

Chippewas of Nawash Newsletter

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April 14, 2022

Neyaashiinigiing

Community Alerts

Easter Weekend & COVID-19

Following holidays, our community has experienced a spike in COVID-19 cases which parallels the trends in the province.

We are urging all community members to please help stop the spread by:

- **wearing an N95 mask**, if available, or a surgical mask in all indoor public settings
- maintaining **2 metres of physical distance** and wearing a face mask when this cannot be maintained
- **considering your risk of exposure** to COVID-19 and act accordingly. Consider how your risk may affect your family, friends, elders, the vulnerable, community members and others in general.



Heath Centre

Important phone numbers:

- Health Centre main line: 519-534-0373
- Health Centre Cell Phone: 519-375-0288
- SpringDawn (RPN) Cell: 519-378-6028

Last week there were issues with the main line that have now been resolved. Please feel free to call any of the above numbers.

Reminder: Holiday Closure

Band offices will be closed for
Good Friday (Apr. 15) &
Easter Monday (Apr. 18).

COVID-19 Updates

In Neyaashiinigiing:
Wed. Apr. 13, 2022

New confirmed cases:	0
Active cases:	14
Resolved cases since Jan 1, 2022:	108

NOTICES:

HEALTH CENTRE CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER MONDAY



The Health Centre will reopen on Tuesday.

SpringDawn (RPN) will be available via cell: 519-378-6028. She will reply via text. Or if it is urgent, she will call.

- If you have an emergency, call 911 or go to Emerg.
- If you need less urgent care, please go to the walk-in-clinic.
- Covid-19 Rapid Tests were delivered to households last Friday. If you require more during this time, please contact grocery stores during their hours of operation to see if they have any available and free.

CORRECTION:

GARBAGE PICK-UP ON TUESDAY, APRIL 19TH

(Please note there was a small typo in the calendar - there will be no garbage pick-up on Easter Monday due to the holiday.)



NEYAASHIINIGMIING REMAINS IN STATE OF EMERGENCY UNTIL APRIL 30TH.

What is a State of Emergency?

When a State of Emergency was declared in Neyaashiinigiing when COVID-19 began, an Emergency Response Team comprised of Senior Staff in Nawash was immediately instituted to respond to and create processes for the community. They continue to meet on a weekly basis. This type of emergency also provides access to funding in order to carry out measures to keep our community safe.



Reminder - as communicated on March 21st:

- There continues to be an **active COVID-19 outbreak** in Neyaashiinigiing.
- 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.

MED DRIVERS UNAVAILABLE & HELP WANTED

Notice from the Health Centre: Med Drivers are currently not available and staff will be doing deliveries. Please expect delays.

Nawash is looking for more MED Drivers, please visit our Nawash Employment page, scroll down to Casual Employment List and fill out the Casual Help Form, or click [here](#).



MESSAGE REGARDING NAWASH PROGRAMS & DEPARTMENTS:



Due to the pandemic, we are having staffing challenges for many programs and departments in Nawash. This is resulting in delivery delays and keeping services at standard.

We are asking community members that require help to please reach out to neighbours, family or friends for deliveries.

Communication Update

by: Councillor Norma Tobey

April 14, 2022

Portfolios:

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

Alternate on:

- Native Child Welfare/Youth Mental Health



Pictured: Norma (left) with her two daughters, Lena (right) and Amy (front).

Parks Canada File:

I have a long bitter sweet connection with Parks Canada. This is where I started my career, at the Georgian Bay Islands National Park in Honey Harbour. I say bitter sweet because although I enjoyed my job and I learned most of my administration skills from this job, my husband's family was removed from Beausoleil Island which is the largest island in Georgian Bay Islands National Park. Up until 1929 there was a small band of native people living on this island when the Government decided this would be a National Park.

When the Federal Government decided that Cyprus Lake Provincial Park and Fathom Five Provincial Park should become National Parks, I moved up to Tobermory to help get this new park developed. Again, I found myself with conflicting feelings.

The Parks Canada File is an Environment Office of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation file which means the committee is made up of Nawash Councillors and Saugeen Councillors.

Nawash Councillors: Anthony Chegahno, Randa Keeshig, Carlene Keeshig and myself.

