October 2021
Binaakwii Giizis
Falling Leaves Moon

THE REZOUND

Gichi-apiitendaagoziwag akina abinoonjiiyag. Every Child Matters

Niminjimenimaanaanig noongom. We are keeping them in our thoughts today.

Since the discovery of unmarked graves at Residential Schools across Canada and the US, the colour orange has become a symbol of honour and resiliency to many nations. With all Shawanosowe students back to in-person learning; the intent of "Every Child Matters" week was to both remember and honour the families impacted by Residential Schools through ceremony, as well as honouring the Anishinaabe way by sharing our teachings and knowledge with our youngest learners. A socially distanced walk, was planned for September 27th, with most classes walking through the community, with families waving in support from their households. A Medicine Walk was planned next for Grades 3-6, with local knowledge keeper Dan Garcia, who shared harvesting and preparation methods of Moozatig. ***Jiis Giizhgaat*** (Fall Harvest) was planned on Wednesday September 29, 2021 for Shawanosowe and Maamwe Kendaasing Early Learning and Innovation Centre Staff, students and their household bubbles. Fifteen booths were set up showcasing traditional trapping methods, preserve making, painting, traditional teas as well as the ever-popular snow cone and popcorn machines courtesy of Whitefish River Health. The weather was sunny and beautiful for the students, and the day's events concluded with a to-go Indian Taco luncheon, enjoyed by all. A Sacred Fire was lit on Friday October 1st, for the students to offer their semaa and to reflect on ***Gichi-apiitendaagoziwag akina abinoonjiiwag, (Every Child Matters).***

Gaagnig Pane Jiyaayaang Anishinaabeg
Forever We Will Remain Anishinaabeg

Please note that the deadline for submissions for the next issue is Thursday October 21st, 2021 at noon.
Miigwetch!
rezoundeditor@whitefishriver.ca

WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION
Remains Under a State of Emergency

BY-LAW 2020.04

of the Whitefish River First Nation Band Council
A By-law respecting the mandatory wearing of masks to prevent the spread of Covid 19 and protect the health, safety and well being of persons in enclosed spaces.

Has been enacted on July 7, 2020.

Wearing a mask or face covering will be required in indoor public spaces beginning July 17, 2020. The mask or facecovering should cover your nose, mouth and chin without gaping. Wearing a mask covering is an additional measure we can take to reduce the spread of Covid 19 and keep each other safe.

This means, with some exceptions, all customers or visitors entering an indoor premise are required to wear a mask or face covering while inside.

Learn how to wear a mask or face covering safely.

How to properly wear a face mask

ENSURE THE PROPER SIDE OF THE MASK FACES OUTWARDS

SECURE THE STRINGS BEHIND YOUR HEAD OR OVER YOUR EARS

PRESS THE METALLIC STRIP TO FIT THE SHAPE OF THE NOSE

COVER MOUTH AND NOSE FULLY, MAKING SURE THERE ARE NO GAPS

WEAR MASK

DO NOT TOUCH THE MASK WHILE USING IT, IF YOU DO WASH YOUR HANDS

REMOVE THE MASK FROM BEHIND BY HOLDING THE STRINGS WITH CLEAN HANDS

FACTS. OVER FEAR

Band Manager - Sandy Jacko

Aanii, Boozhoo

September 30th marked the first National Truth and Reconciliation Day. A day that has long been recognized as Orange Shirt Day. In the days leading up to the 30th, many staff and community members wore their orange shirts to honour and support all those impacted by residential schools. Whitefish River gave out orange shirts and "Every Child Matters" lawn signs to community members who requested them. Due to shipping complications some of the shirts were distributed after orange shirt day. Shawanosowe School staff provided students with teachings and activities to help them understand our history and the significance of the day. A pipe ceremony was held on September 30th for those affected by the residential school system. On Friday, the School held a sacred fire that the students visited in small groups to send their prayers to the spirit world. Miigwech to all those who wore an orange shirt, miigwech to the staff who helped distribute the shirts and signs, miigwech to the staff who helped organized the activities. Through the acknowledgement and recognition of our history, we will move forward as a nation.

With Thanksgiving around the corner, I want to share how grateful I am to have been granted the opportunity to serve Whitefish River First Nation as the new Band Manager. I appreciate that it is an important role and can be a very busy yet rewarding role. I look forward to working with Whitefish River Leadership and staff and for the community of Whitefish River First Nation.

Also, I say miigwech to everyone for everything they did to help to keep the community safe during the pandemic. Miigwech to the Whitefish River Leadership and staff who remained committed to their roles and responsibilities during the height of the pandemic. Miigwech for those individuals who had to work double to ensure continuity of services when the organization was facing staffing shortages. That being said, I say welcome to all the new staff.

Understandably, it would be great if things could go back to the way they were pre-pandemic. Now more than ever, we need to keep vigilant and continue do our part to keep each other safe. As First Nations people, we are resilient and we shall prevail over this pandemic.

This month marks the end of "***Waabagaa Giizis"*** (Changing Leaves Moon) and marks the beginning of ***"Bnaakwii Giizis"*** (Falling Leaves Moon) this marks the beginning of harvest. It is when we as community members begin to harvest the last of the garden crops and start preparing the garden beds for next year. Some community members are out on the land gathering wood for their homes and camps. It is a time when many hunters are heading out to provide food for their families. I encourage everyone who are out on the land to be mindful of their surroundings and to observe safety protocols (ie. Wear orange, no hunting near residential areas). May everyone have a good and bountiful harvest.

Should you wish to reach me, my email is **bandmanager@whitefishriver.ca** or through Administration at 705-285-4335, ext. 223.

Be safe, be well, be kind.

Cheyenne and Jackilene enjoy the clear skies, warm weather and family friendly activities with daughters, Serenity & Cheyanne at Jiis Giizhgaat.

Finance Director - Susan Slomke

Hi/Aanii!

My Name is Susan Everett Slomke.

I grew up in Lively, Ontario, but tried to spend most of my time at my grandparent's place in Silver Water, Ontario on Manitoulin Island. After college, I returned to Gore Bay, where I raised two beautiful daughters. I worked as Plant Manager at the Lafarge Ready Mix plant in M'Chigeeng for 12 years.

Since the first day I started at Whitefish River First Nation, I have been greeted with such a warm welcome by everyone, that it is hard to explain.

I'm so excited to see what the future is going to look like, just not in the Finance Department, but with all the programs and services. There is still so much to learn but I can't wait to help with success of the team at Whitefish River First Nation

I can be reached through Administration at 705-285-4335, ext. 205 or via email at **susans@whitefishriver.ca**

Thank you/Miigwech,
Susan

The Bobcat

Wow! Already, the month of September is done! We were all very anxious to welcome the students back and have had a great start to the school year.

In the first week back, the students learned about **the signing of the Robinson Huron Treaty, which took place on September 8, 1850**. They virtually participated in the Robinson Huron Treaty Gathering and had a great time listening to Chief Paibomsai who came to speak to the students on September 9.

