



M'CHIGEENG



Join the Festive Fun: Santa Claus Parade & More!

Mark your calendars, M'Chigeeng! The annual Santa Claus Parade is right around the corner, and it's bringing a sleigh full of holiday cheer to our community.

Parade Details:

When: December 20th, 6 PM

Starting Point: CPPW Garage

Bundle up, bring your loved ones, and be part of the festive fun! Do you want to enter a float? Contact Treena at 705-377-5362 ext. 237.

But that's not all—this holiday season, there are some wonderful initiatives that will make our celebrations even more special.

Our generous community is uniting to support the UCCM Anishinaabe Police's "Stuff the Cruiser" toy drive. You can make a difference too! Donate food or toys to

help spread the holiday cheer. Drop-off locations include the band office, OCF, Kenjgewin Teg, UCCM Police station and Kina Gbezhgomi.

Binoojiinh Gamgoonhs is hosting a Secret Santa donation collection, focusing on gently used items for families with children aged 0-6. Let's ensure every child experiences the magic of the season!

These heartwarming events capture the true essence of the season—coming together, supporting one another, and creating beautiful memories.

Stay updated with more event details in upcoming newsletters and on our website.

May your December be filled with warmth, togetherness, and the joy of giving!

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CLOSED: December 22, 12pm

RE-OPENING: January 4, 2024



Announcement from Gimaa Hare

Farewell Art Jacko, and welcome new Interim
Enaagdenjged, Roger Beaudin

Good afternoon,

I wish to take this opportunity to inform the community that our current Enaagdenjged, Art Jacko, has resigned from his position effective today, Friday November 17, 2023.

Therefore, M'Chigeeng is now in the process of recruiting for a new Enaagdenjged and at the Council meeting in early November, Council approved a transition plan while we continue our search for this key position within M'Chigeeng First Nation.

In the interim, Council has appointed Roger Beaudin as the Interim Enaagdenjged until the end of April 2024. Roger has many years working with M'Chigeeng and has a lot of experience and knowledge.

I wish the outgoing Enaagdenjged, Art Jacko, the very best in his future endeavors and to welcome Roger in his new role as the Interim Enaagdenjged.

Manitoulin Project & RHT Litigation

Dear M'Chigeeng Community Members,

We want to ensure that our community has the most accurate and up-to-date information regarding the Manitoulin Project and Robinson Huron Litigation. Communiques have been shared with the community and can be found at mchigeeng.ca. Below are some important notes regarding both:

Manitoulin Project:

This initiative addresses trust fund mismanagement and aims to provide compensation for past fiduciary breaches. It is not related to land claims, land surrender, or governance issues. Legal counsel is finalizing the Settlement Agreement terms with Canada. Details will be shared after Canada signs the Agreement.

Robinson Huron Litigation:

This case involves a proposed \$10 billion settlement for past compensation. It may impact future negotiations. Documentation requirements are complete, and parties aim to sign the Settlement Agreement by mid-December.

Again, further details regarding both the Manitoulin Project and Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation can be found at mchigeeng.ca. Please register for to access the members portal if you have not done so already!

Finally, we feel it important to note that M'Chigeeng First Nation has not requested banking information in relation to these matters. Be cautious of such requests.

Miigwetch,
Gimaa Morgen Hare

Racialized and Indigenous Supports for Entrepreneurs (RAISE) Grant Program

A grant program that provides access to business development training, culturally responsive and tailored business coaching, networking opportunities, and a one-time grant of \$10,000 to support Indigenous, Black and other racialized entrepreneurs

Who is eligible?

- The business must be registered with the Canada Revenue Agency.
- The business must employ 1 to 10 full-time equivalent employees, including the business owner, or up to 25 employees for businesses in the Accommodation and Food Services sector.
- The owner of the business must be an Indigenous, Black or other racialized individual.

How does it work?

- The program is self-paced and runs for approximately 8 weeks. Participants may continue to operate their business while participating in the program.
- Once admitted into the program, participants must complete the following activities within the program timelines to receive a \$10,000 grant:
 1. Online business development training – minimum of 5 hours
 2. Business coaching including networking – 5 to 10 hours
 3. Business Action Plan

How do I apply?

