

# The Cedar Branch

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Designed by Isaac Gosse

## HIGHLIGHTS

### **Communications Future Projects:**

Establishing a Youtube channel to share and archive community events while also collection and restoring previous VHS footage from the 70s 80s and 90s...(read more on page 10)

### **Education:**

...Sponsorship of 119 students...(read more on page 11)

### **Youth Program**

... another youth engagement session scheduled due to previous success October 23rd... (read more on page 13)

### **Lands and Resource Department:**

Positions has been filled!...(Read more on Page 5)

### **Elders Events:**

... New growth in the gardens at the AG building...(Read more on page 16)

**Reviving Tradition:** As autumn approached, the elders embraced creativity and cultural expression. On October 3rd...(Read more on page 17)

### **Community Story Call-Out!**

...From the very beginning, Summer envisioned her shop as more than just a store. She wanted it to be a space where Indigenous Creativity could be celebrated and...(Read more on page 18)





# Letter from Enaagdenjged

Dear M'Chigeeng First Nation Community Members,

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the Cedar Branch Newsletter — a space created to celebrate our voices, share our stories, and strengthen the bonds that unite us.

This newsletter is more than just updates and announcements; it's a reflection of our team's resilience, our traditions, and our collective journey. Each edition will highlight the projects of our departments, the energy of our staff, and the heartbeat of our community. Whether it's cultural events, local achievements, or important news, we aim to keep you informed, inspired, and connected.

As we move forward together, we want to take a moment to share the exciting progress and ongoing work being carried out across our departments. Your continued support and engagement are the foundation of our success, and we remain committed to transparency, collaboration, and service.

We are proud of the strides we've made, but we know there is always more work to do. Thank you for being an essential part of our journey. Together, we are building a stronger, more vibrant community.



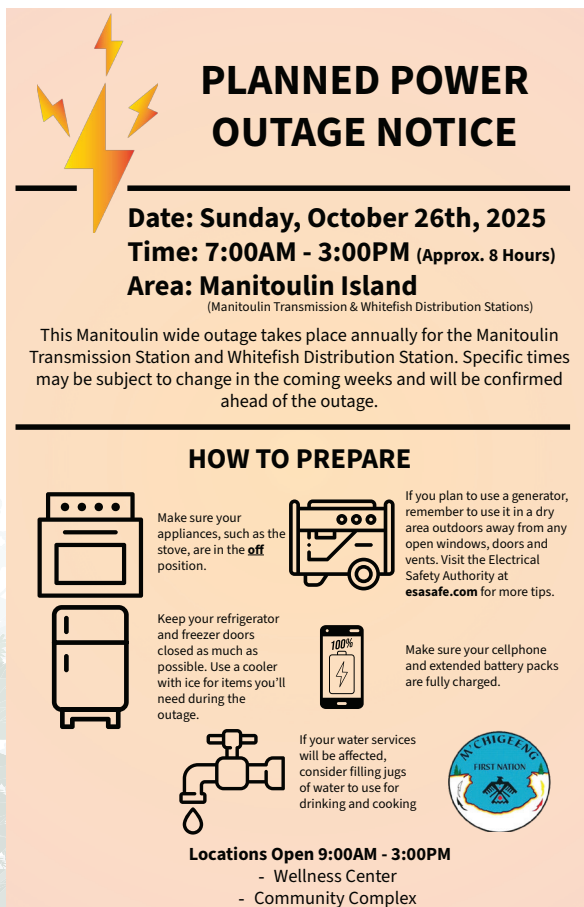
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Shannon Bebamash  
Enaagdenjged



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## PLANNED POWER OUTAGE NOTICE


**Date: Sunday, October 26th, 2025**  
**Time: 7:00AM - 3:00PM (Approx. 8 Hours)**  
**Area: Manitoulin Island**  
 (Manitoulin Transmission & Whitefish Distribution Stations)

This Manitoulin wide outage takes place annually for the Manitoulin Transmission Station and Whitefish Distribution Station. Specific times may be subject to change in the coming weeks and will be confirmed ahead of the outage.

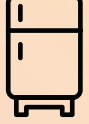
### HOW TO PREPARE



Make sure your appliances, such as the stove, are in the **off** position.




If you plan to use a generator, remember to use it in a dry area outdoors away from any open windows, doors and vents. Visit the Electrical Safety Authority at [esasafe.com](http://esasafe.com) for more tips.




Keep your refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible. Use a cooler with ice for items you'll need during the outage.



Make sure your cellphone and extended battery packs are fully charged.



If your water services will be affected, consider filling jugs of water to use for drinking and cooking



**Locations Open 9:00AM - 3:00PM**  
 - Wellness Center  
 - Community Complex



## BEADED BRACELET MAKING WORKSHOP

**WITH JANICE CADZ**  
 FROM UCCMM INDIAN REINTEGRATION & SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM

**Thursdays**  
**October 16, 2025**  
**October 30, 2025**  
 @M'Chigeeng Youth Centre  
 5:00pm-9:00pm  
 Ages 11-18

12 spots available- register in advance  
 Dinner provided

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 Janice Cadz  
[youthreintegration@uccmm.ca](mailto:youthreintegration@uccmm.ca) or 705-377-3011



**M'CHIGEENG YOUTH ENGAGEMENT SESSION**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025**  
**@M'CHIGEENG YOUTH CENTRE**  
**5:00PM-7:00PM**  
**AGES 11-29**

- PIZZA DINNER PROVIDED
- ENJOY YOUTH CENTRE ACTIVITIES AFTER ENGAGEMENT SESSION
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**YOUTH-LED PROGRAM PLANNING.**

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# Letter from the Office Adminidtrator



Aanii M'Chigeeng!

Hope everyone had a great summer! I have been pretty busy this past year with a Project for the post office since November 2024. Prior to that I was in negotiations, to secure funds with Canada Post on the relocation and upgrade. It has been a huge learning experience understanding the operations of the Canada Post. Thank you all for your patience in this journey and I love seeing this new venue in our community for our members. I'd like to welcome Michelle Mat-tatall, Postal Service Clerk, and Ja-nine Corbiere, Postal Lead, to the postal service. If you are interested in working as an on-call employee, please send in your resume.

