

Chippewas of Nawash Newsletter

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July 8, 2022



Neyaashiinigiing

Photo: Jenny Abell

Join Us For Cake

JULY 14: 12:30-2PM
THE BAND OFFICE

DURING THIS TIME:

- Meet MP Pam Damoff
- Celebrate Gimaa Kwe's Birthday

AND JUST ANNOUNCED:

- Meet key individuals from the Water Treatment Plant & Water Distribution Systems Projects.
- Learn more and ask questions



COVID-19 Updates

In Neyaashiinigiing:

July 6, 2022

New confirmed cases:	0
Active cases:	0
Resolved cases since Jan 1, 2022:	142

Important phone numbers:

Health Centre main line: 519-534-0373

Health Centre cell phone: 519-375-0288

SpringDawn (RPN) cell: 519-378-6028

Medical Transportation: 519-375-0288 call during business hours: Mon-Fri 8:30-4:30.



Construction Updates

8 JULY 2022

REDUCE SPEEDS IN CONSTRUCTION ZONES



Construction on Sydney Bay Rd at Park Rd will last until approximately mid-July. Reduce speed at the curve at Park Rd due to the road changing from asphalt to gravel.

Water service install construction is continuing on Farm Rd for the next few weeks.



ZERO TOLERANCE

Please be courteous and mindful to the construction crew. These projects are for the betterment of the community.

There is **no stopping** in the construction zones, unless directed to stop by Traffic Control Personnel or signage.

We understand that traffic, road closures, delays, noise, and dust by these projects may frustrate community members.

Use of profanity, verbal threats or any act of violence will NOT be tolerated towards the Construction Crew or Nawash Staff.

CONTACTS

If you received a Preconstruction Survey notice, **please book an appointment** with

- Maira Castro of Englobe: 1-519-741-1313 ext. 171104
- or email Booking.SWO@englobecorp.com
- Quote Chippewas of Nawash – 2201441.

PRECONSTRUCTION INSPECTIONS

Helena, from Englobe, will continue to be in Nawash performing the pre-construction property inspections. Performance of preconstruction survey is currently for houses on: Dockside Road | Chicks Road | Maadookii Subdivision Road | Port Elgin Rd | Maadookii Crescent

QUESTIONS ABOUT PROJECTS:

Please call Alper Ozer at 437-247-9870 or Marcel Sanchez at 365-228-3365. They are working on behalf of Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation.

TENDER NOTICE

DEADLINE

**JULY 27,
2pm EST**

TENDER FOR:

CONTRACT NO. CCCG-2022-01
CAPE CROKER CAMP GROUND PAVING

Location

The project site for the proposed work is Park Road in Cape Croker Camp Ground Park Road from the Office Tee to the Beach Y (approximately 600 m), Beach Tee easterly (approximately 25 m) and the Beach Y northerly (approximately 2050 m)

Scope of Work

The Work to be provided by the successful Bidder is generally described as isolated widening, drainage improvements, granular A and paving.

Please submit the completed Tender Form including Mandatory Criteria in a sealed envelope bearing the Tender Submission Label provided in the tender package before the closing time of Tenders: July 27, 2022 -2:00 pm EST.

Submit package to:
Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation
135 Lakeshore Boulevard
Neyaashiinigmiing, Ontario N0H 2T0



More information regarding this tender can be found on the home page of our website.- top left hand side: www.nawash.ca



[Tender: Cape Croker Camp
Ground Paving](#)
(Deadline July 27, 2022)

[Nawash Business / Services
Directory Form](#)
(Fill out this form to join)

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UPDATES & REMINDERS

VOTING FOR: Newsletter Naming Contest

Due to technical difficulties that we encountered at the Band Office this week, VOTING WILL COMMENCE VERY SOON. Online voting will be set up shortly as well as a ballot in an upcoming newsletter.

Reminder:

Voting will be open to all Band Members on & off the reserve.

The winning name will be determined by the highest number of votes, and the winner will be announced in August and will receive an Amazon Gift Card worth \$50 CDN.



MINUTES

For all members who would like minutes please send an email to reception.admin@nawash.ca
Reception is currently updating our list. To the members that do not have email, please call the band office and reception will get it ready for pick up.

