



# WASAUKSING FIRST NATION NEWSLETTER



**APRIL 2026**

**Next Issue: May 01, 2026**

**Submissions Due: April 20, 2026**

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Employment Opportunities, Special Events, And More...

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

*Community Council Meeting* - Tuesday April 07, 2026

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

*LARC Committee* - Wednesday April 01, 2026

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

*Health Committee Meeting* - Tuesday April 14, 2026

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

*Citizenship Committee Meeting* - Wednesday April 08, 2026

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

*Education Committee Meeting* - ,Monday April 20, 2026

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

*Business Council Meeting* - Tuesday April 21, 2026

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

*Social Committee Meeting* - Monday April 27, 2026

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

*Restorative Justice Committee* - Tuesday April 14 , 2026

5:30 p.m.— 7:00 p.m. Gathering Center Meeting Room

## **IN THIS ISSUE**

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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**



## Wasauksing Chief | Community Report March 2026

INTRO | ADMINISTRATION | GOVERNANCE | COMMUNITY

### Aanii Kinaweya

Namebini-Giizis, I was told when the frost is on the trees in February the fish are starting to spawn. Although February is a short month, Chief and Council continued to advance issues of Trespassing Law, Economic Development, and advocacy for programs and services. Chief and Council’s role is to oversee the direction of Wasauksing and remain updated on the progress of that direction. This month we look towards budget approvals, financial reporting, and workplan development for the 2026 – 2027 fiscal year.



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

The months of January and February have seen little movement in the area of Finance. I took the time to complete an extensive action item list for us to review regularly in order to oversee Administration in completing tasks. I have drafted 83 items to be addressed, some have been completed but many remain outstanding including the Financial Audits, Investigations, Organizational Items, and Community requests.



Robinson Huron Waawiindamaagewin. RHW, WFN, and SFN has had there first planning meeting for the September 2026 Gathering in Wasauksing. Rooms have been secured for our visitors as well as initial planning has begun. There is a Ogimaak gathering in March which I understand is ceremony to build unity.

RHTLF has been transferred the our portion of the \$232 Million as of February 20<sup>th</sup>. We have requested that a letter from Administration and forms such as the new release and up to date account information be sent out to community.

“No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn” B. Villaseca



## Children’s rights – OFA

February I attended the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal to support the OFA and the voices of our Kwewak leadership and technicians as they presented remedies and solutions to some concerns they have with the current Ontario Final Agreement (OFA). The agreement has a 8.5 Billion dollar outcome with systems of control and oversight that was negotiated with Canada, COO, and NAN. There are some concerns which were voiced by the Caring Society which will take 90 days for the Tribunal to rule on.

I continue to welcome appointments and visits with community members. Please email if you would like to schedule an appointment with me. I realize that time management is challenging as the Chiefs representation at important meetings is critical but also want continue efforts to make myself available for community.

Hydro One and Energy Corridor First Nations had a press release. Wasauksing has joined in partnership with ECFN to explore partnership and revenue opportunities. The Chiefs in the corridor are also exploring partnerships with critical mineral partners. One advantage of being involved as a partner is that we can control environmental and restoration of our land.



I attended the First Nation Substance Use Summit in Hull, Quebec hosted by the Thunderbird Foundation. I learned about best practices and learned from experts in the field across Turtle Island. I networked with some leadership and services about how they managed substance use challenges in their community. I heard from resilient people in their recovery and growth to support others who suffer the impacts of substance use. On a protection side we continue to advance our Trespassing Law which we estimate 4 – 6 months to enact in Wasauksing.



### Meetings Attended:

RHTW 2026 planning meeting	Feb 2	Wasaney Island – Land Back	Feb 2
Safe Home Policy Review	Feb 3	RH Trust and ECFN Legal review	Feb 3
Potawatomi Confederacy Meeting	Feb 4	Nurse Practitioner Appreciation	Feb 5
Individual Members Visits (x3)	Feb 10	Language Gathering	Feb 8
ECFN – HONI Press Release	Feb 9	Amidayaa Muslim Community Visit	Feb 9
Cooridor FN Mining Meeting	Feb 11	Anishinabek Nation Mining Rights	Feb 12
Falls Law Trespassing Law C&C	Feb 13	Education KEB Meeting	Feb 18
Individual Members Visit(x4)	Feb 17	AN 65 Agreement	Feb 19
Individual Members Visit(x2)	Feb 20	PSHS visit with Minister Calladra	Feb 20
FN Substance use Summit -Hull	Feb 23-25	CHRT Tribunal – Ottawa	Feb 26-27
PDAC Mining Conference	Feb 28 - 2		

“ Although February is Short it is filled with love and sweet surprises” C.J. Forde

Website:  
[www.wasauksing.ca](http://www.wasauksing.ca)

Contact:  
705-746-2531 x116

Email:  
[chief@wasauksing.ca](mailto:chief@wasauksing.ca)



# Notice

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

**Friday, April 3rd & Monday,  
April 6th, 2026**

**For Good Friday & Easter Monday**

**Miigwetch**



## NEWSLETTER NOTICE:

We are looking to expand our newsletter email list in hopes to cut home deliveries to save paper.