- Visit the [RAISE grant program web portal](#) for a full list of program requirements, eligible expenses and what you need to apply.
- Applications must be submitted on or before **December 8, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. EST**.
- **Applications are processed in the order they are received. Eligible applicants will be accepted into the program until the program budget is reached.**

If you need help, contact us Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST, excluding government and statutory holidays. Call toll-free at 1-888-975-5502 or email raise@ontario.ca. Video Relay Service (VRS) for Deaf and hard of hearing persons is available at 437-538-4850.

Happy Holidays from Public Works!

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anii M'Chigeeng!
Hope all has been well and that
you all have your winter tires on!
The snow has arrived!

Over the last month you may have seen crew members out and about doing cold patching, some edging, culvert work and dry-runs with the snow plows.

Crews have had quite a busy month, not just preparing for winter but also preparing for the spring thaw ensuring that drainage is flowing and doing our best to avoid spring flooding.

The Public Works Department would like to take this time to remind those who require snow removal to submit applications to the Public Works Manager, Treena Debassige at the Administration Office. Those of you who had previously been on the list and unsure if you need to apply annually, please contact Treena with any questions at 705-377-5362 ext. 237. The purpose of applying annually is to ensure that the Public Works Department has updated information on each client to ensure that they receive the appropriate care when it comes to snow removal. We hope to see you all out at the Santa Parade that is taking place again this year, Wednesday December 20th, at 6pm. We will be starting from the CPPW Garage on Bebonang Street and making our way around the community. A route will be posted closer to date!

Until next year MFN, the Public Works Department wishes you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!! Have a wonderful December!



FILL OUT A SURVEY FOR A CHANCE TO WIN:
GIFT CARDS
TURKEYS
MUCH MORE!
FROM DECEMBER 1ST TO DECMEBER 20TH.
DRAW TO BE HELD DECEMBER 21, 2023

**CAPITAL PROJECTS
& PUBLIC WORKS
PRESENTS**

**2023
SANTA
PARADE**

DECEMBER 20TH 2023

**PARADE LEAVING FROM
M'CHIGEENG CPPW GARAGE AT 6PM
MAKING WAY AROUND COMMUNITY**

**HOT CHOCOLATE TO FOLLOW AT CPPW GARAGE
CONTACT TREENA DEBASSIGE TO ENTER A
FLOAT 705 377 5362 EXT. 237**



M'CHIGEENG FIRST NATION

Education Awards

Come Celebrate with us !!

YOU ARE INVITED

**COMMUNITY FEAST, PRESENTATIONS,
ENTERTAINMENT & DOOR PRIZES**

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Where: M'Chigeeng Community Complex
When: December 16, 2023
Doors Open 5:00pm
Dinner @ 5:30pm
Awards to follow

Ontario Works/LDM Department Update

Christmas is here again; the Ontario Works Program will be assisting with Christmas Hampers and Gifts. We are continuing to accept donations for Christmas gifts please contact Colleen Debassige at 705 377 5362, Ext. 222 or email colleend@mchigeeng.ca.

Christmas Hampers will be delivered on December 18th, 2023, Christmas Gifts will be delivered on December 19th, 2023.

Ontario Disability Supports Program

We have exciting news for our ODSP recipients! The M'Chigeeng Ontario Works Program - ODSP Delivery Site is scheduled to go live in January 2024.

Heavy Equipment Training Update

Our Heavy Equipment Training, in partnership with Northern Academy Transport Training (NATT), has been postponed until Spring 2024.

Exploring Training Opportunities

We are continuously exploring various training opportunities in trades, administration, computers, and even Bus Driver's License through NATT.

