

DAGWAGIG/BIBOON 2024 EDITION

# MINWAAJIM



Formerly known as the Mississauga FN Smoke Signal



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From The Editorial Committee

As the vibrant hues of autumn slowly fade away, a crisp chill begins to permeate the air, signaling the transition from fall to winter. Leaves, that were once ablaze with fiery colors, now crunch under snow.

In our fourth edition, also known as the spring/summer “Dagwaagig/Biboon” edition of the Smoke Signal, we continue to slowly re-brand as “Minwaajim”. Minwaajim in Anishnaabemowin means 'to bring good news'. For the word Dagwaagig, it means Autumn in Anishnnabemowin and “Biboon” means Winter in the language.

Our approach to keep operating costs low enables us to reduce our carbon footprint on the environment. By offering a digital only platform of the newsletter and growing its outreach potential.

Community members who wish for a physical copy of the Minwaajim, can contact Stacey Schellekens at: [stacey@mississaugi.com](mailto:stacey@mississaugi.com) to be added on the mailing list.

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# INAUGRAL OATH OF OFFICE CEREMONY

Kathleen Lofstrom, Executive Assistant to Chief and Council

In a ceremony held on December 20th, 2023, at our Cultural Centre on reserve, we witnessed a pivotal moment in our community's history—the inauguration of our Chief and Council. Led by community Elder, Leona Stevens, this ceremony not only marked the beginning of a new chapter but also reaffirmed our collective dedication to our nation's values and aspirations.

At the heart of this ceremony were the solemn oaths taken by Chief Brent Niganobe and our esteemed councillors—Laura Mayer, Crystal Chiblow, Ken MacLeod, Chance Counsell, Sky Cada, Peyton Pitawanakwat, Nancy Whitehead, Gloria Daybutch and Denise Boyer-Payette. Each member of our leadership team pledged to uphold the trust placed in them by the Mississauga First Nation Electors, binding themselves to the principles outlined in our Amended Custom Election Code and all laws governing our nation.

The oath they solemnly swore encompasses the essence of their commitment:

- **Uphold Laws and Customs:** They promised to abide by the Amended Custom Election Code and all Mississauga First Nation laws, preserving our community's values and heritage.
- **Fulfill Duties and Responsibilities:** They vowed to diligently fulfill their office duties, recognizing the honor bestowed upon them by the community.
- **Serve Faithfully:** They committed to serving faithfully, honestly, and impartially, prioritizing the interests of the Mississauga First Nation above all else.
- **Maintain Confidentiality:** They pledged to uphold confidentiality, ensuring the trust and integrity of our governance remain intact.
- **Act in the Community's Best Interests:** They affirmed their dedication to act in the best interests of the Mississauga First Nation, ensuring every decision advances our collective welfare and progress.

In taking this oath, our Chief and Council have embraced not only the responsibilities of their positions but also the profound privilege of serving our community. As they embark on this journey, let us stand united in support of their leadership, knowing that together, we will continue to uphold the values and aspirations that define us as Mississauga First Nation.



## NAAW WEEK

By: Miranda Bobiwash

For National Addictions Awareness Week (NAAW), the Health Services Department and Sky Cada took charge of the NAAW activities to support awareness of addictions. The objective of NAAW is to *“highlights solutions to help address the harms related to alcohol and other drug use. It provides an opportunity for people in Canada to learn more about prevention, to talk about treatment and recovery, and to bring forward solutions.”* \*\*

The events throughout the week started with the esteemed Godfrey Shawanda, who provided one-on-one healing sessions with the community. Other events include moccasin-making sessions spanning over two days and the OPP Night Crimestoppers presented to the community. People who attended the event shared stories on how Crimestoppers helped them in time of need.

On one of the nights of NAAW week, Jordin Tootoo was a Guest Speaker and made a presentation. Jordin spoke about his own personal journey on sobriety and spoke about his books ‘All The Way: My Life on Ice’ and ‘Mind Over Matter.’ Jordin Tootoo made waves when he first started playing hockey as the First Inuk to play for the National Hockey League. From 2003 to 2017, Jordin played for the Nashville Predators, Detroit Red Wings, New Jersey Devils and the Chicago Blackhawks and then retired in 2018. After the presentation, he signed took photos and signed books and hockey sticks for people attending the event. A Chi Miigwetch to Jordin Tootoo for taking the time to speak to the community.

