

WASAUKSING FIRST NATION NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER 2025

Next Issue: October 01, 2025 Submissions Due: September 19, 2025

Please Visit Our Website: www.wasauksing.ca to see Employment Opportunities, Special Events, And More...

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Community Council Meeting - Tuesday September 02, 2025

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

LARC Committee - Wednesday September 03, 2025

5:00 p.m.— 7:00 p.m. Gathering Center Meeting Room

Health Committee Meeting - Tuesday September 09, 2025

5:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m. Health Spiritual Room

Citizenship Committee Meeting - Wednesday September 10, 2025

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

Education Committee Meeting - Monday September 15, 2025

5:00 p.m.— 8:00 p.m. Administration Meeting Room

Business Council Meeting - Tuesday September 16, 2025

5:00 pm.—9:00 pm. Administration Meeting Room

Housing Committee Meeting - Thursday September 18, 2025

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

Restorative Justice Committee Meeting - Tuesday September 23, 2025

5:00 pm.—8:00 pm. Gathering Centre Meeting Room

Social Committee Meeting - Monday September 29, 2025

6:00 pm.—8:00 pm. Gathering Centre Meeting Room

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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

CHIEF & COUNCIL

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INTRO | ADMINISTRATION | GOVERNANCE | COMMUNITY

Aanii Kinaweya

As summer meets it's midway point the Council made a decision to continue to meet and not take August off. There is plenty of work that went on in July and more work required in August. The Elders Boat cruise was one of the highlights as it was a wonderful day to be on the bay. I would like to thank the staff of WFN who made this day an success full of laughter and memories. Our honoured Guests the elders made the day extra special.



Administration Briefing on the most pressing issues that impact the community:

Finances: Draft Audit Presentation for 23/24 has been set for September. We continue to plan for a communications solution that keeps the membership informed and involved in important decision making when it comes to Lands, Membership, Trusts, and Governance.



Robinson Huron Waawiindamaagewin is looking forward to celebrating 175yrs in September. Don't forget to reach out and get involved.

RHT Trust and Mitigo Min Trust continue to move slower than our expectations. Chief and Council have repeatedly pressed Administration based on Community feedback for a presentation and next steps. Rest assured, all funds are sitting in Trust and are awaiting community decision making



"This morning the sun endures past dawn, and I realize this is August, summer's last stand" Sara Baume



CHIEF & COUNCIL

Nation Building is constant work

Wasauksing Chief and Council continue to develop and foster positive relationships with our political allies and adversaries. I was taught at young age that we are all representatives Wasauksing. We all act as ambassadors when we interact with others. Always take the moral high road and never be brought down to a low level. I take those teachings with me when I meet with Federal and Provincial politicians and bureaucrats and leadership with other nations.

I attended the All Chiefs Summit with the Prime Minister Carney in July. To his credit he sat and listened to the Chiefs and National Leaders speak out against his fast tracking of Bill C-5. The message was to repeal the Bill or we will continue to resist it's implemenation legally, politically and at a grass roots level

I attended the All Ministers Summit in Huntsville this month to greet the Provincial and National Indigenous Leaders. I welcomed them to the traditional territory of the Anishinabek of Wasauksing. I had very positive interactions with the Leaders during their deliberations at Deerhurst during the two day summit.



Healing and wellness are important as we continue to move through life. We need to encourage each other to seek healing in a good way. As leadership one of our difficult decisions is the need to focus on the safety of the community and put the needs of the many before the needs of a few. Sometime our people ask for help in the most difficult of ways. Healing and Wellness are transformative and life changing. Life can be seen in a positive light. Your personal relationship with our Creator is the safest way to seek peace and recover from trauma. Our Ancestors and the Spirits can be there to help.

Potawatomi Gathering 2025



I was honoured to attend Gun Lake Tribe in Michigan to represent our community with Councillor Dave Rice and Pazhe Rice. With councils approval, we were able to sign a Confederacy agreement to work on collective issues like Great Lakes Waters, Jay Treaty border crossing, and Economic relationships. I found myself inspired by how the Tribal Chairs and Councils have advanced their respective Nations. I felt connected as we still struggle with maintianing our culture, language, and identity as Anishinaabek/Potawatomi people. I look forward to attending next year and hope that we can send more people to the gathering as it is such a positive experience in celebrating our resilience.