In order to receive a emailed copy of the newsletter, please forward your email address to: [newsletter@wasauksing.ca](mailto:newsletter@wasauksing.ca)

You may also indicate whether you wish to keep receiving the monthly paper copy to the same email as well.

Additionally, you can view the monthly newsletter on our website:  
[wasauksing.ca](http://wasauksing.ca)

Miigwetch for your understanding.





## *Indigenous Astronomy Presentation*

Wasauksing Kinomaugewgamik invites the community to join Wilfred Buck the "Star Guy" for an Indigenous Astronomy Presentation!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8TH  
7:30 PM  
SCHOOL GYM

Evening will consist of an indoor presentation followed by an outdoor sunset presentation.





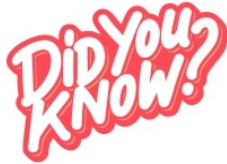
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## Wasauksing Nursing Station

April 2026



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

### Counselling

Evi:  
Aislinn: April 1, 8, 13, 20, 27  
James: April 14 & 29  
Alex: April 10 & 24

### Zach- Tread Orthopaedics:

April 2  
April 29  
May 27

### Doctor Visit Dates:

Dr. K. Knight:  
Dr. J. Hamby:

Call Melissa to book an appointment 705-746-2033

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
APRIL			1 Full Moon Ceremony	2 Baby Group Walking Group	3 Anishina-bemowin	4
			5	6	7	8
12	13	14	15	16 Baby Group Walking Group	17 Anishina-bemowin	18
19	20	21	22	23 Baby Group Walking Group Men's Gathering	24 Anishina-bemowin	25
26	27	28	29	30		



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## Diabetes & Nursing

Contact Danette: [iipctrn1@wasauksing.ca](mailto:iipctrn1@wasauksing.ca) | 705-746-2033



*Winter*  
**WALKING GROUP**

*Keep moving during the cold & wet winter months!*

**Thursdays 12:30-1:30pm**  
**Jan 15 to Apr 30**  
**@ The Gathering Centre**  
**(unless cancelled due to event)**

LIGHT SNACK PROVIDED.  
WIN A PRIZE FOR BEST PARTICIPATION!

Contact the Health Station  
with any questions  
705-746-2033

DROP IN BASIS  
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED



**Book an appointment**

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



Did you know that you can have your medications delivered right to your house?

**POLLARD IDA** does home delivery to Wasauksing every Thursday.

**PHARMACY DELIVERY**

If Pollard's is already your pharmacy, contact them directly to arrange delivery.

If you would like to switch to Pollard's for delivery services, reach out to Pollard's directly at **705-746-2581**.





**Wellness Lunch and Learn Bingo**

**Wednesday, April 8, 2026**  
**12 - 2 PM**

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






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## Traditional Wellness Programming

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

### Full Moon Ceremony

Wednesday, April 1, 2026


Starts: 8pm

Spirit Room at the Health Centre

What to bring: saama & skirt

Please call Faith to confirm your attendance or for more information

705-746-2033



**AMBE ANISHINABEMDAA**  
**(LETS SPEAK OUR LANGUAGE)**

**Fridays in April**  
**10, 17 & 24, 2026**

**10am to noon at the Health Station**



WASAUKSING HEALTH STATION

**ESSTIN MCLEOD**

TRADITIONAL MEDICINE PRACTITIONER

**MAY 5, 6 & 7**

*\*Limited number of spots available\**



Call the Health Station to book an appointment 705-746-2033



Ambe Anishinabemdaa  
(Let's Speak OUR Language)



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## Community Health Representative

Contact Audrey-Anna: chr@wasauksing.ca | 705-746-2033



**HAPPY WORLD**  
*Health Day*

— 07 APRIL 2026 —

On World Health Day, choose habits that support your well-being. Health is a human right. Let's protect it together.



