



# WASAUKSING FIRST NATION NEWSLETTER



**MARCH 2025**



**Next Issue: April 01, 2025**

**Submissions Due: March 21, 2025**

Please Visit Our Website: [www.wasauksing.ca](http://www.wasauksing.ca) to see  
Employment Opportunities, Special Events, And More...

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

***Community Council Meeting*** - Tuesday March 04, 2025

6:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m. Administration Meeting Room

***LARC Committee*** - Wednesday March 05, 2025

7:00 p.m.— 9:00 p.m. Gathering Center Meeting Room.

***Education Committee Meeting*** - Monday March 17, 2025

6:00 p.m.— 8:00 p.m. Administration Meeting Room

***Business Council Meeting*** - Tuesday March 18, 2025

5:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m. Administration Meeting Room

***Citizenship Committee Meeting*** - Wednesday March 19, 2025

7:00 p.m.— 9:00 p.m. Gathering Center Meeting Room

***Housing Committee Meeting*** - Thursday March 20, 2025

6:00 p.m.— 8:00 p.m. Administration Meeting Room

***Restorative Justice Committee Meeting*** - Tuesday March 25, 2025

5:30 p.m.— 7:30 p.m. Gathering Center Meeting Room

***Social Committee Meeting*** - Monday March 31, 2025

6:00 p.m.— 8:00 p.m. Gathering Center Hall

***Health Committee Meeting*** - Date to be Determined, Please  
contact [doh@wasauksing.ca](mailto:doh@wasauksing.ca) for any questions.

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## COMMUNITY Announcements

***Wasauksing Fire Department*** - For Fire Emergencies please **Call 911.**

***Anishinabek Police Services*** - For All Emergencies **Call 1-888-310-1122 or 911.**

***Water Treatment Plant*** - During Office Hours staff can be reached at **705-746-7799.** After Hour Emergencies and/or During the Weekends Please Contact **705-774-3110**



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P.O. BOX 250  
PARRY SOUND, ONTARIO  
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PHONE:  
(705) 746-2531  
FAX:  
(705) 746-5984

CHIEF  
Shane Tabobondung

CHIEF COUNCILLOR  
Elizabeth Taylor

COUNCILLORS  
Walter Tabobondung  
Neil Swanson  
David Rice  
Pazhe Rice-Menominee

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**PROGRAM AREA:** Health Department  
**POSITION TITLE:** Mental Wellness / Crisis Response Navigator  
**DURATION:** Full-Time Permanent Position  
**CLOSING:** Thursday March 6, 2025

### Position Summary:

Wasauksing First Nation is accepting applications for a Mental Wellness / Crisis Response Navigator. The Mental Wellness Team is seeking an innovative, highly motivated and energetic individual to take on this role. As members of a progressive, regional Mental Wellness and Crisis Response Team you will provide a range of mental wellness navigation services that will include limited community crisis response supports.

### Job Duties & Responsibilities:

- Provide spiritual support and care navigation;
- Provide land base healing supports;
- Conduct intake screening & referrals;
- Perform other duties as necessary.
- Adhere to all policies and procedures of Wasauksing First Nation and any other relevant policies and procedures from external agencies and partners
- Perform other duties within the scope of the position as assigned by the Manager Or Supervisor.

### Education & Experience:

- Bachelor's degree or diploma in related field- preferred.
- Minimum of 5 years of experience in community wellness/mental health or community crisis.
- Possesses excellent communication, interpersonal/team building and leadership skills.
- Has demonstrated ability to work well with all levels of community-based staff and agencies.
- Previous training in Critical Incident Stress Management Training level 1/2.
- Crisis intervention, suicide intervention, ASIST, trauma informed care, or grief and loss training are deemed an asset.
- Ability to speak, read and understand Anishnaabemowin (Ojibway Language) is an asset.



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## Other Requirements:

- Valid Driver's License and reliable personal vehicle.
- Must be willing to travel within 3 differing districts.
- Willing to take part in "landbased" programming and if not holding a current Food Handlers certificate and willing to take the training necessary.
- Willing to work flexible hours as required, including evenings and weekends.
- Ability to work independently.
- This position requires the individual to work with various families, youth and children. To protect children, youth and vulnerable persons, Wasauksing First Nation requires the individual to provide a vulnerable sector or criminal record check

**Applications must be received no later than Thursday March 6, 2025  
@ 4:00 pm**

Please send your resume with a cover letter, contact information and two recent employment references to:

**Contact collecting resumes**  
Email: [hrmanager@wasauksing.ca](mailto:hrmanager@wasauksing.ca)

**We also accept online applications through:**  
<https://wasauksing.bamboohr.com/careers>

**P.O. Box 250 Parry Sound, ON P2A 2X4**

Or package may be dropped off at the following physical address:

**Administration Office  
1508 Geewadin Road Lane G  
Wasauksing First Nation**

***Preference may be given to Indigenous candidates with relevant on reserve employment experience and/or those with knowledge and understanding of the Wasauksing First Nation History and Community.***

***"Only those selected for an interview will be contacted. We wish to thank everyone for their application."***





# CALL FOR RELIEF STAFF

**WE ARE SEEKING RELIEF STAFF FOR  
RECEPTION SUPPORT AT THE  
ADMIN, HEALTH AND GATHERING  
CENTRE FRONT DESK.**

**Please send resumes to Amanda Worm HR Manager  
Email: [hrmanager@wasauksing.ca](mailto:hrmanager@wasauksing.ca)**



## CALL OUT FOR TRUSTEES

\* THE MTIGO MIN TRUST IS REQUESTING SUBMISSION OF RESUME'S FORM INTERESTED WASAUKSING FIRST NATION CITIZENS (ON/OFF RESERVE), TO APPLY FOR POTENTIAL TRUSTEE CANDIDACY.

\* THE SELECTION COMMITTEE WILL HOLD INTERVIEWS AND SELECT NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN THE TRUST POOL.

\* APPLICATION CLOSING DATE: TILL TRUST POOL IS FULL.



PLEASE SEND YOUR RESUME WITH A COVER LETTER, CONTACT INFORMATION TO:

ADAM GOOD, CHIEF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
EMAIL: [ced@wasauksing.ca](mailto:ced@wasauksing.ca)

OR PACKAGE MAY BE DROPPED OFF AT THE FOLLOWING PHYSICAL ADDRESS:  
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE  
1508 GEEWADIN ROAD LANE G  
WASAUKSING FIRST NATION

**NOTE:** THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE RHT TRUST





## Bus License Training



The Wasauksing Education Department is encouraging community members to obtain their bus license! All fees would be covered and training can be arranged to be done in Parry Sound with Hammond.

### What you need to begin?

- ✓ Criminal Background & Vulnerable Sector Check (Via APS)
- ✓ Medical Form (Completed by a Doctor or Nurse Practitioner)
- ✓ Once documents are obtained, submit forms to MTO

*A blank medical form can be obtained by contacting Dave!*

### Next steps:

- ✓ Complete training (Online video training & 21 hours behind wheel/observation)
- ✓ Pass written & road test



For questions or if you're interested in applying, please contact Dave McDougall at: [doe@wasauksing.ca](mailto:doe@wasauksing.ca)





# EDUCATION

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## Migzoons Child Care Centre Program Calendar 2024-2025



	Th	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
Waabaaga Giizis-Leaves Turning Moon September	2	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20	23	24	25	26	27	30			
Bnaakwi Giizis- Falling Leaves Moon October		1	2	3	4	7	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	21	22	23	24	25	28	29	30	31
Baashkaakodin Giizis- Freezing Moon November					1	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28
Manidoo Giizis- Spirit Moon December	2	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20	23	24	25	26	27	30	31		
Manidoo Giizoozhns- Little Spirit Moon January			1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30
Makwa Giizis-Bear Moon February						3	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	21	24	25	26	27
Ziisbaakdone Giizis-Sugar Moon March	3	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	21	24	25	26	27	28	31			
Naabdin Giizis- Snow Crust Moon April		1	2	3	4	7	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	21	22	23	24	25	28	29	30	
Namebine Giizis-Sucker Moon May				1	2	5	6	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23	26	27	28	29
Odemin Giizis-Strawberry Moon June	2	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20	23	24	25	26	27	30			
Mlin Giizis- Berry Moon July		1	2	3	4	7	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	21	22	23	24	25	28	29	30	31
Manoominike Giizis-Ricing Moon August					1	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28

Legend: C and C'Designated Holiday Professional Development Stat. Holiday Early Closure



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## Wasauksing Nursing Station March 2025



Health has a website!  
**wasauksing.health**  
another way to keep up to date!