"Just one positive thought in the morning can change your whole day"



Website: www.wasauksing.ca



Contact: 705-746-2531 x116



chief@wasauksing.ca



Notice

Please be advised that the Administration, Nursing Station, Day Care, School, WACC, & Gathering Center will be Closed:

Mon. Sept 1, 2025 (Labor Day) & Tues. Sept 30, 2025 (Truth & Reconciliation Day)

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ANNUAL OLG

COMMUNITY INFO SESSION

The session will be held both virtually and in-person. To obtain Zoom link, please email grc@wasauksing.ca.

A \$200.00 honorarium for those who participate. In order to qualify for the honorarium, you must be on the WFN Citizenship List, be at least 14 years of age the day of the event and attend the event from start to finish (virtually or in-person).

Registration will be held the day of the event. Honorariums will be issued via direct deposit - please be ready to provide your banking information at registration.

Volunteer hours available for youth trying to achieve their 40 community service hours.



Doors open at 9:00 AM. Morning snack available. Lunch will be provided.

Please contact Amanda King for more info: 705-996-6910 ext. 212 or grc@wasauksing.ca



NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2025





MORE INFORMATION TO COME







Staff start: August 25, 2025 Students start: September 2, 2025

Wasauksing Kinomaugewgamik School Year Calendar 2025-2026

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Wasauksing Nursing Station

September 2025



Health has a website!

wasauksing.health

another way to keep up to date!

Counselling

Evi: September 2, 16 Aislinn: Sept. 3, 8, 15, 22, 29 Alex: September 5, 19

Call Melissa to book an appointment 705-746-2033

Zach- Tread Orthopaedics:

September 17 October 15 November 12

Call Terri to book an appointment: 705-746-2033

Doctor Visit Dates:

Dr. K. Knight: Sept 22, 29 Dr. J. Hamby: Sept 5, 12, 19

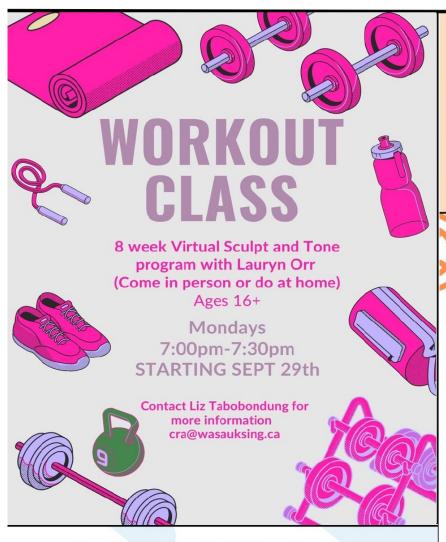
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 21 | 22 | Good Minds w/ Good Intentions | 24 Wellness Lunch & Learn Bingo Good Minds W/ Good Intentions | 25 Outdoor Walking Breast Cancer Awareness Bra Decorating | 26 _{Anishinaa-bemowin} Breast Cancer Awareness Bra Decorating | 27 |
| 28 | 29 Workout Class Ages: 16+ | Good Minds w/ Good Intentions | S | ePte | Mbe | R |

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



BASKETBALL NIGHT

AGES 8-10

STARTING OCTOBER | WEDNESDAYS 1ST 2025 | 5:00PM-6:00PM



All Ontario Native Fastball **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner** Date: TBD



WASAUKSING HEALTH DEPARTMENT CARA PROGRAM PRESENTS:

OPEN GYM

Wasauksing Complex Gymnasium (1508 Geewadin Road Lane G)

THURSDAYS 6:00PM TO 8:00PM STARTING OCTOBER 2ND

Adult supervison needed for children under 13 years of age

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

































Traditional Wellness Programming:

Contact Faith: twkk@wasauksing.ca | 705-746-2033 ext. 312

Anishinaabemowin Language Class

Please join us in our Anishnabemowin classes as we continue to preserve our language.

Language sessions start at 10am and go until noon. Lunch will be provided.

Classes throughout September are on the 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th.

For more information you can call the Health Station at 705-746-2033

We hope to see you there at the Spirit Room in the Health Station!







Full Moon Ceremony

Community members
please join us
Sunday, September 7
8pm-10pm
Health Station Spirit
Room

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For more info call 705-746-2033 Hope to see you there!