On the last day of NAAW, there was a celebration for members of the community and their journey to sobriety along with a candlelight vigil. A Chi Miigwetch to Sky Cada for taking charge of the events throughout the week and another Chi Miigwetch to Meagan Wilson and Jennah Ferrigan for the delicious food that they catered throughout the week.

\*\*Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction, (2004), National Addictions Awareness Week, <https://www.ccsa.ca/national-addictions-awareness-week>



Sky Cada with Crimestoppers



Sky Cada, Jordin Tootoo, Bob Chiblow

# HAPPY RETIREMENT FOR DEBBIE MAYER

By: Miranda Bobiwash

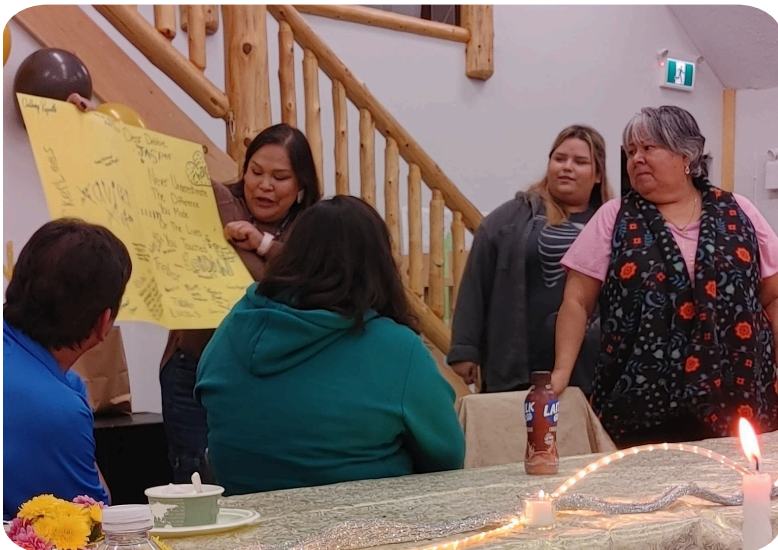
In the Fall, Debbie Mayer announced her retirement from her position as Education Director. Working as the Education Director for 10+ years, She decided to finally be in full vacation mode in October.

A lunch was made for her with many people from different departments attending to send Debbie off into retirement.

Filled with tears of sadness and happiness, gifts were given to Debbie for her years of service of working to support the community. Speeches were made by Denise Boyer-Payette, the Post Secondary Administrator for the Education Department and Jim Cada, the Director of Operations.

Many hugs and congratulations were given to Debbie for her send-off into retirement.

Congratulations to Debbie Mayer on her retirement. We wish you a wonderful retirement.



*Smoke Signal*

**Santa Visits Mississauga First Nation**

By: Clifford Niganobe

December 1, 2013

To the joy of all the children of the Mississauga First Nation, Santa made a stop at the Sports Complex to visit with the children. Joy filled the air in anticipation of the Jolly fellow dressed in the red and white suit.

The event started at 10 am with a big breakfast. On the menu was boiled eggs, ham, muffins, cookies, yogurt and for refreshments there were various kinds of juices and coffee.



*Celina Dream Chiblow-Carpenter sitting on Santa's lap about to receive one of many gifts from*

Finally, Santa arrived and most of the children were happy to see him.

Some were not so happy as most of the younger children were afraid of him as they were not aware of who he was. As they get older, they will realize who Santa is. Every child received a gift from Santa and were happy about it.

A big thank you to Annette Chiblow—Parent Resource Co-ordinator, Yvette Moffat—Family Home Visitor, Eva Daybutch—CSSW, and Christine Owl for putting this event together for the Mississauga First Nation Children.