Saugeen Councillors: Doran Ritchie, Melissa Snowden and Sheena Kewageeshig

Right now we are negotiating with Parks Canada on Management Planning. Currently Parks Canada is required to do a Management Plan which usually is a 10 year plan. It identifies land use rules and zoning, including what activities are allowed and where, plans for infrastructure repairs or development, plans for ecological rehabilitation, species at risk, protection and recovery initiatives, sustainable tourism plans etc. This planning **does not** impact SON members' ability to exercise their Aboriginal and Treaty rights (for example harvesting and ceremony) in the Park.

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SON's stance on this is to have an active role in decision making as well as consenting to plans in the making.

Some of SON's long-term interests related to the Park are:

- Protecting harvesting rights
- Leveraging employment and economic development opportunities
- Co-staffing and co-decision making at the most senior levels
- Possibly big picture goals of controlling the Parks Administration and even bigger, full ownership of Parks Lands (Land Claim)

Negotiations up to now has put in place four (4) major documents that ensure SON has a seat at that table.

- **The Contribution Agreement:** this covers SON's costs for participation in management planning (described above) through the Working Group, a contribution to SON's own Land Use and Occupancy study, other technical studies, community consultation, etc.
- **Two Terms of Reference:** which outline how SON representatives work with Parks Canada representatives for the work we are currently involved in through the "Working Group".
- **The Working Group:** this group is made up of SON Environment staff and Councillors that meet regularly with Parks Canada to ensure SON's position and rights are being upheld.
- **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):** which is the newest document which was signed in May 2021.
 - The Primary Focus: guarantees that SON participation in any collaborative work with Parks Canada does not limit SON's Aboriginal and Treaty Rights.
 - Also guarantees SON's ownership, control, access and protection of rights for any Indigenous Knowledge gathered or used for Parks planning or decisions.

Ongoing Work

- Update communities on current and long term parks discussions
- Research other Indigenous-led Parks models for ideas.
- Work with Parks Canada to update current management plans
- Initiate long term discussions/negotiations about the lands currently managed by Parks Canada.



VACCINE CLINIC – TUESDAY, APRIL 19th

COVID -19 VACCINATION

GET IT NOW

**Adult Vaccination Clinic
1st Dose, 2nd Dose, 3rd Dose,
4th Doses**

**Where: CSS Dining Hall,
33 Maadookii Crescent,
Date: Tuesday, April 19, 2022
Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**Requirements for 4th booster
-Age 18+
-140 days from your 3rd booster**

**Please contact the Front Desk
(519)534-0373, to book your
appointment time.**

COVID-19 Vaccine: Novavax

Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine:

On April 12, Nawash learned that The Grey Bruce Health Unit has received a limited supply of Novavax COVID-19 vaccine. This is another option for people who wish to be vaccinated against the virus.



Key points:

- The protein-based, non-mRNA Novavax Nuvaxovid vaccine – approved by Health Canada in February for use in adults aged 18 and over without contraindications
- This vaccine is an alternative for people with allergies to mRNA vaccines or for individuals who are unable or unwilling to receive an mRNA vaccine
- Novavax is the first COVID-19 protein recombinant subunit vaccine authorized in Canada. Protein subunit vaccines are already used to protect people against other diseases, such as Hepatitis B.
- Vaccination is still the best defence against severe illness and death as a result of COVID-19, especially for people in high-risk populations.
- If you are interested in receiving the vaccine please call Public Health at 519-376-9420.
- More information is available [here](#)

COVID-19 Antiviral Medication: Paxlovid

Paxlovid Antiviral Medication

Earlier this year, Health Canada authorized the use of Pfizer's COVID-19 **antiviral treatment** Paxlovid, the first oral and at-home prescription medication to be approved for use in Canada.



Key points:

- PAXLOVID is used in adults to treat mild to moderate coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in patients who:
 - have a positive result from a severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) viral test and
 - who have a high risk of getting severe COVID-19, including hospitalization or death.
- PAXLOVID IS NOT approved for any of the following:
 - To treat patients who are hospitalized due to severe or critical COVID-19.
 - To prevent COVID-19.
 - To be used for longer than 5 days in a row.
 - For use in children and adolescents less than 18 years of age.
- PAXLOVID stops the virus from multiplying. This can help your body to overcome the virus infection and may help you get better faster.
- * To be effective, Paxlovid must be taken within five days of developing symptoms.
- * You must see visit a doctor to get a prescription for this treatment

More information can be found [here](#)



Avian Influenza



- Declared Primary Control Zones -

Nawash has learned that The Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food has declared primary control zones (PCZ) to prevent the spread of avian influenza (H5N1/bird flu) in Ontario.