On another note, we have secured a Lands Coordinator, Angela McEwen. Since our former Lands



Coordinator moved on, I also did some training in lands to continue the service until the position was filled. This year, we will be planning around Environment & Land ensuring more Lands knowledge sharing, partnering with Lakeview School (educational pieces), policy development, procedural Manual and more information meetings on estates. Also, under the Lands, we will be reaching out regularly to ensure that cenotaph is updated, maintained with the communities' help of course. I remember initiatives that were mentioned by some of members like the veteran's flags on the poles, updating names and working on a booklet. We will have this soon, please watch for posting. We also had a program for our members, who were ready to build under the First Nation Housing Fund Program – reimbursement for the surveys. This department also assists band members with Estates matters.

## ESTATES

The federal government administers what happens to an estate when someone passes away. However, MFN can assist in making the process less stressful. Estate planning with your loved ones eliminates future disputes, as it provides a clear indication for the distribution property & assets. We can help you with preparing a Will, choosing an Executor, & explain the legal process after death.

### What We Can help you do:

1. We can assist with your land descriptions for your will and explain the process of estates administration.
2. We can assist administrators in the performance of their responsibilities

### What Wills Do:

Wills will help your family. Wills will keep peace in your family. A will is your voice, guiding your family on how you want your belongings to be distributed.

## 18 + ROBINSON HURON TREATY

For our Minors, turning 18. There is a requirement to take a financial training course, which the link can be obtained on the members' portal. If you need help with your application, you can come into the administration office to ask for help.

1. Print off the Application and complete the application. Sign this with a pen only.
2. Copy of the certificate
3. You will need a copy of 2 pieces of ID.
4. Obtain a bank confirmation from the bank or a void cheque.
5. Submit to MFN@peacehills.com or drop off at the administration office, we can email the information in.

*The course will take approximately 1 hour. The course does not require a final exam.*



Miigwech  
Marlene Debassige  
Office Administrator

**COMING UP!**  
**CONSULTATION**  
**ELECTION CODE**



# Lands and Resources Department.

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My English name is Angela McEwen. I am a member of Batchewana First Nation, Anishinaabe and Lakota Dakota lineage with Arabian ancestry, and hail from Minnesota and Obadjiwan. I am the new Lands and Resources Co-ordinator and very excited and Honoured to be working for M'Chigeeng. I grew up in northern Ontario hunting, fishing, foraging, berry picking, gardening, canning, and harvesting. I have been working with our communities, people and organizations for more than 30 years as an environmental scientist, investigative journalist, environmental consultant, project technologist (environmental remediation and due diligence), construction and mitigation inspector, an educator, senior policy analyst (scientific researcher - water) and a volunteer. Over the years I had the Honour to work with youth and children, creating and teaching workshops that combine Traditional Ecological Knowledge, Traditional Teachings, western



science, land-based values, and environmental stewardship principles. My Clan and name are carried down through both my Lakota Dakota and Anishinaabe lineage which also include Medicine Men, Traditional Chiefs and Healers. I am very Honoured and Proud to be a Jingle Dress dancer and carry a Woman's hand drum.

Over the coming months I will be organizing events, activities, and gatherings some of which will include land-based workshops, informal gatherings, and community planning sessions. I am very passionate about sharing and incorporating knowledge about the environment, our Teachings, our culture, our beliefs and our traditions. If you have any questions about your land, your estate, hunting, fishing or the environment please call, email, or visit me anytime:

angelamcewen@mchigeeng.ca 705-377 5362 ext. 1234.

Chii meegwetch! I look forward to meeting and working with you. Enjoy your day!  
Angela

**Honouring Our Veterans**

The Lands and Resources Department invites community members to an informal gathering to share the stories of your loved ones who served in the military.

**Location:** Chief and Council Chambers  
**Date:** Monday, October 20th @ 6:30 - 8:30PM

**Tea, coffee, and Fruit provided**


**We are collecting:**

- Names, Birth dates and Service details
- Honorable mentions and achievements
- Heartwarming memories, mementos, or photographs

This information will be cherished and included in our Remembrance Day Ceremony in November.

**Facilitating:** Angela McEwen  
**Contact:** Lands and Resource Department  
**Phone:** 705-377-5362 ext. 1234  
**Email:** lands@mchigeeng.ca

If you are unable to attend the gathering, please visit the MFN Website to complete our survey.

## Community Feast in Planning!

We are planning a community feast and hide tanning event in early November. We currently have a beautiful moose hide in a freezer freshly shot and donated by a local hunter. We will be bringing in a person to share Traditional Teachings and instructions on how to build a frame and tan and clean the moose hide and hair. So far this is where we are at in the planning stages:

In early November (date to be determined) a community potluck feast will be held at the complex. The hide tanning will take place in a prospector's tent with a wood stove outside. It will be fairly cold this time of year, and we want to make sure all our members and Elders are warm and comfortable. We will be utilizing the kitchen at the complex to cook, serve and clean up once the feast is done. More than likely the hide tanning will take place for a few days. It will be informal and people can come and go as they like to tan the hide, listen to some teachings or just visit and share stories.

We are currently accepting and looking for donations of food, volunteers, cooks, clean up crew, set up etc. If anyone is interested in helping or knows someone who would be interested, please contact me at angelamcewen@mchigeeng.ca or call 705 377 5362 ext. 1234.





# Administration - Human Resources

## What is Human Resources and What do we do?

Human Resources plays a strategic role in supporting the First Nation's workforce by managing recruitment, employee relations, training, policy development, and compensation. HR helps build community capacity by promoting employment opportunities for members, supporting leadership with staffing and organizational planning, and creating a positive, inclusive environment rooted in respect and accountability. By balancing professional standards with the unique needs of the community, HR contributes to the overall well-being, self-governance, and long-term success of M'Chigeeng First Nation.



## Meet the Human Resource Team



**Ashley Pitt**  
Serving as Human  
Resource Manager



**Andrew Hall**  
Serving as Human  
Resource Generalist

## Highlights of Human Resources

Introduction of Cultural Days  
for Staff

Working on a software system  
to integrate processes for effi-  
cient time and attendance and  
payroll.