Labour Market Development (LDM) Program

The LDM Program is designed to support your training needs in several ways:

- Purchase of Training
- Targeted Wage Subsidy
- Self-Employment Assistance
- Mobility
- Employment Insurance applications
- Employment Supports

If you're interested in enhancing your skills and improving your job prospects, please reach out to Abigail Paul, Training Development Officer, at 705-377-5362, Ext. 225 (abbyp@mchigeeng.ca) and John Ense at 705-377-5362, Ext. 215 (johne@mchigeeng.ca).

Employment Experience – Training Wage Subsidy

We're still accepting applications for Training Opportunities in the Employment Experience Program, covering April 1st, 2023, to March 31st, 2024

M'Chigeeng Ontario Work Program

OW applications please contact April Corbiere at 705 377 5362 Ext. 238 aprilc@mchigeeng.ca, or Colleen Debassige at colleend@mchigeeng.ca Ext. 222 to schedule an appointment or any inquiries.

ASI Program

If you need addiction support, ASI is here for you. Our focus is on Ontario Works - ODSP clients. To schedule an appointment, reach out to Joan Hoekstra, ASI Caseworker, at 705-377-5362, Ext. 219, or via email at

joanh@mchigeeng.ca.

Food Depot

The Food Bank operates on Mondays and Thursdays, with deliveries from 2 PM to 4 PM. To get in touch, you can reach Amy Mae Migwan at Ext 222 or via email at amym@mchigeeng.ca. Alternatively, contact Colleen Debassige at 705-377-5362, Ext 222, or email colleend@mchigeeng.ca before 2 PM. You can also connect with the Ontario Works Office. Remember, the Food Depot is here to assist all Band members in need.

We would like to thank Anong Beam and Dennis Corbiere for donating half a pig cut to the M'Chigeeng Food Bank, they provided pork chops, ribs, roast, side pork and fresh farm eggs!

Winter Clothing Drive Wrap-up

The family well-being program would like to thank our community members for their donations to the winter clothing giveaway. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thanks to the use of the M'Chigeeng app we were able to reach community members off reserve who voluntarily led clothing drives within their workplaces. Thanks to Purolator and RBC Insurance. We were able to host

two winter clothing giveaways held on October 19, 2023, and November 28, 2023, at the M'Chigeeng Complex.

Your collective efforts have made a significant impact on the well-being of our community members. Together, we've helped ensure that everyone stays warm and cozy during the winter months.

Once again, Chi-Miigwetch to all who contributed. Your kindness and generosity continue to make M'Chigeeng a caring and supportive community.

With gratitude,
The Family Well-being Program





The Gift of Time

Happy Holidays from Grade 2 at Lakeview School!

This Christmas break enjoy your time together as a family. Celebrate the magic of the season through the eyes of a child. They would like you to be "present." Together you can complete these activities over the holiday season and give your child the precious "gift of time."

8. Go visit a neighbour, Elder, friend, or loved one.
9. Make a snowman together and take pictures of the process.
10. Play a board game together as a family.

Be safe, be kind, and be merry!

1. Read a book and drink hot chocolate together.
2. Go for a walk in the snow and look for animal tracks.
3. Admire Christmas lights.
4. Send Christmas cards to loved ones.
5. Bake cookies, squares, or cake.
6. Make a bird feeder out of seeds, nut butter, and a pinecone. Hang it in the bush.
7. Craft snowflakes together out of old newspapers, flyers, or wrapping paper.

Happy holidays,

Ms. Gratton
Grade 2

This **CHRISTMAS,**
We don't need
more Stuff...



We
need more
LOVE
towards
one
another.

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What's Happening in the Lakeview School Grade 3 classroom?

Some of the things grade 3s have been working on:

Skip Counting by 2, 5 & 10s forwards and backwards. They've also introduced new math tools to help expand their mathematical knowledge. They started using rekenreks, number lines and place value sticks.

Students celebrated Feast of the Dead. They participated in a sacred fire and offered up prayers and a plate of food to a loved one that has passed. We discussed the importance of being

respectful, quiet and in the dark when addressing spirits. Students were reminded that there is a lot to learn from silence. They are encouraged to listen more than they talk so they can learn from Elders around them. Students also made wreaths to hang in the cemetery for Tasewang.