### Whole Life Counselling

Evi: March 14th

Aislinn: March 3, 17, 31

Alex: March 21st

Call Melissa to book an appointment  
705-746-2033 ext. 315

### Doctor Visit Dates:

Dr. K. Knight: TBD

Dr. J. Hamby: TBD

Call Terri to book an appointment  
705-746-2033

MARCH 24 IS  
**WORLD TUBERCULOSIS DAY**

YES! WE CAN END TB:  
COMMIT, INVEST, DELIVER



For more info on this campaign visit:  
<https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-tb-day/2025>

## MARCH 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	All March: Swimming at Tappatoo April 5th: Maplefest				1
2	3 Circuit Workout 6pm-7:30pm	4	5	6 Walking Group (Gath.Ctr) 12:30pm-2pm Craft Night @Spirit Room 6pm-9pm Open Gym Night @Complex 6pm-8pm	7 International Women's Day 10am-3pm	8
9 Skating in Humphrey 9:30am-10:50am	10	11 Anishnaabemwin Bingo (Ages 7-12) 12pm-2pm	12	13 Walking Group (Gath.Ctr) 12:30pm-2pm Snow Activities (Ballfield) Ages 5-12   1pm-3pm Craft Night @Spirit Room 6pm-9pm Open Gym Night @Complex 6pm-8pm	14 Anishnaabemowin 10am-12pm	15
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## CARA Programming:

Contact Liz Tabobondung for additional  
information:

cra@wasauksing.ca  
705-746-2033 ext. 305

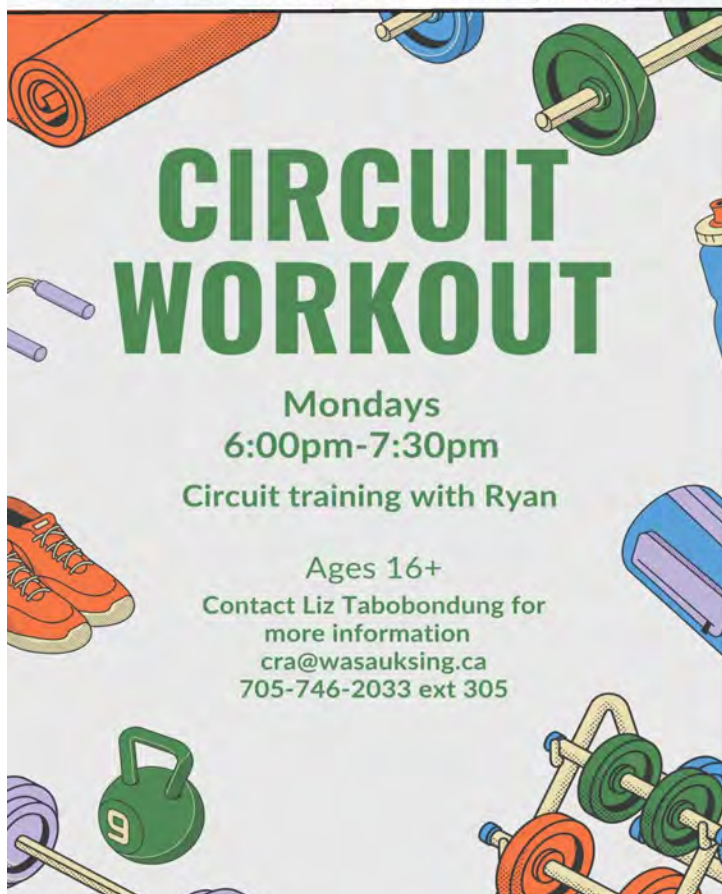


**FREE  
SKATING**  
AVAILABLE TO ALL  
COMMUNITY MEMBERS & THEIR FAMILIES



**SUNDAYS 9:30AM - 10:50AM**  
**NOT AVAILABLE MARCH 2ND**  
**ENDS MARCH 30TH 2025**

TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST  
PLEASE CONTACT THE HEALTH CENTRE TO BOOK BY 12:00PM ON THE FRIDAY PRIOR



**CIRCUIT  
WORKOUT**

**Mondays**  
**6:00pm-7:30pm**  
Circuit training with Ryan

Ages 16+  
Contact Liz Tabobondung for  
more information  
cra@wasauksing.ca  
705-746-2033 ext 305

## Maplefest | April 5, 2025



## MAPLEFEST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**05  
APRIL  
2025**

**AGES 13+**

CONTACT LIZ TABOBONDUNG  
FOR MORE DETAILS  
CRA@WASAUKSING.CA  
705-746-2033 EXT 305



## CALL FOR VENDORS

**SATURDAY APRIL 5TH 2025**  
**9AM-1PM**

We are looking for vendors for an outdoor  
market at 2025 Wasauksing Maplefest!