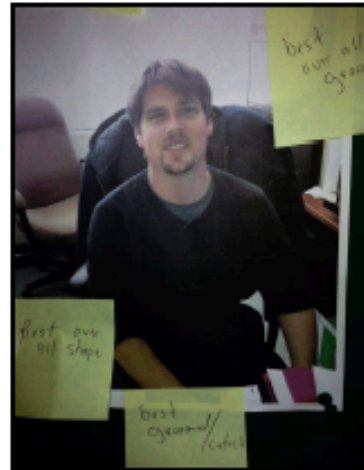


*Craft table was setup by Annette Chiblow to make Christmas ornaments.*

**Movember 2013**

By: Perry Joe Boyer

Movember is an annual month long event involving the growing of moustaches during the month of November to raise awareness of prostate cancer and other male cancer and associated charities. The Movember Foundation runs the Movember Charity event.



This is the second year that Mississauga First Nation has put this event on to do their part in the fight against cancer.

Ken Mcleod is this years first place winner for best overall look, with Robert Eshkabok for the most scruffiest look and there were a few ties in other categories. More to be announced at a later date.



**Merry Christmas & Happy  
New Year from Mississaugi  
Trust**

## CROSS CULTURAL SHARING

By: Dana Boyer

This January, five fortunate individuals from Sagamok First Nation and Mississauga First Nation were picked to attend a cross culture training event in Peru with the traditional Shipibo people of the Amazon. Unfortunately, Serpent River First Nation was invited but not able to attend at last minute.

The 15-day adventure started with a two-day journey consisting of a midnight flight from Toronto to Peru where we spent the night in Pucallpa and next morning continued with a four-and-a-half-hour boat ride up the Ucayali River (a tributary of the Amazon River), arriving early afternoon at the Village of Poayan. Where we were greeted by our hosts, Fernando and Delsey, and many smiling, friendly villagers at the landing. Then we rode in three-wheeled vehicles called motorcars to the village while a noisy tractor operated by a child pulled our luggage on a cart behind us.



Village boys bringing the luggage from the boat landing

After getting settled into our huts an orientation was held explaining what is to come in the following days. After an early supper, we were able to rest before the first ceremony. Over the ten days, we learned more about their culture and healing ways by participating in various ceremonies and taught the properties of the plants growing around us, their view of human anatomy and the universe around us.

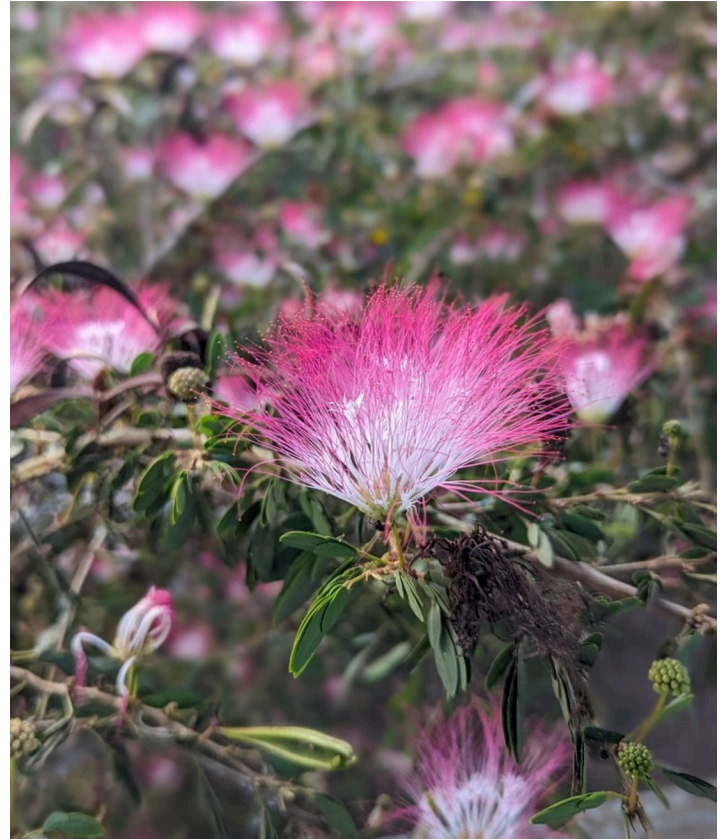
The days were hot and the nights not much cooler. The bugs were bad at times but nothing like the summers in Northern Ontario. It was inspiring to see how the whole community came together to get things done like cutting and raking the soccer field. I also heard of how they moved a whole building from the boat landing to the village by hand. The days went by fast and before we knew it, it was time to start our three-day journey home. On my way home. I spent much time reflecting on the past days and feeling grateful for all those who made this once and a lifetime trip possible.