They celebrated Remembrance Day with respected war veteran, Howard Debassige. Students were very excited to meet someone who had risked their life to protect theirs. We talked about what an honour it is to have such a

hero in the community. We talked about character development and ways that we can show our gratitude for his service.

In social studies students are still learning about the First Nation and European Settler relationship. We recognized Treaty Week by learning about the Robinson- Huron Treaty and the intended purpose of it. We discussed what it meant to break a promise and not follow through with one's word.

Wellness Centre Holiday

Aanii kina wiya,

December is already here! This is a short month for the offices and all the fun programs. It is also a time for family gatherings. Elders will feel loved and included when you find ways to bring the holiday spirit to them. After all, what's most important is spending quality time with people you love and care about. If members of your family haven't seen your elderly loved one for a long time you may want to help prepare them for the visit. Let them know that more care is required or if they are using a walker or wheel chair. If your loved one has dementia, a low-key approach may work better. Overstimulating holiday activities or busy decorations could be confusing or cause agitation. For seniors without cognitive impairment, find creative ways to help them take part in family celebrations. Reassure your loved one that they won't be forgotten by telling them when you'll celebrate with them.

Festive activity suggestions:

- Decorate their room or home together – get a mini tree, put a few decorative items around the room, hang a wreath on the door
- Help them think of and purchase gifts for family members and then wrap them together
- Arrange a family visit and open gifts together
- For family living far away, arrange video calls
- Accompany them to a holiday event
- Listen to holiday songs together
- Watch a Christmas movie together
- Work on a holiday-themed puzzle or a fun coloring page

Practical Gifts for Seniors

- Big button simplified TV remote
- Electric water kettle with automatic shut off
- Weighted blanket
- Aromatherapy pad for neck and shoulders
- Essential oil diffuser, don't forget the oil
- Electric jar opener
- Automatic soap dispenser
- Faucet extender
- Neck massage pillow with heat
- Motion sensor night lights

Please be advised that Home and Community Care services will be limited during the holidays, December 25 – 29, 2023. There will be no hot & fresh Meals on Wheels, in its place we will be delivering healthy frozen meals. Essential services will be priority and level of care based. Wound care and personal care will be scheduled prior to offices closing on December 22, 2023. All regular PSW's visits will resume on Tuesday, January 2, 2024. Please feel free to reach out to your nurse or myself if you have any questions.

We wish you a safe and happy Christmas season from all of us at the M'Chigeeng Wellness Centre!



Wellness Centre Come on out!

CHRISTMAS Baking

Pam Roy will be here with us!!

Friday, Dec 8TH @ 1:00 PM

Wellness Centre, 61 Lakeview Drive, M'Chigeeng

FOR MORE INFO or A RIDE, CALL US AT 705-377-4240



M'CHIGEENG WELLNESS CENTRE

Christmas CRAFTS

6 DEC | **SOUP LUNCHEON** | **10:00 AM**

RSVP: 705-377-4240

61 Lakeview Drive, M'Chigeeng

Pamela Debassige
705-377-4240
pamelad@mchigeeng.ca

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2023 at 3:00 pm



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY POST-SECONDARY NAVIGATOR

Department: Education – Post Secondary Program **Classification:** Community Services (CS-3)
Employment Status: Regular Full Time (including Benefits and Pension package)

M'Chigeeng First Nation is seeking an energetic individual who has high proficiency in Microsoft Office; Great time management and organizational skills; and is a quick learner, reliable, and can work independently and as a team player.

Position Summary

The Post-Secondary Navigator aims to assist post-secondary students in achieving their education and social aspirations, so they are healthy, self-reliant, respectful, and culturally grounded individuals. The position will have case management skills to provide post-secondary activities such as intake and assessment to navigate the required educational studies and action plan for students.

Essential Functions include:

Deliver post-secondary education services eligible to MFN Band Membership according to existing Post-Secondary Education Guidelines and ensure compliance of MFN post-secondary guidelines, personnel policy, finance and administrative policies and procedures and reporting requirements.