We have had other presentations as well. **Miigwech to Cori Young and Nick Bateman of the Wikwemikoong Crisis Team who visited the Grade 5/6 class to do an Anti-Bullying Presentation**. As well, we had a week of presentations, science activities and outdoor activities from **Water First**. Water First is an organization dedicated to addressing the challenges Indigenous communities face with access to clean drinking water. In addition to training and collaboration, they provide educational programs within First Nation schools and the students were excited to participate throughout the week! **Miigwech to Tanya Sackaney and Adrianna Bilinski, the Water First Indigenous School Engagement Coordinators** who are both certified teachers. They provided educational, engaging, fun learning opportunities throughout the week including; a trip to the Water Treatment Plant, a viewing of Debajehmujig's, "Water Story" and the week ended with a trip to 'Second Sandy,' to take water samples to view under a microscope.

We are also excited to return to After-School Clubs! Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we were unable to host any after-school clubs during the 20/21 school year and I know that it is something that both the staff and students missed. **The clubs currently running are the 'Retro Games Club,' on Mondays and the 'Multi-Sport Club,' on Thursdays**. As a reminder, if your child is being picked up, the after-school clubs end at 3:45 so please ensure their designated pick-up person is there at that time. Miigwech!

Throughout this month, students have been learning about the history and effects of the Residential School System in class. They did this through reading a variety of texts, watching videos or participating in various virtual activities and classroom discussions. As in previous years, our learning culminated in a week of Every Child Matters activities with a strong focus on family, community, land, language and culture. We kicked off the week with a school-wide walk through the community, in remembrance and honour of those survivors and those who did not return home. Our sea of Orange Shirts was greeted by families and community members from their driveways. Upon the return to school, students were treated to Orange Shirt cookies! **Miigwech to Miss Gagan and Mrs. Gagan for the sweet treat!** On Tuesday, we had Dan Garcia sharing his traditional knowledge of local plants and medicines with the students from Grades 3-6 as he guided them on a local Medicine Walk. **Miigwech Dan!** Dan is the parent of one of our students and if you are the parent or caregiver of one of our students and have a skill, knowledge, or teaching which you would like to share, please contact the school as we would love to have you! Our students benefit greatly from seeing the knowledge and expertise of those within their community and families. This year, this local knowledge was highlighted during our first ever **'Jiis Giizhgat,' or Fall Harvest**! With the participation of Whitefish River First Nation departments, local service providers and student family members, students were able to enjoy the beautiful weather on September 29. Some of the activities showcased included; fishing, hunting, trapping, preserving, traditional teas, and painting on pumpkins, local slate and wooden plaques! In addition, everyone enjoyed the apple parfaits, 3 Sisters Soup, popcorn and a wonderful taco luncheon! **Miigwech to Paige Jacko and Crystal Clark-McGregor of the Family-Well Being team** who worked in partnership with us to provide this amazing day of activities,

celebrating our students, families and community! Also, Chi-Miigwech to those that provided the activities and treats to our students – it was a day of fun and learning. As the school was closed on September 30 for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, the staff and students closed off the week of activities on October 1, with a walk to the Community Arbour to offer semaa and have some moments of reflection and remembrance.

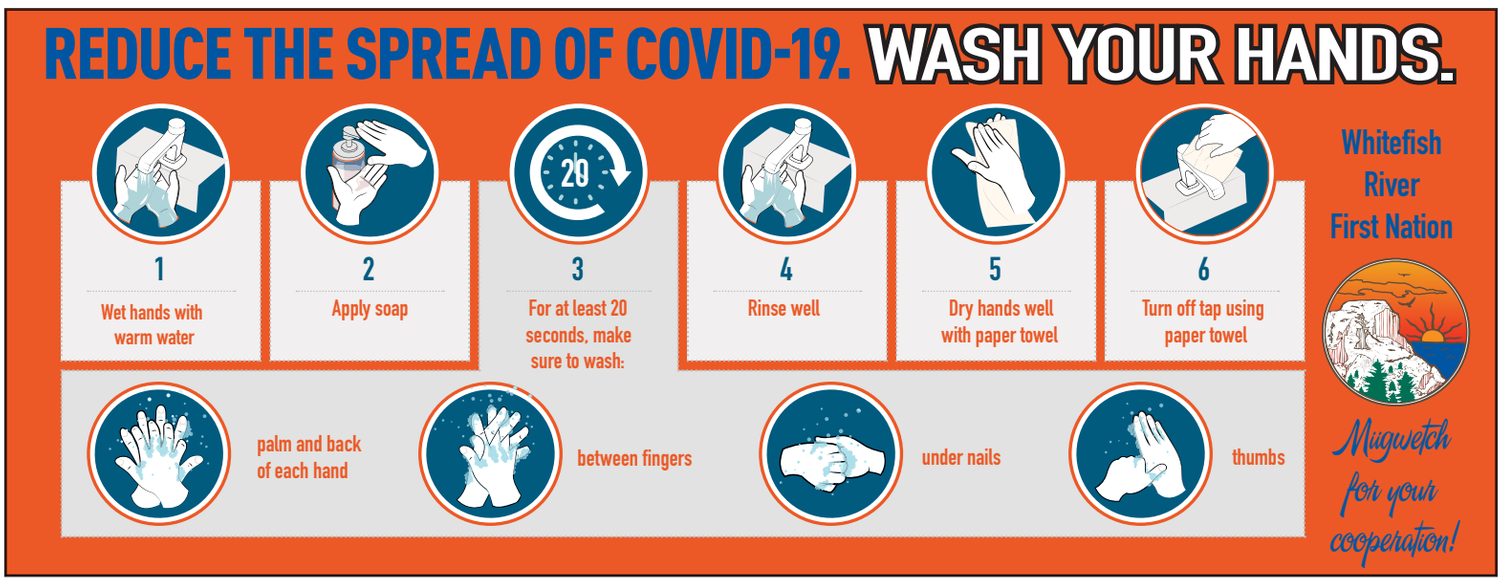
With the month of October upon us, we do have some activities and teachings to look forward to. One area of focus will be, "Miigwech Wendam . . . , " reflecting on what we have to be thankful for.

A couple of reminders for the month of October: there is no school on Monday, October 11 for Thanksgiving, as well as Monday, October 25 for staff Professional Development. There is also Early Dismissal on Wednesday, October 27.

Please contact the school at 705-285-1311, should you have any questions.

Tiffany Gagan
Principal

The Shawanosowe Grade 5/6 class took a tour of the WRFN Water Treatment Plant guided by Water Quality Analyst and Operator In-Training, Amy Waboose. The tour was part of the week-long Water First activities organized by Tanya Sackaney and Adrianna Bilinski, the Water First Indigenous School Engagement Coordinators.



FROM SHAWANOSOWE SCHOOL STAFF AND STUDENTS . . .

