

Chippewas of Nawash Newsletter

Updates are also posted on:

www.nawash.ca | www.facebook.com/CONUEN



April 1, 2022



Neyaashiinigmiing

COVID-19 Updates

In Neyaashiinigmiing:

Thurs. Mar. 31, 2022

New confirmed cases:	3
Active cases:	10
Resolved cases since Jan 1, 2022:	77

Community Alerts

- There continues to be an **active COVID-19 outbreak** in Neyaashiinigmiing.
- The State of Emergency for Neyaashiinigmiing has been extended until April 30th, 2022.

Reminder:

- All indoor & outdoor gathering limits are lifted
- Band Buildings are open to the public. Self-Screening Assessment. & face masks required for entry points and where 2 meter distancing cannot be maintained.

New Fire Truck

Earlier this year, Chief and Council received confirmation that funding had been approved by Indigenous Services Canada for the purchase of one new fire truck for Neyaashiinigmiing. We are pleased to announce the fire truck is here!



Avian Influenza detected in poultry flock in Neyaashiinigmiing

Earlier this week, The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) was notified of a potentially sick poultry flock within Neyaashiinigmiing. On March 28th, CFIA came to the premises to collect samples for testing.

On March 30th, CFIA notified Nawash that in a preliminary test, one poultry flock in our community tested positive for Avian Influenza (AI). AI is also known as H5N1 and the "bird flu". On April 1st further testing completed by the federal laboratory concluded in the same Avian Influenza H5N1 diagnosis.

What is Avian Influenza?

Avian Influenza (AI), commonly known as "bird flu" is a contagious viral infection that can affect several species of food producing birds as well as pet birds and wild birds. *The risk to humans is very low. Human infections are rare and usually transmitted through close contact of infected bird feces.

How is it transmitted within birds?

It is transmitted when a bird is exposed to an infected bird.

It spreads very quickly among domesticated poultry.

At this time, assume all wild birds, fowl, geese and ducks are infected.

How can I tell if a bird is sick?

A bird that is sick will look lethargic, tired, or depressed.

Poultry may have swollen wattles, comb and face.



What should I do with my birds/poultry flock?

Monitor them and look for symptoms (listed in the point above).

My bird looks sick, what do I do?

Do not touch it. Please report as soon as possible by calling: 1-800-565-2224

What should I do if I find a dead bird?

Do not touch it. Cover the carcass with a pail so no other birds of prey or other animals can get to it and call: 1-800-565-2224

How can I keep my flock safe?

Keep them indoors if they are not sick.

What happens if I lose my poultry flock to Avian Influenza?

There is compensation that can be provided with certain restrictions. Call 1-800-565-2224 to learn more.

Continued --->

Does it effect humans?

As mentioned, on rare occasions this disease can be transmitted to humans. Transmission to humans has occurred through close contact with infected birds or heavily contaminated environments. To protect yourself, stay away from the feces (poop) of all birds. We will be providing symptoms to look for in the near future.



What do eggs from sick birds look like?

Eggs from sick birds will be shell-less eggs or soft-shelled eggs.

What happens if I eat eggs from sick poultry?

Cooking or boiling eggs will inactivate the virus (cooking at high temperatures kills the virus).

Can I consume infected poultry?

Cooking poultry will inactivate the virus (cooking at high temperatures kills the virus).

As of March 30th:

There are 4 confirmed Avian Influenza outbreaks in domesticated flocks of birds/poultry within Ontario.

There are 0 confirmed cases of Avian Influenza in human.

Can Avian Influenza be transmitted to pets, such as dogs?

The risk to non-avian (non-bird) species such as dogs and cats is very low. The following link provides additional information:

<https://inspection.canada.ca/animal-health/terrestrial-animals/diseases/reportable/avian-influenza/eng/1323990856863/1323991018946>

Other Links:

Link to current confirmed detection in ON:

<https://inspection.canada.ca/animal-health/terrestrial-animals/diseases/reportable/avian-influenza/detection-of-highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza-h5n/eng/1640207916497/1640207916934>

Fact sheet:

<https://inspection.canada.ca/animal-health/terrestrial-animals/diseases/reportable/avian-influenza/fact-sheet/eng/1356193731667/1356193918453>

What to expect if your birds are infected:

<https://inspection.canada.ca/animal-health/terrestrial-animals/diseases/reportable/avian-influenza/what-to-expect-if-your-animals-are-infected/eng/1334853795705/1334853885674>

*Please note that the above message is information only - not advice. If you have any questions or concerns regarding Avian Influenza, your poultry flock and/or other birds, please call 1-800-565-2224. If you require medical advice, please consult a doctor or other appropriate medical professional.

