

AUGUST 2023

GINOOGAMING FIRST NATION NEWS

Updates from Council and Program Managers



Treaty Land Entitlement Claim

As many members are aware, in May of 2016, the Ginoogaming First Nation Treaty Land Entitlement (GFN TLE) was accepted by Canada and Ontario. Work then commenced on this file through a GFN Negotiation Committee (who had been appointed by GFN Chief and Council) in September 2016. GFN had been making impressive headway prior to 2020 in this area, as regular meetings were being held on a quarterly basis with representatives from both Canada and Ontario.

Many may also remember that the GFN TLE consists of two separate, distinct parts: 1) a Loss of Use (LOU) settlement, whereby GFN will receive financial compensation from Canada on 11.4 square miles of lands that the band did not receive when Treaty 9 was signed in 1906; and 2) a Land Selection component, whereby GFN will be awarded 11.4 square miles of land to be added by Ontario to GFN's current land base.

Because the membership of GFN band people were not counted properly by the Canadian and Ontario governments in 1906, when the Treaty 9 was signed, GFN will now receive monies owed due to the inability of the band to be able to pursue economic

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- Traditional Week Agenda
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- Choose Life - Dallas Fisher



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development, or any other activity, on the 11.4 square miles of territory that should have been a part of the GFN land base for the past 116 years and counting.

The other component of the GFN TLE is the Land Selection. In the spring and summer of 2019, GFN held land selection events with both on- and off-reserve membership in Thunder Bay, Hornepayne, and at GFN. Members were asked to indicate on maps where they would like to see the 11.4 square miles of land awarded, which could be anywhere within the Treaty 9 territory.

It is an extremely lengthy process, for lands to be moved by Ontario to a “candidate lands” category and GFN was/is very keen on seeing several areas move forward to this. The team worked very hard throughout 2019 on progressing the GFN TLE Land Selection file.

In the meantime, GFN employed professionals in the years 2016-2019 who were likewise moving at an extremely rapid pace. At the current time, we are happy to report that much of the work has been completed, but still some left to do on the way.

Due to COVID-19, unfortunately, GFN had not been able to meet with Canada and Ontario. Negotiations became stalled. However, as of May 2022, we are now back on track. The Land Selection process has also enjoyed some good progression in 2022 and then accelerated in 2023. In September 2023 a Main Table meeting was held in Longlac followed by another Main table meeting in February 2023 and then later in July 2023. Between these Main Table meetings, the TLE Technical Lands Working Group (TLWG) consisting of technical experts from Ginoogaming, Ontario and Canada examined the 12 GFN Tizhiikaaywin (the areas where our land users hold interest). This has now been narrowed down to 9.

We have now moved Ontario to work to seek a withdrawal order under the Mining Act to support our TLE settlement negotiations. A withdrawal order will be good news as it will withdraw provincial Crown lands that Ginoogaming identifies as areas of interest for land selection from being available for mining claim registrations.

The Ministry of MINES has completed the mineral analysis work which forms the basis of a withdrawal order request. What we have noticed with the very early mapping that has been undertaken by MNRF is that there may not be enough land identified by the current Tazhiikaaywinin that would be sufficient to form the basis for a withdrawal order request.

There is also discussion about looking to identify areas of interest that are 150% of the quantum of land to be negotiated, and we as a community, must start thinking about this more. In other words, it makes sense for us to look at a wider scoped area that we could seek a withdrawal order for, and that we talk about this further as soon as we can. One possible approach is that we look at drawing a larger area on a map that represents the area within which Ginoogaming would be interested in selecting land, rather than smaller individual Tazhiikaaywinin – for example, a circle that connects all the Tazhiikaaywinin together.

Treaty Land Entitlement Continued

Going forward, we are going to need a number of community engagements so that your inputs and interests are taken into consideration in this process.

Also worthy of note is the fact that Four Rivers Environmental Services Group has also been assisting GFN with this file during the pandemic and into the present. We always welcome their help, especially when it pertains to mapping the GFN Tizhiikaaywin (the areas where our land users hold interest) as Four Rivers are excellent in providing that technical/ professional aspect to us.

Ongoing negotiations of possible Joint Ventures/Partnerships with our FNs companies Manoodamohn Inc, Nedaakiminaan Inc. Ogidachwaning Inc. and Ginoogam Dev Corp and Rocky Shore Dev Corp. And last but not least, the gathering/identification/ of Ginoogaming's Traditional Values collected by Interviewing our Elders. Also, we can't forget to mention the upholding of Ginoogaming's Protocols- Consultation and Accommodation/Heritage/Business and our Nanagjitoong Niibi-Water Declaration.



Treaty Land Entitlement Continued



What if I cannot attend a GFN TLE Land Selection Session or require more information?