Review the academic progress of the students, when necessary, by counseling and assisting students in achieving their educational goals.

Ensure student records, files and internal documents are current, accurate, and maintained and kept confidential and filed accordingly.

Maintenance of database and statistical data of student records, achievement, or other purposes.

Receives and processes student applications and determines funding eligibility per program guidelines.

Assist students with transition pieces such as admissions criteria by helping to complete application forms for admission, orientation process and scholarships; effectively interviewing and provide guidance in choosing the best academic path.

Qualifications & Requirements

Preferred: University Degree - Bachelor of Education or Bachelor of Arts in Social Work or related field of study—Three (3) years related experience, providing guidance and counselling support to post-secondary students

Minimum: College Diploma – Social Service Worker, or Native Counsellor Training Program (NCTP–3Yrs), Employment Counselling or related field of study. Minimum of two (2) years' work experience in guidance and counselling and/or related program delivery

Other:

Membership with the Ontario Native Education Counsellors Association (ONECA)

Strong knowledge and comprehension of the pedagogical and administrative direction of MFN education system

Demonstrated knowledge of Aboriginal specific education, employment and training needs and working with Aboriginal organizations and communities.

Ability to take initiative, self-starter and is a team player, and maintain a high degree of confidentiality. Proficiency in Microsoft Office and other reporting applications. Valid driver's license and access to a vehicle is required.

It is mandatory for the successful candidate to submit a current (30-day) VSS; offer of employment will be subject to the receipt of successful VSS record.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: must include Cover letter, Resume, Three (3) Current written references (2 work-related from direct supervisor/manager, 1 character reference) & Education Certification

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY DECEMBER 1ST, 2023 by 3:00 PM

APPLICATION SUBMISSION TO:

“POST-SECONDARY NAVIGATOR”
c/o Kimberley Debassige, Director of Education
P.O. Box 333 M'CHIGEENG, ON P0P 1G0
Fax (705) 377-4980 or employment@mchigeeng.ca

LATE OR INCOMPLETE applications will not be considered. Miigwetch your interest is appreciated, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Preference will be given Anishinabek people. www.mchigeeng.ca

For a complete Job Description, please contact the MFN Education Office at 705-377-5362



M'Chigeeng First Nation Binoojiinh Gamgoonhs (Childcare Centre)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

REGISTERED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR

Term: Full-time Regular & Casual (Supply)

Classification Level: RECE Salary Grid + Group Benefits and Pension

Position Summary:

The Registered Early Childhood Educator (RECE) is under the supervision of the Childcare Supervisors and is responsible for children in all aspects related to the development of their academic learning skills, hygiene, health, well-being, fostering development and safety. The RECE will oversee the planning and the implementing of age-appropriate programming for children ages newborn to 12 years of age.

Qualifications:

- Early Childhood Education Diploma and registered with the College of ECE.
- Additional specialized training to support young children of diverse needs, varying abilities, and their families would be an asset.
- Ability to work effectively individually and within a team environment.
- Knowledge the Anishinaabe culture, history, and language or the willingness to learn.
- Valid First Aid and CPR or willing to obtain.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.

TUTOR ESCORT (Jordan's Principle)

Term: Full-time Term

Classification Level: Teacher Assistant Salary Grid

Position Summary:

Under the supervision of the Childcare Supervisors, the one-on-one Tutor Escort is responsible for the provision of classroom support and one-on-one instruction with identified student.

Responsibilities:

- Assist student with lessons under direct supervision of classroom teacher in carrying out programming that promote, physical, cognitive, emotional, and social development of children and report on student progress.
- Assist and support educator in providing an environment with experiences that will foster the development of the children, (i.e., social, emotional, physical, and intellectual).
- Carry out behaviour modification, personal development, and other therapeutic measures with student.
- Interact effectively with students.

Qualifications:

- Completion of early childhood assistant certificate program or post-secondary courses in early childhood education.
- At least 2 years work experience in a childcare centre.
- Additional specialized training to support young children of diverse needs, varying abilities, and their families would be an asset.
- Excellent interpersonal skills, dependable and reliable.
- Understanding and fluency in Anishinaabemowin is a strong asset; or must be willing to learn.

