

# Chippewas of Nawash Newsletter

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April 22, 2022



## Neyaashiinigiing

### Health Centre



#### Important phone numbers:

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

### Council Minutes

Attention all Band Members:

If you wish to receive an electronic copy of the Council Minutes, please request it from the receptionist at 519.534.1689 or email: [reception.admin@nawash.ca](mailto:reception.admin@nawash.ca)

(Please note, this is for Band Members only)



### COVID-19 Updates

#### In Neyaashiinigiing:

Thurs. Apr. 21, 2022

New confirmed cases:	1
Active cases:	2
Resolved cases since Jan 1, 2022:	126

#### Reminders:

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.

# PLEASE CONTACT ENGLOBE AND MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR YOUR: PRE-CONSTRUCTION SITE INSPECTION

Over the last several weeks we have encouraged community members who have received a Pre-Construction Site Inspection Notice to please contact Englobe and make an appointment. This is for the watermain and water service replacements in Neyaashiinigmiing.

## Why should you have this done?

To ensure that in the unlikely event there is any damage to the structure of your home during the construction of this project that there will be documented evidence of the site prior to the work being completed.

## LAST CHANCE FOR THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

If you are living on Sydney Bay, Lighthouse, Nayaushing and Farm you can still schedule an inspection. Englobe is coming in early to mid-May. It will be **too late** to make an appointment once they have reached your house.



## Testimonial

*"We had a pre-inspection done on our home last week for the upcoming installation of the new water lines on Nayaushing Road. Thought I could share this experience with the community to perhaps put some minds at ease. Sometimes letting strangers into your home can be a little intimidating. But please rest assured that this inspection was done in a very professional manner. I*

*emailed Englobe requesting this inspection. Within 24 hours we scheduled a date and time that worked for me. The day of the inspection, the individual called ahead of time so I was prepared for his arrival.*

*One person came to my house. The individual wore a mask, went about his task taking video pictures inside my home, both up and downstairs. The next day he returned and did the outside structure which I did not have to be present for. Now I have peace of mind in the unlikely situation that anything is damaged due to the construction taking place for this project."*

*~Shelley Cornelius*

To schedule an onsite inspection please contact Maira Castro of Englobe.

Call toll free at 1-519-741-1313 ext. 171104 or email [Booking.SWO@englobecorp.com](mailto:Booking.SWO@englobecorp.com)

Quote Chippewas of Nawash – 2201441.

If you have questions about this project or any concerns, please call:

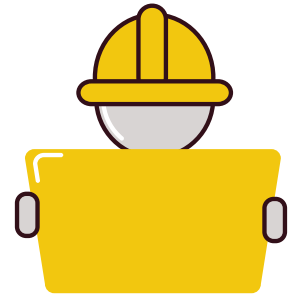
Alper Ozer at 437-247-9870 or Marcel Sanchez at 365-228-3365.

(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)

# CONSTRUCTION NOTICES

## CONSTRUCTION NOTICE - NAYAUSHING RD

Work on the Distribution System Project will begin on Nayaushing Rd. starting Monday, April 25th.



## EXPECT SHORT DELAYS (5 MIN) ON PRAIRIE RD



Due to construction on our Water Treatment Plant and Distribution System, please expect short delays (5 minutes) on Prairie Rd. Workers will be utilizing one lane. Please give yourself extra time when taking this road.

Consider taking Lakeshore Blvd as an alternative route.



## DID YOU KNOW?

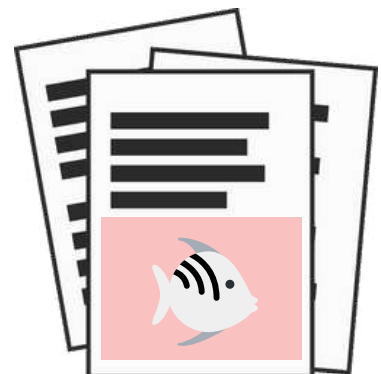
On the home page of our website: [www.nawash.ca](http://www.nawash.ca) - under the tab "Projects" - we also provide updates about the Distribution System Upgrade and Water Treatment Plant.



## Whitefish Fisheries Final Report

The report, "Community Dialogue Addressing Declines in Dikameg (Lake Whitefish) - Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation and Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry" will be available to pick up at the Band Office next week.