## Welcome Our new Staff in September

Margaret Eadie – Jordan's Principle Case Manager – Health & Wellness Department

Robin Party - Jordan's Principle Case Manager – Health & Wellness Department

Ron Titto – Accounts Receivable/ General Ledger Clerk – Finance Department

Katrina Wilhelm – Mental Health & Addictions Supervisor – Health Service

Nicole Rouselle – Payroll Clerk – Human Resource Department

Winnie Panamick – General Clerk – Administration Building

## Available Positions

### **FINANCE**

Director of Finance

### **HIAH**

Business and Economic Development Manager  
Finance Clerk – HIAH - Term

### **CAPITAL PROJECTS / PUBLIC WORKS**

Janitors – Various Locations  
Parks and Recreation Worker – On Call

### **HEALTH SERVICES**

Health Services Department Manager  
Nursing Supervisor – Term  
Health Receptionist / Data Clerk  
Personal Support Worker  
Community Wellness Worker

### **MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS**

Child & Youth Mental Health and Addictions Counsellor  
Mental Health and Addictions Counsellor  
Child & Youth Worker

### **HEALTH & WELLNESS**

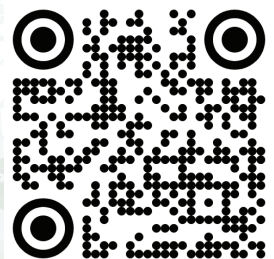
Human Resources Generalist  
In-Home Support Worker  
Jordan's Principle Case Manager  
Post Majority Support Services Navigator  
Band Representative  
Community Initiatives Coordinator  
Community Connector

### **EDUCATION**

Director of Education  
Education Office Manager  
Child and Family Support Program Coordinator  
Cooks  
Occasional Teachers  
Registered Early Childhood Educators

To view the full Job Description visit <https://mchigeeng.ca/employment/> or drop by the administration building to speak with a team member in Human Resources.

You can also scan this QR code with your mobile device to go right to our Careers Page!







## CPPW

### **Public Works:**

Public Works department has had a busy Spring/Summer season with the road grading construction on Crosshill Rd come to a completion. They continue to assist with road maintenance, garbage pick up, water delivery and other public services. Going into the Fall/Winter season, they are looking for tenders on sand and salt, as well as planning a snowplowing schedule to streamline the process. A new snowplow has been ordered to help with this process.

### **Housing:**

Housing continues to be busy with maintenance/repairs on our units. Elders also having some of their requests being completed. Our Maintenance staff have been working hard to complete work on the units. We have also had local contractors in helping with repairs and renovations. We have received several rental applications and discussions are being had as to moving forward with some new builds to accommodate those who have larger families. This large of a project of course falls under the Capital Projects management as well. Many thoughtful layouts as well as designs are being looked at at this time. This project would perhaps see at least ten 3 bedroom units being built. Saswaahns will soon be getting a much needed facelift and renovation. With mobility issues in mind, easier access in and out of the building are being incorporated in the renovations.

### **Water:**

It was a great summer for the new splash pad. The new water staff trainees were able to learn and assist with the up keep of the splash pad. The department was very busy with new water hook-ups and installation of water tanks etc. The continued service that they provide keeping the water plant in operational condition is very much a group effort.

### **CPPW:**

Lakeview Lagoons and the new Solid Waste Transfer site are ongoing and 2 of the larger and much needed projects being looked after by Ryan Corbiere. As well, many other smaller projects are on the go. New Dock planning, Arena repairs, implementing a new plan for the Complex building business sites are currently being looked at. There is private First Nation businesses that are inquiring about the available space.

### **CrossHill Road Project Completed**

CrossHill Road has undergone a major transformation over the past two years, addressing both critical infrastructure needs and long-awaited surface improvements.

### **History**

In 2023, the road was part of a significant undertaking that saw a 4-kilometre water line installed to service more than 35 homes, as well as support future lot and subdivision development. While the water project was a success, it left the road in dire need of repairs, and initial funding fell short of completing the surface restoration.

### **Solution**

In 2024, a funding request was submitted to Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to support the rehabilitation of CrossHill Road. ISC responded by committing funds over two fiscal years to ensure the project could be completed during the 2024–2025 construction seasons.

In 2024, E. Corbiere and Sons were awarded the tender for ditching, culvert replacement, and graveling, which was completed by August 2025.

In 2025, Beamish Construction was awarded the tender for surface treatment. Their crew applied chip and tar surfacing, finishing the project in August 2025. (Continued on next page)



After a long construction season, the work was completed on August 21, 2025, marking the full rehabilitation of CrossHill Road.

These photos showcase the Beamish crew installing the chip and tar, along with the CPPW truck on-site. This milestone reflects strong collaboration, planning, and investment in the long-term development of our community's infrastructure.



## Upgrades to Outdoor Basketball Court For Our Community Use!

M'Chigeeng's Outdoor Rink (ODR) has received some exciting upgrades! Thanks to the combined efforts of several departments and community partners, our basketball court is now ready for play with brand new equipment.

- Basketball nets were generously supplied by the Health Department to encourage active living and wellness in the community.
- Poles were donated and installed by Coles Property Development (C.P.D.), providing the sturdy foundation needed for the new nets.
- Back boards were carefully installed by the dedicated team from CPPW/Housing Maintenance Crew, ensuring everything was secured and game-ready.

These upgrades reflect the strength of our community partnerships and the importance of creating safe, fun, and healthy spaces for all ages to enjoy. Whether you're shooting hoops for fun, practice, or friendly competition, we encourage everyone to come out and make the most of this revitalized court!



### Staff Update

We'd like to share a few updates within our CPPW and Housing teams. Winnie Panamick has transitioned from her role as Housing Officer and is now serving as Front Reception at the MFN Administration Office. We wish her all the best in her new position!

Francine Gosse has stepped into a dual role as Housing Coordinator and CPPW Administrative Assistant, supporting both programs with her experience and dedication.





# Communications Department

## Boozhoo M'Chigeeng!

My name is Isaac Gosse, and I am honoured to serve as the Communications Officer for M'Chigeeng First Nation. I was born in London, Ontario, and moved to the Island when I was eight years old. Growing up in Mindemoya and attending MSS gave me a strong connection to our community and culture. Over the years, I've developed a passion for content creation, technology, film, music, and photography. I enjoy working with my hands, but also love creating digital content that is engaging, fun, and easy to follow.

## My Goals

As Communications Officer, my main goal is to strengthen our community's voice by building a clear, consistent, and trusted brand—one that reflects our values, engages our members, and invites the wider world to learn and grow alongside us.



## What I Do

My role covers many different areas of communication and media. Some of my key responsibilities include:

- Regulating and ensuring consistency of all content with our community's brand.
- Keeping our website current and accurate.
- Designing posters and visual content for events and announcements.
- Taking photos and documenting community gatherings.
- Managing our social media pages and posts.
- Working with inter-department managers to ensure communication flows smoothly across all areas of our administration.