Wash your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub

Clean high-touch surfaces often (door handles, light switches, phones etc.)

Wear a well-fitted medical mask or KN95 in crowded, indoor settings

Watch for signs of illness and stay home if you are sick

Make sure you and your children are up to date with vaccines

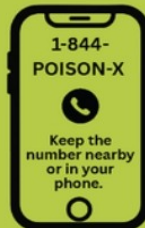


## Take Action to Prevent Poisoning!

Did you know that prescription medication is the leading cause of poisoning in Canada?

### 7 ways to take and give prescriptions, over-the-counter meds and natural health products, safely:

1. Always read the label and instructions for use before giving or taking medication.
2. Read and follow the dosage. Medications do not work better by taking more than the recommended dose.
3. Read how much medication you can take at once, how often to take it, and how much you can take in 24 hours.
4. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you have any questions about medications or natural health products
5. Mixing medications and other substances can be dangerous. Mixing alcohol and/or cannabis with medications can have dangerous effects.
6. Many over-the-counter products have acetaminophen along with other ingredients. Check labels and do not use more than one product with acetaminophen in it at the same time
7. Store medications safely away after use. If you have kids or pets this can mean lock away up high out of reach.



### Possible poisoning? Call your local poison centre.

Canada has a toll-free 24/7 number for poison centres.

Call 1-844-POISON-X (1-844-764-7669).

If you are located in Québec, call 1-800-463-5060.

If the person loses consciousness, has difficulty breathing or is having a seizure, call 911.

Want more information? <https://parachute.ca/en/program/poison-prevention-week/>

## ONTARIO TELEMEDICINE NETWORK

### VIRTUAL CARE FOR PATIENTS

Did you know Wasauksing Health Station is able to help you connect with your doctor/specialist through video visits?

Ask your doctor today if this is an option for your next visit!

## Health811

Connect to free health information and services, 24/7

Call 811 or chat online at [ontario.ca/health811](https://ontario.ca/health811)

Ontario  Health811



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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

**SUBSTANCE MISUSE AND PREVENTION**

**HARM REDUCTION EDUCATION**

**I'M HERE FOR YOU.**

NNADAP@WASAUKSING.CA  
CALL MELISSA AT 705-746-2033, EXT. 313

**Want to know more about how NNADAP can help you?**

**REFERRALS TO TREATMENT CENTRES & AFTER CARE SUPPORT**  
NATIONAL NATIVE ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM

**NO FRIEND LEFT NALOXONE**

**4mg** NARCAN<sup>®</sup> NASAL SPRAY  
Naloxone HCl

ANISHINABEK POLICE SERVICE

**WANT TO STOP VAPING?**  
THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!  
STOP VAPING CHALLENGE

**#STOPVAPING Challenge**

Stop Vaping Challenge is an app that provides a venue for youth to reflect on their vaping behaviours and patterns in a fun, social way that encourages quitting with friends.

The APP will help track

- mood
- cravings
- activities that trigger
- has a built in timer to track progress

Download it directly from your phone's app store

**MEN'S GATHERING**

**THURSDAY APRIL 23RD**  
**5 PM - 7 PM**

**WASAUKSING HEALTH STATION**

**DINNER SERVED AT 5:15 PM ~ ALL MEN WELCOME**

**\*\*CHILD CARE AVAILABLE ON SITE IF REQUIRED, PLEASE CALL THE HEALTH STATION \*\***

705-746-2033 | WASAUKSING HEALTH STATION



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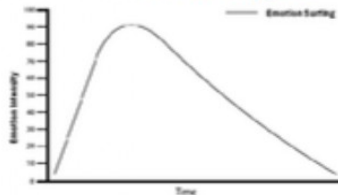
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# emotion surfing



Negative emotions can feel overwhelming, but it's important to remember that they do not last forever. The experience of emotions can be thought of like a wave - they rise, reach a peak, and then reduce over time. This can take anywhere from a few minutes to a few hours. No matter how long it takes, distressing emotions cannot stay at high levels forever and will naturally decrease.

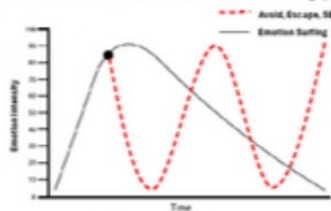
Using the strategy of **emotion surfing** means allowing difficult emotions to ride their wave and trusting that they will pass. In other words: *ride it don't fight it.*



### What happens when we fight the wave?

When emotions are distressing, it's natural to want to reduce them. We often try to "fight the wave" of emotion by:

- **Escaping:** Leaving situations that make us uncomfortable.
- **Avoiding:** Skipping activities that cause distress.
- **Safety Behaviours:** Using certain behaviours to reduce our negative emotions (e.g. using phones to distract ourselves from anxiety, or using alcohol or other substances to numb unwanted feelings).