JIIS GIIZHGAT CHI-MIIGWECH!

Blanche & Jeremy Recollet, Nevada Anwhatin, Delma Toulouse, Aaron Recollet, Chief Paibomsai, the Beattie Family, Louanne Megwanabe & Allien Paibomsai, Leslie King, Dan Garcia, Noojmowin Teg Pop-Up Farmer's Market, UCCMM Tribal Police, UCCMM Justice, Mnidoo Mnising Mental Wellness Crisis Response, WRFN Education Dept., WRFN Housing & Energy, WRFN Health, WRFN Day Care, WRFN Communications, WRFN Administration, WRFN Public Works and WRFN Family Well-Being.

Chi-Miigwech for sharing your time, knowledge and skills to create an exciting learning experience for the students!

IT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOU!

Made with PosterMyWall.com

Community Energy Champion, Kendra McGregor doled out Energy Efficient swag to Shawanosowe students, Lily & Leo.

The 1st Annual Jiis Giizhgaat was the collaborative effort between Shawanosowe School and the WRFN Family Well-Being Team. Chi-Miigwetch to Cultural Educator, Bonnie Nahwegahbow, Youth Support Worker, Crystal Clark-McGregor and Family Resource Worker/Band Representative, Paige Jacko. Miigwetch to everyone who contributed to the event's success!

ESPANOLA HIGH SCHOOL

HOMEWORK CLUB

Grades 9-12

STARTING SEPT 30,2021

Offered every Thursday
LOCATION: EHS Library
TIME: 3:00PM - 4:00PM

Don't forget to sign up for LATE BUS!

Whitefish River First Nation

ESPANOLA LATE BUS

For school related activities, sports and homework club.

Notify your bus driver what days you require late bus

Call the Administration Office at 705-285-4335 or text the Education phone at 705-863-0555 for questions.

WFRN REMAINS IN A STATE OF EMERGENCY
Transportation Guidelines MUST be followed.

Maamwe Kendaasing Early Learning & Innovation Centre

Aanii from the Early Learning Centre!
September has come and gone, and with the Harvest Moon past, we are welcoming the beautiful transition to Fall.

Our focus this month has been on learning and having fun with colours! The preschoolers have really enjoyed building with the Magna-tiles on our light table, which enhances each tiles colour, practicing sorting colours using our 'baby mukwas', and using a variety of art mediums such as paint, gel scent crayons, chalk and window markers to explore colour. Over the month it was exciting to see the children's colour recognition progress to where they began observing and excitedly sharing different colours they noticed on their own, in both our classroom and outside! As the trees and the environment around us begins to shift, we are beginning to see a beautiful variety of leaf colours while outside and on our walks. The children pointed out brown, red and orange leaves, and green goose poo!

As we flow into October, we will be continuing to learn more about the Fall season, as well as exploring pumpkins, talking about harvest time and thankfulness in fun, age appropriate ways, and getting into the spirit of the Spooky Season for Halloween at the end of the month!

As always, we look forward to sharing our adventures with you next month!

Reminder

As the cooler weather approaches, please be sure to send your child in with warm outdoor gear. Our children love to be outside exploring, adventuring, playing and learning! Having the proper gear ensures we can spend adequate time outdoors while being snug as a bug and having fun! This additional outdoor gear includes:

- Rubber boots- Especially if it has rained the night before or it is calling for rain.
- Warm coat *(Biiskawaagan)*
- Mittens *(Mjikaawanak)*
- Hat *(Wiikwan)*
- An complete extra set of clothing- socks, underwear, pants, shirt/sweater

***** Muddy Buddies are available for all children within the program.***

When entering the Daycare building please wear your masks as per the Covid-19 protocols for the safety of the staff and children.

Please contact the Daycare at 705-285-7777 should you have any questions.

Miigwetch

With a smile as bright as a sunflower.

Maamwe Kendaasing Early Learning & Innovation Centre staff and students enjoyed the fresh air and sunshine at Jiis Giizhgaat.

Every Child Matters
What It Means to Me,
To Be an Early Childhood Educator (ECE)
Caitlin Pitawanakwat, RECE

When the news broke about the heartbreaking discovery of 215 children found at Kamloops Indian Residential School, my heart broke. I, along with so many across Turtle Island, felt deep shock, sadness and pain. It took me a while to process the sheer magnitude of loss, and I found myself experiencing moments of sadness throughout my days at work, sneaking up like waves, but leaving me with a lump in my throat. It was one such moment that helped me move through my sadness.

I was sitting between two cots at the start of our rest time, gently rubbing the children's backs on either side of me, trying to help them relax and ease into a peaceful sleep. It was in that moment that I truly realized that there had been a time when our children, at such a young age, weren't shown this comfort, care and compassion that every single child deserves. I felt the heaviness in my chest and the tears behind my eyes creep up. As I sat there, something dawned on me: what we're doing is healing work.

Everyday when we get the opportunity to work with our children, our newest little spirits, we are doing healing work. We are helping to heal our families, our communities, and our future generations.

As Early Childhood Educators, we are integral and vital to the present and future health and prosperity of our communities. We are helping our families to raise strong, proud children, sure footed in who they are and surrounded with support. Our children have Educators who value them, respect their individuality and uniqueness, who listen intently to their opinions and ideas, and who show them that they matter every single day. In our daily practice, we try to create the best possible learning environments for the children in our care. We plan and prepare activities based on their interests, we answer questions and collaborate, we show pride in our culture, language and traditions, and equally important, we have fun! By doing this, we are demonstrating to the children and their families that we honor them and who they are. We work hard to create a space that tells them they are safe, they are protected, and they are respected.

Families entrust us with their greatest gifts, their children, and our teams rise up to the occasion. Because it's true, our children are our greatest gifts. They are our youth of tomorrow, and our next generation of leaders. So now when I feel that sadness creeping in, I remind myself that we can honor those children, our relations, in this way every single day. We have the opportunity to show kindness, love and compassion through our actions, and to help these little spirits in our care start off on the right foot, taking one small step, hand in hand, towards *mino-bimaadiziwin.*

ACCESSIBLE DRIVE TO VACCINE PROGRAM

TO BE ELIGIBLE, A PERSON MUST:

- Have a vaccine appointment booked for the date of transportation;
- Be a person, youth, adult or seniors, with a disability within the meaning of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005, including seniors with mobility, vision, or hearing impairment; and
- Have limited or no access to safe and accessible transportation or face barriers to getting to/from a COVID-19 vaccine appointment.

In addition to the eligible individual, a caregiver/support person may accompany a person to and from the vaccine appointment. Guide dogs and Service Animals will be allowed on transport vehicles.

To determine eligibility please contact: **Evelyn Leeson at 705-368-2182 ext. 201**

Rides can be arranged on Manitoulin Island and Espanola.

