



Garden River First Nation

The Creator's Garden
Community Newsletter

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Covid-19 *Walk-in* Vaccination Clinics

January 14th and 28th

Ages 12+: 10am-12pm & 1-2pm

Age 5-11 years: 2-4pm

Location: Garden River Rec Centre

48 Syrette Lake Road

For more information contact: 705-946-5710



*No Appointment
NECESSARY*

*Please bring your
health card*



Great Spirit Moon
January 2022



Gichi Manidoo-giizis

Greetings, aaniin, boozhoo Elders, youth, and citizens!

I am hoping that most of you enjoyed the holidays and started off the New Year in a good way. With the latest surge that happened recently, it's been vital that we all continue to do our part to ensure we are protecting our families and members within the community. Much appreciation and thanks go out to our front line workers and staff who continue to provide the necessary services and programs to our membership.

I have been very busy advocating for the needs of our community and have some good news to share. With the recent developments regarding the Residential Schools and the need to identify resources to help with our own healing, I have successfully advocated for funds from the federal and provincial governments. Garden River First Nation will be launching an initiative to conduct archival research and establish protocols for searches, healing, and memorization of families of Garden River First Nation who went to Shingwauk and the Wawanosh Home for Girls. We hope to work with the families within our communities and help with the healing journey of our people. This is a dark chapter for many of our people in this country and our community has been a part of those events, we intend to provide the support and identify a path forward.

As some of you may know already, a Water Main funding proposal was successfully approved in early 2021

to replace the existing outdated water system around the Ojibway Subdivision. With the recent effects of Covid and the ripple affect it has caused throughout business and development worldwide, our project had been affected just like many others, which lead to a shortfall in funding in order to complete the project. With the work of the ERCD team along with other departments and leadership, we were able to successfully advocate for additional dollars to make up for the shortfalls in funding to start and finish the project completely. We are happy to announce that 1.8 million has been added in addition to the original amount approved. Our goal is to ensure that we replace the systems that will enhance the consumption of water within this subdivision including dealing with the flooding concerns of our members for many years. The work doesn't stop here; we intend to focus on other areas within the community and work towards improving and developing new areas within our community.

With the need for housing on many fronts, I have been busy working with government and our internal team to establish projects that will create new housing opportunities for our members. With the tiny homes initiative set to begin in the spring, we are focusing our attention on transitional homes and a women's shelter. There has been many times when we are faced with a situation from our members where they require immediate shelter. Our intent is to advocate for funding that will provide the support required to construct transitional homes along with a shelter for our women. These will be two separate initiatives that

we are lobbying for with hopes that we are approved in order to address the challenges we face time and time again. We want to ensure that we have the support to protect and provide the needs of our members.

The importance of our water has been a critical area within our community. Advocating and lobbying for additional support by way of resources to enhance our systems are continuous. We have been busy the last couple of months lobbying our federal counterparts for funding to improve and enhance the capacity of our operations. Funds have been approved by Canada to develop feasibility studies to determine the future and current needs of our systems. Once we identify these requirements, we will once again begin our lobbying efforts to improve our operations.

The needs of our fire department have been identified the last couple of years. With an older Fire truck and the need to replace equipment with the department, we have been quite active in our discussions with the province and the federal government for funds. At this particular point, we were notified mid December that we will be getting \$377,046 to purchase a new fire truck, along with the vehicle has been the approval

of the replacement of the cascade system. The cascade system request was granted in December 2020. We are continuously working with funders to ensure that the needs of our department are met.

I along with our business portfolio holders have been quite busy discussing potential economic development initiatives for the community. In some of our previous discussions, we are looking at potentially establishing electronic billboards along the 4-lane corridor, which we hope to start generating revenue for our community. We are still in talks with potential partners with hopes to get this off the ground in 2022. Along with signage is our pursuit to develop economic ventures along the 4-lane corridor. The need to generate revenue is critical to our success and advancement as a community. We have been in discussion with potential partners to establish business opportunities that we hope to generate for Garden River.

Our intent as we move into 2022 is to look at our existing businesses and determine how we can enhance and create additional opportunities within these entities. With a strong and dedicated team to assist, we are quite hopeful that we will be successful in achieving results for our community, which in

return will result in greater profit margins for Garden River.

I want to encourage our members to apply for any of these committee and board positions being advertised throughout our community. It is important for our members to become engaged and active in some of the developments within Garden River. Many of you have much to contribute and we would appreciate your participation in these opportunities.

December was quite busy for many of us as we were able to secure much-needed funds for our Garden River. My goal of advocacy and lobbying continues on for the start of 2022 and I'll continue to work with government and stakeholders to achieve the necessary needs of our membership. There is much work to do on many fronts but it is my hope that we will continue to deliver on the needs of Garden River as we move along.