Overall, it was a wonderful, eye-opening experience visiting Peru and I look forward to seeing Master Curanderos Delsey and Fernando when they come visit us in Canada.

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The boat that was taken from Pucallpa to Poayan Village.



Bobinsana is one of the Master Plants they worked with for heart/body healing.



A traditional dance of the Shipibo People.

*\*\*All photos courtesy of Dana Boyer*

## **NEW MFN LAND-BASED CAMP: “NIIGAAN NIKEYIINH: THE WAY FORWARD”**

By: Jake Cousineau, with information from Brent Niganobe

Near the boat launch of Chiblow Lake, Chief Brent Niganobe, Councillor Gloria Daybutch, and Social Services Director Samantha Robinson have been hard at work developing a youth land-based culture camp. Throughout the fall, Kevin Fireman, a contractor, constructed two bunkies and a 26-foot geodesic dome tent for the culture camp participants, with more to come next year.

The project was inspired by the success of a yearly youth canoe trip organized by present and past leadership. The trip followed a traditional canoe route starting from Little Chiblow lake and ending at the Potomac beach near the Pow-wow ground. The area of the newly constructed camp was a resting point where the group would spend a night or two, setting nets, participating in sweats and learning about land-based practices. The area is known through traditional knowledge and is still used for fasting and other ceremonies today. The camp is also near an archaeological site, exemplifying its long history of use. As the community lacked opportunities to experience an immersive environment like the youth camp, the participant took a vast interest in learning about their culture and traditional practices.

The group is working on expanding the initiatives. They are applying for funding through CORDA to start making maple syrup in the area. They plan to develop other traditional food sources to strengthen Mississauga First Nation's food sovereignty, such as wild rice, cattails, cranberries, and mushrooms. They are also working on bringing new practitioners in to teach cultural crafts and skills to the community, such as ash basketry, birchbark canoe making, medicine harvesting, and other transferable skills.

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## **NEW MFN LAND-BASED CAMP: “NIIGAN NIKEYIINH: THE WAY FORWARD”**

As traditional knowledge is hands-on, Chief Niganobe hopes participants will learn hands-on skills and transfer these skills to later generations in a more traditional pedagogy of learning. The goal is to have a sustainable, culturally immersive camp open all year round with seasonal programming.

The grand opening of the camp will occur in Spring 2024.



*Photo courtesy of: Brent Niganobe*

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSION – CHI-NAAKINAGEWIN DEPT. UPDATE – JANUARY 2024

By: Jon Cada

The Chi-Naakinagewin (law development) Department hosted a community engagement session on January 30th, 2024. The goal of the engagement focused on sharing active projects and initiatives that members can get updates on. This included updates on policy development, the Debaakinagewin (justice circle) project, gathering inputs to inform the new comprehensive community plan (CPP) and sharing progress on the communications strategy for member engagement both online, offline, in-community and off-reserve.

The Community Economic Development (CED) department shared updates on its projects, partnerships, employment opportunities, business start-ups and how community members can take part in initiatives happening across various sectors including forestry, energy, aquaculture, trades, and more.

There were also information boards showcasing work taking place at the community gitigan (garden) and what plans for 2024 include. There is always room for interested members to reach out and learn how they can support this work, participate and learn about ways they can develop their gardens, start their businesses in agriculture and grow the community's presence across the north shore and beyond.

