

# Chippewas of Nawash Newsletter

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March 11, 2022



## Neyaashiinigiing

### Community Alerts

- There continues to be an **active COVID-19 outbreak** in Neyaashiinigiing.
- The community remains closed to all except for residents, employees and essential services.
- Essential Services such as Health and Social Assistance are still available by appointment only.



## COVID-19 Updates

### In Neyaashiinigiing:

Thurs. Mar. 10 2022

New confirmed cases:	0
Active cases:	0
Resolved cases since Jan 1, 2022:	64

### Grey Bruce (GB) Hospitalization:

Wed. Mar. 9, 2022

Confirmed local active cases hospitalized <b>IN</b> GB:	4
Confirmed cases from GB that are hospitalized <b>OUTSIDE</b> of GB:	1

## Carnation for a Celebration

In honor of International Women's Day, the Maadookii Seniors Group handed out flowers to females who visited the Centre on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. International Women's Day is a time to raise awareness of the progress made towards achieving gender equality and the work remaining to be done. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality. It is also a day of unity, celebration, reflection, advocacy, and action.

Photo credit: Tibby Johnston. Tibby expresses her gratitude for the carnation, "Miigwetch Maadookii for the flower to acknowledge International Women's Day!"



# Housing, Lands and Membership Updates by COUNCILLOR NORMA TOBEY

As a new councillor I am completely awed by the amount we have to read and understand. This past 7 months has been an uphill learning challenge. Sitting at this table has given me a completely different understanding of what our Chief and Council has to accomplish.

Who would have ever known that there is so much going on in our SON Territory. I say SON Territory because our roles as councillors encompass all the territory, not just our beautiful community of Neyaashiinigmiing.

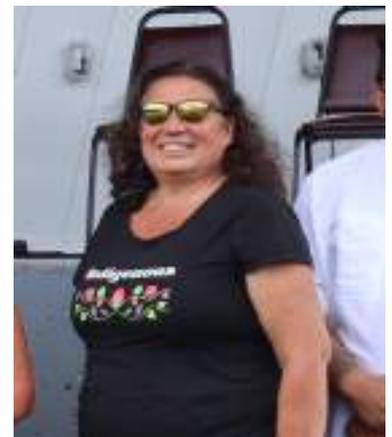
I know the community is anxious to know and understand what is happening as well. I have decided to do a series of updates on my portfolios.

My Portfolios consist of:

- Housing, Lands and Membership
- Communications
- SON – Parks Canada
- SON – Fisheries
- Nawash Investment Interim Board
- Food Bank Ad Hoc Committee

I sit as an Alternate on:

- Native Child Welfare/Youth Mental Health



This update will be on the **Housing, Lands and Membership**.

The Housing Committee has met 3 times, one in-person and 2 on Zoom; working on understanding these programs. Housing has gone through some big changes where the staff is concerned. This program has not had stability in at least 2 years.

The housing staff consists of Paul Lavalley, Housing Manager, Creedence McComb, Housing Clerk, and Darcy Johnston-Jones, Lead Hand.

The Housing, Lands and Membership committee consists of, Alexandra Keeshig, Gloria Elton, Terry King, Amanda Pacheco and Christina Hill.

Housing is in a partnership with Habitat for Humanity and has recently handed over keys to 4 families this month. This concludes the builds in the Kaikaiknong building site of 16 houses in total. There is still some landscaping to be completed and a playground to be built at the end of the street.

One house is being rebuilt after being destroyed by fire last year. This build is well on its way.

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# Housing, Lands and Membership Continued

Habitat will build 2 more houses this coming season. Chief and Council are working with Lands to find a new site to start a new building node. – These houses have not been allocated.

Habitat for Humanity is also building 5 Tiny Homes in partnership with the Halton Hills School Board. These Tiny homes will be delivered to Nawash in August/September 2022. Two of these Tiny Homes will be on wheels in order to move them around where needed. The other 3 will be set on foundations. Chief and Council is working with the Lands department to identify a site for these Tiny Homes. These homes are just that, Tiny. The two on wheels are called Fire Fly and are 172 square feet, the other three are called True North and are 232 square feet. The Housing Committee will be discussing the best use for these homes. One idea is to be used as transitional housing, or possibly for seniors with only one or two ppl. These have not been allocated.