Please note this is for Band Members only.





# Food Bank

Looking for a way to give back or volunteer in Nawash?

- The food bank is looking for volunteers.
- We are looking for people on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Must be able to lift 10lbs, and be vaccinated

Please contact Cheryl Jones at

[foodbankcoord@nawashfn.ca](mailto:foodbankcoord@nawashfn.ca) or

Amy Ingram 519-534-3753 to find out how to help.



## Food Washing – Best Practices

In the interest of health and safety for our community members, we have developed some best practices:

- It is highly recommended to wash all vegetables, fruits, and groceries with vinegar and water before putting away.
  - To create the solution use: 1 part vinegar to 3 parts water.
  - Gently rub all sides of the produce. Spend at least 20 seconds on each piece of produce and then rinse with water
- Packaged items can be wiped down using disinfect wipes, or Lysol before putting away.



## Testing Well Water



With the arrival of warmer temperatures, the Grey Bruce Health Unit is encouraging residents on private drinking water systems to get their water tested.

Spring is an ideal time to test since the warmer weather can produce flooding and spring-melt conditions and high groundwater and surface water can contaminate private drinking water systems.

There is a free testing service provided through the Grey Bruce Health Unit.

- Public Health Ontario laboratories test for bacterial indicators of contamination, E. coli and total coliforms.
- The testing program is not for people on municipal water systems.
- If a test comes back with an adverse sample result, residents can call the Grey Bruce Health Unit for assistance.
- Visit the Grey Bruce Health Unit website for a list of water testing kit [pick-up and drop-off locations](#) and for more information: <https://www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca/Your-Environment/Safe-Water/Private-Drinking-Water>



# Earth Day Activity



For families with children 0-6 years of age!  
Starting April 22 and ending April 24th, 2022 - Take a picture of you and your family cleaning your yard or a family members yard to win spring prizes! Three families will be chosen via wheel of names for prizes!  
Send pictures to Journey Together  
ecc.nshiime@gbtel.ca

## Sat. April 23 Earth Day in Owen Sound

### Earth Day Grey Bruce Program

**1:30 pm:** Water Ceremony led by Elder Shirley John and M'Wikwedong Indigenous Friendship Centre, by the river on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave W.