## Ongoing Projects

I am currently working on several projects that aim to improve how we share and preserve community information:

- Quarterly newsletters and AGM report booklets to keep members informed.
- Establishing a YouTube channel to share and archive community events.
- Pursuing a grant to create a professional space for filming and documenting elder interviews, ensuring these important voices are preserved.

## Future Projects

Looking ahead, I am excited to begin projects that strengthen cultural preservation and language revitalization:

- Working with elders to write an Anishinaabe language course for our community.
- Collecting, restoring, and uploading old footage of M'Chigeeng events and culture to our YouTube channel as part of a "Culture and History" series.

## Moving Forward Together

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve our community in this role. Communication is the bridge that connects us, and I look forward to continuing to build that bridge with all of you—celebrating our successes, preserving our history, and strengthening our future.

Miigwech, Isaac Gosse  
Communications Officer, M'Chigeeng First Nation

# Education Department Update

Overall, the Education Department has gone through many challenges and successes despite the turn-around in staff. On a positive note, this did not deter student services from being disrupted. Looking at each challenge as a learning opportunity has made the department evaluate and make changes to enhance our service delivery to our community.

The **Binoojinh Gamgoonhs** has a full capacity of staff. On June 20, 2025 there were six graduates. They have now moved on to Full Day Kindergarten Program at Lakeview School. We have a Quality Improvement Program that is happening at the Center focusing on reading. This is to help our young learners develop a strong foundation in reading. We also provide a strong Ojibwe language and culture program led by fluent speakers. It is important for our future leaders to know who they are and where they come from. Binoojinh Gamgoonhs is under the supervision of Denise Debassige and Debbie Ense.

**Lakeview School** began the school year on a positive note with a full capacity of staff with Roxanne Corbiere (Mandamin) and Deana Debassige Wood leading the way. A big focus on cultural teachings to go alongside the academic learning has had a positive impact on our students. This past June we saw eighteen students graduate from grade eight. We wish them well as they begin the next educational journey into high school.

**Manitoulin Secondary School** had the biggest graduating class this year with eighteen of the students from M'Chigeeng. Thirteen of the students began grade nine together and were successful in completing their OSSD in four years. Justin Francis is the High School Navigator and makes the students feel as comfortable as can be while guiding them each step of the way.

**Post Secondary Education** saw twenty-nine graduates from various educational institutions. This 2025-26 academic year we have been able to sponsor 119 students into various programs. Bonnie Beat-tie is our Post Secondary Navigator.

Miigwech,  
**Janette Corston**  
Director of Education (Interim)

## New Student Transportation Van Supporting Special Needs

In 2022, Lakeview School identified a serious gap in student transportation. Many students with special needs or those enrolled in modified programs were struggling to get to and from school due to the lack of a dedicated vehicle. While Council approved funding that same year, the project unfortunately stalled and no progress was made at that time.

Fast forward to 2025, Janette stepped in and took the reins to make sure this important initiative became a reality. In June of this year, a specialized van was purchased to support these students and their families.



This new vehicle provides a safe, reliable, and consistent transportation option for any child with special needs or modified programming. Parents can now rest assured knowing their children have dependable access to school, reducing stress and removing barriers to education.

The van represents more than just transportation—it's an investment in inclusivity, equity, and the success of every student at Lakeview School.





# Youth Program Report

**Reporting Period: July – September 2025**

**Prepared by: M'Chigeeng Youth Program**

## July Highlights

- Ball Hockey Nights
- Vaping/Smoking Prevention Workshop
- Mississauga Provincial Park Camping Trip
- M'Chigeeng Youth Running Club
- Internet Safety Workshop with UCCMM
- Maple Leafs Draw Prize & Youth Centre Drop-In
- Kids Summer Day Camp

## Kids Summer Day Camp

Held every Monday and Tuesday at the M'Chigeeng Arena and Youth Centre in partnership with Thunderbird Partnership Foundation, the camp offered youth a variety of fun and engaging activities. These included ball hockey, indoor soccer, painting, board games, drawing, hiking, lacrosse, cooking, and more. Guest facilitators also led sessions on hand drumming, leather pouch making, and smoking prevention. On July 28, campers took a trip to Urban Air Trampoline Park in Sudbury, where they enjoyed trampolines, dodgeball, obstacle courses, rock climbing, ziplining, and more.

## Youth Camping Trip at Mississauga Provincial Park

A 3-day youth camping trip was held in partnership with Thunderbird Partnership Foundation and the M'Chigeeng Youth Program. Eight Indigenous youth from Manitoulin Island (including four from M'Chigeeng) participated. Activities included hiking, swimming, outdoor cooking, fire building, painting, and UNO. The trip provided youth with a meaningful outdoor cultural and recreational experience.

## Maple Leafs Draw Prize & Youth Centre Drop-In

To wrap up an incentive program that ran from March 24 to July 7, a special drop-in and draw prize event was held. Youth had the opportunity to earn one entry per day of full participation at the Youth Program. The grand prize was a Toronto Maple Leafs team-signed "Black Excellence" hoodie featuring signatures from Auston Matthews, Mitch Marner, John Tavares, Max Pacioretty, Max Domi, Joseph Woll, William Nylander, Matthew Knies, and more. A participant from the M'Chigeeng Youth Volleyball Team won the hoodie.

## August Highlights

- Family Fun Weekend
- Vaping/Smoking Prevention Workshop
- Kids Summer Day Camp
- Internet Safety Workshop
- Wednesday Games Nights

## Family Fun Weekend (August 22–24)

M'Chigeeng Youth Program, Partner in Parenting Worker, and In-Home Support Worker collaborated to organize and deliver the annual Family Fun Weekend. We brought back old favorites like inflatables, sumo suits, tie dye shirts, canoe races, weiner roast, fireworks, pancake breakfast and as well as adding ball hockey, teddy bear picnic, Laurentian's earth sciences booth, and more.

The Youth Program coordinated the Ball Hockey Tournament, managed activity scheduling, facilitated the Shane Bebonang & Daniel Simon 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, and hosted the closing ceremony. The closing featured the unveiling of new basketball nets at the Outdoor Rink (installed by CPPW) and a dunk show by Jordan Kilgannon, known worldwide as one of the best basketball dunkers.

## Event Partners & Supporters:

It's Not a Park Without Us, Game-On Express, Laurentian University, UCCM Police, UCCMM Justice Department, Lakeview School, Ojibwe Cultural Foundation, M'Chigeeng Binojiihn Gamgoonhs, M'Chigeeng Fire Department, Dreamcatcher Fireworks, Noojmowin Teg, Pam Roy, CPPW, M'Chigeeng Arena staff, and more.