First Nations Drinking Water Class Action



- If you require a hard copy of the Claims form, please contact the Band Office.
- If you have any questions regarding this action, please call our consulting firm, Deloitte directly: 1-833-252-4220.
- Learn more at: Firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca



Please visit our website for job postings:

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

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM UPDATE

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YOUTH SEWING/CRAFTING

Students in Gr.5-8 take part in ongoing sewing and crafting projects to help build skills and to provide opportunities for community outreach. Last term, the youth were able to sew ribbon bags, hats and scarves to use or give to others in their community. This term, students have also been able to take part in earring making where they are able to make creative choices to design jewelry to wear or share! It is so nice to see the look on their faces when they finish a project! Now it's time to collect birch bark and sweetgrass for upcoming crafting projects!



GRAB N' GO

Youth Mental Health was honoured to be a part of the Community **Grab N' Go**, this spring. We were able to work together with partnering groups to help provide nutritious produce and other weekly food staples to Neyaashiinigiimig members. It was a wonderful time to see the many faces every week and have a few laughs along the way! *Miigwetch to Dee Millar (Healthy Living Program)* for organizing this initiative which assisted our community members, as the cost of food, gas and day-to-day living has increased. We hope this program was a help to those who took part! We look forward to supporting initiatives like this in the future!

Some of the other partnering programs for this activity were: **Student Nutrition Program, CHR, Family Well-Being, NCW and the Wellness Centre!** Miigwetch to the KES students who helped set-up and clean up after!

BIRD CONSERVATION

Taking care of wildlife and nature is something that Youth Mental Health has tried to always support and advocate for. It is wonderful thing, to see our youth connected to the land as well as, the various species of plants, birds and animals that inhabit Neyaashiinigiimig. We were pleased to support the construction of a Barn Swallow Structure at Kikendaasogamig, as these birds are still a threatened species in Ontario. We look forward to working with the KES students, staff and Species-at-Risk, to do ongoing monitoring, tracking and conservation of these feathered friends and other species in need. These are wonderful activities for our youth's mental health while building a variety of skills as they are connecting to the land!



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PRANCE

Youth Mental Health was honoured to once again partner with KES and PRANCE to provide therapeutic riding sessions for our community's youth (Fall & Spring Sessions). Students take part in a 10 week program where they can connect with their horse partners and learn alongside each other (while having a great time!) This is such a rewarding experience for everyone involved, as students are able to work on a variety of skills as well as receiving support for a wide range of physical, mental and social-emotional needs. This is an initiative that Youth Mental Health is looking forward to supporting in the future!



YOUTH EQUINE PROGRAM

We were so excited to once again support the KES Youth Equine Program (or 'Horse Camp' as the kids call it) Students take part in a 5 week program where they can learn more about their horse friends, as well as learning what it takes to take care of the animals at the farm. Gr.1-2 Students learned how to groom and tack a horse, read horse body language, identify parts of a horse and partake in riding tasks with their equine partner. Students also undertook a variety of farm chores to help ensure the horses and other animals were healthy and cared for! The children always have a great time and are always eager to go back!



COMMUNITY GARDEN

For another year, Youth Mental Health is working alongside programs to help care for the *Community Garden*. Every week, we come together with youth to water, weed and learn about the produce growing onsite. This has been an extremely rewarding experience for everyone involved, as the vegetables and herbs being grown, will be shared with Neyaashiinigmiing's members. It is wonderful to see the youth working together to contribute to their beautiful community!



SOLIDARITY DAY



In honour of Solidarity Day this year, Youth Mental Health arranged cultural connections for some of our 'kids at heart'. Drumming, Dancing, Singing and Cultural Teachings were planned for some of elders who reside in a local Senior's Facility and who were unable to travel to the community's festivities. **Halle Johnston, Bryden Kiwenzie and Niibishens Trudeau** shared their time and talents with our elders and the staff at Golden Dawn! As you can see from the

pictures, there were a lot of proud and happy faces! It is so important to keep our community's generations connected! Miigwetch once again, to everyone involved!