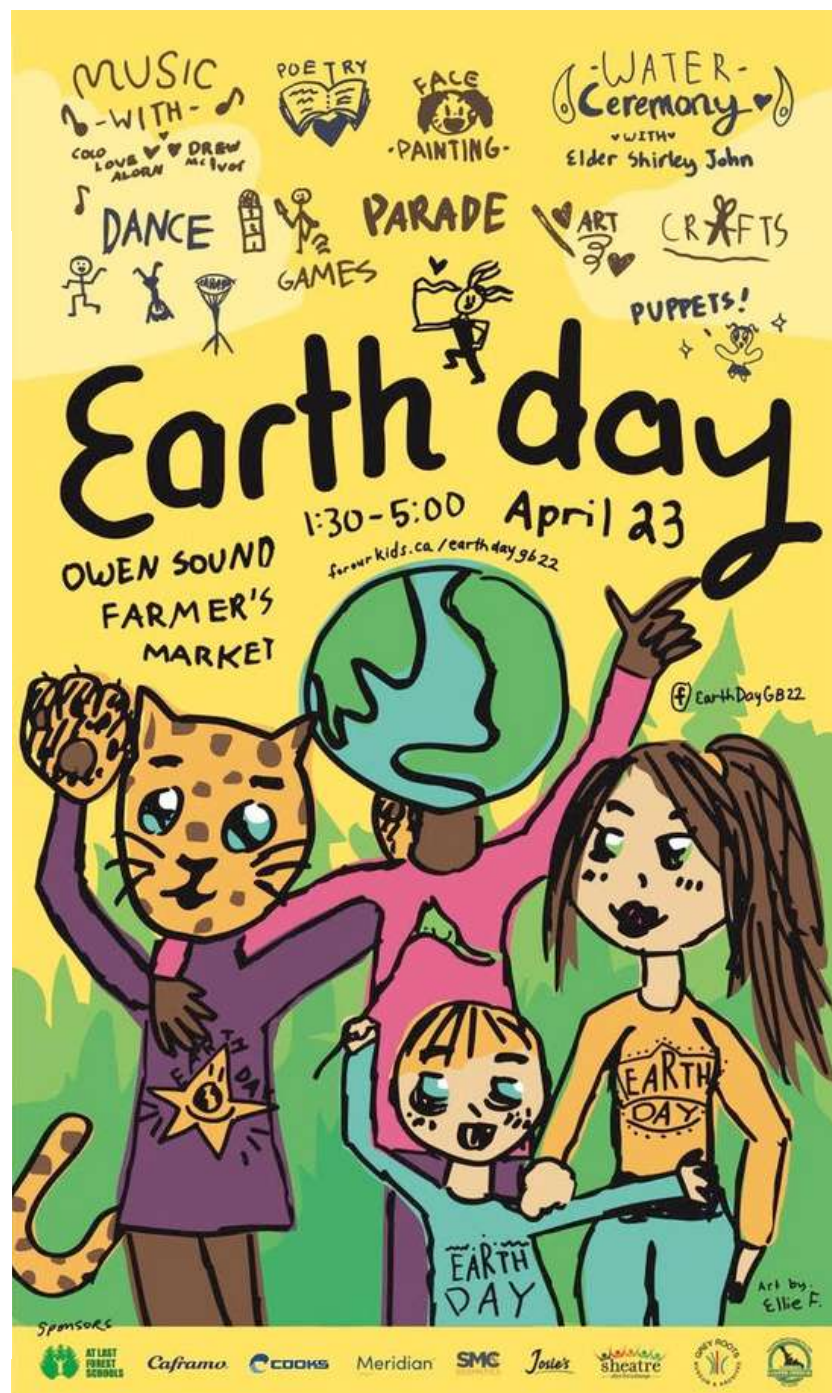
**2:00 pm:** Opening at the Market by Master of Ceremonies, Jon Farmer. The festival features displays and presentations by over 30 groups and community organizations – and for children: puppet shows, stories, craft activities and more – live music by Saugeen Sound Conspiracy

**3:00 pm:** A parade – the theme is wildlife protection– everyone is welcome to join and encouraged to bring costumes or masks that feature animals. The Durham Sauntering Band will lead the procession

**3:30 pm:** Open air concert with O'Sing, followed by the Owen Sound Dance Academy.

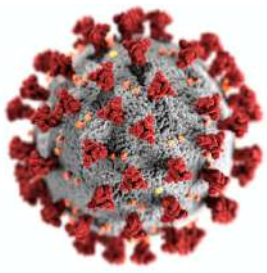
**4:00 pm:** Live music with Coco Love Alcorn and Drew McIvor

**4:50 pm:** Closing Song with Anishinaabe knowledge keeper Paul Nadjiwan



For more information please visit: <https://www.forourkids.ca/earthdaygb22>

Please note, Chippewas of Nawash is not affiliated with the Owen Sound event.



# BA.2 (COVID-19 variant)

The new BA.2 variant is closely related to BA.1 also known as Omicron. BA.2 is now becoming the main form of COVID in Ontario.

## What the medical experts know so far is:

- BA.2 is highly transmissible, it will infect more people, faster than BA.1 (Omicron)
- Current information indicates BA.2 is not more severe than the past variant
- It is believed that reinfection with BA.2 is possible after BA.1 infection but is rare

## Symptoms:

The symptoms for BA.2 are similar to those seen in many COVID infections.

If you have symptoms of COVID-19, assume that you may have the virus and may be contagious.

### Symptoms include:

- fever or chills
- cough
- shortness of breath
- decreased or loss of taste or smell

### Two or more of:

- runny nose or nasal congestion
- headache
- extreme fatigue
- sore throat
- muscle aches or joint pain
- gastrointestinal symptoms (such as vomiting or diarrhea)

## Isolation:

If you have these symptoms, isolate:

For at least **five** days if you are:

- fully vaccinated
- under 12 years of age

For at least **10** days if you are:

- over the age of 12 and not fully vaccinated
- immunocompromised
- live in a highest risk setting

## How to prevent infection?

- Vaccination remains the most effective method to prevent infection, hospitalization and severe outcomes: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th doses of COVID-19 vaccine
- Continue to wear masks during indoor gatherings when non-household members are present
- Use Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT) to find infections. A positive RAT result does not require PCR Testing. **Please report a positive COVID test to the Health Centre in Nawash.**

For more information visit: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca>

This information has been collected from multiple sources and is not used to replace the advice of health authorities or those in need of medical attention.