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDUCATION DIRECTOR



First of all, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Christopher Hill and I am the new Education Director for Ginoogaming First Nation. At this time, I would like to acknowledge the hard work and achievements of our graduates.

Graduation is a major milestone in a student's life! We encourage all students to take the time to reflect on the lessons they have learned and the skills they have developed during the past school year. Graduation is an exciting time as students move toward the new opportunities that await them in the future.

We encourage all students to set ambitious goals and dreams for themselves. Remember that graduation is just the beginning of a new chapter, and that the future is full of possibilities. Embrace the journey ahead with optimism and determinism. Always reach for excellence.

Be proud of what you have accomplished. Above all, remember that you have the strength, resilience, and knowledge to succeed in whatever you choose to do. Congratulations on your achievement!

Mr. Christopher Hill
Education Director
Ginoogaming First Nation



Drea Mazinakouskang



Cohan Michano



Jenaiya Mazinakouskang

Happy
Graduation





DAVID CHARLES TRADITIONAL POW WOW 'Honouring Our Roots and Our Youths'

AUGUST 18, 19, 20, 2023

MA-DA-WAAY-WE-GIN-UG (DRUMS)

Host Drum.....Walking Bear
Co-Host Drum.....Long Lake #58

5 drum groups registered. Others welcome with
minimum of 5 singers.

GI-DOODAMIN-UG (DUTIES/ROLES)

Master of Ceremonies..... Jimmy Mishquart
Arena Director.....Cecil Mendowegan
Assistant Arena Director.. Doug Bedwash
Head Male Dancer.....Allan Wemigwans
Head Female Dancer.....Sasha Michano
Honourary Male Elder.....Victor Chapais
Honourary Female Elder.....Edna Charles

AA-SKI NGAMOWIN-UG (SPECIAL SONGS)

David Charles Memorial
Memorial Special
Veterans Special
Youth Special

- Free admission
- Sunrise ceremonies
- Rough camping (not responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged property)
- Supper feasts
- Food and craft vendors (all welcome, must register)
- Zero tolerance for drugs or alcohol



THIS POW WOW IS IN CONCLUSION OF GINOOGAMING FIRST NATION YOUTH WEEK 2023 - MEEGWETCH TO OUR GREENSTONE AND REGION SPONSORS

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: 1-807-876-1678 MARYANN CHARLES, POW WOW COORDINATOR

>>> August 14, 2023

- 8 a.m. Opening Prayers, Opening Ceremonies
- 10 a.m. - Refreshments, snacks, fresh fruit provided (kitchen)
- 12 noon - Light lunch
- 1 p.m.
 - Teepee #1 Talking Stick Teachings (Wanda Baxter and Gerry Baxter)
 - Teepee #2 Medicine Teachings (Priscilla Fisher and Donna Waboose with Helper Adeline Waboose)
- 3 p.m.
 - Teepee #1 Drum Teachings (Jimmy Mishquart)
 - Teepee #2 Hand Drum Teachings (Crystal McLeod)
- 5 p.m. Supper at Powwow Grounds Kitchen for all participants
- 7 p.m. Teepee #4 Doctoring/Healing Ceremonies (Bruce Mendowegan/Phyllis Shaugabay)
- Evening activities

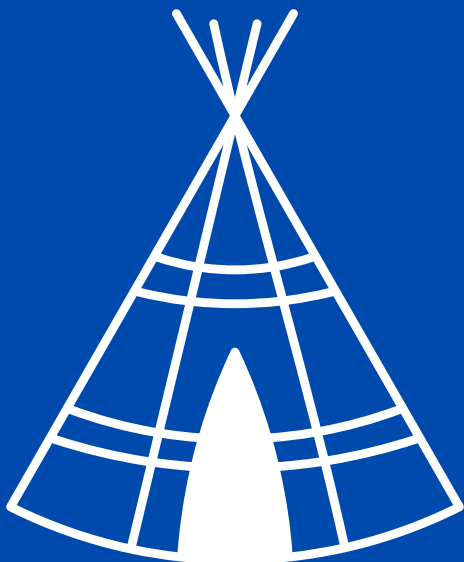
****Evening activities to be posted at the powwow grounds all week****

>>> August 15, 2023

- 10 a.m. Refreshments, snacks, fresh fruit provided (kitchen)
- 11 a.m. - Teepee #1 Sacred Fire Teachings (Crystal McLeod)
- 12 noon - Light lunch
- 1 p.m. Teepee #1 Traditional Men Regalia Teachings (Jimmy Mishquart)
- 3 p.m. Teepee #2 Talking Stick Teaching (Wanda Baxter and Gerry Baxter)
- 5 p.m. Supper at Powwow Grounds Kitchen for all participants
- 7 p.m. Teepee #4 Doctoring/Healing Ceremonies (Bruce Mendowegan/Phyllis Shaugabay)