As shown in the graph above, these strategies may provide quick relief, but they also prevent us from learning that negative emotions naturally decrease on their own. If we escape before the emotion wave passes, our brain concludes that our distress would have kept rising or stayed uncomfortably high forever, thus making us more afraid of facing negative emotions in the future.

As a result, when we fight the emotion wave by escaping, avoiding, or using safety behaviours, we actually keep our negative emotions going in the long-term. Over time, they peak higher, take longer to pass, and reduce our confidence, making us more likely to rely on avoidance again.

### Steps for emotion surfing

When you notice physical feelings becoming stronger try the following steps:

1. **Acknowledge:** Take a step back and describe what you're experiencing, such as physical sensations in your body (e.g. "I notice I am feeling angry right now, I can feel my heart rate increasing and my breathing getting quicker"). Don't try to distract yourself from these feelings, acknowledge them instead.
2. **Observe:** Rate the intensity of your emotion on a scale of 0-10, note where you feel it in your body, and observe any shifts.
3. **Accept:** Remind yourself not to listen to any unhelpful judgements or catastrophic thoughts about the emotion (e.g. "I shouldn't be feeling this way", "It's never going to stop", "Others can tell I'm anxious and are judging me").
4. **Remain:** Resist the urge to fight the wave with escape, avoidance, or safety behaviours tactics. Try to stay in the situation to give the emotion an opportunity to pass on its own and test whether it is truly unbearable.
5. **Be Patient:** Waves take time to come and go. Being in a rush to get through emotions can suggest fear of them.

### Helpful tips

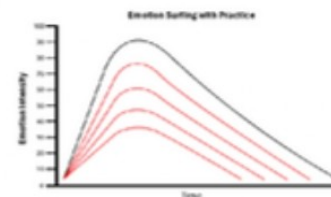
#### Coping imagery

Some people find it helpful to develop a coping image to support their practice of emotion surfing. To do this, find an image in your mind that represents your difficult emotion. Then, consider how the image would need to change to represent coping with this emotion and feeling better. Examples include:

Emotion Image	Coping Image
Emotion as a giant ocean wave I am drowning in	Surfing the wave into shore
Emotion is a dark cloud above me	The cloud passing by to reveal the sun shining down on me
Emotion feels like a big rock weighing down on my chest	Pushing the rock off my chest, standing up and taking a breath

#### Practice makes progress

It may be difficult to surf your emotion wave the first time you try - don't let this discourage you! With practice, this skill will become easier. You will gain confidence in your ability to cope with difficult feelings and, over time, negative emotions will feel less intense and won't last as long.





## **COMMUNITY NOTICE**

### **TEMPORARY CHANGES TO DOCTOR / NURSE PRACTITIONER AVAILABILITY**

We would like to inform the community that due to a current shortage of primary care providers at the Wasauksing Health Station, we are only able to offer a limited number of in-office doctor appointments at this time.

Priority for doctor appointments will be given to those clients who do not have a family doctor. This temporary measure will remain in place until additional primary care providers have been recruited.

We understand that this may be challenging and appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to restore full services. In the meantime:

- Clients who have a family doctor are encouraged to continue accessing care through their office.
- For urgent health concerns, please visit your nearest emergency department.
- For minor ailments (like pink eye, UTIs, etc.), please contact your local pharmacist as they are able to assess and provide treatment.

**All other services and programs provided at the Health Station remain in place.**

Updates will be shared with the community when available.

Thank you for your continued support.





## Tea Time with our Community Elders

Join us for a light lunch  
and History of Wasauksing First  
Nation

Thursday

April 30th 2026

at three o'clock in the afternoon

1126 Geewadin Rd  
Gathering Building

contact: Dean'na Desjarlais  
2321 Swingwak Rd. 705 996 6910



### Ontario Works April 15th

#### DROP-IN

Income statements are due April 15, 2026. If you haven't done so, please provide a copy of your HydroOne bill.

#### REMINDER

Drop In is a time to come meet the team, ask questions. We can help you with paperwork or medical transport. Come out and have a chat!