There is another partnership between Nawash and the Huronia Aboriginal Access Management Board. Nawash has supplied the building materials and HAAMB has provided training students supervised by a lead contractor to build two homes. There is a one bedroom house located on the Maadookii Subdivision Road that has been completed in construction, waiting on Hydro hook up. The second house is a two bedroom, located on the 401 Road, and is well underway. These houses have not been allocated yet, the committee will be discussing these allocations in the very new future.

The Chippewas of Nawash Lands Department has presented the community Land Use Plan to Chief and Council. This was approved on February 7, 2022 (BCR#827). This was a two part project consisting of a Land Use Plan and a Capital Plan. Land Use Plan implementation sessions will be set for supervisors in the near future. If band members would like a copy of the Land Use Plan, please call the Lands Department as it is quite a large document.

The Lands/Housing/Membership committee will be working on band land use policies now with upcoming residential use being the top priority. With the Land Use Plan completed the consultants will now be starting the Capital plan which will identify needs for water, roads, and other infrastructure. Keep an eye out for upcoming capital plan activities. A small survey grant program is also being developed and we hope to see this up and running by June.

The Membership department has been steadily assisting the community members with registration applications, births/death reports, and status cards. We are currently sitting at approximately 2787 people on our membership list. Our membership clerk has also been assisting the Foodbank committee with the gift card distributions. Please be sure to keep in touch with the Membership department with updated addresses, births and deaths.

# Cannabis Control Law Update



On December 4, 2020 Chief and Council passed the Cannabis Control Law (Bylaw No. 242-12-04-2020). Click [here](#) to read. This law describes the intent for the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation to exert its inherent jurisdiction to control the production, distribution and consumption of Cannabis in the Neyaashiinigmiing community. Before this law can be implemented a number of additional steps must be taken, including

community consultation, overview of the regulations and the election of the Commissioners who will be responsible for overseeing the implementation of the Cannabis Control Law.

Over the last year a new Council was voted in and new associates have joined the administration team. The new Chief and Council have appointed Councillors to a Cannabis Law Implementation Committee and the committee has begun its efforts to realize the implementation of the Cannabis Control Law. These meetings have opened up conversations about the significant challenges and opportunities of the production, distribution, potential revenue, and consumption of cannabis should the decision allow cannabis shops to operate in Neyaashiinigmiing. In the coming months, the committee will be engaging in a community survey to seek input and feedback from the community about your thoughts, hopes and concerns for a future Cannabis industry in Neyaashiinigmiing.

**Currently there are no licensed dispensaries operating in Neyaashiinigmiing.** As Chief & Council along with the Cannabis Law Implementation Committee continue to explore how a well-regulated Cannabis industry may be beneficial to Nawash, matters of public health, safety and security of our children and vulnerable members needs to be addressed. We will be engaging the community regarding these topics, to ensure that your thoughts, hopes and concerns are understood and incorporated into the Regulation of this Law.

The Cannabis Law Implementation Committee's next step is to engage the community. Your input will help inform the regulations and selection process for Cannabis Law Commissioners.

We will continue to keep you all up-to-date as we have more information and look forward to hearing from you through the upcoming Community Survey.



# Donating to the Ukraine Through the Red Cross

This past Monday, Council has graciously agreed to donate \$2,500 to the Ukraine through the Canadian Red Cross. These funds will be coming from Coldwater Surplus.

Ukraine has been devastated by the attacks Russia launched on February 24th. The Red Cross is offering humanitarian assistance to people in the Ukraine and surrounding countries during this conflict. .

If you would like to give, please click [here](#) or call the Canadian Red Cross at 1.800.418.1111



Canadian Red Cross

Donate

Contact Us: 1.800.418.1111

The screenshot shows a donation interface with the following elements:

- Donate To:** A grid of buttons for different causes: 'WHERE IT IS NEEDED MOST', 'INTERNATIONAL DISASTER RELIEF FUND', 'INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS FUND', 'YEMEN APPEAL', 'PALESTINE HUMANITARIAN NEEDS APPEAL', and 'UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS APPEAL' (highlighted in red).
- Amount:** Input fields for '\$75', '\$150', '\$200', 'OTHER', and '\$'.
- Options:** Checkboxes for 'Make this a monthly donation' and 'In Honour'.
- Button:** A prominent red 'DONATE' button.
- Background:** A blurred image of a person in a Red Cross uniform.
- Vertical Text:** 'LEARN MORE' on the right side.