ON-CALL CASUAL JANITORS

Classification Level: CW-2 (\$19.69 - \$24.07 / hour)

Position Summary:

The Janitor is responsible for keeping the Binoojiinh Gamgoonhs clean and sanitized. The Janitor works under the supervision of the Head Custodian.

Qualifications:

- Highschool Diploma or Equivalency with at least one-year work-related experience.
- Current WHMIS CPR and First Aid Certifications or willing to acquire.
- Ability to read and understand labels/instructions for application of cleaning chemical products.
- Ability to work with minimal supervision and in a team environment, to maintain effective working relationships with all Childcare staff.
- Maintain professional attitude when interacting with children, parents, and visitors.

Application Closing Date: OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Interested Applicants must submit cover letter, resume, three current references (2 professional and 1 character) and applicable certifications and diplomas addressed to:

CONFIDENTIAL: "INDICATE POSITION"

c/o Human Resources

M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333, M'Chigeeng, ON POP 1G0

employment@mchigeeng.ca

M'Chigeeng Wellness Centre

Invites you to

Elders Christmas Dinner



Wednesday, December 13th

Doors open at 3PM, Dinner served at 5PM

Anishinabemowin Gamig

146 Spring Bay Road, M'Chigeeng

COME AND ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL
SOUND OF CHRISTMAS

For more info or transportation please
call 705-377-4240

DECEMBER 1, 2023

HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY

at the Peer Support & Outreach Building | 1-3pm

Health Centre Services

- Communicable disease prevention & Management
- Maternal/Child Health
- Primary Care
- School Health
- Immunization Program
- Mental Health Nursing
- Diabetes programming
- Heart Health
- Immunization awareness
- Cancer Prevention & Screening
- HIV and Hep-C Awareness
- Hypertension awareness
- and MORE!

*HIV self testing Kits available
Education & Resources
Peer Support
Swag!
Harm Reduction*

Light refreshment provided!

For more information, contact Kaleigh: 705-377-5347

In partnership with Réseau Access & M'Chigeeng Mental Health & M'Chigeeng Community Health



Welcome back to Binoojiinh Gamgoonhs, Shelby!

Aanii Kina Weya!

I am pleased to announce my return to M'Chigeeng Binoojiinh Gamgoonhs, to fulfill the role of the revived position of the Assistant Supervisor. I am happy to be back working with the young children and families of M'Chigeeng First Nation.

I am a registered RECE, a graduate from Cambrian College's Early Childhood Education Program, Class of 2015. I am a mom to an almost 4 year old! I have been an employee of M'Chigeeng First Nation since 2015.

As the Assistant Supervisor, it is my role to ensure the quality of programming and maintaining classroom environments that promote the children's identify, health, wellbeing and foster the love of life and learning.

I look forward to being apart of our Early Years Centre once again!

Miigwetch!

Shelby Roy, RECE
shelbyr@mchigeeng.ca
705-377-5383 ext. 4205



Sensory Play for Children

Aanii!

Happy December! This month I wanted to mention the importance of Sensory Play for children. Sensory Play encourages many types of developmental skills like:

- Motor skills – it improves coordination.
- Social skills – our senses are closely connected to our emotions.
- Language development – improve communication and cooperation.
- Problem-solving – It stimulates critical reasoning.

Sensory Play is super important for your child's development, and in the winter, it is so easy to do! Simply playing outdoors in the snow is a form of sensory play. You can build forts, build snowmen, paint snow, make & throw snowballs, roll down hills, go sledding, etc. All of which are fun outdoor activities to get your child moving in the fresh air, but also encourage Sensory Play! You can also bring the outdoors in by filling a bucket with snow and building mini snowmen, or experimenting what happens to snow when its in a warm environment (indoors). Winter is a great time to experience Sensory Play, and with our up-coming winter break we encourage you to take your children outside to play, explore and learn!