The membership clerk held info sessions on wills and estates. Funding is wrapping up for the fiscal year at the end of March 2024 and this funding supports any interested band members with developing their wills and managing their estate for loved ones.

The Mississagi Trust promoted updates from the trust including the vote to elect community members for a new three-year term in May 2024. Stay tuned for more updates including a vote on proposed changes to the trust policy.

In all, approximately 20 members from the community attended the event with online requests asking for virtual sessions to be held for off-reserve members to engage the departments and their initiatives.

Other departments will be planning similar engagement events throughout 2024 as the administration adapts to new strategies to share updates. The overall goal aims to ensure members are informed, feel engaged and are aware of opportunities to contribute to the well-being of Mississauga First Nation today and going forward.

# WHAT DOES FOOD SECURITY LOOK LIKE IN OUR COMMUNITY

By: Randi Sinclair

With spring approaching in just a few short months it will be time for Mother Nature to wake up and scatter new buds of life all around us. Not everyone is lucky enough to enjoy such thoughts. About four million Canadians – including more than a million children – lack food security which is defined as reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food.

In Canada, people from low-income households and Indigenous communities are the most likely to suffer from food insecurity. Fruit, vegetables, and other fresh food must often be flown into remote Indigenous communities, leading to alarmingly high sticker prices that make healthy diet choices unaffordable. All people should have economic and physical access to adequate amounts of nutritious, safe, and culturally appropriate foods. Which are produced environmentally and sustainably, having access to this information will allow community members to make informed decisions about their food choices.

I was born and raised in this community until I moved away at 21 years old to pursue other ventures and experiences. In 2020 when the Covid pandemic hit I decided to move back to my community with my partner and our 6-year-old son at the time. Since then we have added another boy to our family. I started working in the community in the fall of 2020 and started my current position as an Economic Development Clerk Intern in spring 2022. This position allowed me to take on the responsibilities of the community garden and allowed me to gain experience in how to grow fresh produce.

Through my research, this in turn opened my eyes to the lack of knowledge, skills, and the challenges we face as a community, regarding food security. When we decided to move back home to raise our children in the community I grew up in and appreciated, it became more important than ever to make sure my children have access to healthy food, the natural land base and traditional foods that are embedded in our rich culture. I would like the future generations of Mississauga First Nation to have the knowledge and skills that our people once had.

In this position, I would love to see us work towards more knowledge and skill-based learning for members to be sustainable in their own homes and our community while incorporating our traditions. To set up programming for members to come and participate in while volunteering their time to learn something they can take with them and utilize in their own home. Our current projects like the food forest and wild rice are the stepping stone to the beginning of our food sovereignty.

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A food forest, also called a forest garden, is a diverse planting of edible plants that attempts to mimic the ecosystems and patterns found in nature. A food forest does not have to be re-planted year after year. Once it is established, it is very resilient. Deer and rabbits might come and consume some of the herbaceous edibles in some areas, or perhaps some children will come running through the area and possibly cause some damage to the ground cover. Not only will they usually grow right back since many will be perennials and have healthy underground systems, but the trees, shrubs, and vines should be undamaged. Our other ongoing wild rice project was started this year with the reintroduction of the wild rice to our lakes and waterways.

These projects are a wonderful way to bring us back to the land and old ways of getting our natural foods back to our people. To see long-term success in this, we need the support and volunteers from the community to come together and learn these old practices moving forward with the newer technology to harvest the rice beneficially. Wild rice is a type of wheatgrass that is healthier than brown or white rice because it has more dietary fibre and protein. Other long-term projects include a community kitchen, orchards, livestock, and a cranberry marsh.

More than ever, we need to focus on our food security with the rising cost of living and more people accessing food banks than in previous years. Our hope is for community members to come together and support each other in these endeavours for everyone's long-term success in these projects.



The Mississauga Gitigan (Garden) and dome.  
*Photo courtesy of Randi Sinclair*



# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MISSISSAUGA FIRST NATION

By: Rickilea Ferrigan

Boozhoo/Aanii, my name is Rickilea Ferrigan. I have accepted the role as the new Emergency Management Liaison Officer (EMLO) for Mississauga First Nation. For those of you that may not know me, I have lived on Mississauga First Nation for my whole life other than venturing off for college. I graduated from Cambrian College in the Police Foundations Program in 2021. I look forward to providing my skills and knowledge to my work - as well as learning and gaining more information throughout my experiences here in this position.

