMPLEX

COME AND
JOIN US AS WE
CELEBRATE
THE
WONDERFUL
GIFTS THAT
CAME TO OUR COMMUNITY IN 2012.



Parents: Please register to ensure that we don't forget anyone. For more information contact Faith or Maggie, 705-746-8022.



Family Café

Working together for a more supportive community where families can feel connected!

Do you have a family member who has a developmental disability? If so, please accept this invitation for you, your family, and friends to attend our first family café in Parry Sound! Join us for an afternoon of engaging conversations!

FREE!

DATE: January 28th, 2013

TIME: 11:30-1:30

LOCATION: District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board

ADDRESS: 1 Beachwood Dr, Parry Sound ON

This afternoon provides an opportunity to share your stories and experiences regarding what's working and what's not working for your family in the community.

To register for this Family Café, please send your registration form to the Synergy Project Coordinator by January 24th, 2013.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete this form by January 24th, 2013 and send to:



Courtney Snyder
Synergy Project Coordinator
Community Living Parry Sound
38 Joseph Street
Parry Sound, ON
P2A 2G5

Phone: 705-746-9330 ext. 243, Toll Free: 1-866-746-9330 ext. 243
Fax 705-746-6151 Email: csnyder@clps.ca

Personal Information: (Please print clearly)	
Name:	E-mail Address:
Phone Number:	Address:
Please indicate additional person(s) attending and indicates age if under 18 years of age	
Name:	Age:
Name:	Age:
Name:	Age:
Name:	Age:

Refreshments to be provided

This invitation is open to your whole family. However, should you need to hire a Respite Contractor for your family member, funding is available. Please contact Kim Gauthier at: 1-866-746-9330 ext. 246

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Wasauksing Health Station Calendar of Events/Activities February 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4 <i>School Breaky Prog</i> 1:30 Diabetic Support Grp/ER 6-8 Men's Group	5 <i>School Breaky Prog</i> 9-2 Chiropractor/HS	6 <i>School Breaky Prog</i> Lunch with Luci @ PSHS 7-9 Bad-mittens/Gym	7 <i>School Breaky Prog</i> 9:30 Anishnabemdaa/SDIC	8 <i>School Breaky Prog</i> <i>Dinner</i>	9
10 7:45 Sunrise Ceremony/ SDIC	11 <i>School Breaky Prog</i> 1:30 Diabetic Support Grp/ER 6-8 Men's Group @ WACC 7 Women's Talking Circle/SDIC	12 <i>School Breaky Prog</i>	13 <i>School Breaky Prog</i> Lunch with Luci @ PSHS Elder's Pampering/ER	14 <i>School Breaky Prog</i> 9:30 Anishnabemdaa/SDIC 9 – 4:30 Elders Massage	15 <i>School Breaky Prog</i> 10-2 WOW Drop In (Statements Due)/OW	16 10-3 Community Kitchen/Gym 7pm Euchre SDIC
17	18 <i>School Breaky Prog</i> 1:30 Diabetic Support Grp/ER 6-8 Men's Group @ WACC 7 Youth Talking Circle/SDIC	19 <i>School Breaky Prog</i>	20 <i>School Breaky Prog</i> Lunch with Luci @ PSHS 7-9 Bad-mittens/Gym	21 <i>School Breaky Prog</i> 9:30 Anishnabemdaa/SDIC	22 <i>School Breaky Prog</i>	23
24	25 <i>School Breaky Prog</i> Noon – Elder's Lunch & Elder's Talking Circle/SDIC 1:30 Diabetic Support Grp/ER 6-8 Men's Group/WACC	26 <i>School Breaky Prog</i>	27 <i>School Breaky Prog</i> Lunch with Luci @ PSHS	28 <i>School Breaky Prog</i> WOW Cheque Release 9:30 Anishnabemdaa/SDIC	ER – Elder's Residence SDIC – Seniors Drop In Center OW – Ontario Works Office WACC – Wasauksing Youth Center	5pm Dinner & Movie/ER



ADULT LEARNING CENTER

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Wasauksing Adult Learning Centre

Want your grade twelve to get a job or to go to college?
Want to improve your math and writing skills?
Want to learn something about computers?
Want to help your kids with their homework but cannot?
Want to improve your job search and job interview skills?
Want a better resume?



THE ADULT LEARNING CENTRE CAN HELP YOU WITH ALL THAT AND MORE!

The Adult Learning Centre will be closed for Family Day, Monday,



LIBRARY

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WFN Library

Will be open the following Sundays

January 27, 2013

February 10, 2013

February 24, 2013

12 pm – 4 pm

Watch for Thursday evening library hours for teens



Wasauksing First Nation Public Library

Would like to congratulate, Waubgeshig Rice Author of
“Midnight Sweatlodge”

For receiving the Northern “LIT” award / 2012 Ontario Library





Community Voice

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WASAUKSING FIRST NATION UNITED CHURCH and SHAWANAGA FIRST NATION UNITED CHURCH

Brenda Duckworth, Minister
Telephone: 705-771-9661
Cell number: 705-346-0406
January/February events, 2012

**Fundraising at Wasauksing F.N. United Church for
Children's Food Fund, HAM & SCALLOPED POTATOES
SALAD, DESSERT & BEVERAGE, Treat your Sweetheart
\$8.00/plate on Thurs, February 14, 2012. Eat in or Take Out**

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| Mondays | I will be visiting in Shawanaga community |
| Tuesdays | Preparation of Sunday Service |
| Wednesdays | Children's lunch and Visiting in Wasauksing
Sewing Group meets beginning at dinnertime(potluck)
All are welcome. |
| Thursdays | Breakfast is served at Wasauksing United Church
7:15 to 9:30 a.m.;
Language class at Senior's drop in, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m |
| Fridays | Visiting Parry Sound Hospital, Lakeland and Belvedere |
| Sundays | Services at Wasauksing 11 am.
Services at Shawanaga 2 pm. Every day except Feb. 17-No service |

Our next Pot Luck Lunch at Wasauksing is Sunday, Jan. 27, 2013



Happy Happy Birthday to
Robert Billie Jack
XoxoxoxoxoxoX
February 28, 2013
All Our Love,
Linds, Dad, Charlotte, Kristen, Manda,
Gryphon, Riley and Ringo!!