**REGISTRATION CLOSES MARCH 21st**

**\*\*Vendors must provide own table and tent\*\***

EMAIL LIZ TABOBONDUNG AT  
CRA@WASAUKSING.CA  
TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE  
INFORMATION







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[cra@wasauksing.ca](mailto:cra@wasauksing.ca)  
705-746-2033 ext. 305

WASAUKSING HEALTH  
DEPARTMENT C.A.R.A.  
PROGRAM PRESENTS:

### OPEN GYM NIGHT

Wasauksing Complex Gymnasium  
(1508 Geewadin Road Lane G)

**THURSDAYS 6:00PM TO 8:00PM**

**\*\*Adult supervision needed for children under 13  
years of age\*\***

Contact Liz Tabobondung  
for more information  
[cra@wasauksing.ca](mailto:cra@wasauksing.ca)  
705-746-2033 ext 305

### Wasauksing Health Department Presents: **Winter Outdoor Activities Afternoon**

Join us for snow games/ activities  
Thursday March 13th 2025  
1pm-3pm  
WACC Ballfield  
Ages 5-12

**\*\*Adult Supervision Required\*\***

WASAUKSING HEALTH  
DEPARTMENT PRESENTS:

### ANISHNAABEMWIN BINGO

Bingo/crafts/lunch

Tuesday March 11th 12pm-2pm

For children/youth ages 7-12

**\*\*Adult supervision required\*\***

for more information call or email  
Liz Tabobondung  
[cra@wasauksing.ca](mailto:cra@wasauksing.ca)  
705-746-2033 ext 305

### 2025 ALL ONTARIO NATIVE FASTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

In Wasauksing First Nation  
hosted by The Parry Island Hawks

Entry fee \$600 + \$200 Performance bond

**AUGUST 22ND -24TH 2025**

Junior Womens Junior Mens  
Womens Masters Mens Masters  
Womens Mens

**More Info  
to come**

email us: [2025aonf@gmail.com](mailto:2025aonf@gmail.com)







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## Traditional Wellness Programming:

Contact Mariah: [twc@wasauksing.ca](mailto:twc@wasauksing.ca)  
705-746-2033 ext. 313

Contact Faith: [twkk@wasauksing.ca](mailto:twkk@wasauksing.ca)  
705-746-2033 ext. 312

*Come join us for*

## CRAFT NIGHT

Every **THURSDAY** in March  
6th, 13th, 20th, 27th - 6:00-9:00PM

Health Station - Spirit Room

Bring the craft you are working on or start something new! Sewing machines and some craft materials available on site.

For more info call:  
705-746-2033

Hand CRAFTED

ALL AGES WELCOME

Ziisbaakdokegiizis  
Sugaring Moon  
March 2025



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## ANISHNAABEMOWIN

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 14, 21 & 28  
10:00AM - 12:00PM

HEALTH STATION SPIRIT ROOM

LIGHT LUNCH PROVIDED

FOR MORE INFO CALL:  
705-746-2033





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## International Women's Day

Wasauksing Nursing Station  
705-746-2033



### International WOMENS DAY

March 7th, 2025

10:00 am

Anishnaabemowin class

11:30 am

Lunch

1:00 pm

Seed planting & Crafts

(Seeds provided. Participants are welcome to bring there own.)

2:00 pm

Women's Circle

website:  
wasauksing.health  
phone:  
705-746-2033



WE ARE ALL BEAUTIFUL!

The Power of

## BODY Positivity



In a world that promotes unrealistic beauty standards, the concept of body positivity has emerged as a powerful movement promoting self-love and acceptance. Celebrate all body shapes, sizes, and appearances, challenging societal norms that dictate what is considered beautiful.

AWKNOWLEDGE YOUR STRENGTHS  
EMBRACE WHAT MAKES YOU UNIQUE

<https://www.dove.com/ca/en/dove-self-esteem-project.html>

International  
Women's Day  
March 8th







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## Mental Health & Addictions

Contact Steve: mwtmsw@wasauksing.ca |  
705-746-2033 ext. 314

Contact Melissa: nnadap@wasauksing.ca  
705-746-2033 ext. 315

### Continuing the **Struggle against Anxiety in Ourselves, Our Families and Our Community**

Submitted by: Steve Koptie, Social Worker – Mental Wellness Team

#### Challenge Negative Thoughts:

- Am I making assumptions?
- Is there another way to look at it?
- What are other possible outcomes?
- Is there evidence for this worry?
- What advice would I give to a friend?
- Is this worry in or out of my control?