BOBBI VERSTRATEN  
OWINC@WASAUKSING.CA  
705-996-6910 X206

Interm worker:  
Florence Tabobandung  
PATRICIA RICE  
OWEMP@WASAUKSIG.CA  
705-996-6910X204



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Wasauksing community, you're invited to:

## EASTER BREAKFAST

April 4, 2026  
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**The Gathering Centre**  
Bring the whole family and enjoy:

- A warm community breakfast
- Easter gift baskets for children
- Fun and engaging Easter activities for kids

For information:  
Jesse Colson  
705-938-4198  
j.colson@wasauksing.ca

**SEE YOU THERE!**

# BINGO

and Dinner

**FRIDAY APRIL 10TH, 2026**

**DOORS OPEN: 5:00PM-7:00PM**

contact: Deanna Desjarlais  
2321 Shingwak Rd 705 996 6910 ext:202

## WIIDOOKDAHWIN

*Coming Soon!*

**Morning Ceremony**  
April 7  
7:00 AM  
Gathering Centre Arbor

**Counselling with Brian Slegers**  
Resuming in May

**Thai Massage**  
Resuming in May, once a month

**For more info or to book an appointment contact:**  
Waab: 705-996-6910 ext. 205  
wiidookdahwin@wasauksing.ca

**Creation Story**  
May 14  
6:00 PM

**Summer Solstice**  
June 21

**Naloxone Training**  
(more info to come)





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**CRAFT NIGHT  
FOR APRIL 2026**



**Our Craft Night this Month  
we'll be working on  
Ribbon Designs on  
Hoodies**

If you have a Hoodie bring  
it in and see what design  
you can dress it up with.  
\* we'll have extra

at: the Gathering  
Building  
5:00 pm to 8:00 pm




contact: Dean'na Desjarlais  
2321 Shingwak Rd.  
705 996 6910

# Counselling With Brian Slegers

Start date:  
May 14th,  
every 2nd & 4th Thursday  
of the month until  
the end of October.

Time: 10:00am to 4:00pm  
Location: Gathering Centre  
Contact: Waab  
to schedule an appointment:



[wiidookdahwin@wasauksing.ca](mailto:wiidookdahwin@wasauksing.ca)  
705-996-6910 ext. 205  
Covered under NIHB (non-insured health benefits)





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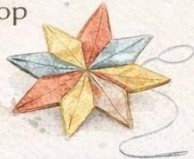
## BABY GROUP

APRIL 14TH, 21ST,  
& 28TH

Join us for a welcoming space for babies and caregivers to connect, learn, and share.

This program will include:

- Elders sharing teachings
- Baby moccasin making
- Baby star making workshop



**10AM-12PM**

Sessions will be held at either:

CWB Team Office or  
the Gathering Building  
(Location will depend on the  
scheduled activity for the week.)

All families with babies are  
welcome.

For more information, contact  
Jesse Colson at:  
j.colson@wasauksing.ca  
705-996-6910



## MORNING CEREMONY

Gathering Centre Arbor

Starting April 7, 2026

7:00am – 9:00am

First Tuesday of every month  
(2026–2027)



- Dress appropriately for outdoor weather
- Everyone is welcome
- Breakfast provided

For more information:

Waab – wiidookdahwin@wasauksing.ca

Zakk – culturalcoordinator@wasauksing.ca

T 705-996-6910 x.205



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## NAABIDIN GIIZIS word search

Can you find all the Anishinaabemowin words? Use this month's calendar to learn the meaning of each word. Words are hidden vertically, horizontally, and diagonally.

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d z j l w a a w a n o o n q i
a b n j m b i i d a a b a n g
c t c x i g w x x n c s a l i
i l k q s a i a d r g y e o m
d g w t h w a i a h w c b g i
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f a n g b e o q e o a w l o a
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i k m q i p r k e c b n s k g
g o g s w l x u r w u x e t e
w g i c h i n o o d i n m k y
a f q d r f r f x o e x a d y
n h i v x o e u k f d t a h f

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| biidaaban     | gimiwan      | nimkii     | waawanoon  |
| gichi noodin  | mishibizhiw  | semaa      | ziibi      |
| giigoonhke    | nibi         | waabanong  | ziigwan    |

## ELDERS LUNCH & *Karaoke*

**MONDAY 11AM-  
MARCH 23 1:30PM**

THE GATHERING CENTRE



INFO:  
Kathleen Lewis  
csc@wasauksing.ca  
705-996-6910

FEATURING  
2 SPECIAL  
COMMUNITY  
GUESTS!