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Community Health Representative

Contact Audrey-Anna: chr@wasauksing.ca | 705-746-8022

Breast Cancer Awareness

Drop-In Event Spirit Room - Health Station

In Preparation for October Breast Cancer Walk

Support Numbers

If you are experiencing an emergency call 911

Police

Non-emergency: 1-888-310-1122

Anishinabek Police Services Wasauksing Detachment: 705-746-2213

OPP Parry Sound Detachment: 705-746-4225

Health

Emergency: 911

Ontario Poison Centre: 1-844-764-7669

Telehealth: 811 (24/7 health information and support over the phone) Niijaansinaanik: 1-855-223-5558 (to report child neglect or abuse)

Mental Health and Addictions

Suicide Crisis Line: 988 (24/7 helpline)

Canadian Mental Health Association Parry Sound/8'Saanibamaadsiwin

Crisis Line: 1-888-893-8333 (24/7 helpline)

Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868 (24/7 helpline for 18 and under) Hope for Wellness: 1-855-242-3310 (24/7 helpline for Indigenous people)

Protection

Parry Sound Victim Services Crisis Line: 705-938-1476 (24/7 crisis response) Esprit Place (Parry Sound and area women and children emergency shelter 705-746-4800 or 1-800-461-1707

Miscellaneous

Transportation - Parry Sound Taxi: 705-746-1221 Wasauksing First Nation Administration: 705-746-2531 *closed statutory

Health811

Connect to free health information and services. 24/7

Call 811 or chat online at ontario.ca/health811



- · Several cases of swimmer's itch have been reported from 3 Mile Lake.
- Swimmer's itch is a parasitic infection contracted when swimming in contaminated
- Symptoms include: tingling or itching of the skin, small reddish pimples, or small blisters.

The best way to avoid swimmer's itch is to avoid swimming in places where it is a known issue.

Other ways include; Towel drying and showering after swimming. Avoid swimming or wading in marshy areas.



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Dietitian & Diabetes Programming

Contact Natalie: rd1@wasauksing.ca 705-746-2033 ext. 325

Contact Danette: cdern@wasauksing.ca 705-746-2033 ext. 309



Wellness Lunch and Learn Bingo

Wednesday, Sept 24, 2025 12 - 2 PM

> Please contact WFN Health Station to Register 705-746-2033



Book an appointment

Do you want to book an appointment with Natalie or Danette?
Please call 705-746-2033



OUTDOOR WALKING

PROGRAM

DATE: THURSDAY'S (JUNE 5-SEPTEMBER 25, 2025)

TIME:

12:30-1:30PM

LOCATION: MEET AT THE WACC



- RAIN OR SHINE
- PEDOMETERS & WALKING
 POLES AVAILABLE
- BEVERAGES AVAILABLE

JOIN US AND GET SOME STEPS IN!

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

CONTACT THE HEALTH STATION FOR MORE INFORMATION @ 705-746-2033

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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

PLEASE JOIN US

This Fall and Winter we would like to provide opportunities for individuals, small groups of family, friends and neighbours to join Good Minds with Good Intentions. Starting September 2nd, on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 6 PM up to 8 PM, we hope to provide safe space for sharing, caring and support.

Please consider a possibility for couples and families to join to strengthen Right Relations within the community.

We are honoured to be of service.

Personally, September 2025 begins for me, a great deal of self-reflection, appreciation and gratitude for seven decades of lived experiences. Being a member of the Wasauksing Health Station Team is a remarkable opportunity to continue as a community helper.

Steve Koptie, MSW RSW

How to Help If You See This Signal







1. Palm to camera and tuck thumb

thumb

Reach out to them safely to find out what they need.

They may ask you to listen and be there for them.

They may ask for help finding services. They may want you to call someone to help them. Let the person using the Signal take the lead.

If someone is in immediate danger, call 9-1-1



NALOXONĒ TRAINING

Available anytime at the Health Centre, call us for more information! 705-746-2033

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Ezhi Aanzek Gbi Bimaadziwinaa

Do you have 8 minutes? I will always have 8 minutes for you!











SOCIAL DEPARTMENT





Wasauksing First Nation

CALL FOR QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS

SEEKING LICENSED PROFESSIONALS FOR ONGOING AND UPCOMING PROJECTS

Wasauksing First Nation is currently inviting expressions of interest from experienced and licensed contractors to support a variety of construction and development initiatives, ranging from small-scale renovations to large infrastructure projects

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must meet the following criteria

- Operate a registered business in good standing
- Maintain active liability insurance
- Demonstrate the ability to manage projects of varying scale
- Provide recent, verifiable references for completed work

We are seeking reliable professionals who are committed to safety, quality workmanship, and timely project delivery. This is an excellent opportunity to establish an ongoing working relationship on a wide range of projects.