## September Highlights

### September 10 – M'Chigeeng Health Services 5-Year Evaluation: Youth Engagement Session

Hosted at the M'Chigeeng Youth Centre, this session gathered youth input on M'Chigeeng Health Services and the Youth Program. Participants completed surveys, joined focus groups, and shared feedback. A pizza dinner was provided.

#### Incentives:

- Door prize: two electric scooters with helmets
- Entry into a community draw for a 50-inch TV

Due to its success, another Youth Engagement Session is scheduled for October 23, 2025 from 5:00–7:00 p.m. at the Youth Centre. Youth who participate will receive first priority for upcoming trips (e.g., Ottawa 67's hockey game, February ski trip).

### September 26 – PD Day Trip to Apex Warrior Gym (Sudbury)

Youth aged 11–18 visited Apex Warrior Gym to try an American Ninja Warrior-style obstacle course. Participants climbed, swung, and ran their way through challenging activities, discovering new interests in fitness and obstacle training. Follow-Up: Each participant will receive a gym drop-in pass, funded by the Youth Program, to use when visiting Sudbury.

## Upcoming Programs

### October

- M'Chigeeng 5K
- Volleyball
- Archery
- Youth Centre Drop-In Nights
- Drop-In Night with Laurentian University
- PD Day Trip to Laurentian University
- Youth Engagement Session

### November

- Public Skating
- Archery
- Basketball
- Youth Centre Drop-In Nights
- PD Day Trip to Ottawa – Oshawa Generals vs. Ottawa 67's (Nov 28–29, 2025)

### December

- Basketball
- Public Skating
- Youth Centre Drop-In Nights
- Christmas Family Dance

### Summary:

The M'Chigeeng Youth Program had a busy and successful summer, offering meaningful activities focused on health, recreation, culture, and youth engagement. With continued programming into the fall and winter, the Youth Program remains committed to supporting M'Chigeeng youth through safe spaces, active living, and community connection.



**PD Day Trip to Laurentian University**

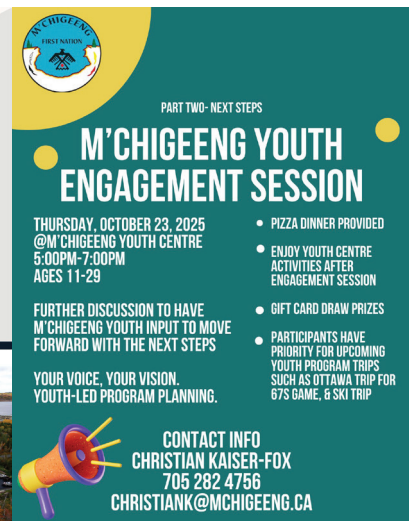
**Monday, October 20, 2025**

Meet at Youth Centre 8:00am  
Leave Youth Centre 8:15am  
LU Tour 10:30am–3:00pm  
Dinner at Restaurant of Choice  
Back at Youth Centre 7:00pm

**Spots are limited**  
**Registration Info:**  
Christian Kaiser-Fox  
705 282 4756  
christiank@mchigeeng.ca

**For Ages 11–18**

Take a tour of Laurentian University's campus led by Laurentian University staff.



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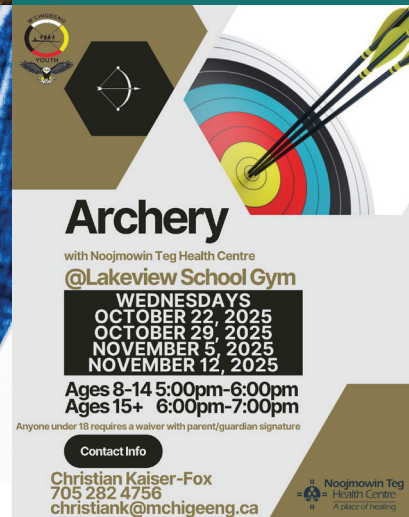
**BEADED BRACELET MAKING WORKSHOP**

**Thursdays**  
**October 16, 2025**  
**October 30, 2025**

FROM UCCMM INDIAN SERVICES PROGRAM

@M'Chigeeng Youth Centre  
5:00pm–6:00pm  
Ages 11–18  
12 spots available – register in advance  
Dinner provided

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**Archery**

with Noojmowin Teg Health Centre  
@Lakeview School Gym

**WEDNESDAYS**  
**OCTOBER 22, 2025**  
**OCTOBER 29, 2025**  
**NOVEMBER 5, 2025**  
**NOVEMBER 12, 2025**

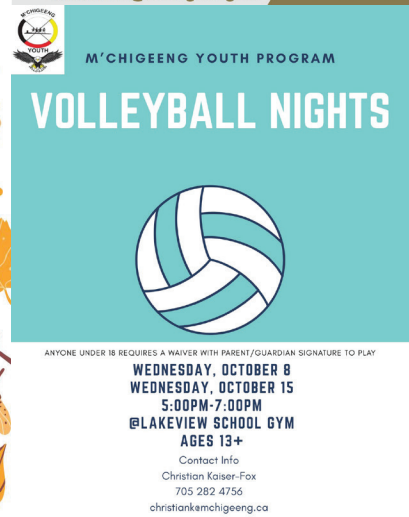
**Ages 8–14 5:00pm–6:00pm**  
**Ages 15+ 6:00pm–7:00pm**

Anyone under 18 requires a waiver with parent/guardian signature

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Noojmowin Teg Health Centre  
A place of healing

OCTOBER 2025 M'Chigeeng Youth Program						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6	7 Youth Centre Drop In 5:00pm–9:00pm Ages 11–18	8 Volleyball Night @Lakeview School 5:00pm–7:00pm Ages 13+	9	10	11
12 M'Chigeeng 5k 8am Registration 9am Start @M'Chigeeng Arena	13 Thanksgiving Day	14 Youth Centre Drop In with Jasmine from LU 5:00pm–9:00pm Ages 11–18	15 Volleyball Night @Lakeview School 5:00pm–7:00pm Ages 13+	16 Beaded Bracelet Making Workshop UCCMM IRSS 5pm–9pm Register in Advance Ages 11–18	17	18
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**M'CHIGEENG YOUTH PROGRAM**

**VOLLEYBALL NIGHTS**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8**  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15**  
**5:00PM–7:00PM**  
**@LAKEVIEW SCHOOL GYM**  
**AGES 13+**

**ANYONE UNDER 18 REQUIRES A WAIVER WITH PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE TO PLAY**

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# HIAH Corp



## Welcome Back, Interim Manager

This past spring, Grant Taibossigai returned to the office as Interim Business and Economic Development Manager. Grant brings valuable knowledge from years of service to M'Chigeeng, and his return has brought stability during this transitional time. Until a full-time manager is hired, he will guide the team through ongoing initiatives like renewable energy, the Lafarge partnership, and major community investment projects. His leadership ensures that HIAH Corp stays on track while continuing to grow and adapt to new opportunities .