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## CRAFT NIGHT



**Our Craft Night this Month  
we'll be working on  
Ribbon Designs on  
Hoddies**

If you have a Hoddie bring  
it in and see what design  
you can dress it up with.  
\* we'll have extra

at: the Gathering  
Building  
5:00 pm to 8:00 pm



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contact: Dean'na Desjarlais  
2321 Shingwak Rd.  
705 996 6910



## Youth Hand Drum Workshop



March  
17th, 18th, 19th,  
2026

We 10 limited seats available.  
Please let us know by:  
Friday March 13th to sign up  
Miigwetch

Join us in a workshop where you will be  
able to make your own Hand Drum.

at: Gathering Building 1126 Geewadin Rd.

Contact: Dean'na Desjarlais  
or Meaghan Tabobondung

705 996 6910

2321 Shangwak Rd  
Wellbeing office



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## FIRST NATIONS CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES & JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE SETTLEMENT CLAIMS HELPER DROP-IN

CLAIMS HELPERS  
WILL BE ASSISTING WITH INQUIRIES & PROVIDE SUPPORT  
REGARDING FIRST NATIONS CLAIMS.  
THIS IS A CULTURALLY SUPPORTED EVENT.

WHEN: THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH 2026  
WHERE: THE GATHERING CENTRE 9AM- 4PM

ATTENDEES ARE WELCOME TO BRING THEIR QUESTIONS OR BEGIN  
THE APPLICATION PROCESS.  
LIGHT SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.

INFO? CONTACT:  
MS N.PEGAHMAGABOW  
705-996-6910 X213



## ZOO TO YOU

JOIN US FOR A FUN & PO INTERACTIVE PRESENTATION FROM ZOO TO YOU!

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

AT THE GATHERING BUILDING

THIS FREE EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL AND FAMILIES ARE WELCOME.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT JESSE COLSON

J.COLSON@WASAAUKSING.CA

705-996-6910





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GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB • EST. 1929

**WASAUKSING**



**GOLF**

**PROGRAM**

**2026**

## **PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Only cart & green fees covered  
- food, drink and golf supplies  
are the responsibility of the  
registered player.

20 rounds per registrant.

Tee times can be booked once  
registration is approved.

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER:**

**APRIL 15, 2026**

*COMPLETED forms can be  
dropped off at admin reception  
(community complex) or emailed  
to: [asw@wasauksing.ca](mailto:asw@wasauksing.ca)*

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# PUBLIC WORKS

WFN NEWSLETTER  
APRIL 2026



## Wasauksing First Nation Golf Registration 2026



Please fill out all areas provided for notification of approved registration in the 2026 Wasauksing First Nation subsidized golf at Parry Sound Golf & Country Club.

You must be a registered band member of Wasauksing First Nation to be approved for participation. Incomplete forms will be returned and your approval and participation will be delayed. Booking of tee time is subject to availability at Parry Sound Golf & Country Club and it is the responsibility of the registered member to book the tee time.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Male: \_\_\_ Female: \_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

WFN Registry#: \_\_\_\_\_

### Dependants under 18:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ WFN Registry#: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ WFN Registry#: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ WFN Registry#: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ WFN Registry#: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this I agree to abide by the rules, regulations, and guidelines of decorum set in place by Parry Sound Golf & Country Club. I agree that our participation under Wasauksing First Nations golf subsidy may be terminated immediately if Parry Sound Golf & Country Club concludes that I or my family members have violated any terms of their regulations, general instruction, or failed to maintain club decorum. I understand that there is a two strike rule for no shows or pre-booking and not utilizing tee times will be in place, and after 2 incidents removal from the program will be initiated until fees have been re-paid. At sign in for tee times, please use first and last name used on registration form for invoicing purposes.