>>> August 16, 2023

- 10 a.m. Refreshments, snacks, fresh fruit provided (kitchen)
- 11 a.m. - Teepee #1 Water Teachings (Crystal McLeod)
- 11 a.m. - Teepee #2 Seven Grandfather Teachings (Jimmy Mishquart)
- 12 noon - Light lunch
- 1 p.m. Teepee #1 Traditional Story Telling (Wanda Baxter and Gerry Baxter)
- 1 p.m. Teepee #2 Traditional Outfit Teachings (Priscilla Fisher and Donna Waboose)
- 3 p.m. Teepee #3 Tik Tok Video Shaun
- 5 p.m. Supper at Powwow Grounds Kitchen for all participants
- 8:30 p.m. Teepee #4 Doctoring/Healing Ceremonies (Bruce Mendowegan/Phyllis Shaugabay)



>>> August 17, 2023

- 10 a.m. Refreshments, snacks, fresh fruit provided (kitchen)
- 11 a.m. - Teepee #3 Powwow Etiquettes (Jimmy Mishquart and All Traditional Teachers)
- 12 noon - Light lunch
- 1 p.m. Teepee #3 Continued Powwow Etiquettes Preparing for GFN Powwow
- 4 p.m. Sacred Fire Closing of the Week (All Pipe Carriers/Traditional Teachers)
- 5 p.m. Supper at Powwow Ground Kitchen for all participants
- 7 p.m. Teepee #3 Webequie First Nation Fiddlers - Square Dancing Night - Webequie Country Band - Shy-Anne Bartlett (Havorka) and Band
- 8:30 p.m. Teepee #4 Doctoring/Healing Ceremonies (Bruce Mendowegan/Phyllis Shaugabay)

>>> August 18, 2023

- 10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Treaty Day Annuity Payments at the Powwow Grounds
- Games and activities
- BBQ
- Bouncy castles for the kids



Webequie Country Band



Shy-Anne Bartlett (Havorka) and Band





Elizabeth Iserhoff - Ecole Notre Dame Fatima



Victoria Iserhoff - Ecole Notre Dame Fatima





Torrah McGuire



Congratulations



Terrance Jabic



Jayla Echum-Zehr



Rohan Aube-Shebagabow

Happy
Graduation!

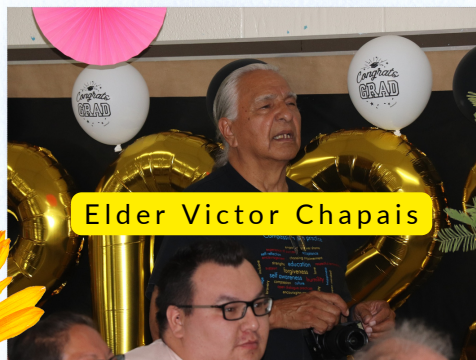
- Class of 2023 -



Rayden Legarde



Thornton McGuire
OLAF Grade 8



Elder Victor Chapais

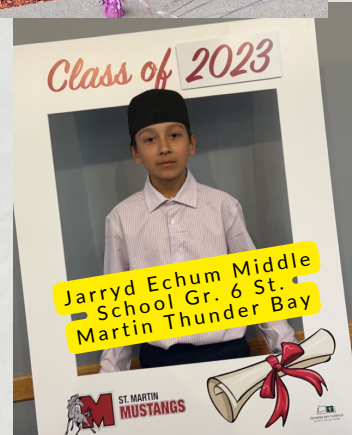
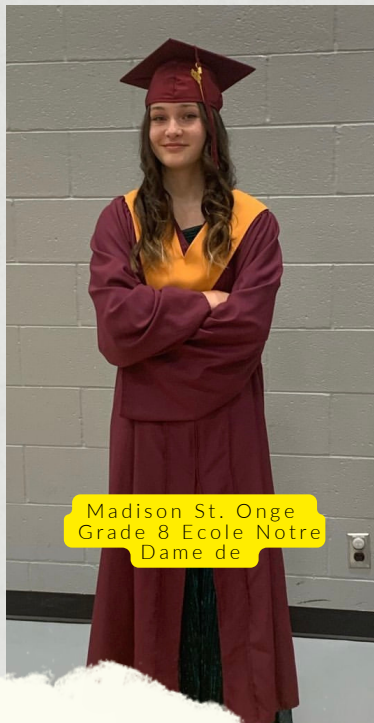
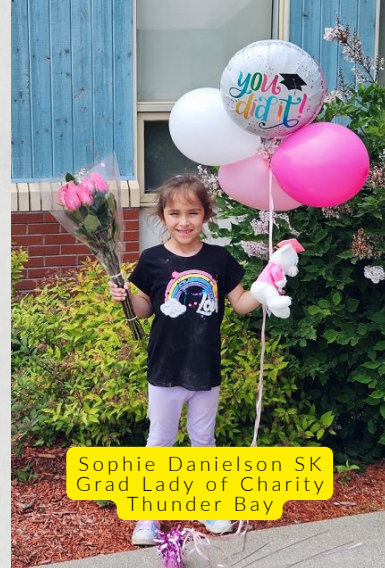