I wish all the best to you and your families in the New Year and I look forward to getting back into the swing of things and addressing the needs of our community.

Meegwetch and stay safe!

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Executive Director



Aaniin/Boozhoo,

The 2021 Holidays have come and gone, and we are back into full swing as we enter 2022! I am hoping that everyone safely enjoyed their Holidays with friends and family celebrating Christmas and New Years.

The current pandemic has placed additional restrictions on workplaces and businesses with the arrival of the COVID-19 Omicron Variant. The current restrictions remain in place by the Province until January 26th, 2022, to alleviate the strain on medical professionals and ensure continuation of services in the health sector.

All GRFN Departments are adhering to these restrictions, and we are

currently operating in virtual mode. Visitor restrictions are in effect and all non-essential staff are working from home. Essential services administered by the First Nation are not affected and members are encouraged to call or email the appropriate Manager/Staff for more information. I would like to thank all our members for your continued patience during these unprecedented times.

The First Nation has secured funding for some exciting upcoming initiatives for 2022! I would like to highlight a few of these initiatives that will enhance the delivery of services for our Members:

1. The Governance Department has secured funding for a Comprehensive Community Plan and a Capital Plan to increase capacity;
2. The Housing Department has secured funding for the Tiny Homes Project;
3. The Water Department has secured funding to enhance Water Infrastructure.

I will continue to include updates as we move forward in a progressive and positive direction for the betterment and improvement of services for our Members.

In closing, I would like to remind members to stay updated through our Social Media channels for program delivery and Departmental updates. Job postings will begin to be streamlined and posted on Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week by our

Human Resource Department. The Wellness Center continues to offer rapid antigen testing, IDNow testing and PCR testing for community members, band members and employees of the First Nation. Additionally, COVID-19 Vaccine clinics continue in the community, and we encourage all interested members to be vaccinated and receive their booster.

Please stay safe, wear your mask, physical distance and adhere to social gathering limits as we navigate through this ongoing surge in COVID-19 cases.

Miigwetch,
Anne Headrick



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GR Education Unit	705-946-3933	Natalie Barry	705-542-6336	adultsinmotion@gardenriver.org
GR Recreation Center	705-946-4006	Trevor Solomon		tsolomon@gardenriver.org
Niigaaniin & Food Bank The GRFN Food Bank is OPEN and can deliver	705-946-6300	Hali Solomon	705-542-9664	hasolomon@gardenriver.org
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If you have any general public health concerns, questions or inquiries directly related to COVID-19, please contact:

- Jessica Grawbarger, Wellness Center Manager, Cell: 705-971-4204
- Garden River Wellness Center Nursing Station, Ph: 1-249-525-6459
 - Algoma Public Health Unit, Ph: 705-759-5404

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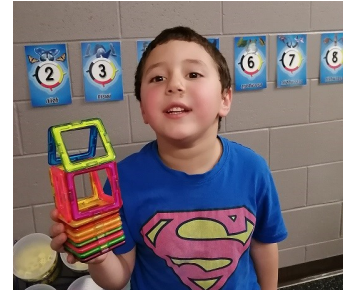
EDUCATION

GRFN Elementary School

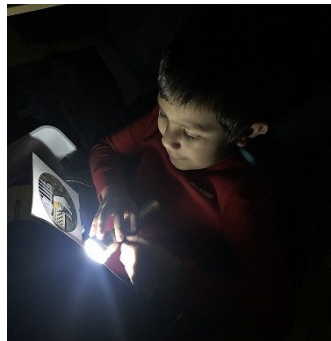
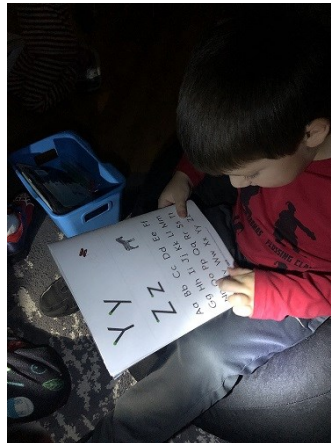
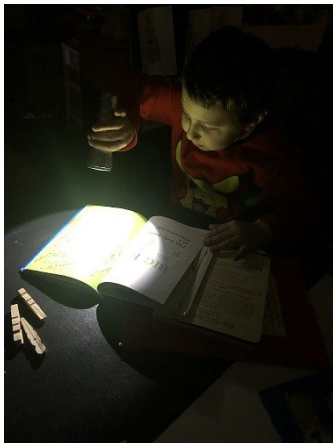
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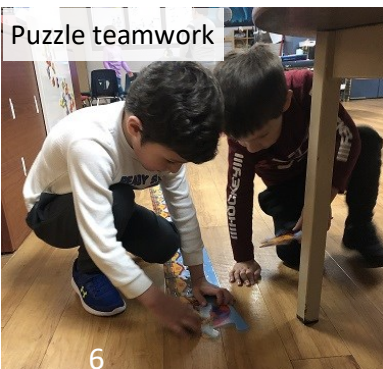
Building with blocks—
castle and ribcage



