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Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg

The third quarterly newsletter is focused on recent events. We have a couple new introductions for the health center staff and a short article for the community comprehensive plan summary.

12th Annual NN Fish Derby June 15-18, 2023

Our Lands and Resources Department hosted their 12th annual Fish Derby. It was delayed two weeks than what was planned, due to a significant forest fire burning out of control within the derby boundaries.

The Lands and Resources Department has been keeping on stride to setting new records each consecutive year they have been facilitating the Derby. This year, they fundraised over \$20,000 for prizes! A special thank you to all Derby Sponsors!

99 participants were registered for this year's fish derby! Another CHI MIIGWECH from Jesse and Hannah of the Lands and Resources Department to all anglers!

Our 2023 winners were:

Adult Walleye	Adult Pike	Youth Walleye	Youth Pike
Godfrey Desmoulin 61 cm	Basil Sabourin 89.5 cm	Abby Sabourin 42.9 cm	Eli Bananish 67.9 cm
Basil Sabourin 59.5 cm	Mike Gaudette 87.5 cm	Dakotah Shaganash- Martin 39.8 cm	Shawn Desmoulin JR 64.3 cm
Kevin Gaudette 59 cm	Claire Desmoulin 76.2 cm	River Michano- Desmoulin 38.8 cm	Sophia Desmoulin 51.9 cm

Territory Overlap Agreement- Press Release

July 31st 2023 was a Celebration and Signing of a Territory Overlap Agreement by Two Superior Region First Nations - Biigtigong Nishnaabeg and Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg, Sets Precedent For Nation to Nation Relations in the Superior Region.



Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg, Ontario - - On July 31, 2023, leadership, and community members of Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg and Biigtigong Nishnaabeg gathered on the



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traditional powwow grounds of Netmizaaggamig to witness the signing of an historic agreement between the two First Nations that was a result of years of hard work and commitment by leadership, legal and technical staff. A Territory Overlap Agreement is a partnership agreement that lays out the foundational working relationship for how each community would exist within each other's respective territories and well as work jointly in areas that overlap each territory. It will also strengthen the relationship between the two First Nations who work with collective visioning and strategies for conservation, development, sustainability and the protection of the lands, waters, and resources for future generations.

The ceremony included a traditional pipe ceremony and a water ceremony bringing together the waters of both communities. The signing of both an official Treaty and the Overlap Agreement by both Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg Chief Louis Kwissiwa and the Biigtigong Nishnaabeg Chief Duncan Michano Jr. being observed by youth, elders, and members of each community as well as invited guests, local regional Mayors, government representatives and Chiefs from the Superior Region was completed. There was an exchange of ceremonial gifts, wampum strings and pulling of beads between Chief Kwissiwa and Chief Michano, followed by a message and honor songs for next generations.



"This Overlap Agreement between Biigtigong Nishnaabeg and Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg is a testament to the effectiveness of our Anishinaabe diplomacy. Our two communities have worked well together, and this is another manifestation of our close relationship.



This Agreement respects and recognizes our inherent authority and jurisdiction over our respective unceded territories and has the added

benefit of providing certainty for our Crown and industry partners" says Chief Louis Kwissiwa.



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Chief Duncan Michano also states that “Biigtigong Nishnaabeg and Netmizaaggamig both understand the importance of respecting each other’s ancestral territories. This agreement is a modern-day model of how our people co-operated with each other in the past so that they could thrive and prosper.”



Celebrations topped off the event to bring together the two First Nations with community building games, social activities and food. Community members were also gifted seedling trees to take home to plant to honor the day and hopes for the future.



Biigtigong Nishnaabeg (formerly the Ojibways of the Pic River First Nation) is located off the TransCanada Highway 11/17, along the northern shores of Gchi-gaming (Lake Superior), adjacent to the Biigtig Zibi (Pic River). They are a vibrant and

progressive Anishnaabe community with a growing population. Biigtigong Nishnaabeg maintains a vision of growth and prosperity, continually striving toward diversified portfolios in mining, forestry, renewable energy, construction, property/land management, procurement, and sustainable development.

Netmizaaggamig is solidifying their reputation as a First Nation to build partnerships and meaningful relationships with Biigtigong, continues to advance their sovereignty through community strategic planning, stewardship, visioning and leadership.



Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg (formerly Pic Mober First Nation) is located off the TransCanada Highway 17, along the eastern shores of Netmizaaggamig (White Lake). Netmizaaggamig means “First Lake from the Big Lake” (Gitchi-Gaming, Lake Superior). Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg’s elders refer to Netmizaaggamig as a warehouse for food, medicines, and an important place for ceremonies. It is the heart of the territory and a core aspect of the community’s



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identity. They have been hunting, trapping, fishing, and caretaking their unceded title lands and waters since time immemorial and continue to do so today. Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg has a strong vision for its present and future socially, politically, and economically. Netmizaaggamig continues to Nation build and is part of a variety of projects that include forestry, mining, housing, land management and more. Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg pursues sustainable development that centers Anishinaabe law and values.