Conner Legarde
OLAF Grade 8



HAPPY GRADUATION

Class of 2023



GATHERING OF RIVERS FOR COMMUNITY CARE

Matawa First Nations



KIDS NEW TWIN MATTRESS GIVEAWAY



License #RAF1295296

ENTER YOUR CHILD(REN'S) NAME BY NOON ON AUGUST 14, 2023

Some conditions apply. Draw to take place on August 16, 2023 and mattresses will be mailed in a box to the home in time for the September 2023 school year!

- Will include a new twin mattress, mattress cover and pillow
- Open to children who are members of Matawa First Nations ages of 2 - 15 years
- Two children per Matawa First Nation will be selected in Phase 1 (fall of 2023)

- Additional phases up to February 15, 2024 will be continuing
- Children's names can only be selected one time
- Each child requires a separate entry

Want to help us purchase more new mattresses in Phase 2? Scan here to purchase a 50/50 ticket. Must be 18 years of age and a resident of Ontario.



To enter your child's name go here: <https://forms.office.com/r/unaWijM4bX>



HOUSING

Hello my name is Kelly Fortier I started my new position with Ginoogaming as Housing Manager the week of July 3. I am excited and pleased to take this lead within our community as it was always a dream of mine to see the community expand with housing on our First Nation. My Housing Maintenance team consists of Gene Mendowegan, Graham Echum, Basil Mendowegan, Patrick Spence and Aidan Fortier.

Before my time here they have completed many renovations big and small. Currently we are working on renovations and doing our best to have majority of the homes renovated. As my time progresses in this position my manager update will have pictures to view of our progress of our community homes. However, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call me at the Ginoogaming Band Office (807) 876 2242 or email at Kelly.fortier@ginoogamingfn.ca

Meegwetch!

Yours in Unity,
Kelly Fortier

Ginoogaming Band Rep Program AUGUST 2023				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Baseball Tuesdays 130PM	1 Elders Program 11AM Drum Social 7-9PM	2 Ernie & Bert 1-3PM	3 Youth Drop In 6-9PM Parents & Babies 1-3PM	4 Ernie & Bert 1-3PM
7 Ernie & Bert 1-3 Cooking Class 130PM Ladies Night 6-9PM	8 Elders Program 11AM Drum Social 7-9PM	9 Ernie & Bert 1-3PM	10 Youth Drop In 6-9PM Parents & Babies 1-3PM	11 Ernie & Bert 1-3PM
14 TRADITIONAL WEEK	15 TRADITIONAL WEEK	16 TRADITIONAL WEEK	17 TRADITIONAL WEEK	18 TRADITIONAL WEEK
21 Ernie & Bert 1-3 Cooking Class 130PM Ladies Night 6-9PM	22 Elders Program 11AM Drum Social 6-9PM	23 Ernie & Bert 1-3PM	24 Youth Drop In 6-9PM Parents & Babies 1-3PM	25 Ernie & Bert 1-3PM
28 Ernie & Bert 1-3 Cooking Class 130PM Ladies Night 6-9PM	29 Elders Program 11AM Drum Social 6-9PM	30 Ernie & Bert 1-3PM	31 Youth Drop In 6-9PM Parents & Babies 1-3PM	Priscilla Fisher Dallas Fisher Lisa Echum Choose Life
Events May Change *	Programs Held at Band Rep Center	Geraldine Taylor – Band Rep Manager Debbie Morris – Case Worker	Holly Charles – FWB Tamara Loney – FSW	Coral Echum - Admin

Ginoogaming Band Rep - Choose Life Dallas Fisher



Ginoogaming First Nation hosts a drum social every Tuesday. The purpose of the drum social is to share our culture with one another and to pass on traditional knowledge and songs to anyone who wants to attend. Every one is welcome to come.

Often we are laughing with one another, one of the teachings we like to share with one another is that laughter is medicine. We invite other groups from other communities to come and share their gifts with each other. The goal of the drum social is to bring the community together, it's a way that we can express our cultural identity as Anishinaabe.

The drum social is a safe place to learn about our culture, and to pass on the traditional knowledge to the next generation.