Flashlight Reading! (A good way to teach them to stay up late reading! ~Irene)



Puzzle teamwork



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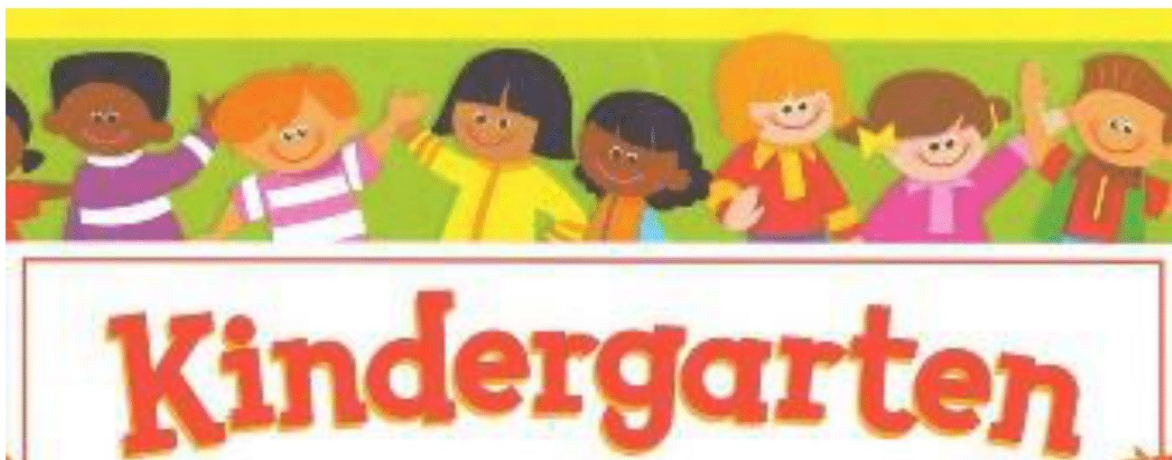
Christmas movie & popcorn



Mino Nimkaadaading

2022

The students and staff wish everyone
Mino Nimkaadaading (Happy New Year)



Registration

Now Open

Please sign up with us today online.

Children born in 2018 –JK

- new registrants

Children born in 2017 – SK

- if you have not done so last year

We will need the registration papers filled out and a copy of their status card if they are status.

Please email at dejones@gardenriver.ca for a copy of the registration papers & if you have any questions or concerns. Miigwetch!



Garden River First Nation Education Unit

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www.gardenriver.ca

TO: Parents/Caregivers/Guardians

FROM: Garden River Education Unit

DATE: January 3rd, 2022

RE: **RETURN TO VIRTUAL LEARNING FOR ELEMENTARY/SECONDARY STUDENTS**

Today the Ford Government has made the announcement that due to the rising Omnicron cases that all Elementary/Secondary schools will return to virtual learning on January 5th until at least January 17th. Families are encouraged to reach out to your child's school to request any devices or technology you should need for this time period. Should you require more information or assistance please reach out to your liaison worker listed below for more assistance.

Elementary Liaison Worker:
Deanna Jones
deiones@gardenriver.ca

Secondary Liaison Worker:
Stephanie Jones
sjones@gardenriver.ca

Special Education Coordinator:
Sherri Kitts
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Secondary

Happy new year's parents/guardians & students! I hope the holidays treated you well.

I know we were all hopeful for a better start to 2022, but here we are at the start of this new year back to virtual learning. So let's look at it as in that it's only a delay in returning to in person learning, with hopes that we see a better tomorrow soon.

If I can offer any assistance to you during this time, please know that you can reach out to me and I'll do my best to help or find the answers for you. I can liaise between you (parent or student) and the school and we both want you to be as successful as you can be. I know that many will find struggles with virtual learning but we can only do what we can and your teachers are there for you so just a kind suggestion to students to be encouraged to ask

your teachers for help along the way. Send them a message in whatever platform you are using for school if you aren't feeling quite brave enough to ask while in your live class meetings.

Also, please don't hesitate to ask me if you need help with printing materials or worksheets if it's easier for you to read and work through hard copies of readings or assignments if you don't have a working printer at home. Just send me a quick email.

If anyone has any questions or concerns, again, don't hesitate to reach me at sjones@gardenriver.ca or feel free to leave a vm for me at the office 705.946.3933 ext. 208. Email is the quickest way at this time.

If you can kindly send me any updated phone numbers or email

addresses for you, I'd greatly appreciate that.