First Nations Drinking Water Class Action



**First Nations
Drinking Water
SETTLEMENT**

Earlier this week Chief & Council had a virtual meeting with OKT (our law firm) to learn more about the First Nations Drinking Water Class Action.

The lawsuit addresses Canada's failure to take all reasonable steps to ensure that First Nation communities have adequate access to safe drinking water.

The Settlement includes compensation for Impacted First Nations and eligible individuals as well as commitments to fund the construction, operation, and maintenance of infrastructure needed to provide regular access to safe drinking water in their homes in a quantity sufficient for everyday use including, laundry, cooking, washing dishes, bathing, etc.

The First Nations Drinking Water settlement totals roughly \$8 billion. \$6 billion is for community water and wastewater infrastructure and the rest is compensation for both Individuals and First Nations.

Courts have approved the Settlement between Canada and certain First Nations and their members who were subject to a drinking water advisory that lasted at least one year between November 20, 1995 and June 20, 2021.

In Neyaashiinigmiing, we have had a boil water advisory since 2019.

The claims process for compensation is now open.

- Individuals have two ways to make claims for compensation before **March 7, 2023**:
 1. on their own, using the Individual Claim Form
 2. have their name included on the Band Confirmation List
- Impacted First Nations wishing to accept the Settlement Agreement have a deadline of **December 2, 2022** to submit their Band Council Acceptance Resolution.

We realize the community will have many questions as we all are learning more about this Class Action.

All details and forms can be found on the following website:
[Firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca](https://firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca)

For frequently asked questions, please visit: [FAQs - First Nations Drinking Water](https://firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca/index.php/help-support/faqs/) or
<https://firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca/index.php/help-support/faqs/>

If you have any questions regarding this, please call our consulting firm, Deloitte directly:
1-833-252-4220

If you require a hard copy of the Claims form, please contact the Band Office.

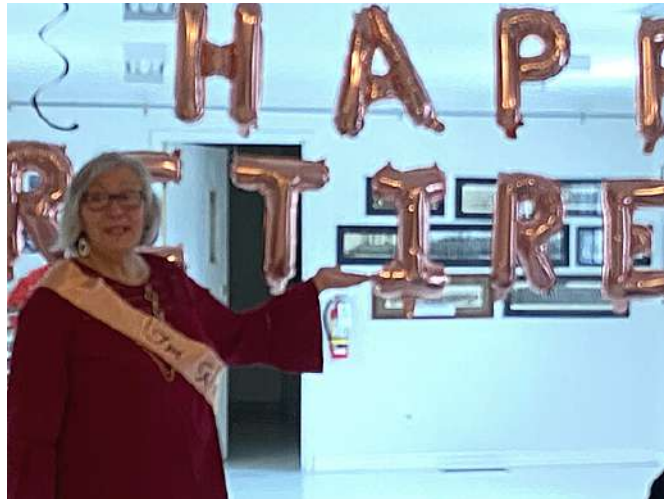
Happy Retirement to:

Christine Keeshig

We Honoured & Celebrated Christine Keeshig's Retirement.

On Friday March 25th many members of the Neyaashiinigmiing Community attended a Come & Go Tea held at the Maadookii Seniors Centre in honour of Christine Keeshig's retirement.

Christine accomplished so much during her 41 years that she worked for this community.