As a result of this declaration, birds, their products and by-products, as well as things exposed to birds cannot be moved into, out of, within, or through PCZ except by permission.

Learn more by clicking [here](#)

For assistance with permits and movement control permissions in the PCZ call: 519-953-6658, 8 am to 6 pm (EST), or email:

cfia.ontmovementlicandpermits-deplacementlicenceetpermis.acia@inspection.gc.ca

To date, we have one poultry flock in Neyaashiinigmiing that tested positive for Avian Influenza (AI) by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA). This is also known as H5N1 and the bird flu.

Avian Influenza: 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. **If you become ill after handling birds**, contact your health care provider and inform them that you have been in contact with wild or domesticated birds.

Biosecurity protocols are in place around the premises where the infected poultry flock is located.

Key points:

Avian Influenza is transmitted within birds when a bird is exposed to an infected bird. It spreads quickly among domesticated poultry. Assume all wild birds, fowl, geese and ducks are infected. **Not all infected birds appear sick.**

Can I feed wild birds? **Do not feed wild birds** by hand. **Remove feeders** at or near poultry operations / domestic animals. • Backyard bird feeders and baths should be cleaned regularly using solutions of 25ml bleach to 2L water (1:80 dilution), rinsed and let dry.

When should I suspect Avian Influenza in my birds?

- sudden death
- lack of energy, movement or appetite
- decreased egg production
- swelling around the head, neck and eyes
- coughing, gasping for air or sneezing
- nervous signs, tremors or lack of coordination
- diarrhea

Numbers to call if birds looks sick:

For wild birds that look sick or finding carcasses - please call Canadian Wildlife Health - Cooperative: 1-866-673-4781.

For bird owners please call the CFIA Surveillance and Diagnostics: 226-217-8022.

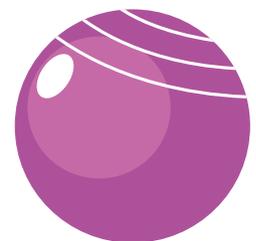
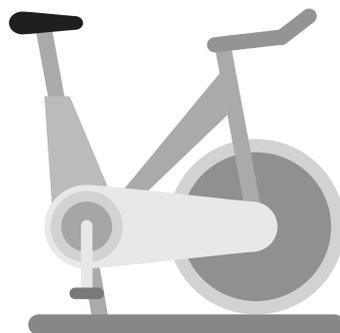
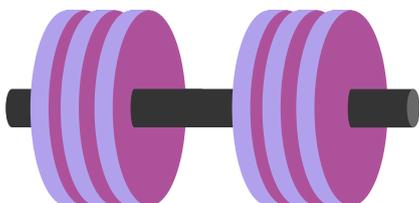
More information can be found on our home page on our website: www.nawash.ca

THE GYM IS OPEN

Please avoid the gym if sick, test positive for COVID-19 or if a high risk contact.

Reminders at a glance:

Hours:	Open 24/7
Accessing the gym:	The gym continues to runs off a key fob entry system <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ The fob is \$20 CDN per month for a household.◦ People can visit the Health Centre during work hours to renew or get a fob pass
Capacity:	Up to 5 people from your household are allowed to use the gym during your booked time.
Sign up System:	There is a sign up system at the gym, people can book up to 4 bookings per week ahead of time, up to 1.5 hours each booking.
Cleaning Gym Equipment:	Gym users are responsible for wiping down each station (and other touched areas) after use then spraying with Lysol for a 5 minute resting contact time prior to the next person coming in.
When not to enter:	Do not enter to use the gym until your time has started. You must leave at least 5 minutes before the next person starts.
Daily Cleaning:	We have maintenance staff that clean and fog daily.
Items to Bring:	Bring your own water bottles.
Gym Attire:	Try to come already dressed to workout when possible.
Ventilation:	Windows can be opened during the days of nice weather but must be closed and locked when you leave.
Cameras:	All cameras are functioning.
Update:	The gym in no longer requiring vaccine passports.