# 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: Thursday, May 12, 2022**

**Time: 10:00 am to 2:00 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.**



# Job Postings

Chippewas of Nawash is looking for a:



[Registered Early Childhood Educator](#) Closing date: May 13

- 1 FULL TIME RECE POSITION
- 1 PART-TIME POSITION

[Substitute Help for Teacher, Cook/Housekeeper, Janitor, Assistant cook](#)

- \*Substitute helper will work in the place of regular program staff & assume the responsibilities within their position.

[Cook Assistant](#) Closing date: May 13

[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](#)

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.



Southwest Ontario Aboriginal Health Access Centre is looking for:

[Medical Administrative Assistant](#): Closes May 4



Busy, well-established, fast-casual restaurant in Tobermory is looking for:

[Line Cook / Line Support / Dishwasher \\$18-\\$24](#) - Seasonal (May-Nov)

PT/FT available

Flexible shifts, opportunities for overtime

Housing and relocation assistance available

Seeking dependable and reliable team players

Kitchen experience an asset but will train

Inclusive / Supportive Environment

Send resumes to [resumes.lees@gmail.com](mailto:resumes.lees@gmail.com)

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

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





# UPDATE

## Band Rep Program Relocated

The Band Representative Program has relocated from the basement office in the administration building to a second floor office in the Native Child Welfare building. The email [bandrep@nawash.ca](mailto:bandrep@nawash.ca) will remain the same. It has not yet been determined how the phone system or fax will work. We will keep everyone updated as we progress.



## REMINDERS:

### Chippewas of Nawash Lands Department Presents

## Estate Planning

Activities

### WILL MAKING ASSISTANCE SESSION

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.

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE**

519-534-1689 or

[larissa.johnston@nawash.ca](mailto:larissa.johnston@nawash.ca)

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



Protect your  
family, property  
and your  
wishes.

**\*Please note there was a typo in the newsletter that went to the households last week  
Thurs. May 5th - is the correct date.**

## Newsletter

Happy Friday everyone! If you have any questions or content to submit, please reach out to me, Nahleena Tye, Communications Manager at: [communications@nawash.ca](mailto:communications@nawash.ca)



# REMINDERS:

## 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](http://Firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca)

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.



First Nations  
Drinking Water  
SETTLEMENT



## Community Meeting Saugeen First Nation 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.

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

## COVID-19 Membership Benefit Gift Card

Registered members living on the reserve can pick up their gift card from the:

- Band Office Mon-Fri 9am-4pm EST.
- Call our toll-free number before picking up: 1-833-602-0161. (Phone calls/ messages being answered by Nawash)
- Extra application forms are at the Band Office

Registered members living off the reserve:

- Once submitting online application, allow 1-2 weeks for the delivery of gift cards via mail.

### Questions?

Call toll-free number: 1-833-602-0161  
(Mon-Fri 9am-4pm EST)

Visit [www.nawash.ca](http://www.nawash.ca) for more information and online application form



COVID-19  
MEMBERSHIP  
BENEFIT -  
GIFT CARD

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS FOR REGISTERED  
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NATION MEMBERS ONLY.

STARTS:  
MARCH 1, 2022

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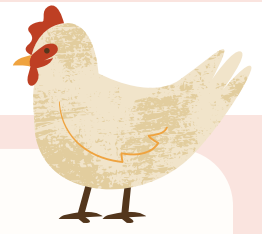
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Home 2022 Reopening Plan Health Services Administration Employment Coldwater Trust Programs

[Gift Card 2022 Form](#)  
[SON Claims Update 2022](#)

You can find the link to the application on the homepage of our website.

# REMINDERS:



## Avian Influenza

**Update:** The information we provided last week remains the same.

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**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.

### 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.
- **Incubation period:** The incubation period of AI ranges from 2 to 14 days.

### 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

### 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.

### Primary Control Zones (PCZ):

- 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](mailto:cfia.ontmovementlicandpermits-deplacementlicenceetpermis.acia@inspection.gc.ca)

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