TO APPLY:

Please submit the following documentation for consideration:

- Proof of business registration
- Certificate of Qualification
- · Certificate of insurance
- At least two recent project references

Submit via email to: taxadmin@wasauksing.ca

For inquiries, contact: Daniss Pitawanakwat 705-746-2531 x 108

Applications will be reviewed on a continual basis.

Only those selected for further discussion will be contacted.



Citizenship Committee

We Are recruiting

Committee Members!



Accepting Online and inperson Applications Until...

Monday September 29th

positions

- Elder(x2)
- Youth (x2)
- General Member (x4)

role

The Citizenship Committee meets virtually and/or in-person once per month. Its functions are to advise Council on the Citizenship Code and provide recommendations on individual Wasauksing citizenship applications.

Honorariums available for Committee Members

Online Application link in comments

www.wasauksingakiin.ca



WASAUKSING FIRST NATION

— CITIZENSHIP COMMITTEE



| соммі | TTEE MEMBER APPLICA | TION FORM | |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------|
| Name (First an | d Last) : | Date : | |
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| Membership Typ | e: GENERAL ELDER | YOUTH (AGES 25 AND UNDER) | Y Y Y Y |
| l am a Wasauksi | ng First Nation Community Member: | YES NO | |
| Reason for Apply | ring : | | |
| CONTA | CT INFORMATION | | |
| Address | : | | |
| City | : | Postal Code : | |
| E-Mail | | | |
| Phone | : | | |
| GENER | AL INFORMATION | | |

- The function of the Committee is to advise the Wasauksing First Nation Council on the Citizenship Code and to make recommendations to Council on individual Wasauksing citizenship applications.
- The Citizenship Committee shall be composed of nine members.
- The term of appointment for committee is two years. Members may serve a consecutive two years at their discretion and upon acceptance by Council. All members will participate in Committee orientation following appointment (regardless of new or recurring appointments). Without just cause, committee members absent from three consecutive duly convened meetings will be deemed inactive and the seat will be available for a new appointment.

More Information:

1126 Geewadin Road, Wasauksing First Nation, ON 705-746-2531 x 120 (Office) / landsadmin@wasauksing.ca www.wasauksingakiin.ca

MIIGWETCH FOR YOUR INTEREST

Please send completed applications to membership@wasauksing.ca



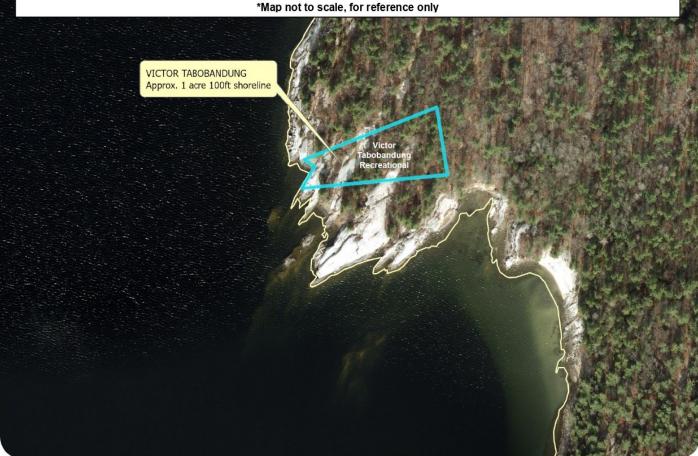
PUBLIC WORKS

The following land application was reviewed during the August 6, 2025, meeting of the Lands and Resources Committee (L.A.R.C.). If no valid concerns are brought forward by the community during the 30-day review period, this land application will be recommended to Council for approval.

 <u>Land Application LA2025-03VT</u> – Victor Tabobandung Recreational (North Queenie Cove)

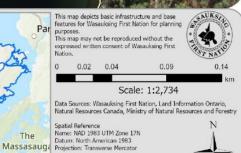
Pursuant to section 8(b)3 of the Wasauksing First Nation Community Development Plan (a.k.a. Land Use Plan), the above-listed Land Application is being posted for no less than 30 days, beginning September 1, 2025. If you have any concerns regarding the above land application, please email Melissa Baker, Enrolment and Administrative Support at landsadmin@wasauksing.ca. Concerns must be submitted before the end of the 30-day review period.

After the 30-day review period, Council may, at their discretion, approve this Land Application.