## Anishinaabe Cultural Experiences at Cape Croker Park



This is the second year of booking online for Cape Croker Park & cultural activities. There are lots of activities to choose from!



<https://capecrokerpark.com/activities/culture>



Anishinaabe Arts



At Home on the Land



Fire Making & Wilderness Skills



Ginebek Miikaans



Nation-to-Nation Treaties



Neyaashiinigmiing & Stories of the Land



Walking with Nature



BOOK NOW

# EDUCATION UPDATES

The Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Board of Education

## Mark Your Calendars

Exciting News!!! Coming to you very soon will be the newest edition to the CNUFNBOE book collection. We are ecstatic to announce our new colouring book. Limited copies will be available.

### SECONDARY EDUCATION UPDATES:

- \* Transitions between secondary - Early April 2022
- \* PSDS - Tuesday's 11am-2:45pm
- \* SMHS - Wednesday's 11am-2:45pm
- \* Random Contests

Please do not hesitate to contact the Secondary Student Services Coordinator at 519-534-0882 / 519-375-0334 if you require any assistance.

For further information and links see: [www.nawash.ca/board-of-education](http://www.nawash.ca/board-of-education)



Sleigh ride held at KES held on March 3, 2022



### Kikendaasogamig Elementary School and Nshiime Child & Family Centre

Closed for March Break: March 14-18, 2022



### Nawash Education Diversity Assistance Program (NEDAP)

Call for Applications: March 15 - April 15, 2022. Policy and application available at: [www.nawash.ca/board-of-education](http://www.nawash.ca/board-of-education)



### Nawash Post Secondary Assistance Program (NSAP)

Deadline for Fall/Winter 2022-23 applications: May 1, 2022. Policy and application available at: [www.nawash.ca/board-of-education](http://www.nawash.ca/board-of-education)

## ◆ Board Meetings

- \* March 10, 2022: 2-4pm
  - \* March 24, 2022: 3:30-5:30pm
  - \* March 29, 2022: 9am -12pm
- Special Quarterly Meeting at Band Council

## ◆ Gift Cards

The CNUFNBOE is proud to announce our community partnership with Band Programs – Sanitation Baskets and for providing our Education families (Elementary, Secondary) with gift cards and extending monetary support to our Post-Secondary students.

## ◆ RASF

Deadline for Ralph Akiwenzie Scholarship Fund is March 31, 2022. Guidelines and application are available at: [www.nawash.ca/board-of-education](http://www.nawash.ca/board-of-education)

## **Indian Day School Assistance**

Joss Ann Johnston of the Grey/Bruce Legal Clinic will be visiting the community **in April** to assist Local Community Members with Indian Day School Claims. To book an appointment, please leave a voicemail at 519 379 3277 (Mon-Fri 8:30-4:30 Calls/Voicemail outside of this time will not be monitored or returned.)

The available dates are listed below.

**April 8th, 2022**

**April 22nd, 2022**

**A mask is required for ALL community members attending an appointment and please practice social distancing!**

**Transportation can be made available if booked well in advance!**

\*\*\* If these dates do not work for you and/or you choose to make your own appointment, please call the **Grey Bruce Legal Clinic at 519 370 2200**. All appointments arranged this way are completely up to the client and the Wellness Centre is unable to assist with transportation and associated costs. \*\*\*

## NAWASH FAMILY WELL-BEING PROGRAM

# COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PROGRAM (CVITP)

We are ready to assist in completing and filing basic income tax returns online through EFILE.

EFILE is an automated service that allows approved tax preparation service providers to send individual income tax return information to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) directly from EFILE-certified tax preparation software.

Our volunteers have passed all CRA security and training requirements needed to participate in the Volunteer Income Tax program. CVITP volunteers are not paid and cannot accept payment for their services. Nawash Family Well-Being is a CRA approved host site, and this is our 4th year offering this service.



### Who is this for?

- ✓ first time applicants
- ✓ Individuals/family/seniors
- ✓ low income or working individuals with basic returns
- ✓ anyone needing 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, or 2021 income tax completed (can be filed in EFILE) - however, we may be able to complete up to 10 years

We keep no records, everything you provide will be returned to you along with a printed copy of your return. This is a FREE service available on a first call - first served basis.