This program is available from **now until December 31st.**

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre
A place of healing

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All My Relations - Nii'kinaaganaa

I lived with my Gram for a little while after my Grandpa passed away. We passed the time in easy companionship, as she liked to laugh and read like I do. I also love to cook, especially for my loved ones. In the summers of Birch Island, when the air was warm, my grandfather would, every year, pick raspberries for my Gram. He had a little copper bucket that he would carry out to the far back, and he would come back with his berry offerings. Now, they had been married for over 60 years, and this was a loving gesture that I was fortunate to witness. When he had passed, and I was lucky to spend time with my Gram, I thought, "I'm going to pick her raspberries this year." So off I went, picking raspberries, which I eventually turned into a pie. I had made both a raspberry pie and a cherry pie, because again, I liked to cook. So I bugged my Gram, "Hey Gram, are you going to try that pie I made?" I pestered her, throughout the day, until finally she took a slice of the cherry pie. I said, "How come you're not eating the raspberry pie Gram?" Me thinking, it had to have been her favourite, since my Grandpa had picked them for her all those years. Instead she replied, "You know, I don't like raspberries, the seeds … they get stuck in my teeth."

Our stories are important. Did you have a favourite apple tree growing up? Who remembers travelling by train? When was the first school concert? What were our local smelting hotspots?

If you want to share positive or historical information with our community, email **rezoundeditor@whitefishriver.ca** or call me at Administration at 705-285-4335 ext.216.

Miigwetch, Tammy Nahwegahbow

My Grandparents, former Chief Art Nahwegahbow & Mary Nahwegahbow.

Noojmowin Teg Healthy Living Children and Youth Program with Mark Peltier

Ball Hockey

Gear and snacks will be provided

From: 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM

When: Starting October 1, 2021

Location: WRFN Outdoor Rink

AGES 12 TO 15 YEARS OLD

10 participants max

Every Friday for the next 4 weeks

Please bring your water bottle and dress according to the weather

For more infomation please contact Crystal Clark-McGregor at 705-285-1941 or email ccmcgregor@whitefishriver.ca

WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION REMAINS IN A STATE OF EMERGENCY

Covid Protocols will be in effect for the event

SAMSUNG TABLETS

AVAILABLE ON LOAN FOR SENIORS

IN THE COMMUNITY

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre
A place of healing

If you're an Elder interested in learning how to use technology such as Facebook, Email, Pictures, Games, etc. Samsung Tablets are available at the ***Whitefish River Health Centre*** for loan! This initiative is through ***Noojmowin Teg's*** Elders Connected program.

For more information or to receive a tablet, contact:

Gail Pelletier
Senior's Navigation Worker
Tel: (705) 863-2558 or (705) 285-4354

WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION REMAINS IN A STATE OF EMERGENCY.

Mr. Spanos' Grade 3/4 class wave their flags proudly during the Shawanosowe "Every Child Matters" walk.

Ms. Fairburn's Grade 1/2 class take a quick break during the "Every Child Matters" community walk.

Leonard & Lisa Cywink came out for Seniors Lodge visits hosted at Rainbow Lodge.

Blanche Recollet and son Jeremy demonstrated cleaning and trimming of wild game to curious onlookers.

The "Every Child Matters" Community walk, ended with a sweet treat for Shawanosowe Students.

Shawanosowe alumnae Aurora & K.C. sample the Three Sisters Soup at Jiis Giizhgaat.

Delma Toulouse's preserves and jams were a hit with the Daycare crowd!

Traditional teas were greeted with mixed reactions.

Everyone was a winner at the Mnidoo Mnising Mental Wellness Crisis Response booth.

Naomi, Soleil and Miss J, soak up the cloudless Harvest Fest skies.

Ms. Fairburn's Grade 1/2 class show off their spooky painted pumpkin creations, provided courtesy of WRFN Education.

Miss Tracy finds a teachable moment for the JK/SK class at Nevada Anwhatin's painting booth

Housing Manager, Georgina Recollet and Community Energy Champion, Kendra McGregor teamed up with an Energy Efficent booth for Jiis Giizhgaat.

Whitefish River First Nation's Housing Team Xavier Paibomsai, Todd McGregor, Kenny Recollet & Darcy Shawanda.

WHITEFISH RIVER FURNACE CLEANING OPTIONS:

OPTION #1 **JAC MECHANICAL**
WEEK 1 OCTOBER 4-7, 2021 MONDAY TO THURSDAY
WEEK 3 OCTOBER 18-21, 2021 MONDAY TO THURSDAY

We are pleased to provide you with the following estimate as per the below scope of work:

To clean and service propane furnace /w filter replace $85.50 per unit
To clean and service HRV $25.00 per unit
To inspect and test instantaneous water heaters $25.00 per unit
*Note: estimate does not include repair or replacement of parts or labour if required.

OPTION #2 PSL
WEEK 2 OCTOBER 12-14

PSL is pleased to provide a **price of $ 136. 50 per home** for the annual service and cleaning of furnace, tankless water heater and HRV at each site.

Pricing Includes:
• Annual maintenance on o One (1) Furnace (inspection, cleaning, check safeties/operation, combustion analysis)
o **One (1) HRV (inspection/cleaning)**
o One (1) HWH (visual inspection)
• **Filters**
• **Travel and truck charges**

Price Does Not Include;
• Delays due to accessibility
• Any major repairs or cleaning
• Rental equipment
• Specialty equipment
• Anything not explicitly listed within inclusions

NOTES:
• If HRV filter is extremely dirty, longer time may be required to soak and clean, if this is the case, PSL will advise and to be responsibility of tenant.
• PSL can complete work over a 3 day period. Scheduling of households is to be determined prior to mobilizing.
• Pricing is based on access to homes back to back with no downtime.

Housing Manager - Georgina Recollet

New Staff
We would like to welcome two participants in the Youth Internship program with the Housing Department:
Darcy Shawanda and Xavier Paibomsai. These two young participants will be assisting the housing maintenance staff in housing repairs of band rental units; exterior work such as lawn care; snow removal in the winter on triplex, duplex and elders' residence; and general maintenance of all public areas of rental units.