Community Health Fair August 2nd

Health Services hosted another successful health fair at this year's Community Week. We hosted several community partners such as Anishinabek Nation, George Jeffrey Children's Centre, Dilico Anishinabek Family Care, Marjorie House, and Thunder Bay District Health Unit's "Understanding Our Food Systems program. This year's fair was well received, as we had over 90 participants complete our Passport to Health.



We wanted to highlight some of our integral

partners, such as Nookiiwin & Dilico Health Services. These partnerships are integral to the care you receive here in the community. It was great to see the attendees engaging with service providers. Events like this create opportunities for our community members to learn first-hand about the services they can access.



Community members and service providers enjoyed a delicious hamburger and hot dog lunch together at the Pow Wow Grounds.



We are looking forward to next year's Health Fair. Finally, we would also like to say Chi-Migwetch to our Health Team for planning and preparing this event, to ISN for being excellent chefs, and to each and



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every one of the attendees and participants for making it a memorable occasion.



See you all next year!

Community Court Support Worker

Aanii, Hello, Kinnewaya from Teresa Black
It is my pleasure to inform you that I will be your Community Court Support Worker for Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg. My duties are to assist the community members to navigate the judicial system. This includes assisting members with any application pertaining to charges that might have occurred recently or assisting with the ongoing charge(s) and work toward closing those charges with support. To refer in dealing with those charges in the best possible way by working with Nokiiwin Tribal Council's Legal Team.

Nokiiwin's Legal Team - Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg - Providing Legal Support

Lawyer: Maura Dunk

Community Legal Worker: Mitch Lavoie

Community Court Support Worker: Teresa Black

Restorative Justice Coordinator: Jennifer J. McKenzie

Victim Services Social Worker: Jalene Nydam

This is a new venture for me to explore and assist members of our community. Here are some of my duties but not limited to.

First Step: Getting a lawyer - Do you qualify for Legal Aid? If not, we can help you find a representative.

Provide a ride to your first court hearing. Ensure you have your "Disclosure" ready.

Disclosure: Information held against you. The evidence they have on you or any other information the crown may have against you. Your charges against you.

Assist with outcome of sentencing: Restorative Justice, Gladue Circles, Probation, Restitution, or any other requirements the judge may give to you.

Contact Information:

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Chi Miigwetch and I look forward to working with all.

New Referral Clerk for Health Centre!

Hello, I am Cadence Moses-Michano and I am the new Referral Clerk working for Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg. My role is to coordinate long-distance medical transportation to those eligible under the Non-Insured Health Benefits Program. You might know me as the Referral Clerk Helper as I did my Nokiiwin placement here last year during the summer. I am so excited to be back working in this position full time



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and I sure am looking forward to seeing everyone again.

My office is located at the Health Centre and you can contact me at the Health Centre directly @ 807-882-2625 ext 309, my email @ cadence.michano@picmobert.ca, my work cell @ 807-228-1248 or lastly on Facebook: Pic Mobert Referral Clerk.

Education Team Update

BOOZHOO from the Educational Team!!

The summer program hosted in July with the Superior Greenstone School Board was a success and a big thank you to the students and staff! Another highlight for July was the Student Achievement Trip, in which 16 students attended a trip to Toronto, participating in fun, engaging activities.



We have had a very busy summer and hats off to all the students for all their hard work!

With August almost over, we will be gearing up for the start of a new school year. The first day for students will be Tuesday, September 5, 2023. We look

forward to seeing everyone's smiling faces!!

Please reach out if you have questions regarding the upcoming school year. I can be reached at the school 822-2011 or by email at

lori.guinchard@picmobert.ca. Enjoy the rest of the

summer, be safe, stay safe!!

Lori Guinchard

Principal



Comprehensive Community Plan 2023 Implementation Project

About this Project: Started in early 2022 and concluded in July 2023, this project is an extension of the original Comprehensive Community Plan

(CCP) project completed in 2019 by Gwen Andrews and the CCP

Development Committee. A lot has changed since the first version of the CCP was written. In this project, we

decided to go back to the community members and hear their ideas, concerns and what changes are needed to bring us closer to a positive and healthy future. We also gathered updates from the Management and Staff regarding the progress made since



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2019 on the objectives and actions in the original CCP.

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This project owes sincere thanks to the community members who stepped forward to participate on the CCP Implementation Committee and dedicated many hours to CCP discussion, event planning and hosting community engagement events from June 2022 - June 2023.

Our CCP Implementation Committee Members were: Johanna Desmoulin (Project Coordinator), Adolph Bananish, Anna Deschamp, Cecilia McWatch, Edgar Desmoulin, Maggi Hill, Michael Desmoulin, McKayla McWatch, Stan Sabourin, Thurston Kwissiwia, Lisa Haessler (Nokiiwin).