WILL MAKING ASSISTANCE SESSION: THURSDAY, MAY 5

(Please note there was a typo in the newsletter that went to the households.
This date- Thurs. May 5th - is the correct date)

Chippewas of Nawash Lands Department Presents

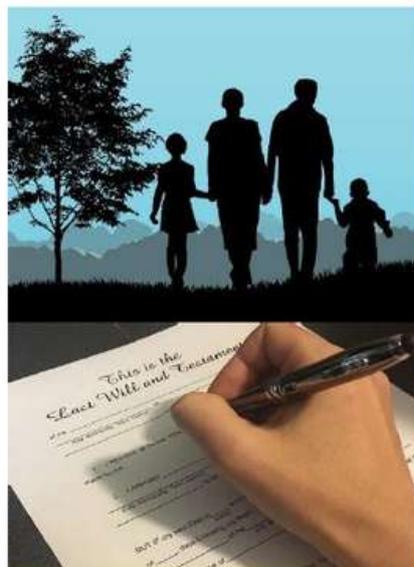
Estate Planning Activities

WILL MAKING ASSISTANCE SESSION

Thursday, May 5 (9am-4:00pm)
At Maadookii Seniors Centre

A legal representative is being made available
to assist band members with writing a Will.

Sittings are 1 hour long.
Limited Sittings available.
You must contact us to reserve a sitting.



Protect your
family, property
and your
wishes.

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE**

Please contact us to register.

519-534-1689 or email at larissa.johnston@nawash.ca

Reminder: Notice to Households:

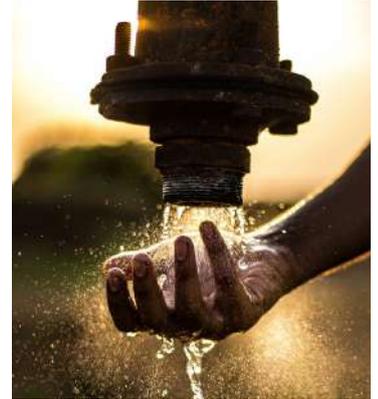
NOTIFICATION FLYERS FOR PRE-CONSTRUCTION SITE INSPECTION

A friendly reminder that:

- Work has started this month (April) on the watermain replacements in Neyaashiinigmiing. This is part of our Distribution System Upgrades and Water Treatment Plant projects.
- A representative from Englobe and/or Sandra LeFaucheur (a consultant for one of our key partners, Bridge Excavating Ltd. are dropping off Notification Flyers about the Pre-Construction Site Inspection to many households.

Earlier this week:

- a third (reminder) letter was delivered to Lighthouse.
- a first letter was delivered to Park, School, Prairie, Sylvia's Harbour, Community Centre Road.



To schedule an onsite inspection please contact Maira Castro of Englobe at the date requested on the letter by calling toll free at 1-519-741-1313 ext. 171104 or by email at Booking.SWO@englobecorp.com. Please quote Chippewas of Nawash – 2201441.

If you have questions about this project or any concerns, please call: Alper Ozer at 437-247-9870 or Marcel Sanchez at 365-228-3365. (Alper and Marcel work for Colliers Project Leaders and are the Project Managers working on this initiative on behalf of Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation)

Below is an image of the letter you may find in your mailbox. Some information such as dates may be modified on the version your household receives.

ENGLOBE  **BRIDGE EXCAVATING LTD** 

NOTICE OF PRE-CONSTRUCTION SITE INSPECTION

Dear Resident and/or Property Owner:

Bridge Excavating is replacing the aging watermain and individual water services in your area. We expect work on your street to start in spring/summer 2022.

Englobe has been hired to inspect all buildings in the construction area to check existing conditions. This service is voluntary and at no cost to you. **Please call them to arrange an appointment for a site inspection.**

We hope the information on the back of this sheet will answer any questions you may have about the site inspection.

How to arrange a site inspection:
To book an appointment for a site inspection or if you have any questions about the inspection, please contact **Maira Castro** of Englobe before **April 8, 2022** by calling toll free at **1-519-741-1313 ext. 171104** or by email at Booking.SWO@englobecorp.com

Please state whether you would like a full inspection (inside and outside) or outside only.

If you call after office hours or email, please state your name, address and phone number and Maira will get back to you. (Office hours are Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

Please quote **Chippewas of Nawash – 2201441.**

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,
Englobe

Brennan Bailey, P. Eng.
Team Lead, Southwestern Ontario

Englobe Corp.
353 Bridge Street East
Kitchener, ON N2K 2Y5
T: 877-300-4800 / F: 888-979-6772

Preconstruction Condition Site Inspections: Your Questions Answered

What is a preconstruction condition site inspection?