While Mississauga First Nation is a safe place to live and work, emergencies can happen anywhere and at any time. The EMLO leads the coordination, development and implementation of prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery strategies. This will maximize the safety, security, and resiliency of Mississauga First Nation.

The focus of emergency management in Mississauga First Nation is on protecting lives, infrastructure, lands and resources. This helps to ensure the continuity of band operations and critical assets. Having effective emergency management programs is important to ensure that Mississauga First Nation is ready to respond to an emergency to minimize the harm or damage it may cause.

Emergencies come in many ways, this can include anything from natural disasters like severe floods and wildfires to terrorist attacks or other large-scale emergencies. It is important to understand that emergency management is not just for organizations—it is for individuals and families too. In any type of emergency, it's best to have a plan, so individuals know what to do. Citizens are responsible for their own safety, preparedness, and well-being. In a large-scale emergency, some communities may be temporarily isolated from local emergency services and utilities. Individuals and families should be prepared to take care of themselves for up to 72 hours in an emergency.

The outcome of emergency management is to prevent disasters and emergencies from occurring, and where this is not possible, to reduce their harmful impacts.

For more information or if you have any questions, please reach out to the Emergency Management Liaison Officer at 437-577-8379 or [rickileaferrigan@mississaugi.com](mailto:rickileaferrigan@mississaugi.com)

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Everbridge is a communication alert system to notify the community of emergencies. Whether it be a road closure or severe weather alert – disasters and emergencies can come in all forms.

Being able to quickly alert and notify members of the emergency to ensure the right actions are being taken to best protect our community and keep our people safe. In today's fast-paced and interconnected world, ensuring effective communication during critical events is paramount to keeping people safe and informed.

Receive official alerts about emergencies, road closures, crime advisories, missing person, announcements, public safety alert, water advisory, community updates and more, straight to your mobile device. Most importantly, Everbridge provides emergency mass notification alerts to those who signed up to ensure people are safe, operations are safe, and the land and community are protected.

If you have any questions, would like to sign up, or would like to know more about Everbridge, please feel free to contact the Emergency Management Liaison Officer. [rickileaferrigan@mississauga.com](mailto:rickileaferrigan@mississauga.com) or 437-577-8379

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[External - Mamaweswen, The North Shore Tribal Council - Sign Up \(everbridge.net\)](https://everbridge.net)



# DRUM SOCIAL

By: Miranda Bobiwash

It was a busy night at the sports complex on Friday, February 23rd, where the first Drum Social happened. Created by Sky Cada with help from the Health & Social Services department, it was made to get the community together through our culture.

There was potluck and supper for people to enjoy. There were many men and boys who took charge of the singing and the beat of the drum. From young to old, everyone came out to have some fun.

Sky hopes to do many more drums socials in the future. He is hoping to do one every month, so get your family, friends, and your drums out to the Drum Social for a good time.



People enjoying the food



Men drumming



Bryan Bellefeuille on the hand drum singing

*All photos courtesy of Cheyenne Corbiere*

# KOOGNAASEWIN PROJECT

By: Shawna Boyer

The Koognaasewin Project is a part of the Mamaweswen, North Shore Tribal Council and aims to provide supports to Mississauga First Nation to develop their own community-based Child Well Being Law and System Design. The Koognaasewin Team is offering Anishinaabe Laws and Customs on Child Wellbeing Report information to the Mississauga First Nation community members. The Enjkendaasing Literacy Basic Instructor and the Koognaasewin Project has teamed up to bring this information to the community through monthly Soup Social events.



Melissa M., Shawna B., Keri

Four monthly Soup Social dates have been planned to support educating the community members on research that will inform the Child Wellbeing Law and new System Design. The next session will happen March 6, 2024, and will review the Reimagining a Child Wellbeing System Design blog post.