Nahow Happy Holidays!
Kaelyn Moor, DSW
Resource Teacher

Child & Family Program

Children and Families have enjoyed recent events with the Child and Family Program at M'Chigeeng Binoojiinh Gamgoonhs such as Who's Crafty events, Halloween Movie Night, storytelling and more. Join us in the Toy Library located in the M'Chigeeng Childcare Centre for these November drop ins- OPEN to ALL families in the community.

- Baby time: Mondays 10am-11am
- Drop in (0-6yrs): Tues 9:00am-11:30am
- Toddler time: Wed 10:00am-11:00am
- Preschool time: Thurs 10:00am-11:00am

Join our language and culture team at M'Chigeeng Binoojiinh Gamgoonhs Monday evenings from 5:00pm-7:00pm and Wednesdays 12:00pm-1:00pm for a fun and interactive Anishinaabe learning experience.

Transportation is AVAILABLE for any of these events. Please call ahead to arrange transportations or if you have any questions regarding programs. 705 377 5383

Miigwetch
Dream Saunders
Child and Family Coordinator

Daycare Reminders

• **CLOTHING** – We kindly ask that your child is dressed in clothing that is appropriate for the Winter season, outdoor play may sometimes prove to be messy and wet. Winter weather clothing needed; winter coat, snowpants, warm hat/toque, warm mitts/gloves, winter boots, neck warmer (no scarves please).

Also, a friendly reminder to keep extra comfortable and seasonal clothing in your child's cubby/bin, including underwear, socks and 2-3 sets of clothing. Please replace any soiled items sent home the next day.

• **HEALTH & SAFETY** – If your child(ren) is experiencing any symptoms of sick health / communicable diseases; please keep them home until they are well enough to return to the Centre or have been cleared by the health clinic.

• **HOURS OF CARE** – Friendly reminder to all parents/guardians regarding hours of care and arrival and pick up time times:

>> Working parents/guardians 7:30AM- 5:00PM (in accordance to parent work hours)

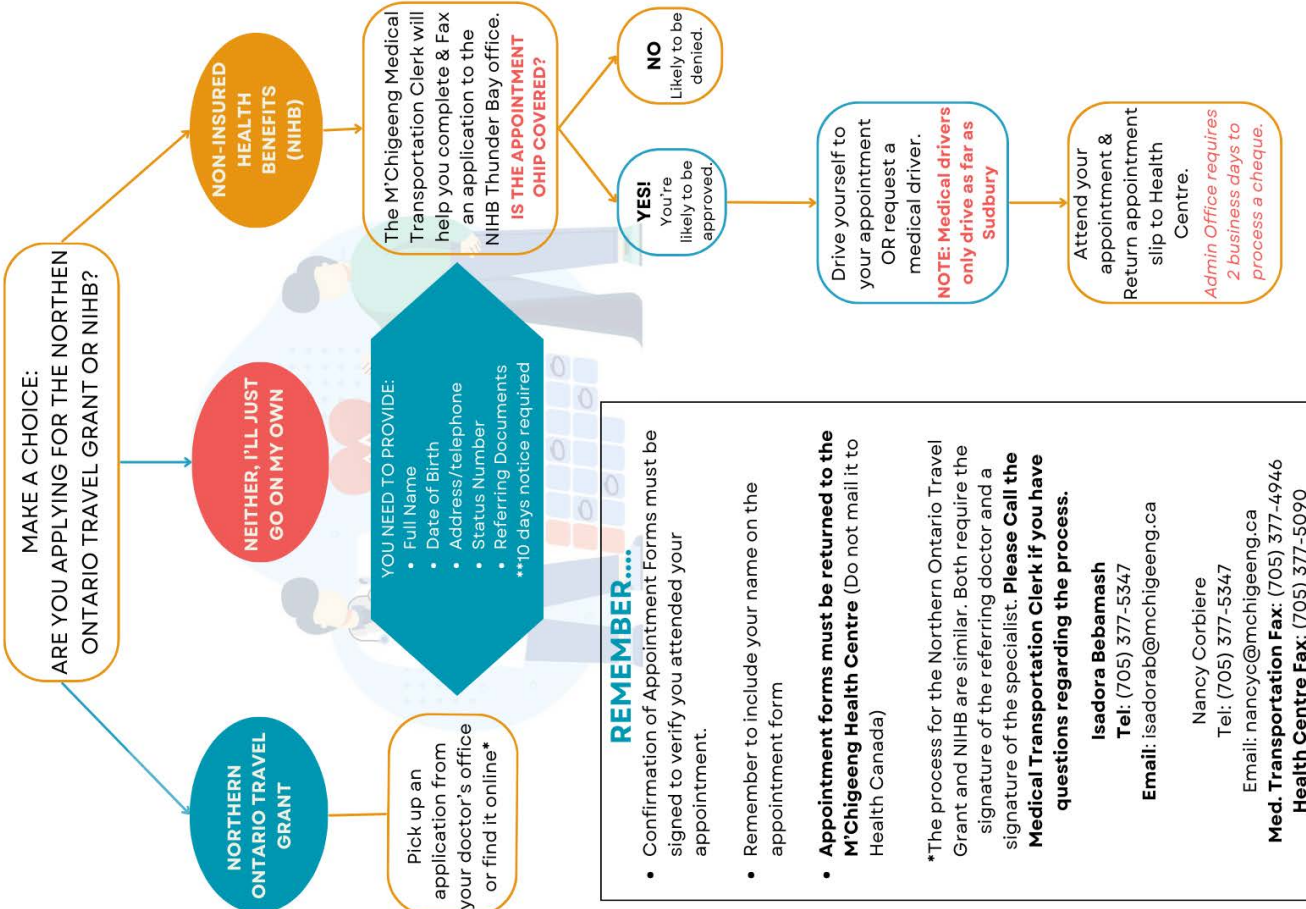
>> At home parents/guardians 9:00AM-3:00PM