Housing Policy – No Smoking
Due to the concerns of the health and wellbeing of tenants, please note the changes to the housing policy to include "No Smoking" in all band rental units. A motion was passed by Chief and Council on October 23, 2018 regarding smoking and vaping in rental units.
MOTION#10-29-18 states: "Whitefish River First Nation Chief and Council approve a NO SMOKING POLICY to include vaping and that the repercussions be included."
SECTION 5.0 (i) Tenant Covenants of the Rental Agreement states: "The tenant agrees to abide by all laws, by-laws, rules, regulations and policies, including the Housing Policy of the First Nation."
SECTION 9.0 (d) of the Rental Agreement states: "If the tenant fails to perform or observe any of his or her covenants in the agreement or in the Housing Policy, or does anything contrary to the terms of this agreement of the Housing Policy, the First Nation may declare the tenancy ended, and there upon the tenancy and the Tenant's rights under this Agreement shall cease absolutely, without re-entry or any other act or legal proceedings, and the First Nation or its agent my re-enter the Premises or any part of it, and thereafter have, possess and enjoy it as if this Agreement had not been made."
Please refrain from smoking and vaping in ALL rental units. Any failure to adhere to this policy is considered a breach of your rental agreement and the Housing Policy.
Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Housing Maintenance – furnace cleaning, HRV cleaning and septic pump out
Winter is upon us and we encourage homeowner's and tenants to take advantage of services that will be completed in bulk to decrease costs to the homeowner and tenants. Furnace cleaning and HRV services will enhance the air quality of your home, decrease your energy and extend the life of your equipment.
We will have two different service providers during the month of October 2021. Please check the listing and register with the Housing Department. You will be required to pay the service provider directly. Please make sure they have access to your home during the day. Additional time and service will be charged to the homeowner or tenant directly.
We will also be completing septic pump outs with "Rock Solid" during the month of October. It will be every Wednesday until the list is completed. Please pay the driver directly in the amount $100.00 per tank.
Please make sure someone is available to assist with the lids on the tanks, when the driver arrives. Reminder that Whitefish River First Nation has to send all sewage to Espanola. It is cheaper to do three tanks at a time. Individual pump outs can cost $400.00 per tank. Please register with the Housing Department.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Housing at 705-285-4335.

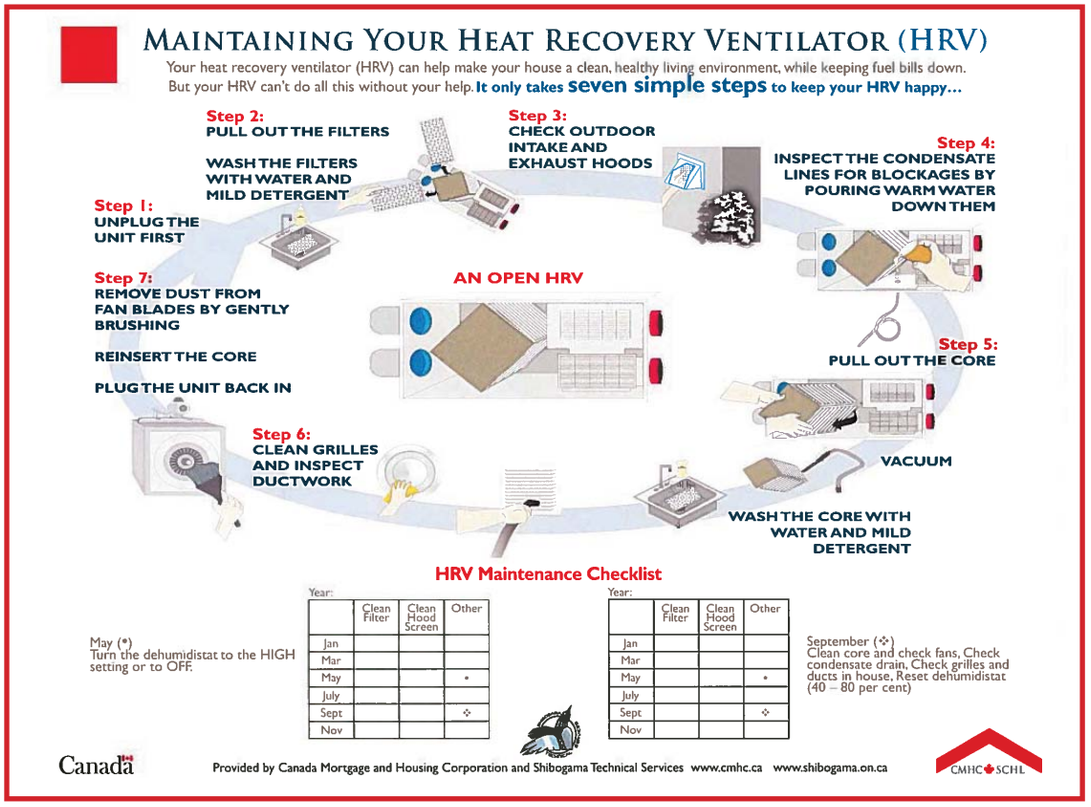
WEEKLY SEPTIC PUMP OUTS

Starting Wednesday September 29th 2021

$100.00 per household. Please pay the driver the fee directly.

Please ensure someone is present at home and your lid is uncovered on your scheduled appointment date!

Contact the Housing Department at 705-285-4335 for more information, or to register.



Principal Gagan and Laila take a popcorn break at Jiis Giizhgaat, courtesy of WRFN Health.

Community Energy Champion Kendra McGregor

Aanii! October is here, which is one of my favourite months of the year. All of the leaves are changing colours and of course- spooky season!

Recently I have begun retrofitting the lights in the community buildings with Hooked up Electrical. All lights that are being changed will be LED which only uses 1/3rd of the energy of the previous lights. This retrofit is funded by Small Business Lighting.

This month, I will also be doing the same **"Energy pumpkin carving contest"** I hosted last year. This time around there will be cooler prizes, better designs, and supplies included! Be on the look out for the sign up poster.

October is also a great time to get your furnace and HRV serviced. An HRV system transfers (recovers) as much as 80% of the heat energy from the out-going air to the clean fresh air coming in. Good for the environment and for your wallet.
Contact The Housing Deptartment to schedule your appointment.

Baamaapii minwaa until next month.

nongwa maajitaan wii anishaabemyin gegwa baabiitooke baamaa waabang, gnimaa zaam weykaa adaa'wan.

Start speaking Anishinaabemowin today. Don't wait till tomorrow, it might be too late.

Marti reaches for the win at the Mnidoo Mnising Mental Wellness Crisis Response booth.

Talon hands out masks to participants and presenters at Jiis Gizhgaat.

Community Notice
Hunting Season

The following is a reminder to help keep everyone safe during the HUNTING season

ABSOLUTELY NO NIGHT HUNTING

BCR #2189

OCTOBER 30, 2000

LOCATIONS

DO NOT hunt in residential areas;

DO NOT hunt on Private Property (C.P. Lands) without permission fron land owner;

AVOID hunting in the Sugar Bush Area (south of Maple Heights Road) due to close proximity to Residential Area;

AVOID hunting at Lafarge Area;

SAFETY

Always have a safety plan;

Always wear Orange Hunting gear;

DO NOT DISCHARGE a firearm from a moving vehical, vessel or from a road.

ALWAYS CARRY your status card and PAL (possession and acquisition license)

Non band members must obtain written permission to hunt in WRFN territory.

Deer Blinds and Stands

Please put your name and contact information on your deer stand and/or blind, to help avoid confusion among land users

For more information contact the WRFN Lands Department 705-285-4335

WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION REMAINS IN A STATE OF EMERGENCY

Miigwech wendam - I am thankful for...