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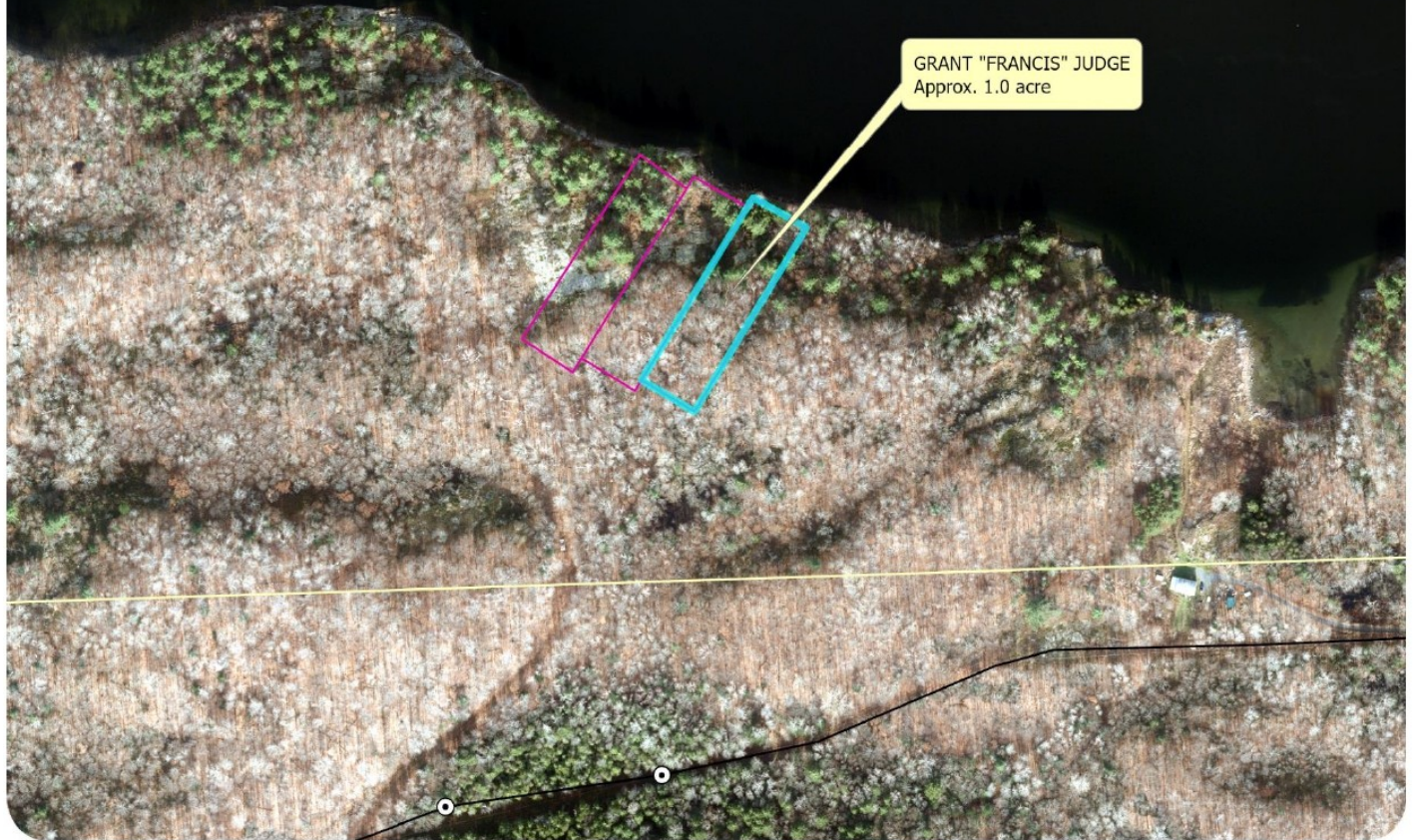
The following land application was reviewed during the March 4, 2026, meeting of the Lands and Resources Committee (L.A.R.C.). If no valid concerns are brought forward by the community during the 30-day review period, this land application will be recommended to Council for approval.

- Land Application LA2025-07GJ – Grant “Francis” Judge  
Recreational (Depot Harbour)

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 April 1, 2026. If you have any concerns regarding the above land application, please email Daniella Baker, Lands Manager at [landsmanager@wasauksing.ca](mailto:landsmanager@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.

**\*Map not to scale, for reference only**



## WASAUKSING LAND USE 2026



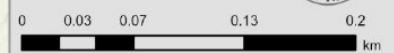
**GRANT "FRANCIS" JUDGE**  
RECREATIONAL USE  
LA2025-07GJ

### Legend

- Traditional Land Allotments
- Centerlines
- 📍 Civic Address
- Cemetery Buffer
- Poles
- Transformers
- Hydro Line Overhead
- Hydro Line Underground



This map depicts basic infrastructure and base features for Wasauksing First Nation for planning purposes.  
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Data Sources: Wasauksing First Nation, Land Information Ontario, Natural Resources Canada, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

Spatial Reference  
Name: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 17N  
Datum: North American 1983  
Projection: Transverse Mercator

Date: March 4, 2026  
Author: D.Baker





# ANISHINABEK NATION

## INDIAN HOSPITALS CLASS ACTION: CLAIMS PERIOD IS NOW OPEN BRIEFING NOTE

**TO:** Anishinabek Nation First Nation Chiefs and Council  
**FROM:** *Kelsey Anger, Reconciliation Department Director*  
**DATE:** March 3, 2026

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**On January 27, 2026 the Claims Period opened for the Federal Indian Hospital Class Action Settlement.** Claimants have until July 27, 2028 to submit a Claim for compensation for psychological, verbal, physical, and/or sexual abuse experienced while admitted to a Federal Indian Hospital during the years it was operated by the Government of Canada. The settlement does not include compensation for harms experienced as a result of medical malpractice at these facilities.

