



NETMIZAAGGAMIG NISHNAABEG

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FOREST FIRE SITUATION UPDATE

July 16, 2026

I would like to provide the community with an update on the current forest fire situation north of Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg.

Based on the latest information received directly from the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Wawa Fire Management Unit, there are currently two active forest fires north of the community:

- **Wawa 18**, located west of White Lake, is approximately **0.1 hectares** in size and is **currently being held**. This fire does **not** pose a threat to the community.
- **Wawa 17**, located east of White Lake, is **not yet under control**. It is currently approximately **13.1 kilometres north of Johnny Ks**. MNR aircraft conducted water bucket operations throughout the night, and additional firefighting crews and resources are being deployed today to continue suppression efforts.

The MNR has classified **Wawa 17** as an **Intensity Class 1** fire, the lowest level on the six-point fire intensity scale. At its current intensity, the fire is spreading at an estimated rate of **approximately one meter per minute**.

As part of its contingency planning, the MNR has identified the proximity of Johnny Ks to the fire and is prepared to deploy an **Asset Protection Unit** if conditions warrant. Currently, however, there is **no direct threat** to Johnny K's or to Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg.

Current weather conditions are favourable for firefighting efforts. Winds are from the northwest at approximately **5 km/h**, with gusts up to **15 km/h**, and rainfall is forecast for tomorrow, which may assist in slowing fire activity.

Based on the information available at this time, **neither fire poses a threat to our community**. We will continue to monitor the situation closely.

I will remain in regular contact throughout the day with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Andrew Base of Nookiwin Tribal Council to receive the latest updates. Should there be any significant developments or changes that could affect our community, I will share that information as soon as it becomes available.

As a reminder, the **community-wide fire ban remains in effect**. I ask all residents and visitors to continue respecting the ban by avoiding open burning, campfires, fireworks, and any other open flames. Please also ensure that cigarettes and other smoking materials are completely extinguished and disposed of safely. Given the current dry conditions, everyone's cooperation is critical in preventing additional fires.

Thank you for your continued vigilance, cooperation, and support as we work together to keep our community safe.

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