Consultation Coordinator - Stephen McGregor

Aanii,

Another month has passed by and we begin preparations for another fall season. This means that hunting season is upon us (Gray Partridge hunting season begins on September 15). This change in seasons results in increased precipitation, animal activity and change in natural foliage that is both beautiful and dangerous. It is with this in mind that I am reminded of the phrase ***"Weweni bimosen omi kaning gookomisinaan"*** – the best translation is: "to walk carefully upon the earth as we remember our teachings" (respect of the land, to love all living things, to honor all of creation). We must be careful when we venture into the forests as we must remember that respect for life is of paramount importance in outdoor activity. Consultation includes many fields of study that are related to our natural environment(air quality, forestry, water quality, economics). When working with these different subjects I believe ***Weweni bimosen omi kaning gookomisinaan*** to be a fundamental approach to what I do on a daily basis.

I would also like to mention that we are fortunate to have an ongoing dialogue with the **Canadian Coast Guard** dealing with job opportunities, training and education as well as services the Coast Guard provides. My contact is Sara Gasparello, Senior Advisor, Indigenous Relations and Partnerships and we have been working together since March 2021. In a recent discussion she has provided me with an email address that individuals interested in employment with the Coast Guard can send their CVs. The address is: **DFO.CCGCentralRecruitment-RecrutementCentreGCC.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca** Sara assures me that the recruitment teams working for the Coast Guard will keep the CVs and distribute them to the appropriate hiring managers.

Another great partnership that we are involved in is the **Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary program**. This project involves securing the acquisition of a Search and Rescue boat, and involvement from community volunteers interested in Search and Rescue activity. We are seeking new members to our own Coast Guard Auxiliary team and I believe this to be a fantastic opportunity to have our own search and rescue capability (on the water) and also gain some valuable training and experience for community members. The program allows for up to 50 crew members (we currently have 3) and up to 10 administrative members (we currently have 2). ***If anyone is interested in joining our auxiliary team please contact me at the administration building (705) 285-4335 or email me at:*** **stephenm@whitefishriver.ca**

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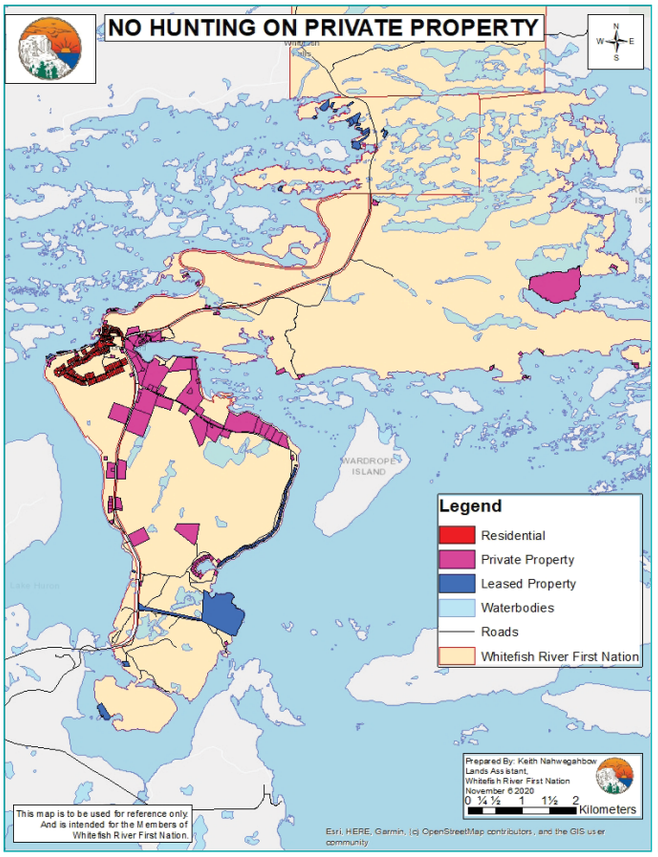


!! STATUS CARD VALIDITY DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

- Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) has **extended the validity date of status cards until further notice.** Indian status does not expire. Your registration number confirms your status and can be used to access some services and programs.
- Service providers should accept status cards, or Temporary Confirmation of Registration Documents (TCRDs) with identification, even if the renewal or expiry date has passed.

Recent changes to Indian Registration:

- As of December 10, 2020, you can select a non-binary gender identifier on the application form when applying for Indian status or a status card: M (male), F (female) or X (another gender).

- On July 31, 2020, the Quebec Superior Court issued its decision on the **Enfranchisement of unmarried women (Hele Decision)**. If you were unmarried or your mother or grandmother was unmarried and enfranchised by application as an adult between September 4, 1951, and April 17, 1985, you may be affected by that decision.

- As of August 15, 2019, the 1951 cut-off date has been removed. As a result, all known sex-based inequities in the Indian Act have been eliminated. If you were affected by the 1951 cut-off date and are currently registered or are waiting for a decision on your application for registration, you don't need to reapply as all applications will be assessed based on the amended Indian Act.

If you were affected by the 1951 cut-off date and your application for registration was denied, you need to re-apply.

REGISTRATION AS A STATUS INDIAN IN CANADA – REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- Child or Adult Application for Registration on the Indian Register and for the Secure Certificate of Indian Status (SCIS) & Guarantor Form
- Original long form Birth Certificate

If you are applying for or renewing the Secure Certificate of Indian Status Card (SCIS):