It all began at St Mary's elementary school where she was hired by the Sisters of St. Joseph through the Diocese of Hamilton. She worked there for 2 years before working in the Band's Economic & Employment Office helping individuals with employment and training for almost 10 years. She moved onto work in Barrie at the Huronia Area Aboriginal Management Board as an Employment Counsellor and Life-Skills Coach. In 1996, Christine returned to the community to work for the Maadookii Seniors Group for 7 years. Maadookii's had no core funding so Christine applied to Aboriginal Healing Foundation for residential school survivors which lasted for 5 years. During this time Christine was also instrumental in helping secure our Home & Community Care funding; and Maadookii Seniors partnered with HHC for a bus to transport seniors for shopping trips and other outings. Christine also worked hard with the Committee on plans for the construction of the Seniors Apartment Complex. From the Maadookii Seniors Centre, Christine went to the Women's Crisis Shelter until it closed, and she did a short stint with Adult Learning Centre where she worked with Mary Ashkewe sharing her knowledge in the Anishinaabemowin language and history. Christine returned to Maadookii for another 8 years where she wrote proposals and helped plan activities for the seniors which included the awesome Elders Books, a Historical Play and other memorable activities. Through Grants, funding was obtained for the construction of the Lodge and other building projects. Christine generally was the guardian of the spirit of the Maadookii Senior Centre!

Continued --->



Other significant contributions from her hard work include:

- Helping to organize the 1st ever Heritage Day Celebrations
- A Band Councillor term 2009-2011
- 3 Terms on the Board of Education
- Served on various Band Program Committees – Education, Policing, Day Care and Health.
- Assisted with St. Mary's Advocacy Ladies Group during the Epoch scandal
- Continues to serve on the St. Mary's Parish Committee
- And recently has joined the Sheatre Board of Director

Christine has raised a beautiful family, Meghan and Alexandria. She is a proud grandmother of Gabriell and Ashton and an aunt to many nieces and nephews.

We say "Chi-Miigwetch" to Christine for her wonderful years of service! Although we will miss her dearly, we wish her a happy retirement full of love and all the good things she deserves.

It was during this same time, that Christine under her mothers guidance organized the Remembrance Day ceremony at the cenotaph. This continued until Ernie Nadjiwon returned home to take over.

~ Gimaa Veronica Smith



Happy Retirement to:

Rose Jones

Nshiime Child and Family would like to extend a huge congratulations to Rose Jones on her recent retirement. Rose has served an amazing 31 years as an employee of the Chippewas of Nawash and as a valuable staff member of Nshiime. She requested a small Celebration, so that is what we did. Rose was extremely thankful for the gifts from the Board of Education, Chief and Council and Nshiime. We wish her all the best and sure hope she gets to take some of those long anticipated trips she's been talking about.

~ Kathy Jones



University of Guelph

Gimaa Veronica Smith joined students, faculty and staff on March 24th at the University of Guelph for an in-person celebration as the university marks the installation of the University's ninth president and vice-chancellor, Dr. Charlotte Yates.

We have a long standing relationship with the University and Councillor Miptoon-Anthony Chegahno has been their Elder for many years.



YUWIFI HEALING CEREMONY

SAT APR 02 | 6PM-TBD



**Environment
Office**

Saugeen Ojibway
Nation.



YUWIFI HEALING CEREMONY

Laidman JR Fox will be in the Territory to conduct a Yuwipi Healing Ceremony for SON members. This ceremony will seek guidance and direction on the different developments and projects within our Territory.

Participants bring a 1 meter bolt of cloth tied, and filled with tobacco as an offering. Women are asked to wear a long skirt & no moon time.

**LOCATION: Outdoor Education Centre
3092 Bruce Road 13,
Warton, ON
N0H 2T0**

Sweat for Cleansing 6PM-8PM

Ceremony Begins 8PM - Until Finished

When ceremony begins the doors remained closed until finished. No sources of light in the room. This can take 2-4hrs, maybe more. No entry/exit during this time, and no electronic devices.

Feast to Follow Conclusion of the Ceremony

Chili and bannock will be provided, attendees are asked to bring some food as a potluck to round out the feast. Please bring your feast bundles.

Councillors Carlene Keeshig and Conrad Ritchie provided some additional information regarding the Yuwipi Ceremony on the Joint Chiefs and Councils of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation Facebook page. Watch here: <https://fb.watch/c5FjP5n2NI/>

OPEN CRAFT NIGHTS



***Masks are recommended**

open craft nights

The Family Well-Being program is offering a space for all crafters to come together to socialize and encourage one another with their on-going projects.

We are encouraging everyone to bring their own supplies, as we cannot provide supplies at this time. As well as their own snack and refreshments.