The latest Soup Social event happened February 14, 2024, and included an overview of the Koognaasewin Project and reviewing Anishinaabe Laws & Customs Research: forming the foundation of the Koognaasewin Law. The primary goal of this research was to gather, analyze, and articulate relevant community knowledge around child wellbeing in the seven North Shore communities. The research was overseen by an academic advisory group and included the extensive work of three archival researchers.

The Koognaasewin Project team hopes to encourage more Mississauga First Nation members to read the blogs posts available online to learn more about the Anishinaabe Laws and Customs on Child Well Being Report. The report is available to Mississauga First Nation community member through the Koognaasewin website at [www.koognaasewin.com](http://www.koognaasewin.com). The Koognaasewin project encourage community members to subscribe to the email list to receive all the latest updates for the Koognaasewin Project.





## COMMUNITY MEMBER PROFILE: TYYA MCKENZIE

By: Ashley Bell

Tyya McKenzie is the grand daughter to Gloria Daybutch and Douglas Daybutch (baa) and proud daughter to Ashley Daybutch and Robert Bell.

Tyya is 17 years old and moved to Marquette, Michigan last Fall for University to study Psychology and Elementary School Education. She also committed to play Women's Division 2 hockey at Northern Michigan University. Tyya had to learn quickly how to balance hockey practice three days a week and a demanding schedule of classes and homework.

Tyya is doing exceptionally well in school, and it was announced today that her university hockey team is heading to Nationals in St. Louis, Missouri, on March 7-17, 2024.



*Photo courtesy: Ashley Bell*

Tyya has been playing hockey since she was four years old. She has played competitive hockey in both the United States and Canada. She played her final year in Minor Hockey for the Kalkaska K-Stars in Kalkaska, Michigan. Today, Tyya is a centerman for the Wildcats. Tyya wears number 12, a number she has worn for the past 14 years.

When Tyya was playing in the LNHL Tournament in 2017, an Elder from Serpent River First Nation gave her a Mississaugi First Nation pin. He said it was a gift from her grandpa Doug, and he wanted her to have it. She scored the winning goal that game, bringing home the gold for Serpent River. Tyya continues to wear this pin on her jerseys when she plays hockey, as they share a love for the game.

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## COMMUNITY MEMBER PROFILE: TYYA MCKENZIE

We want to congratulate Tyya for not only heading to the Nationals but also for her academic achievement this 2023-2024 school year.

Wishing you all the best Tyya from your family and friends in Mississauga and we are so proud of you.



*Photo courtesy: Ashley Bell*



# FALL WORDS IN ANISHNAABEMOWIN

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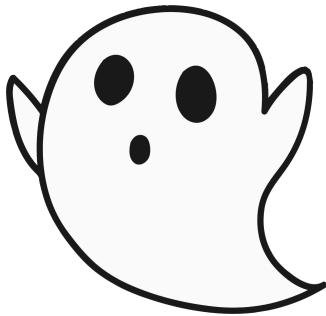
- Pumpkin

- Bnakwe Giizis  
(bee-nahk-way  
gee-zeus)



- Beans

- Miskodiismin  
(mis-ko-dees-min)



- Ghost

- Koosman  
(Kooz-man)



- Falling Leaves  
moon

- Jiibay  
(Gee-bae)

# WINTER WORDS IN ANISHNAABEMOWIN

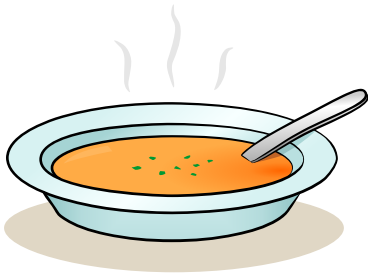
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- Spirit Moon
- zogpo  
(zohg-po)



- it's snowing
- Nboop  
(N-beau-p)



- Soup
- Goon  
(goon)



- Snow
- Manidoo  
giizhis  
(Man-ee-do  
gee-zus)