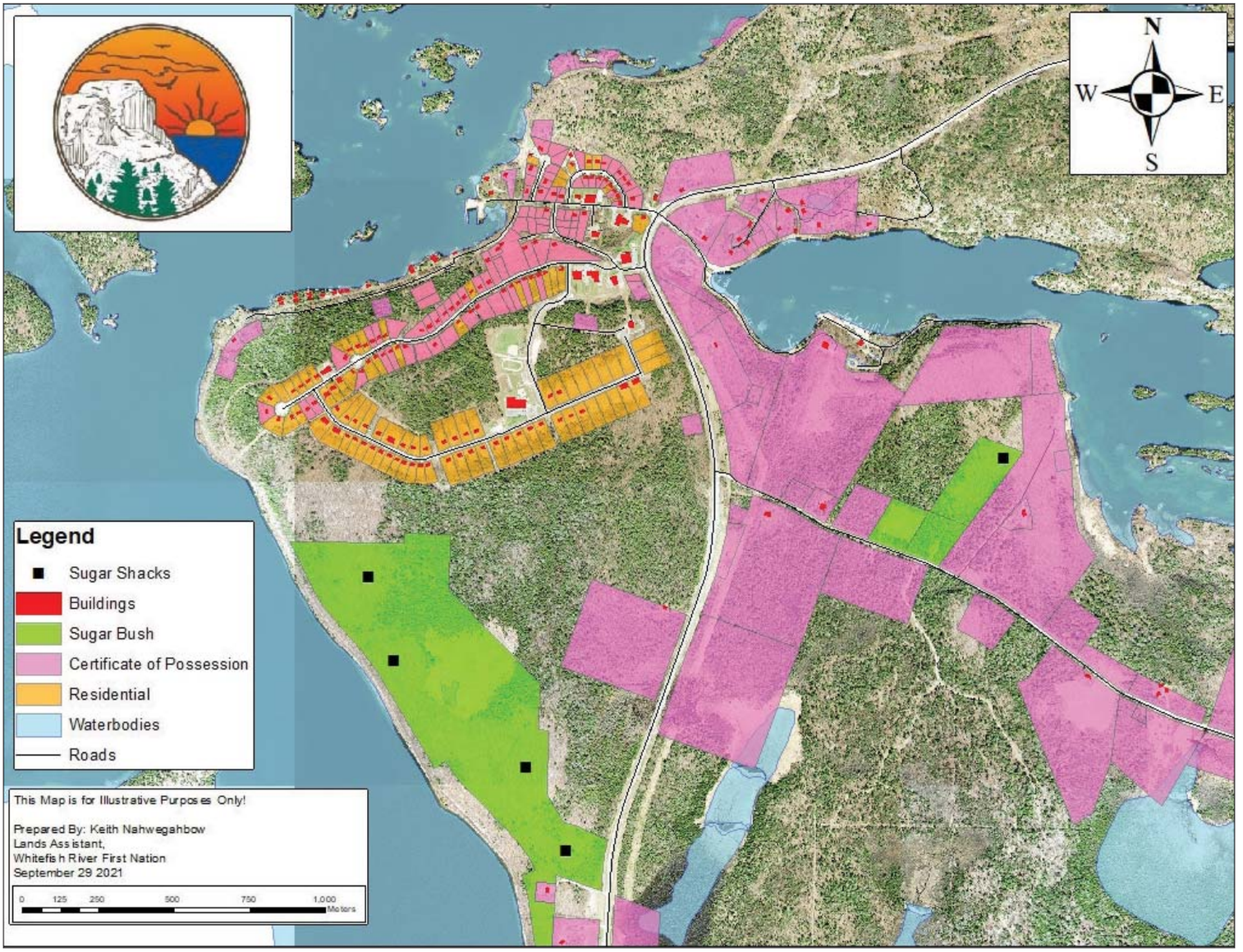
- Secure Certificate of Indian Status (SCIS) Application and Guarantor Form
- Identification, and 2 passport Style photos Identification or use the SCIS Photo app

Marriage Reporting: Original marriage certificate and marriage reporting form is required

Death Reporting: A death Certificate is required to register the death of a registered member or spouse

Forms available at the Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) website: available upon request from the **Membership** office.

WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION CITIZENSHIP Whitefish River is a section 10 band and determines its own Citizenship (Band Membership). **Registration for Citizenship with Whitefish River First Nation is not automatic, and everyone must apply.** Application forms are available from the Membership office upon request



Public Works Manager - Curtis Nahwegahbow

Aanii, boozhoo!

This month in the public works department, we are transitioning from the summer season into fall. We encourage all residents to do the same by being proactive.

If you are unsure where to start, I've included a list of a few things we in the Public Works department will be working on to get ready for the cooler seasons.

1. De-clutter the external area of the buildings. Putting away summer furniture this makes for easier snow removal later.
2. Check hand railings for any wobbliness to tighten. This will help in the winter to provide additional support when the walkways are slippery.
3. Inspect windows and doors to make sure they are weather and waterproof to prevent costly leaks, thereby avoiding repairs in the future. Regular inspections of weather stripping around doors is important, as they crack and break down over time, which allows for cool air to get in the building.
4. Check the exterior of the buildings, looking for gaps or holes and filing them in to stop critters from getting in the buildings.
5. Turn off all water hoses on the exterior of the public buildings.
6. Check safety devices in the buildings like fire alarms, AEDs, smoke detectors, and carbon monoxide detectors. Check the expiry date is good and test the device to make sure it operates, changing the 9V battery if it is equipped.
7. Schedule furnace check-ups to ensure that the furnace in the public buildings are fully operational.
8. Schedule septic pump out for the public buildings, this will ensure the septic will last till spring.

In other news, I'd like to welcome our newest members of public works crew, Tyler Recollect and Isaac Pakisogan. These two will make a great addition to our team, they are eager and willing to learn.

Safety Tips for October

- Hunting season is here, just a friendly reminder if you are walking in the woods, wear hunter orange to be seen by any active harvesters
- Wear bright colors or a reflective band while trick-or-treating so passing motorists can easily see you
- Lighten up your walkway and stairs for trick-or-treaters to avoid any tripping hazards

Halloween is an exciting time for children, please remember to slow down and drive with extra caution this Hallows Eve.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 705-285-4335 ext.228 or by email at **curtisn@whitefishriver.ca**

October 4, 2021

****NOTICE****

The Annual fire hydrant flushing will take place on the following dates:

Tuesday October 12th, 2021
- Bay of Islands Road
- Marina Road
- Shawanoswe Street
- Red Eagle Road
- Rainbow Valley Road
- Apple Valley Lane

Wednesday October 13th, 2021
- Start by the Water Tower Maple Heights Road
- Finish Top of the hill on Maple Heights Road

Thursday October 14th, 2021
- Start at the top of the hill on Maple Heights Road
- All along Rainbow Ridge Road
- Remainder of Rainbow Ridge Road to the Fire Hall.

This Annual Maintenance is required to insure the fire hydrants and water mains are working properly and helps ensure any stagnant water is removed from water mains.

If you are a resident on these streets you may notice water pressure changes and discoloration of the water; if the changes remain after this maintenance exercise is completed run your cold water tap until the water clears up.

If discoloration persists, call the Water Plant at 705-285-0007 or the Public Works Manager at 705-285-4335 ext.228 or by cell 705-863-3027

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Whitefish River Public Works Department

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Message from Ogimaa Shining Turtle Sturgeon Clan, Anishinabek Nation

The month of September has been very busy. With students returning to school, construction projects starting and finishing, it has been very busy.

During the month of September we have seen;
1. Return of all students to the various Schools
2. Robinson Huron Treaty Celebrations in Batchewana
3. KINA Annual General Assembly
4. National Day for Truth & Reconciliation on September 30th
5. Traditional ceremonies
6. Boundary Claim Meeting with Ontario
7. Federal Election

The construction of the new elders building was completed in 2019. We are now see the facility being occupied by Elders. The facility has 8 units with either 1 or 2 bedroom apartments. As we navigate COVID-19, we will see increasing activity at our newest facility.

Since COVID-19, was declared a global pandemic, on March 11, 2019, we have had staff working tirelessly to ensure that our administration adapted to the evolution of the Pandemic. From the very beginning, staff worked on COVID-19 plans. They issued notices, collaborated on community letters, implemented safety measures while ensuring that the health of the residents was and remains the priority. To all the staff that participated in any way to the overall safety of the community, we offer you a very big Thank You!!