### New Location - Easier Access for Community

In March 2025, HIAH Corp moved into a new office at Unit #1, right beside Freshmart Grocery Store. The move makes HIAH services more visible and accessible for community members. Visitors are encouraged to stop by, meet the team, ask questions, and learn more about current business and economic projects. This location was chosen to place HIAH directly in the heart of the community, making economic development services easier to access for everyone .



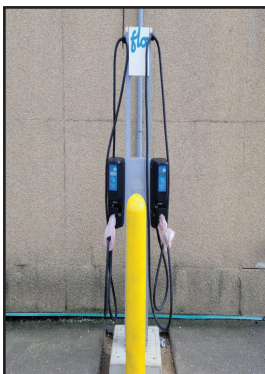
## Major Projects Underway

### M'Chigeeng & Lafarge Investment Project

Planning continues on an advanced Micro Grid energy system. This project is designed to create both long-term investment returns and new employment opportunities. With early-stage research and development support from Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) and full support from Chief & Council, this 3-year initiative marks one of the largest energy projects for M'Chigeeng.

### Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Research this summer confirmed two sites for new charging stations:



- Business Development Centre – to host a Level 3 Fast Charger capable of charging vehicles in about 30 minutes.
- M'Chigeeng Arena – to host two Level 2 Chargers for slower, 4–6 hour charging.

These additions will make M'Chigeeng a key stop for EV drivers on Manitoulin Island and reduce emissions locally .

### Business & Entertainment Development Centre

Work on a new facility continues, with design plans nearly finalized. The 14,000 sq. ft. space will include retail units, meeting rooms, offices, a kitchen, and a main stage for entertainment. Once completed, this centre will provide both economic growth and a cultural gathering place for the community .



## Plug'n Drive Event – May 27 & 28

In late May, M'Chigeeng hosted the Plug'n Drive event, bringing electric vehicles directly to the community for test drives. Residents had the chance to try out EV models with the help of trained ambassadors — no sales pitches, just education. The event highlighted how EVs can save money on fuel, cut emissions, and build a sustainable future. Charging stations across Manitoulin were showcased, and attendees left with hands-on knowledge about this growing industry.

## Community & Business Highlights

### Welcome to the Team

HIAH Corp welcomed two new staff members over the summer:



#### - Tiffany Debassige – Community Economic Coordinator

Tiffany is eager to collaborate with community members on planning and facilitating development projects. Her role includes researching opportunities, supporting local businesses, and helping to attract new investment to M'Chigeeng. Tiffany brings years of administrative experience from the Band Office and is committed to strengthening community economic growth.



#### - Samuel McQuiggan – Community Energy Coordinator

Sam studied Energy Systems – Electrical Technology at Conestoga College, with a focus on renewable energy and sustainable solutions. He's excited to review past and current projects, help move new initiatives forward, and explore ways to reduce emissions and energy costs.

### Freshmart Store Updates

The M'Chigeeng Freshmart has remained busy all summer, with Darren Smith stepping up as Interim Supervisor. Darren, who has been with Freshmart since 2021, is dedicated to providing excellent service and building relationships with community members.

Freshmart introduced new meat box programs this season — offering beef, pork, chicken, and assorted family packs. These programs help families save while shopping locally. The store also promoted BBQ specials and seasonal sales throughout July and August, ensuring the community could enjoy affordable, fresh food for summer gatherings.

### STGC Updates:

She'ndwin Teg Gaming Centre (STGC) continues to host bingo three times a week (Wednesdays, Fridays, Sundays) with additional monthly specials and matinees. These games generate revenue that directly supports local programs — including elders' trips, youth hockey, and other community recreation activities.

At the same time, planning for a new Business and entertainment Center is well underway. This venue will not only modernize bingo services but also create lease spaces for businesses, meetings, and community events.

### Job Opportunities – Summer 2025

HIAH Corp has been actively recruiting over the summer months:

- **Business & Economic Development Manager** – leadership role guiding partnerships, policy, and long-term planning.
- **Community Energy Coordinator** – FILLED as of October 6th

These positions reflect the Nation's ongoing commitment to growing capacity, creating opportunities, and preparing for future challenges.

### Stay Connected

HIAH Corp Office – Unit 1, 404 Hwy 551, beside Freshmart  
705-377-4122 | [grantt@mchigeeng.ca](mailto:grantt@mchigeeng.ca)

Monday–Thursday: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm | Friday: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm





## Celebrating Our Elders: A Season of Connection and Care

This year has been one of warmth, gratitude, and renewal for the Elders of M'Chigeeng First Nation. From the first seedlings planted in the community garden to fall gatherings celebrating art and tradition, 2025 has been a year rich with purpose — one that highlighted the wisdom, joy, and enduring spirit of our Elders.



### New Growth in the Garden – June 15, 2025

The summer began with a return to the land. On June 15th, the Elders' Garden Plots were lovingly revived — an initiative that reconnected many with the earth and the healing rhythm of gardening. Hands worked side by side planting tomatoes and a variety of vegetables, marking a renewal of both community and spirit.

By August 5th, the gardens were thriving, bursting with colour and nourishment — a testament to the care and dedication of those who tended them. The garden has since become more than just a space for growing food; it's a place for storytelling, laughter, and reflection — a reminder that growth, much like wisdom, takes patience and love.



### Caring for Our Elders – June 19 & June 24, 2025

Just days later, Elders gathered for an important wellness event — the Elders Foot Care Clinic with Janet Fathers, held on June 19th. Janet, who has since retired, offered years of compassionate service to M'Chigeeng's Elders, ensuring they received the comfort and attention they deserve. Her steady presence and gentle care have left a lasting impression — and her retirement marks the close of an era defined by kindness.