## Learn the language: Introductions

	Anishinaabemwin	Phonetic	Notes
Hello	Boozhoo/Aanii(n)	Bow-zhow / Awe-nee(n)	Some communities say aniin and some say aanii.
___ is my name.	___ ndizhnikaas.	___ dizh-ni-koss.	Could be used for any name.
___ is what I'm called.	___ ndizhnikaanigoo.	___ dizh-nih-kawn-goh.	Could be used for nicknames or a name you prefer to be called.
___ is my English name.	___ nda-zhaagnaashii-noozwin aawan.	___ duh-zhawg-nawsh-ee nose-win awe-wun.	
___ (is) my Anishinaabe name.	___ nda-nishnaabe-noozwin (aawan).	___ duh-nishnaabe nose-win (awe-wun).	
___ is my clan.	___ ndoodem.	___ dough-dem	
I don't know my clan yet.	Gaawii mshi ngikenmaasii ndoodem.	Guym shi geek-en-maw-see dough-dem.	
I am from ___.	___ ndoonjibaa	___ doughn-jih-baw	
I am a band member of ___.	___ ndoo-dbendaagwos	___ dough-dih-ben-dog-wuss.	Literally means 'I belong there'.
I live in ___ currently.	___ megwaa ndi-daa.	___ megg-waugh dih-daw.	If you live somewhere different than where you are from/grew up.
I am a ___.	___ ndaaw.	___ dow.	Can be anything: Anishinaabe, Zhaagnaash, Wemtigoozhii, job title, etc.
I work at/in ___.	___ ndoonji-nakii. Endaayaanh ndoonji-nakii.	___ doughn-jih nuh-kee.	Could be used for an organization you work for or a location of work (as most of us work remotely and in different areas of the North Shore).
Things are okay.	Mii go aanwi.	Mee goh awn-wih	
I am happy (to be here).	Ngichinendam (mampii wii-yaayaanh).	Gih-chi-nen-dum (mum-pee wee-yaw-awe).	
I am thrilled.	Nmaamiikwendam (mampii wii-yaayaanh).	Nih-mommy-kwen-dum (mum-pee wee-yaw-awe).	
I am tired.	Ndeyekos.	Day-uh-kwoss.	
I am busy.	Ndoond-mitaa.	Doughnd-mih-taw.	
I am thankful.	Nmiiigwechwendam (mampii wii-yaayaanh).	Nih-mee-gwetch-wen-dum (mum-pee wee-yaw-awe).	
And you?	Kiin dash?	Keen dush?	
That's it.	Mii sa wi / Mii sa iw.	Mee suh wih / Mee suh ew.	

# Upcoming Events

## In the community

### March

Mar. 5 - RHT Community Engagement

Mar. 10 - Daylight Saving Time

Mar. 10-14 - Little NHL (Markham)

Mar. 29-31 - Good Friday and Easter Sunday

### April

April 22 - Earth Day

### May

May 5 - Red Dress Day

May 12 - Mother's Day

May 16 - Health Fair and Treaty Day

May 20 - Victoria Day

### Answers to Word Match

Fall/Dagwaagig page 1:

Pumpkin: Koosman

Beans: Miskodiismin

Ghost: Jiibay

Falling Leaves moon: Bnakwe

Giizis

Winter/Biboon page 2:

Spirit Moon: Manidoo Giizhis

it's snowing: Zogpo

Soup: Nboop

Snow: Goon



# COMMUNITY NOTES

FROM THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

Aanii,

We hope you enjoyed the fourth edition of “Minwaajim.” The word Minwaajim means 'to bring good news' in Anishnaabemowin.

To preserve the Anishinaabe language, the editorial committee will be strategizing and implementing the language in more articles, captions, and headlines. The Editorial committee also understands that it is important to preserve the language and to utilize a strategy that encourages community members in reconnecting with the language, history, and traditions of Mississauga First Nation. If you are practicing the language and wish to support us, please don't hesitate to connect.

The newsletter is for the community, and if you want to put anything in Minwaajim, stories from the past, photos or any events happening in the community that you want to promote, you can email Stacey or Miranda for the next edition of the Minwaajim.

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