### TODAY I WILL

FOCUS ON  
MYSELF

BE MORE  
POSITIVE

WORRY LESS

BE GRATEFUL FOR ALL  
THAT I HAVE

SMILE AND LAUGH  
MORE

BELIEVE IN ME



HUNTSVILLE-PARRY SOUND  
MICHIGAN - ONTARIO - DISTRICT OF LAMBTON

Time	Meeting	Location / Group	Address
Monday 7:30 pm	Easy Does It Group	Royal Canadian Legion	30 Mary St
Tuesday 7:30 pm	Steps To Serenity Group	St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church	58 Seguin St
Wednesday 7:30 pm	Wednesday Night Meeting	St James United Church	24 Mary St
Thursday 7:30 pm	Thursday Night Meeting	St James United Church	24 Mary St
Friday 7:00 pm	Friday Night Meeting	St James United Church	24 Mary St
Saturday 7:00 pm	There is a Solution	St James United Church	24 Mary St
Sunday 10:30 am	Menno Group	Parry Sound Friendship Centre	25 Church St
Sunday 7:30 pm	Sunday Night Group	Royal Canadian Legion	30 Mary St



FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT WITH YOUR JOURNEY TO  
HEALTHIER LIVING CONTACT

MELISSA AT 705-746-2033 OR, EMAIL nnadap@wasauksing.ca

## Canada's Guidance on Alcohol and Health



Per week

No risk 0

Low risk 1 2

Moderate risk 3 4 5 6

Increasingly high risk 7 8 +



ONTARIO REGION OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

### IN PERSON / VIRTUAL MEETING INFO

MONDAY | 6:30 PM-7:30 PM

Parry Sound Friendship Centre  
25 Church St, Parry Sound, ON

FRIDAY | 6:30 PM - 7:30PM

Parry Sound Friendship Centre  
25 Church St, Parry Sound, ON

VIRTUAL MEETINGS | VISIT LINK BELOW FOR TIMES

<https://virtual-na.org/>

Information obtained from <https://www.oracna.org/home>

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JOURNEY TO HEALTHIER LIVING CONTACT  
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## 2025 WACC Community Ice time



Time/Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>08:30-10:30</b>	School	Adult/Seniors Skate	School	Adult/Seniors Skate	School	Adult/Senior Skate	Adult/Senior Skate
<b>10:30-1130</b>	School	Daycare	School	Daycare	School	Public Skate	Public Skate
<b>11:30-1:00</b>	School	School	School	School	School	Public Skate	Public Skate
<b>1:00-2:00</b>	School	School	School	School	School	Public Skate	Public Skate
<b>2:00-3:00</b>	School	School	School	School	School	Public Skate	Public Skate
<b>3:00-5:00</b>	Shinny ages 0-10	Shinny ages 0-10	Shinny ages 0-10	Public Skate	Shinny ages 0-10	Shinny ages 0-10	Shinny ages 0-10
<b>5:00-6:00</b>	Shinny ages 0-10	U7 LNHL PRACTICE	Shinny ages 0-10	U9 LNHL PRACTICE	U11 LNHL PRACTICE	Shinny ages 0-10	Shinny ages 0-10
<b>6:00-7:00</b>	Public Skate	Public Skate	Public Skate	U15 LNHL PRACTICE	Public Skate	Public Skate	Public Skate
<b>7:00-8:30</b>	Shinny ages 10+	U13 GIRLS LNHL Practice	Shinny ages 10+	Shinny ages 10+	Shinny ages 10+	Shinny ages 10+	Shinny Ages 10+
<b>8:30-9:00</b>	Shinny ages 14+	Shinny ages 14+	Shinny ages 14+	Shinny ages 14+	Shinny ages 10+	Shinny ages 10+	Shinny ages 14+
<b>9:00-11:00</b>	Shinny ages 14+	Shinny ages 14+	Shinny ages 14+	Shinny ages 14+	Shinny ages 14+	Shinny ages 14+	Shinny ages 14+
<b>11:00-12:00</b>	Lights off; Flood	Lights off; Flood	Lights off; Flood	Lights off; Flood	Shinny ages 14+	Shinny ages 14+	Lights off; Flood
<b>Midnight</b>	Rink Closed	Rink Closed	Rink Closed	Rink Closed	Rink Closed	Rink Closed	Rink Closed

Please note:

1. Schedule is guideline for use of the WACC Rink, please be respectful!
2. Issues of "who is using the rink", refer to this schedule.
3. Vandalism; willful damage; neglect; or disrespectful play, will not be tolerated and may result in loss of rink use privileges.
4. Hockey sticks and pucks; ONLY PERMITTED DURING SCHEDULED "SHINNY TIMES"
5. Hockey helmets and hockey gloves are recommended for "SHINNY TIMES" for all age groups.
6. If a group is not utilizing allotted ice time as noted above, ice is considered "OPEN ICE" (ie PA/PD Days; Snow Days...etc.)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT LIZ TABOBONDUNG  
705-746-8022 X 305





## *Jordan's Principle Finance Coordinator*

Aaniin, Weendaabiin nadijnikaz, Shawanaga doonjiba, Misquadis dodem. Hello, my name is Jon Pizzale and I am a member of Shawanaga First Nation, but grew up off rez in Barrie, Ontario. I have five years of experience working in Information Technology and twelve years experience working in accounting, and payroll for public accounting firms and First Nation organizations.

I have numerous diplomas, degrees and certifications, including a designation as a Certified Fraud Examiner, and a Payroll Compliance Practitioner, and am excited to begin this new adventure working as the Jordan's Principle Finance Coordinator, for the people of Wasauksing First Nation.



When I am not working here, I spend a large portion of my time, giving back to my community by functioning as part of the Shawanaga Fire Department. Outside of work, I enjoy playing and performing music, hiking with my dog, Cashew, kayaking, and golfing.

Miigwetch - Jon





## INCOME TAX



**MARCH 28, 2025!!**

**10am-3pm**

### **Income Tax Service @ The Gathering Place**

**Amanda King is available to prepare Income Taxes  
for those on Ontario Works, Old Age Security and  
Disability.**

**Call to make an appointment!  
705-996-6910**

**Please bring your documents, i.e. T4's, Hydro Bills etc. with  
you.**

**There is no charge to you!!!**





## WIIDOOKDAHWIN WE-WINA CHI B'MAADIZEYIN WASAUKSING FIRST NATION

### COMMITTEE RECRUITMENT

**The Wiidookdahwin committee is seeking new recruits!**

Experience in life and work related to restorative justice, justice, social justice and social work, are some of the gifts we seek in committee members.

### THE COMMITMENT



#### MONTHLY MEETINGS

Participation in monthly committee meetings. All members engage in the meetings by contributing and sharing their gifts to help community members.



#### TRAINING

Attend committee trainings, workshops, and presentations. This ensures we are up-to-date on the latest ways of helping participants.



#### CIRCLES

You will have the choice to participate in various confidential circles. These circles are the healing aspect of the program that aims to support community members.



#### SELF-CARE

Committee members are encouraged to continually engage in self-care to maintain their well-being and to role model living a good life.

### HELPING EACH OTHER TO LIVE A GOOD LIFE

If you are interested in becoming a committee member, please forward your resume or letter of intent to the email below. If you would like more information, please contact Waab/Christine at the information below.



705-746-2531 x205



[wiidookdahwin@wasauksing.ca](mailto:wiidookdahwin@wasauksing.ca)





# SOCIAL DEPARTMENT

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*You're invited*  
**WASAUKSING  
KWEYUK &  
SUPPORTERS**



**11 am-Brunch**

\*Honoring our Lineage-share  
a photo of your  
Nokomis/Auntie/loved one  
Mama

**Annual  
Round Dance**

\*Show off your Ribbon  
skirt/Shirt & Moccs

**Gathering Bldg.  
Sat., March 8th**

**International**

**Women's  
Day**







## International Women's Day Word Search – Medium



International  
Women  
Gender  
Equality

Feminism  
Respect  
Leader

Rights  
Girls  
IWD





## International Women's Day Word Search – Hard

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# *Home Support Events.*

## **Elders Luncheon**

**March**

**3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th &  
31st**

## **Meals on Wheels**

**March**

**5th, 12th & 19th**

*brought to you by  
Sean Kat, Evan & George*





## SEEDY SATURDAY



Saturday, March 1st



10 am - 2 pm



Canadore College,  
Parry Sound

**Everyone Welcome!**  
**Drop-In Event**

- ◆ Seeds by Donation or Swap
- ◆ Garden Advice Tables
- ◆ Kids Activities
- ◆ Grown by the Bay Vendors
- ◆ Door Prizes, Workshops, & More!