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 <u>Land Application LA2025-05NP</u> – Nastassja Pickles Rural Residential (Lane S)

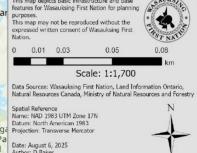
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 <u>Land Application LA2025-06IT</u> – Isaiah Tabobondung Rural Residential (Across Charde Island)

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Medicinal **Plants Walk**



September 13th, 10:00 am



Meet at the Gathering Place



Lunch provided

Join us for a walk led by Joseph Pitawanakwat from Creators Garden. Share knowledge and learn all about medicinal plants and their properties!

Open to Wasauksing members only, due to limited space.







To register, scan the QR code or email sevans@georgianbaybiosphere.com





ATV SAFETY IS YOUR FAMILY READY TO RIDE?



- Always wear a DOT-compliant helmet, goggles, long sleeves, long pants, over-the-ankle boots, and gloves.
- Never ride on paved roads except to cross when done safely and permitted by law - another vehicle could hit you. ATVs are designed to be operated off-highway.
- Never ride under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Never carry a passenger on a single-rider ATV, and no more than one passenger on an ATV specifically designed for two people.
- Ride an ATV that's right for your age.
- Supervise riders younger than 16; ATVs are not toys.
- Ride only on designated trails and at a safe speed.
- Take a hands-on ATV course.



Chii Miigwech to Family & Friends Rising to the Occasion In Celebration of Alexander Zyganiuk's Life On July 12-13, 2025



Special thanks to those who traveled far to be here: Voncile, Joanna, and Shug Mitchell from Kansas, USA; Harmony Red Sky from Winnipeg, MB; and Gerald & Kathy Hayton from Red Deer, AB.

Most helpful, dear friends of Alex's include: Vince & Anita Chechock, John & Bonnie Beaucage, Yvonne, Mimi & Lori Taylor, Karen Chegahno, Lila Tabobandung, APS staff, Scott McWilliam & family, Alex Jeneway & family. Special thanks to WFN for financial support (Deb Pegahmagabow) and WLI (Board Members) also, for building use assistance (Bernadette Drake).

John Rice and Vera Tabobandung-Pawis did an excellent job as Masters of Ceremony. Special Tributes to Alex were given by: Chief Shane Tabobandung, APS Police Chief Jeff Skye, Vince Chechock, John Beaucage, Wendy Jocko, and Gord Glasheen. Cheers for hosting goes to Clara Partridge & Crystal Tabobandung.

Alex truly wanted this to be a happy occasion—and, not to disappoint, his sister, Pazhe Rice, sought out Alex's former Hong Luck Kung Fu Club members to bring the Lion Dancers Toronto to perform, winning the crowd over in an absolutely stunning performance. Many elder Club Members and close friends from Toronto attended this Celebration. "Spirit in the Sky" was long ago chosen as Alex's departing song by him. Grandson Nicholas, started the dance and brought the crowd out in flocks in this high-spirited dance finale.

In ceremonial practice to honor officers, horse-mounted police officer Brett McRoberts pleased the crowd as he rode his horse all around the Gathering Building.

Saturday was topped off with a catered meal by Chef Courtney Nadjiwon's Quartz Kitchen which aimed and succeeded in pleasing the crowd.

At noon on Sunday under overcast, yet beautiful skies, Alex's ashes were taken care of by close family and friends which was a most endearing ceremonial experience with Hector Copecog giving final prayers in Anishinaabemowin that included Christine King sharing her beautiful voice in songs. Special chiimiigwech to Robert Tabobandung and Victor Nanibush for their part in laying the ashes to their final resting place as requested by the "Z".

Alex loved his community and would want you all to know that you enriched his life in so many different ways—all experiences were learning experiences for him. Chii miigwech.

Alex, "Your Wings were Ready, but our Hearts were not."

You will always be loved and missed...pama...

Mados Potts-Zyganiuk & Family of Alexander Zyganiuk



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The Charbonneau and Partridge family would like to send a Chi- Miigwetch to the following:

Belvedere Heights and Logan's Funeral Home

Pall Bearers- Raymond Partridge, Jaden Partridge, Kyle Partridge, Norman Partridge, Brandan Partridge and Norman Bennett

Jess Pegahmagabow- for the beautiful blanket and ribbons for our Pall Bearers

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To anyone we may have missed, please accept our apologies and Chi-Miigwetch to you.

Chi Miigwetch,

Family of the late Martha (Partridge) Charbonneau Baa

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