We continue to hold virtual meetings with the Province of Ontario on the Land Claim. The work is moving as we develop Charts, maps and online tools. Currently, we are reviewing terms of reference(s) for working groups, and updated maps of possible selection areas. We are also preparing a 2021/22 work plan for the negotiations.

Lastly, the federal election was held on September 20th, 2021. In our riding of Algoma Manitoulin Kapuskasing, Carol Hughes was returned as our Member of Parliament. We will work with Ms. Hughes to advance a number of community development projects that will benefit the membership. One of those project that needs investment is our 15 lot subdivision expansion. This project is currently in the final design stage and will be ready for construction in 2022. The new 15 lots will allow for future housing builds to meet the growth in our community.

Until next month, enjoy the month of October and especially the Thanksgiving celebrations.

If you have any questions please phone Administration or email me at **chief@whitefishriver.ca.**

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Chief Shining Turtle shared his knowledge of Traditional Trapping methods with Amelia & Tim.

Gichi-apiitendaagoziwag akina abinoonjiiyag.
Every Child Matters signs available for pick-up at the Administration Office, while quantities last, limit one per Whitefish River First Nation household.

Pet Care & Tips

Hello everyone! I hope everyone is doing fine, along with all the kids back in school. Well, it seems I missed putting Empress Farrah's name with the list of my girls last month. We can't forget her because she is an Empress after all. My boys, Luka and Francis, are taking turns sleeping with me for the occasional afternoon nap. Sometimes, when she's up to it, Empress Farrah will sneak in and lay with us too. Soon, my cats will be putting on their seasonal winter weight again! It looks funny sometimes with their bellies hanging low. The only lucky one who doesn't show is Webby Debby because of her long fur.

I have been hearing of dogs running loose around our community. We have a Dog By-Law here in Birch Island which requires owners to keep their dogs leashed while outside the home. However fresh air, along with exercise would be beneficial for both you and your pet. I used to take King Tut for walks in the evenings and I enjoyed the exercise. It is a big responsibility to care for pets, throughout their lifetimes, ensuring adequate shelter, food and veterinary care. It is not recommended to get a puppy or a kitten for young children as they do not know how to properly care for them which frequently results in these poor pets abandoned into pet rescues or in some cases the responsibility is transferred to extended family.

Well, I got my cats their flea medication so now they are protected from fleas! I have yet to catch She-Pet Elizabeth though. She seems to know something is up, because when I go to catch her, she runs away. The cats are enjoying the last sunny days of summer outside and by the time you get this it will be Fall. Like I always say, where did the months go?

SOME CAT FACTS

• The fishing cat (Prionailurus viverrinus) of India and Pakistan finds most of its prey in the water. It is excellent swimmer and catches fish, frogs and reptiles to feed on.
• In multi-cat households, cats of the opposite sex usually get along better.
• Non-pedigree cats have a higher incidence of tabby markings than pedigree cats. Non-pedigree cats are also usually more robust than highly bred cats.
• In ancient Egypt, special cats were mummified and embalmed mice were placed with them in tombs.
• Tom Quartz was a cat that belonged to Theodore Roosevelt --named after the cat in Roughing It by Mark Twain.

Well, that is it for now until next time! Please remember to get your dogs and/or cats fixed to help keep the pet population down in our community. Remember to drop a line to our elderly or shut-ins who would appreciate hearing a friendly voice now and again.

'Till next time take care.

From - Empress Farrah, She-Pet Elizabeth and Webby Debby. (The girl cats)
Luka, Francis and BJ (The boy cats)

And Me the Big Cat - Dennis L. McGregor

October's Pet Profiles

Suki Pookie Suzuki is a loveable 12 year old Labrador, Husky, German Shepherd mix.

Suki's a homebody whose talents include catching flies hornets and milk bones, when set upon her nose!

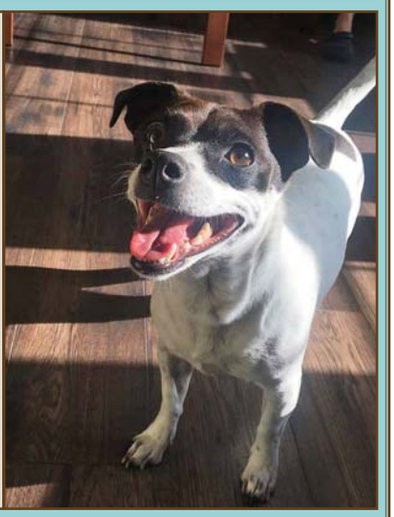
Suki's favourite cheat snacks are pizza and chips!

Suki found her fur-ever home with Sheri Nahwegabow

Cookie is a happy-go-lucky 6 year old Jack Russell Terrier mix!

Her favourite hobby is stealing socks!

Cookie is the constant companion of Consultation Technician, Mskwoka McGregor!



Would you like to see your beloved furbaby featured in the monthly **Pet Profile** section of The Rezound? Email me a picture and information of your family pet, and they may be our featured Rezhound or Rezcat!
Email me at **rezoundeditor@whitefishriver.ca**

Gichi-Nendam Dabishkayek!

Happy Birthday
to my beautiful Daanis
Candice on October 10th!
Love Mom

Happiest of Birthdays
to my mom Candice
on October 10th and
grandmother Gloria
on October 12th!
Love Brooke and family

Happy Birthday to Grandma Rose
On October 26!
Love Daytona ,Tyrone, Rayna,
Melody, Izzlyn and Addy

Happy Birthday Momsie
on October 26th
Love all your brats
Hope dad spoils you today! ❤

Happy Birthday
to my Soul Sista Candice
on October 10th!
Love you girl
have an amazing day!
Nala

Happy Birthday Kendra!
You're simply the best!
Love, Kendra

Happy 17th Birthday
to Eli Paibomsai!
Love, your whole family!

Happy 2nd Birthday Gaby Baby!
Mino Dbishkaan Giizhgad!
Love, your whole family!

Happy Birthday to Kendra on
October 27th
From all the folks
in Special Projects!

Happy Birthday Wishes to:
Damon on October 2nd,
Tahnee on October 19th
Carrie and V-A. on Oct 31st!
Hope you gals have a spook-tac-
ular day!
From Katt & Family

Happy Anniversary
to Aaron 'n Les
XOXO Katt and family

Happy Anniversary Mike 'n Tah
XOXO Katt and family!

Happy Birthday to Cherokii
who celebrates on October 12th,
Love, your family

Happy Birthday
to the October babies!
Jarrod, Karen,Pete,
Tahnee & Dave!

Happy Anniversary to
Karen & Brian
and Tah & Mike .
Hope everyone enjoys
their special days!
From Sheri

Happy Birthday to Justin
on October 17th
Love Delilah & Breaha

Happy 16th Birthday to Felicity
on October 17th
Love, Cheyanne & the girls

Happy Birthday to Uncle Jessie
on October 26th,
Love Delilah & Breaha

Happy Birthday Cherokii!
Love, Mom