GEORGIAN BAY  
BIOSPHERE  
MNIDOO GAMII



**FREE!**

**Join a  
Workshop!**

**11-11:30: Seed Saving**  
**1-1:30: Seed to Soil**





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**WE CAN MAKE  
a difference together**

**SUPPORT GROUP**

**Tuesday evening**

**March 11th & 25th, 2025**

**5pm to 7pm**

- at the Gathering Building
  - 1126 Giiwedín Rd.
- Wasuaksing First Nation

Contact :Dean'na Desjarlais  
at: Wellbeing office 2321 Shingwak Rd  
705-996-6910



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contact: Deanna D - Prevention  
at Wellbeing Office  
2421 Shingwak RD  
705 996 6910



## **Dinner N Bingo**

**March 13th  
2025  
at: Gathering  
building  
5:00-7:00pm**





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## TEA TIME

with our Elders

# Wasauksing

Social time with our Community Elders  
Listening to our Community History

at: Gathering Building

March 20th 2025  
3:00 to 5:00pm

Contact: Dean'na Desjarlais  
705 996 6910



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*Celebrate*

**Monthly  
Elders**

*Birthday's*

will be included with  
Elders Luncheon



March 17th, 2025





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WFN Wellbeing Team

**Come out and listen to our Youth**

## *Big Drum on Wednesdays*

**at the Gathering  
Building  
5:30 to 7:30pm**

- \* Light meal provided
- \* Crafts

**contact: Deanna at 2321  
Shingwak Rd 705 996 6910**





## **Wasauksing Swing Bridge Load Limit Update**

As most have noticed, a load limit of 7 Tonnes per vehicle has been implemented by ISC. Signage have been posted on the bridge and the surrounding area.

This current load limit is a revised limit, based on emergency rehabilitation work completed by WFN for Indigenous Services Canada whom are owners of the bridge. The prior load limit was 5 Tonnes per vehicle.

Wasauksing is currently preparing to mobilize for additional emergency repairs in the coming weeks, to reinstate the previous load limit of 10 Tonnes per axle.

Please note, any load limit implementation and any subsequent monitoring or enforcement are the sole responsibility of Indigenous Services Canada as owners of the bridge.

For further questions or information on the Bridge Load limit, please contact the Wasauksing Swing Bridge Public line at 807-624-5900.

Wasauksing is contracted to Operate, maintain and complete emergency repairs on the bridge.

If there are any questions, or any concerns related to the emergency rehabilitation any other matter please don't hesitate to contact the Director of Public Works or Public Works staff (705) 746-2531

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## WASTE TRANSFER STATION HOURS OF OPERATION

Effective March 10 2025, waste pickup will be on the following new schedule:

- Monday** *(replacing current Sunday pickup)*
- Wednesday** *(replacing current Wednesday evening pickup)*
- Friday** *(replacing current Saturday pickup)*

Pickup hours will be between 10am to 6pm on the newly scheduled pickup days, please place waste outside by 10am scheduled pickup days.

The transfer station will be open and monitored Saturday and Sunday, on the same schedule.

Please note, we do expect some challenges during this change and transition period.

Please be patient and provide feedback through email to [pws@wasauksing.ca](mailto:pws@wasauksing.ca) or leave a message with Admin reception: 705-746-2531





## Important Notice to the Community: Update Your Information with ISC



- ➞ **Name Changes**
- ➞ **Amendments to Your Record**
- ➞ **Marriage or Divorce**
- ➞ **Death of a Family Member**

### Why is this Important?

- Ensures your status is properly recognized by government agencies.
- Helps in accessing services and benefits.
- Keeps family records up-to-date for future generations.
- Crucial for family members' rights and inheritance.

All information printed on status cards must align with the details in the ISC database at the time the card is issued

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Public Works Department

For more information please contact:  
**Melissa Baker**

T: (705) 746-2531 Ext. 120

E: [landsadmin@wasauksing.ca](mailto:landsadmin@wasauksing.ca)

Location: Administrative Gathering Centre





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*The  
Wasauksing  
Gym*



**Logo  
Design**

**CONTEST**

LOGO MUST INCLUDE:

**\*WFN Logo**

**\*Must be Gym/Fitness/Strength Related**

**Submissions due by February 28th, 2025 to RYAN**

**[thedenstrengthconditioning@hotmail.com](mailto:thedenstrengthconditioning@hotmail.com)**

**Sponsored by the Social Department**

**Win A  
FITBIT**







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## Open House

We're excited to invite you to our upcoming open house! We'll have information booths available where you can catch up on our projects from the 2024 field season and get a sneak peek at what we have planned for this season. Plus, some of our amazing partners will be joining us to showcase their wonderful work in our traditional territory. We can't wait to see you there!

**April 30, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**  
**Wasauksing First Nation Administration and  
Gathering Centre**

**Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. with refreshments  
and snacks available throughout the evening.**



- Join us for an evening of learning, sharing, and planning!
- Door prizes to be won!