THAT'S ALL FOR NOW FROM YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH! UNTIL NEXT TIME! ☺

CHIPPEWAS OF NAWASH IN THE NEWS



NBP FIRE DEPARTMENT PURCHASES TANKER, APPOINTS DEPUTY CHIEFS

June 20, 2022: Northern Bruce Peninsula's fire department is purchasing the Chippewas of Nawash's used 2002 Freightliner tanker with about 14,000 kilometres on the odometer for \$18,000.

The tanker comes with hoses, nozzles, two port-a-tanks, a portable bush pump and other equipment.

"It was a really good deal, and it keeps that tanker in the area. The **Chippewas of Nawash** could use it as well if they call for assistance," Northern Bruce Peninsula Fire Chief Jack Burt said.

The tanker will replace an old pumper truck that has reached the end of its life.

A report from Burt said the department's 1990 GMC Pumper does not have the ability to shuttle water to fire scenes and is a standard transmission drive, which makes it difficult to operate for those without stickshift experience.

"This greatly increases our capacity to fight fires with the ability to bring water to a scene," said Burt. "Most fire trucks coming from manufacturers now are almost all automatics . . . it's one less thing you have to think about when responding to an emergency."

The Chippewas of Nawash Fire Department declared the tanker surplus after recently acquiring a new tanker.

The Northern Bruce Peninsula fire department's mechanic inspected the used tanker to ensure it's in good condition.

Burt said he's hoping to have the tanker safetied and in service within the next couple of weeks.

The department's 1990 GMC pumper will be declared surplus, with money made from its sale directed to the municipality's fire reserve fund.

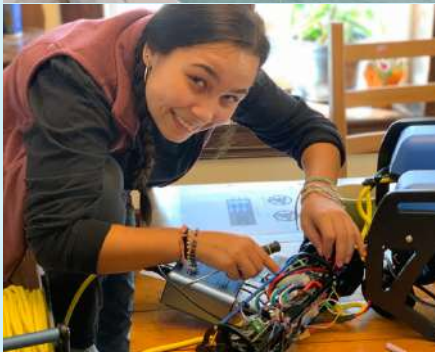


The article can be found here:

[NBP fire department purchases tanker, appoints deputy chiefs | Owen Sound Sun Times](#)

CHIPPEWAS OF NAWASH IN THE NEWS

BIMA'AZH PROJECT APPLIES A TWO-EYED SEEING APPROACH TO STUDY POPULATIONS OF DIKAMEG OR LAKE WHITEFISH



June 21, 2022: Lake whitefish or dikameg is a species native to the Great Lakes and has been culturally important to the people of the **Saugeen Ojibway Nation** (SON) since time immemorial. But in recent years, fish harvesters from the SON who rely on dikameg as a source of food and income, noticed a change in populations in Lake Huron.

Ryan Lauzon is a fisheries biologist with the **Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nations Fisheries Assessment Program** and has been in conversation with the community about this change. A large factor, he believes, is the presence of invasive quagga mussels filtering nutrients out of the water. "There really isn't a lot of food left for the larval lake whitefish to eat, so the theory is that they're basically starving to death and there's no new fish able to enter the fishery," said Lauzon also citing recreational fish stocking, climate change, and shoreline

development as possible strains on whitefish. "There are just so many things going on that we believe are having a negative effect on the fishery."

In 2021, Lauzon, along with Researchers Mary-Claire Buell, Kathleen Ryan, and Alexander Duncan received a Smart Great Lakes mini-grant from GLOS, enabling them to launch the Bima'azh project in order to help answer some of the community's questions.

Bima'azh, an Anishinaabemowin word, can mean to track or follow along. And instead of relying only on western science or Indigenous knowledge, the project architects applied a two-eyed seeing approach to better understand the dikameg. Two-eyed seeing is a term coined by Mi'kmaw Elder Albert Marshall, and when pertaining to research, recognizes and equally values Indigenous knowledge and western science.

"GLOS appreciates the effort to better understand and manage the lake whitefish population from various viewpoints. No one entity ever has all the answers. This is why the Bima'azh project is a Smart Great Lakes project," said Katie Rousseau, Smart Great Lakes Liaison.