**call (519-534-4445) & leave a message**

Please leave a phone number so we can let you know what we need from you in order to complete your returns.

# FREE MEMORY AND AGING PROGRAM VIA ZOOM

## Memory And Aging Program An Education and Workshop series

The **Memory and Aging Program** consists of five weekly two-hour sessions, and addresses questions such as:

- What kinds of memory changes should I expect, as I grow older?
- Which changes are normal and which ones are not?
- If I forget, is something wrong with my brain?
- Can I improve my memory?

The **Memory and Aging Program** is aimed at people of retirement age or older who are interested in learning about memory changes that normally occur with age, and strategies to improve their everyday memory performance. Developed through the Baycrest Health Science Centre.

Where: online via **ZOOM**

When: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 19, 2022

Time: 10- 12pm

How: You **must register** by calling:

**Alzheimer Society Grey-Bruce 519 376 7230 or 1 800 265 9013**

(A minimum number of 6 registrants are required in order to run this series. Maximum number of 20)

**FREE**

Facilitator: Sandra Hong, Public Education Coordinator, Alzheimer Society of Grey-Bruce



**Alzheimer Society**  
GREY-BRUCE



# REMINDER: COVID-19 Membership Benefit – GIFT CARD \*ADDITIONAL DATE\*

Pick up at Maadookii Senior Centre on  
**Mon. March 14th: 9am-4pm**



**COVID-19 MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT - GIFT CARD**

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS FOR REGISTERED CHIPPEWAS OF NAWASH UNCEDED FIRST NATION MEMBERS ONLY.

STARTS: MARCH 1, 2022

ENDS: JUNE 30, 2022

CLICK HERE: FOR MORE INFORMATION & THE ONLINE SUBMISSION FORM.

All registered Nawash members, including adults & minor children (17 & under) residing in Canada, are eligible to receive one \$100 gift card upon completion and submission of the application. Each adult member must complete an individual application. Parents or guardians of minor children are encouraged to use a single application to list dependents.

This membership benefit ends on June 30, 2022.

The funds for these gift cards being issued to all members was approved by Coldwater Trust.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

- THIS IS FOR REGISTERED CHIPPEWAS OF NAWASH UNCEDED FIRST NATION MEMBERS RESIDING IN CANADA ONLY -

#### Important Note:

Registered members living on the reserve picking up gift cards:

- Pick up dates: Gift cards will be ready for pick up:
  - Another date has been added: **Mon. March 14th - Maadookii Senior Centre:** 9am-4pm EST. No appointment required.
  - Starting on **Wed. March 9th & onwards - Band Office on weekdays** (Mon-Fri) from 9am-4pm EST. Call our toll-free number before picking up: 1-833-602-0161.
  - COVID protocols must be followed for pick ups.
  - Extra application forms will be available at these locations during the timeframes mentioned.

Registered members living off the reserve:

- For those filling out the application online, the distribution of the cards will commence on the week of March 14th.
- Please allow 1-2 weeks for the delivery of gift cards via mail once you submit the application.

#### Questions?

Call our toll-free number - Monday to Friday - 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM EST: 1-833-602-0161

Please leave a message if phone is not answered. Phone calls and messages are being answered by the team at Nawash.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [www.nawash.ca](http://www.nawash.ca) for more information and for the online submission form.



## Final Reminder: Tobacco Allocation

To all Nawash Retailers and/or Businesses on the Reserve:

Each year, Ontario Ministry of Finance calculates the total quantity of allocation cigarettes for each reserve. We have been informed that Neyaashiinigmiing's amount will be 32,960 cartons. Please submit your tobacco interest and request for the upcoming period of April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023.

Deadline has been extended to **Thursday, March 17th, 2022** to be considered.

Please fill out the form below and drop it off at the Band Office OR email the information to Michael Earl, Senior Administrative Officer: [sao@nawash.ca](mailto:sao@nawash.ca)

Decisions of tobacco allocation for the community will be made by Council and communicated to candidates at the end of March. Successful candidates will be required to provide their Band Member Number.