That same month, joy and excitement filled the AG Building for two beloved community favourites: Nutritional Bingo and Prize Bingo. The June 24th Prize Bingo was particularly lively, with laughter and friendly competition filling the room as Elders played for prizes and enjoyed one another's company. Nutritional Bingo followed soon after, mixing fun

with learning — offering practical tips for healthy living while keeping spirits high.



### Community Celebration – Elders BBQ, July 31, 2025



By mid-summer, the highlight of the season arrived: the Elders BBQ, held on July 31st. The event was a shining example of collaboration and appreciation. Council members joined in to share in the celebration, while the CPPW team prepared a delicious barbecue meal that filled the air with the unmistakable scent of summer.

Adding to the excitement were prizes and giveaways provided by Ontario Works, Education, Castle Building Supply, and the Wellness Centre — each contributing to an atmosphere of generosity and gratitude. The day featured live entertainment, laughter, and dancing, with Elders smiling and visiting under the sun. It was more than just a meal; it was a gathering of hearts — a reminder that respect for our Elders lies at the centre of every strong community.



### Wellness and Pampering – August 25, 2025

As August rolled in, the focus turned to wellness and self-care. On August 25th, Massage Therapist Sara McEvoy began her monthly visits with the Elders, offering much-needed relaxation and rejuvenation. Her visits quickly became something to look forward to – a soothing, personal touch that supports both body and mind.

That same day, Barbra Roberts from Satin Hands and Facials in Gore Bay joined the Elders for a special day of compassionate care. Facials, gentle treatments, and heartfelt conversations filled the space with warmth and laughter. For many, it was a rare and cherished opportunity to slow down, feel pampered, and share in the joy of community connection.



### Reviving Tradition – October 3, 2025

As autumn approached, the Elders embraced creativity and cultural expression. On October 3rd, a Ribbon Skirt Making Workshop was hosted at the AG Building, facilitated by Gmewin Migwans and held in partnership with the Weengushk Film Institute.

The event brought together generations of knowledge, as Elders designed and created ribbon skirts that reflected personal stories, heritage, and identity. The hum of sewing machines blended with the soft rhythm of conversation – a beautiful scene of tradition being passed down and kept alive. Each finished skirt stood as a symbol of pride, resilience, and the

timeless artistry of Anishinaabe women.

### A Night to Remember – October 5, 2025

Just two days later, the Elders attended the Weengushk Film Institute Gala, held on October 5th. Dressed in their finest and filled with pride, the Elders joined filmmakers, artists, and guests in celebrating Indigenous storytelling and creativity. The gala was more than an event – it was a recognition of the powerful voices and lived experiences that continue to shape our culture today.



holds for its Elders.

### Continuing Connection – Ongoing

Throughout the year, Elders Circle Meetings have continued to take place every second Tuesday of the month, serving as a space for open discussion, planning, and community building. These regular gatherings provide an opportunity for Elders to share wisdom, guide projects, and stay informed about the programs that directly support their wellbeing.

From garden harvests to gala evenings, 2025 has been a year of reconnection – between people, the land, and the generations who carry our stories forward. Each event, big or small, stands as a reflection of the care, respect, and love our community

**Miigwech to all who continue to make these moments possible – your work honours the spirit of M'Chigeeng and ensures our Elders remain at the heart of all we do.**





## Community Story Call-Out

This past summer, the streets of downtown Little Current were brightened not only by the sunshine but also by the grand opening of Summer Breeze Co., a floral and gift shop owned and operated by Summer Beaudin, a proud member of M'Chigeeng First Nation. Since welcoming customers through its doors in 2025, Summer Breeze Co. has quickly grown into a gathering place that blends beauty, culture, and community pride.



From the very beginning, Summer envisioned her shop as more than just a store. She wanted it to be a space where Indigenous creativity could be celebrated and shared with the wider public. Today, her shop offers gorgeous floral arrangements alongside handcrafted gifts, artwork, and products that reflect the talent and traditions of M'Chigeeng. The shelves and displays at Summer Breeze Co. feature the creations of well-known community artisans such as Kookie Migwans, Anong Beam, and Riell Beam, ensuring that their work reaches both local residents and visitors from across Manitoulin Island.

The shop's grand opening in 2025 was a milestone moment, drawing friends, family, and supporters from M'Chigeeng and beyond. The overwhelming turnout was more than just a celebration of a new business — it was a reflection of the respect and love Summer has cultivated through her hard work and vision. For many in attendance, it was also a proud reminder of what can be achieved when community members step forward to lead with passion and determination.

In her first year of operation, Summer has already demonstrated what it means to be an entrepreneur rooted in culture. She has created opportunities for fellow M'Chigeeng artisans, giving their work a home in the heart of Little Current, and has inspired other young people to see entrepreneurship as a path worth exploring. Summer Breeze Co. has also become a place where locals and tourists alike can discover the richness of Indigenous art and stories, helping to strengthen cultural pride while building new connections.



Beyond its economic impact, Summer Breeze Co. represents something even greater — it is a living example of Indigenous excellence in action. Summer's ability to weave together business, creativity, and community demonstrates how cultural pride can be at the center of success. She shows that growth and opportunity do not mean leaving traditions behind, but rather carrying them forward into every new venture.

On behalf of the community, we say Miigwetch, Summer, for your leadership, your creativity, and your commitment to uplifting others. Summer Breeze Co. is more than a shop — it is a celebration of who we are, where we come from, and what we can achieve together.

Summer Breeze Co was nominated for Community Highlight by Eden Beaudin



## 36th Annual Pow Wow Unifying Our Generations

On August 30th and 31st, 2025, M'Chigeeng First Nation came together for a powerful weekend of celebration under the theme "Unifying Our Generations." The annual Pow Wow, held at 325-A Highway 551, was a beautiful reflection of culture, community, and continuity — bringing Elders, youth, and families together to honour tradition and share in the heartbeat of the drum.



The weekend featured Head Drum Bear Creek, joined by invited drums Chippewa Travellers, Snake Island, Indian Road, Little Creek, Young Biisineh, and M'Chigeeng's Community Drum, filling the grounds with songs that carried deep pride and spirit. Head Dancers Adrian Klein and Kookie Migwans, along with Head Elders Jerry and Linda Kaboni and Head Veteran Howard Debassige, led the way with grace and strength. Craig Abotossaway and Steven Debassigai for the 4 day Sacred Fire and the Fire Keepers!

