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A PLACE OF VISIONS AND DREAMS

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Accessing Information on Federal and Provincial Programs

Dear Band Members,

As we go through this global pandemic, a lot of information is coming from both the federal and provincial governments. It hard to keep up with all the different pieces of information.

If you have specific questions about any of the COVID-19 services provided by the federal or provincial governments, an up-to-date and direct source of information is your local MP and MPP offices. We recommend you phone these offices if you have questions.

If you are not sure which level of government delivers the program, call either office and they will direct you.

Who is your local MP and MPP? It depends on where you live. The office you want to call is their constituency office. You can look them up here (or search for “find my mp” or “find my mpp” and this will come up):

Ontario Provincial Government: <https://www.ola.org/en/get-involved/contact-mpp>

Federal Government: <https://www.ourcommons.ca/members/en>

The next page provides contact information for our local MP and MPP here in this area, and provides examples of some of the services you might have questions about.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Franklin Paibomsai'.

Chief Franklin Paibomsai

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Questions about Provincial & Federal Programs?

Federal Government	Ontario Provincial Government
<p>MPs in our area:</p> <p>Algoma Manitoulin Kapuskasing Riding Carol Hughes, MP 705-848-8080 Carol.hughes@parl.gc.ca</p> <p>Sudbury Paul Lefebvre, MP 705-673-7107 Paul.Lefebvre@parl.gc.ca</p> <p>For other areas, find your MP's constituency office by entering your postal code here: www.ourcommons.ca/members/en</p>	<p>MPPs in our area:</p> <p>Algoma-Manitoulin Mike Mantha, MPP 1-800-831-1899 or 705-461-9710 Mmantha-co@ndp.on.ca</p> <p>Sudbury Jamie West, MPP 705-675-1914 Jwest-co@ndp.on.ca</p> <p>For other areas, find your MPP's constituency office by entering your postal code here: www.ola.org/en/get-involved/contact-mpp</p>
<p>Examples of federal programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CERB: Canada Emergency Response Benefit (similar to EI, but broader) • EI (employment insurance) • Canada Child Benefit • Extended deadline for filing taxes • Mortgage deferrals • Withdrawals from Registered Retirement Income Funds (RRIFs) • Suspension of Canada Student Loans and Canada Apprentice Loans payments <p>And at the organization or business level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy • Changes to the work-sharing program • New loan programs are available • Filing taxes (deadline is extended) • Deferral of Sales Tax Remittance and Customs Duty Payments • Indigenous Community Support Fund • Funding for organizations that provide food, address homelessness, or women's shelters and sexual assault centres 	<p>Examples of provincial programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for Families: one-time payment of \$200 per child 0 to 12 years of age, and \$250 for those 0 to 21 years of age with special needs → however availability of this program for students who attend school on reserve is unclear at this time • Increase in Guaranteed Annual Income System (benefit to low-income seniors) • Suspensions of OSAP (Ontario Student Assistance Program) payments • Questions about essential services and closures of business / restrictions, or call a central information line for this topic: 1-888-444-3659. • Phone lines are available for mental health support 24/7; see the list here: https://www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus#section-12

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