**Beginners
and Advanced
Welcome!**

**Tuesday Evenings
for the month of April
6pm - 9 pm**

Maadookii Sr Centre

BOOK BINDING

This is a hands on workshop that allows participants to complete their own journal from start to finish, by being able to hand sew pages and covers together.



[HTTPS://WWW.BOCHORDBOOKBINDING.CA/POST/LONG-STITCH-HARD-COVER-JOURNAL](https://www.bochordbookbinding.ca/post/long-stitch-hard-cover-journal)

KARI BOCHORD

BOOK BINDING WORKSHOP

Friday April 8th, 9am to 4pm
at the United Church Manse

Call Family Well-Being to
register
8 spots available -> first call,
first serve. Please leave your
name and contact number at
519-534-4445

A FAMILY WELL-BEING SPONSORED EVENT

INCOME TAX

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.

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE EXTENSIONS

Keep this page handy for Administrative Office personnel, email addresses and extensions.

519-534-1689

Chippewas of Nawash Administration Office

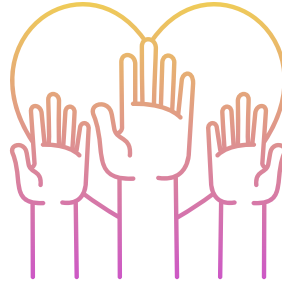
Telephone Extensions (March 31, 2022)

	Employee		Extension
Chief Veronica Smith	Gimaa Kwe	chief.veronica@nawash.ca	251
Terry King	Executive Assistant	executive.assistant@nawash.ca	249
Faith Abel	Executive Assistant Trainee	eaadminassist@nawash.ca	252
Mike Earl	Senior Administrative Officer	sao@nawash.ca	234
Pam Linklater	Manager of Operations	operationsmanager@nawash.ca	224
Kylene Kanerva	Human Resources Manager	hrmanager@nawash.ca	235
Nahleena Tye	Communications Manager	communications@nawash.ca	
Laura Uiselt	HR/Finance Assistant	humanresources@nawash.ca	225
Priscilla Ashkewe	Administrative Assistant	cnadminassistant@nawash.ca	233
John Ramage	Finance Manager	jramage@nawash.ca	223
Kathy McIlwrick	Finance Accounts Payable	finance.support@nawash.ca	227
Diana Ross	Finance Clerk	financerevenue@nawash.ca	226
Cherish Ashkewe	Scanning Clerk	scanningclerkea@nawash.ca	240
Iris Ashkewe	Membership Clerk	iris.ashkewe@nawash.ca	237
Larissa Johnston	Lands Manager	larissa.johnston@nawash.ca	229
Nuala Robinson	MRP Coordinator	mrpcordinator@nawash.ca	241
Pat Chegahno	Band Rep	bandrep@nawash.ca	232
	Receptionist	reception.admin@nawash.ca	222
	Photocopier / coffee room		244

Job Postings

Volunteers Wanted

Foodbank needing volunteers on
Tuesday and Thursday
Needs to be vaccinated.



Englobe is looking for a:

- [Pre-Construction Condition Survey Technician](#) - (6 month casual contract) - Based remotely out of Neyaashiinigiing the surrounding area. The position will support Englobe's pre-condition survey work for the Water Distribution System Upgrade construction project that will be underway by Bridge Excavating within the Chippewas of the Nawash Unceded First Nation.



CHIPPEWAS OF NAWASH UNCEDDED FIRST NATION

Ojibway Language Teacher



Program:	Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Board of Education
Reports To:	Principal, Kikendaasogamig Elementary School
Term of Employment:	Present – July 8, 2022
Wage:	Staff shall be assigned salary as determined by the salary grids of the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Board of Education
Hours of Work:	8:30 – 4:30; some evenings may be required
Closing Date:	Open Until Filled

JOB PURPOSE

The Ojibway Language Teacher delivers the Ojibway Language programming to grades Pre-K to Grade 8 and promotes Anishinaabemowin acquisition for educational staff. The position provides assistance and support to teachers and requires that the employee work as part of a delivery team at the school.



Learn more about these opportunities and many more on our website:
<https://www.nawash.ca/employment-opportunities/>

Newsletter

Hope you enjoyed this week's newsletter. If you have any questions or have content to submit, please reach out to me, Nahleena Tye, Communications Manager at: communications@nawash.ca



Have a wonderful weekend!