The Indian Hospital Class Action was filed in 2018 against Canada for harms experienced by Indigenous patients at federal Indian Hospital facilities. This settlement includes financial compensation to previous patients within the period of January 1, 1936 to December 31, 1981, with each hospital location having individually specific periods of operation by Canada. As well, the proposed settlement includes the ability for executors of estates to apply on behalf of a deceased loved one who was living as of January 25th, 2016.

### BACKGROUND

The federal government established 33 hospitals across the country which provided medical treatment to hundreds of thousands of First Nations patients during the class period, January 1, 1936 to December 31, 1981. These facilities, under the responsibility of Canada, resulted in irrefutable harm, abuse, and neglect of First Nations peoples which has proven to have a long-lasting negative impact on these previous patients. Therefore, an action was filed against Canada in 2018 and was certified as a class action by the Federal Court on January 17, 2020. On March 6, 2025, a proposed settlement was reached. This court-approved Settlement was approved by the Federal Court in June 24, 2025 and the claims period opened January 27th, 2026.



## CURRENT STATUS

Within Ontario there were five (5) Indian Hospitals which are included in this settlement, the specific dates of operational eligibility are:

**Lady Willington Indian Hospital, January 1, 1936 - September 30, 1968;**

**Manitowaning Indian Hospital, January 1, 1941 - March 31, 1951; January 1, 1959 - March 31, 1962;**

**Moose Factory Indian Hospital, September 9, 1950 - December 31, 1981;**

**Sioux Lookout Indian Hospital, December 12, 1949 - December 31, 1981;**

**Squaw Bay Indian Hospital, May 1, 1942 - May 31, 1953.**

## KEY CONSIDERATIONS

Compensation ranges between \$10,000 and \$200,000, based on the severity of abuse. The Settlement does not include compensation for medical malpractice or claims connected to medical treatment. Eligible Primary Class Members will receive a single payment reflecting the most severe abuse they suffered while admitted to a Federal Indian Hospital. The Settlement includes the creation of a Foundation which will manage two separate funds: A Healing Fund that will provide \$150,000,000 to support healing, wellness, reconciliation, protection of languages, education and commemoration activities. And a Research and Commemoration Fund that will provide \$235,500,000 to support research, education and preservation of the history of Federal Indian Hospitals and locating burial sites associated with the Hospitals. In order to assist community members with applications, First Nations can issue a BCR to allow a researcher from their community to access records which are available pertaining to a community member's attendance at a hospital. Unfortunately funding is not currently available to support this effort and records may not exist for a person's time at the facility.

## NEXT STEPS/RECOMMENDATIONS/OPTIONS

Anishinabek Nation, Reconciliation Navigator is available to provide assistance, answer questions and coordinate in-community informational sessions.

Suzanne Goulais-Deering, Boonenindiwin Yaasgaabwitaaged (Reconciliation Navigator) Call: 705-497-9127 ext 2307 or email: [s.goulais.deering@anishinabek.ca](mailto:s.goulais.deering@anishinabek.ca)

Additional information about the Class Action and Settlement can be found at <https://kmlaw.ca/cases/indian-hospitals-class-action/> and <https://ihsettlement.ca> or by calling 1-888-592-9101.



APRIL 24, 2026

## INDIGENOUS BUSINESS NETWORKING \ MEET & GREET



To celebrate Native Businesses, a meet and greet is being held on Wasauksing First Nation for Native businesses and members of the Robinson Huron Treaty territory within the 69 corridor. The purpose of this event is to bring everyone together and to meet the variety of services and supports available for Aboriginal businesses.

- ▶ **ANYONE FROM BEADERS TO BIGGER BUSINESSES FROM ALL INDUSTRIES**
- ▶ **10AM TO 3PM**
- ▶ **GATHERING CENTER, 1126 GEEWADIN RD, WASUKSING FN, PARRY SOUND**

Due to limited space, vendors are asked to **register by APRIL 17, 2026**. To register, email [ctabobandung@gmail.com](mailto:ctabobandung@gmail.com)