- The intent of the site 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.
- The site inspection includes an internal and exterior site inspection of buildings and structures, or parts thereof, determined to be close to construction activities.
- The inspector looks for pre-existing conditions such as nail pops, cracks, water damage, etc. The inspector will take a reference photo of each building and room, as well as photographing or videoing any pre-existing conditions found.
- No items will be moved or disturbed, and only accessible areas will be inspected.
- Please tell the inspector if there are any areas you do not want inspected. **If you wish, we will only check the outside of your property;** however, a site inspection of the inside and outside gives more complete results.
- No personal/private information is collected. Photos are taken only of the walls, ceiling and foundation.
- Please let us know if you have any underground infrastructure (i.e., irrigation lines, septic systems, wells, etc.)
- There is no cost to you for this service.
- **We ask that any animals be restrained away from the areas we will be inspecting.**
- **All inspectors carry photo identification showing the Englobe logo, name and photo. Please ask to see their ID.**

How long will the site inspection take?

- It will take about one hour, depending on the size of the structure.

What happens to the videos and photos?

- Englobe keeps the videos and photos secure for 4 years after the project is completed. The videos and photos are then destroyed.
- In line with the **Privacy Act (PIPEDA)**, the videos and photos are not looked at unless there is a reason to do so; for instance, if you notice a problem after construction and submit a claim to the contractor in writing.

Why should you have a preconstruction condition site inspection?

- The site inspection protects you, Chippewas of Nawash administration and the contractor.
- The site inspection allows for a smooth claim process in the unlikely event your property is damaged as a result of construction activities. **Please be assured that we do not anticipate our construction to cause any damage to your property.** This site inspection is common practice on most construction projects.

Do you have to have a site inspection?

- No, you don't have to have a site inspection, but we highly recommend it for the reasons stated above.
- If you don't want a site inspection, please let us know immediately so we don't contact you again.
- If we are unable to contact you, we will carry out an exterior survey of the property from a publicly accessible and visible location.

If you have any other questions or concerns – please contact the following individuals:

- Please call Alper Ozer at 437-247-9870 or Marcel Sanchez at 365-228-3365.
- Alper and Marcel work for Colliers Project Leaders and are the Project Managers working on this initiative on behalf of Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation.

REMINDERS:

Community Meeting at Saugeen First Nation on **Apr. 28: 5pm-8pm**



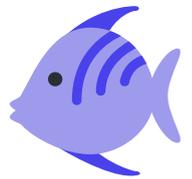
Aanii/ Hello!

Come on out and join us for a community gathering at the Rec Center in Saugeen from 5pm- 8pm.

This event will take place on April 28th and there will be a dinner provided. We will be discussing fish stocking reviews and there will be some video presentations.

Miigwetch!!

Please contact Ryan if you have any questions;
Ryan Lauzon: 519- 375- 1012 or fisheryoffice@gmail.com



Reminder: First Nations Drinking Water Class Action



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.

All details and forms can be found on the following website: firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca

For frequently asked questions, please visit:

[FAQs - First Nations Drinking Water](#) or

<https://firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca/index.php/help-support/faqs/>

For questions: 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.



REMINDERS:

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.**

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.nawash.ca for more information and for the online submission form.

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 -

For Registered members living on the reserve:

- Gift cards can be picked up from the:
 - **Band Office on weekdays** (Mon-Fri) from 9am-4pm EST. Call our toll-free number before picking up: 1-833-602-0161. (Phone calls & messages are being answered by the team at Nawash)
 - 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, 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

Phone calls and messages are being answered by the team at Nawash.

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION- NEXT FRIDAY!

Maadookii Seniors Group

EARTH DAY

Spaghetti Lunch & BINGO

FRIDAY APRIL 22, 2022

12 PM - 2 PM

AGES 50 +

AT THE MAADOOKII SENIORS
CENTRE

LOTS OF EARTH FRIENDLY PRIZES TO BE
WON!

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP PLEASE CALL
519 534 4918 AS SPACES ARE LIMITED

ALL COVID SAFETY MEASURES WILL BE ADHERED TO



Job Postings

Chippewas of Nawash is looking for a:



- [Board of Education Trustee Positions](#). Closing date: April 29 –
 - Nawash is looking for 2 qualified candidates to stand for an appointment by Chief & Council
 - [Application Form](#)
- [Band Representative](#). Closing date: April 22

DON'T MISS OUT - THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY!

Englobe is looking for a:

- [Pre-Construction Condition Survey Technician](#) – (6 month casual contract) – Based remotely out of Neyaashiinigmiing 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.



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 long weekend!