** On days you/your spouse are not working we ask that you observe the hours of care for at home parents 9AM-3PM. **

If you are going to be later than 9am, please notify the Centre at 705-377-5383.

M'CHIGEENG HEALTH SERVICES

MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION
FOR APPOINTMENTS OUTSIDE M'CHIGEENG



Christmas at Binoojiinh Gamgoonhs

Santa will be visiting the Daycare Centre on Friday, December 15th starting at 10am. Parents/Caregivers – Gentle reminder to have your child's wrapped gift with their name on it to the daycare centre by Wednesday, December 13th

Christmas Holidays start at 12:00noon on Thursday, December 21st (Children need to be picked up by 12noon on this day), we will be OPEN TO WORKING FAMILIES ONLY from January 2-5, 2024. Back to regular hours on Monday, January 8, 2024.

HIAH, Grocery Store and MERE Board of Director Vacancies

Are you a dedicated M'Chigeeng Band Member aged 18 or older? Here's your chance to contribute to Economic and Community Development. Find all board applications online at mchigeeng.ca/hiah or pick one up at the Administration Office.

Board Member Criteria:

- Passion for Economic and Community Development
- Experience in Economic or Business Development
- Education or relevant work experience in economics, business, or finance
- Effective communication skills

How to Apply: Pick up a Board Application at the Administration Office, online at mchigeeng.ca/hiah or request it by email.

Term of Appointment: Two (2) years.

Time Commitment: Monthly board meetings with possible special meetings.

For a copy of the By-Law or further information, contact Natalie Shawana at 705-377-5362 ext #231 or email natalies@mchigeeng.ca.



Blue Christmas Gathering

How to survive the Holidays after a
loss of a Loved One *& still find hope!*

Tuesday, December 12
@5:30-8:30pm

Facilitated by Christy
Taibossigai & Tammy Gordon
Refreshments provided

61 Lakeview Dr. M'Chigeeng, ON.
M'Chigeeng Wellness Centre

"Until you have buried someone you love,
you won't understand how hard a
Holiday, Death Day, Birthday, or any
other day is without them"

For transportation (if required) call Angela McGraw 705.377.4240