Guided by MC Meeg Snake, Co-MC Gordie Odjig, and Arena Director Cheyenne Kitchikake, the Pow Wow grounds were alive with energy. Visitors enjoyed traditional foods, beautiful craft booths, and the vibrant colours of regalia representing generations of artistry and resilience.

The event was a resounding success, with strong attendance from both community members and visitors. The spirit of unity was felt in every song, dance, and shared meal — reminding all who gathered that the connection between generations remains strong and sacred.

Miigwech to all the organizers, dancers, drummers, vendors, and volunteers who helped make this year's Pow Wow a celebration to remember. Another miigwech to our band members that gave speeches, and to the community support in organizing the specials; Patricia Migwans - Womens Traditional; Lourdes Taukei - Jingle Dress; Kevin Eshkawkogan - Jolly Jumpers



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PeaceHills Trust	\$ 5,000.00
<b>BEAR - \$2500+</b>	
BLG	\$ 2,500.00
3rd Line Studio	\$ 2,500.00
Nahwegahbow Corbiere	\$ 2,500.00
<b>TURTLE - \$1000+</b>	
Manitoulin Transport	\$ 2,000.00
AFN Insurance	\$ 1,500.00
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<b>DEER - \$500+</b>	
	\$ 500.00
Innov* Office Solutions	\$ 500.00
Castles	\$ 500.00
Pioneer Construction	\$ 500.00
Rylan's Clothing	\$ 500.00
Manitoulin Physio	\$ 500.00





## Administration Building Staff Listing Administration & Finance



**Shannon Bebamash**  
Enaagdenjged



**Marlene Debassige**  
Office Administrator



**Hayley Nicklasson**  
Executive Assistant



**Ashley Pitt**  
Human Resources  
Manager



**Andrew Hall**  
Human Resources  
Generalist



**Gizel Migwans**  
Elders Navigator



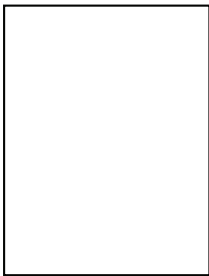
**Isaac Gosse**  
Communications  
Officer



**Harold Thirkill**  
IT Coordinator



**Angela McEwen**  
Lands Officer



**Iris Corbiere**  
Membership and  
Indian Registration  
Administrator



**Nicholas McAndry**  
Admin. Building  
Custodian



**Winnifred Panamick**  
General Clerk Receptionist



**Kathy Debassige**  
Accounts Payable



**Kayla Paul**  
Finance Clerk



**Keegan Peltier**  
Interim Financial  
Planning & Analysis  
Manager



**Nichole Rouselle**  
Payroll



**Ron Zachrias-Titoo**  
Accounts Recievable  
& General Ledger



## CPPW



**Ryan Corbiere**  
CPPW/Housing  
Dept. Manager



**Braydon Patry**  
Buildings and Prop-  
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**Francine Gosse**  
Interim Housing Co-  
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Assistant

## Water Treatment Plant



**Allen Hare**  
Water Treatment  
Plant Supervisor



**Bryan Corbiere**  
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Plant Operator



**Zachary Paul**  
Water Treatment  
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**Dakota Hare**  
Water Treatment  
Plant Trainee



**Roman Hare**  
Water Treatment  
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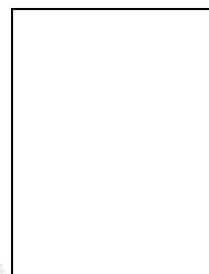
## General Maintenance



**Niighe McCloud**  
Maintenance



**Edward Bebamash**  
Maintenance



**Tautvydas Palsauskas**  
Maintenance

## Public Works



**Sheldon Cada**  
Public Works  
Maintenance



**Michael Simmers**  
Public Works  
Maintenance



**Dustin Corbiere**  
Public Works  
Maintenance

## Community Complex/Area & Parks



**Billy Joe Fox**  
Community Complex  
Supervisor



**Matthew McGregor**  
Parks & Recreation  
Worker



**Ladislav Vernarsky**  
Parks & Recreation  
Worker



## Education



**Janette Corston**  
Interim Director of  
Education



**Sandra Taibossigai**  
Interim Education  
Office Manager



**Bonnie Beattie**  
Post Secondary Edu-  
cation Navigator



**Justeen Debassige**  
Interim Jordan's  
Principle Navigator

## Ontario Works



**John Ense**  
Ontario Works  
Manager



**Colleen Debassige**  
Administrative  
Assistant



**April Corbiere**  
Community Place-  
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**Abigail Paul**  
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**Amy Migwans**  
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Assistant & Food  
Depot Wroker



**Gillian Maskell**  
Client Intake Worker



## Fall Fun Word Search – Dagwaagin Dibaajimowin

As the leaves turn and the air cools, enjoy this cozy fall-themed word search!

Find the hidden English and Anishinaabemowin words related to autumn, community, and nature.

Words can be hidden forwards, backwards, diagonal, or vertical.

### Word List

Fall	Dagwaagin
Leaf	Waabigwan
Fire	Ishkode
Tree	Mitig
Drum	Dewe'igan
Family	Niigaan
Feast	Mno-miijim
Wind	Noodin
Lake	Zaaga'igan
Sun	Giizis
Moon	Dibiki-giizis
Pumpkin	Oshki-bimide
Cedar	Giizhik

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## Learn a New Word – Gikendaaswin Corner

English	Anishinaabemowin	Pronunciation	Meaning
Sun	Giizis	gee-zis	The sun
Cedar	Giizhik	gee-zhik	Sacred medicine
Wind	Noodin	noo-din	The wind





# Our Vision Statement

“M’Chigeeng Anishinabek will be a vibrant, progressive, proud, united Ojibwe-speaking First Nation. Our people will be healthy, self-reliant, respectful of our obligations to Mother Earth, and culturally grounded, showing mutual respect and support for all people.”

## AANI, BOOZHOO!

Centrally located on Manitoulin Island within the Great Lakes Region of Northern Ontario, Canada, the heart of the community is located within the bay surrounded by the North Channel of Lake Huron. The First Nation formerly known as West Bay, proudly changed the name of the community to M’Chigeeng (Pronounced Shi-geeng).

The second largest First Nation on Manitoulin Island was settled in the middle of the 19th century when many Anishinabek from the north shore area relocated. M’Chigeeng is now home to the Anishinabek of the Three Fires Confederacy: Odawa, Ojibway and the Pottawattomi Nations. The total Registered Population of M’Chigeeng First Nation is 2,543 – (Source: INAC)