### Tobacco Request Form

**Extended Deadline: March 17, 2022**

Attention: Michael Earl - Senior Administrative Officer

Name of Applicant	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
Name of Business (if applicable)	
Address	
Description of Business (i.e., restaurant, personal, etc.)	
Tobacco Request (specify number of cartons)	

Fill in and drop off at the Band Office  
OR email this information to Michael Earl: [sao@nawash.ca](mailto:sao@nawash.ca)

# Featured Job at Nawash



Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation,  
Water Treatment Plant Project is looking for a:  
[Environmental Monitor](#) – Closes Mar 25

The Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation has commenced a construction project to upgrade the water system to provide safe drinking water and meet future capacity needs as the community to grow. The project includes the construction of a new Water Treatment Plant (near Pit Road and Wilmer's Road) and upgrades to the water distribution system throughout the community. Environmental monitoring is a critical component of the project to ensure compliance with environmental regulations.

The Environmental Monitor will be required to identify species at risk and perform on-site visual inspection sweeps of the construction zone prior to starting work for all workdays that fall between March 15 and October 30 of 2022 and 2023, to ensure that Species at Risk are not present and will not be impacted by equipment or worker activities.

Regular reporting and documentation of inspection/inspection results will also be required. It is anticipated that an average of 1.5 hrs/day (or 7.5 hours per week) will be required to complete the above site work and reporting. This will be an hourly contract position at a salary of \$25/h for the 2022 season with the option to renew for the 2023 season.

There may also be an opportunity for the Environmental Monitor to participate in other aspects of construction inspection with the Contract Administrator team beyond the weekly hours noted above. This can be discussed further with the successful candidate based on interest, skills and availability.

## KEY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Conduct daily inspections for Species at Risk wildlife which could be present within active construction areas, particular attention will be paid to species of birds, frogs, and possibly snakes;
- Monitor/move wildlife species to ensure their survival in accordance with environmental regulations;
- Document health outcomes of wildlife encountered during environmental monitoring;
- Document through regular reporting environmental monitoring effort and results;
- Liaise with construction crews to understand work scope and timing; and,
- Participate in internal and external environmental meetings as required.



Please send your resume to:  
Andrew Bruce  
Senior Fish and Wildlife Technician  
LGL Limited  
abruce@lgl.com

Learn more about this opportunity on our website or click here:  
<https://www.nawash.ca/employment-opportunities/>

# Job Postings

Ontario Parks is looking Summer Student Employment

- [Student Park Ranger](#) - Closes Mar 16  
More opportunities can be found [here](#)

SOAHAC is looking for:

- [Traditional Healing Liaison](#), Cambridge
  - [Dental Assistant, London](#) & Chippewa
- Click [here](#) to learn more



Job Fair

Formet Industries:

Sat. Mar. 12th, 2022 - 9am-5pm  
Lamplighter Inn in London, ON

Recruiting for:

- Production Team Members
- Forklift Drivers
- Electricians
- Millwrights
- Tool & Die Makers

Click [here](#) to learn more

Learn more about these opportunities and many more on our website:

<https://www.nawash.ca/employment-opportunities/>

## Reminder: Notice to Households: Upcoming Watermain Replacements (Water Treatment Plant Distribution System Project)



Starting this Spring 2022, we will be replacing the aging watermains and individual water services in Nawash. This endeavor is long overdue for our community.

As we prepare for construction, specific home owners who are determined to be close to construction activities will be asked to participate in a pre-construction site inspection to assess the water service connection to the households. This service will be undertaken as part of the Water Treatment Plant Distribution System project. Englobe has been contracted to assess the water, and inspect the internal and exterior of buildings and structures. The intent of the inspection is to ensure that if any damage to the structure occurs during the project that there will be documented evidence of the site prior to the work being completed. This service is voluntary and free.

More information will be coming in the near future, including point of contact.

# Reminders

## Newsletter

Happy Friday Everyone!

If you have any ideas, content to share, or questions about the our newsletter, website or Facebook page, please reach out to me, Nahleena Tye, Communications Manager at: [communications@nawash.ca](mailto:communications@nawash.ca)

Have a great weekend!



## **REMINDER: Sanitation Basket Feedback**

1. Do you feel the content in the basket meet the sanitation needs of your family? Yes or No

2. If not what contents would like to see added or omitted: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Do you feel this was a good initiative? Yes or No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out and drop off to Social Services by March 18, 2022