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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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## Wasauksing First Nation Fire Department

# We want you to join our team!

Are you looking for certified training?  
Are you looking to get your license?  
Are you looking to give back to the community?



The Wasauksing Fire Department offers training and honorariums per call.

Join us and be a part of tradition, excitement,  
and our team!

- paid-per-call
- no experience needed:
  - paid advancement courses
  - paid DZ course
  - Fire 1 & 2 accreditation

**Contact**  
**Matt Pecar, Fire Chief**  
**for an application**  
**and more information:**

[firechief@wasauksing.ca](mailto:firechief@wasauksing.ca)

**204-620-6606**







## Children and Fire



### Safety Tips for Caregivers

Children “playing” with or starting fires is dangerous and costly. Each year these fires cause hundreds of injuries, millions of dollars in damage, and are most likely to kill young children under the age of 5.

Some children play with fire out of curiosity, boredom, or peer pressure, not realizing its danger. But other children misuse fire because they are struggling with problems or emotions. Without proper intervention and instruction, children who misuse fire will very likely do it again. However, if punishment is the only intervention strategy used, it could actually contribute to the problem. What can you do?

#### Follow these tips to keep your family safe:

- Keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children, up high, preferably in a locked cabinet.
- Closely supervise children, making sure that they are kept away from other fire sources, including lit candles, cigarettes, bonfires, and stoves.
- It is natural for young children to be curious and ask questions about fire, play with fire trucks, or pretend to cook. Use these opportunities to teach them about fire safety.
- Explain that fire moves very fast and can hurt as soon as it touches them. Tell them that this is why matches and lighters are tools for adults only.
- Teach young children to never touch matches or lighters. They must go tell a grown-up when matches or lighters are found.
- Establish clear rules and consequences about unsupervised and unauthorized uses of fire.
- Be a good example! Always use fire sources — matches, lighters, candles, fireplaces, and campfires — in a safe manner. Never treat them as toys, or children may imitate you.
- Talk with children about what their friends or other children are doing with fire. What are they seeing online in video games, on TV, in movies, and on social media? Teach them specific ways to resist the peer pressure to misuse fire.
- Give praise for showing respect and age-appropriate responsible behavior toward fire.

## Important!

Understand that children and fire are a **deadly combination**. If you suspect a child is unusually interested in fire or is setting fires, take immediate action. Follow these safety tips. Contact your local fire department, school, burn center, or counseling agency to get help from specially trained experts.

All children are at risk for using fire unsafely. Many fires happen simply because matches and lighters are left within a child's reach.



**NATIONAL FIRE  
PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**  
The leading information and knowledge resource  
on fire, electrical and related hazards





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## **COMMUNITY NOTICE:**



## **OFF ROAD VEHICLES**

**Reminder to owners to be careful when operating, be mindful of speed (limits), use added precaution around pedestrians and obey traffic laws.**

**Let's keep our community and our members safe.**

**Miigwetch!**







## General Carpenter

Pre-apprenticeship Program  
for Women

**FREE** for Qualified Participants

This training program is geared towards Indigenous women, or any woman interested in carpentry.

Train to use hand and power tools while working with various construction materials. Learn the latest installation methods along with the best practices and workplace safety to make you employable in today's construction industry.

You will be guided and supported in culturally inclusive strategies during training and placement, with continued support as you transition into the workplace or further education.

**Location:** Canadore College Commerce Court Campus, North Bay

**Program Length:** 23 weeks

**Duration:** May 5, 2025 – October 10, 2025

**Cost:** **FREE** (Tuition, tools, PPE, and Health and Safety Certifications)

**To determine eligibility or for more information please contact:**

Veronica Wesley  
FPC Administrative Assistant  
705.474.7600 ext. 5961  
[veronica.wesley1@canadorecollege.ca](mailto:veronica.wesley1@canadorecollege.ca)

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## General Carpenter Pre-apprenticeship program for Women

### What You Will Learn

- Essential and Employability Skills Development
- Health and Safety Training
- Exposure to Welding As A Secondary Trade
- General Carpenter Apprenticeship Training Level 1 (8 weeks)
- Work Placement (8 Weeks)

### Upon Completion of the Program, Students May Pursue:

- Further Apprenticeship Training

### Other Training Opportunities at Canadore College:

- Building Construction Technician
- Electrical Techniques
- Mechanical Technician-Welder
- or other Post-Secondary Programs

### Future Career Opportunities:

- General Contracting
- Construction Companies
- Residential ICI Sectors
- Furniture and Cabinet Manufacturers



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