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Over the past year, the team worked to:

- Understand concerns and observations of dikameg behavior by working with members of the SON, interviewing knowledge holders, and utilizing insights from existing interviews.
- Collaboratively design a fish-tracking telemetry array on an important shoal where the fish spawn.
- Hire local fish harvesters to catch fish for tagging and to help install the telemetry equipment on the lakebed.
- Build a remotely-operated underwater vehicle (ROV) to visually inspect lakebed spawning areas.
- Analyze the data, in combination with Indigenous knowledge.
- Provide insights to the fish harvesters and the local community.

This approach meant collaborating with the community on details like the design of the telemetry moorings so that they could be fully removable, instead of leaving cinderblock anchors behind, as is typical for this type of system, says Buell, who leads Collective Environmental, a research and consulting company.

It also meant seeing the insights from the community as on equal footing with data collected, rather than viewing data as “validating” or “confirming” those insights. The result? The team is working toward a fuller understanding of changes in fish populations that will provide insights to those personally affected within the community.

Over the past year the team successfully collected the first round of data from the telemetry array and has begun exploring the spawning shoals using the ROV. Though they are still early in the process of analyzing the data, the team is already seeing trends in how fish interact with the shoal.

“Almost everything we’re seeing is lining up with what the fish harvesters told us we were going to see,” said Ruth Duncan, an intern with Collective Environmental and a member of the SON, “which is really cool.”

This particular telemetry array allows the team to triangulate a fish’s exact location and watch it move around the shoal during critical points in its lifecycle. And Lauzon says that they noticed something a bit strange in this data.

“We do know that some of those fish disappeared off that array after spawning and did not come back until the next spawning period,” he said. “Some left, and some fish seemed to kind of stick around.”

The more this team can discern from this data, the closer the fishery managers can come to pinpointing issues that may be affecting the wellbeing of the dikameg.

According to Buell, this kind of co-designed research project has to have community involvement at its core, from the very beginning.

“I think a lot of the successes so far have come from the community being granted the funds directly and having access to researchers who support these projects at the direction of the community, as opposed to, researchers saying ‘Here’s what we want to do. Hey, do you want to join us?’ In that scenario, communities are often having to conform to how the researcher operates,” said Buell. “We’ve completely flipped that script because the whole application was shaped by questions that arose from previous interviews with community members that had been done to say, ‘How do we answer these questions? Let’s find the money to do that.’”

This article can be found here:

<https://glos.org/bimaazh-project-applies-a-two-eyed-seeing-approach-to-study-lake-whitefish-populations/>



UPDATE FROM PUBLIC HEALTH

As you are aware, the Grey Bruce Health Unit issued an overdose alert in early June in response to reports of at least five non-fatal drug overdoses within a 48-hour period.

These alerts are critical because they provide individuals who use drugs as well as their family, friends and community organizations with timely warnings about spikes or trends in overdose activity, which may have been precipitated by a toxic drug supply.

The alerts are also an opportunity for Public Health and partner agencies to educate and remind the community about vital harm reduction strategies, such as not using alone and avoiding mixing drugs, as well as overdose prevention training, naloxone and available community resources.

The alerts, as you know, are triggered when there has been three or more overdoses within a 48-hour period or five overdoses within a five-day period.

However, Public Health is fully aware that some overdoses go unreported.

We are writing today to remind you about an important reporting tool that can allow us to receive a more accurate picture of drug overdose/poisoning incidents within the community.

Individuals can fill out an [online form or call 211 at anytime – day or night – to *anonymously*](#) report unexpected negative reactions to non-prescribed drugs in Grey-Bruce.

The tool was developed by community partners who were worried about drugs causing unwanted reactions in the community. Submitted reports are shared with local partners, so they can inform people who use drugs about potential hazards.

The online form takes about five minutes to complete. People can provide the same information verbally by calling 211. We want to emphasize that all reports are *completely anonymous* and no personal information is collected.

This information can assist Public Health in issuing timely, evidence-based overdose alerts.

Online form:

<https://www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca/Your-Health/Harm-Reduction/OD-Reporting>