Have a blessed January and hang in there

Steph

Stephanie Jones
Secondary Liaison Worker
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Post-Secondary

POST-SECONDARY LIAISON WORKER

Hi students! My name is Morgan Roach-Pine. I have recently been hired as the Post-Secondary Liaison Worker with the Education Unit. I have been with the Education Unit in different capacities throughout six years, previously as an Aboriginal Support Worker and an Administration Support Worker.

I hope everyone has had a wonderful fall semester whether it was in class or virtual and that everybody enjoyed their holidays with their family. A new year means a fresh start and a new semester of classes. There will be a variety of workshops and sessions for

post-Secondary students that will be going on throughout the new year that could be beneficial to you while in school; Time management, Study skills, Note taking skills, how to apply for scholarships and bursaries, and Mental Health education and services just to name a few.

We have also been trying to establish a mentor system with new post-secondary students and 3rd or 4th year secondary students. Starting off your educational journey can be anxious and stressful – our hopes are to partner students with other students from Garden River to make them feel more comfortable and answer any questions that they may

have. If you are interested in this initiative, please send me an email and I can add you to the list to connect you to other students. Our goal is to promote student wellness and success while you're going through your post-secondary studies. If you have any questions or need to contact me you can send me an email at morgan.roachpine@gardenriver.ca

Good luck in your Winter semester!

Morgan Roach-Pine
Post-Secondary Liaison Worker



HAPPY NEW YEAR!! Welcome 2022!!

I hope that you are all rested and ready to tackle the Winter 2022 semester. Although I am writing this in December while I am still at work, I KNOW that I will be truly enjoying the holidays with my family and friends as much as you are while practicing all safety protocols.

Not much to report on at this time, except to give more of my many **reminders**. So, if you have provided me with access to your online student account and you have updated your password for me, I will be logging in and printing off both your:

- ♣ Fall 2021 final grades and
- ♣ your new schedule for the Winter 2021 semester.

As you know, the deadline for new Winter sponsorship (full-time and

part time) has long passed. **The next application deadlines for post secondary sponsorship are :**

- ♣ March 29th for Spring/Summer
- ♣ May 15th for Fall

Students currently being sponsored will automatically be sent reminders via email or if you don't have an active email address, you can always download the Application for Post-Secondary Education Assistance forms from our website. **Remember that sponsorship is not guaranteed for the entire length of your program... you must always reapply by the appropriate deadlines.**

Therefore, please submit your application as soon as possible to avoid disappointment! Again, applications can be printed from our website at www.education.gardenriver.ca.

Congratulations to the students that completed their graduation

requirements in December. Please remember to submit your final transcripts and a copy of your diploma/degree for your file. Good Luck in all of your future endeavours!! **For all Continuing & NEW Winter Students:** remember that if you **made any changes to your educational plans**, you signed a contract stating that you would **inform me asap** - this may include, but is not limited to things like:

- ♣ if you made changes to your schedule, (dropped or added a course?)
- ♣ if you changed programs,
- ♣ if you transferred schools,
- ♣ if you changed your login information,
- ♣ if you decided you needed a break and will not be attending,
- ♣ if you are having trouble getting to classes, or
- ♣ did you move, etc., etc.....

By not informing me of your changes, you may jeopardize your current and future sponsorship. Please keep me informed at all times to avoid any potential sponsorship problems.

BOOKS/SUPPLIES ASSISTANCE FOR SECOND SEMESTER

As you know, each student is entitled to the established minimum of \$800 for each academic year. As you also know (from section 1.7 of your PS Operating Guidelines), once you have gone over that amount, you are **reimbursed** for any and all **mandatory books / supplies** purchased once all required

documentation is submitted. For your information, Garden River does not pay for any computers, laptops, printers, ink, related supplies, etc. regardless of these items being required or not. This is considered an investment in your own education.

N O T E: If you receive a reimbursement throughout the Fall semester, your total for this upcoming semester is the balance of the following: **\$800/year minus the \$400 provided for the Fall advance minus any reimbursement received.**

For example, if you received a reimbursement of \$222 in October, you will only be getting \$178 to buy your books/supplies in January. **However, when or as you spend**

more, please submit the required information and you will be reimbursed immediately.

If you have any questions, concerns or you just want to chat about your educational goals, please call, email or send a virtual meeting request: 705- 946-3933 ext. 202 OR 1-866-518-7806 or by emailing me at amjones@gardenriver.ca.

Please continue to do your part to keep our communities safe - sanitize, wear your mask and limit your outings!

Anne Marie Jones
Post-Secondary Counsellor



OCAS / OUAS APPLICATIONS

For **programs beginning September 2022**, applications must be received by Ontario College Application Services (**OCAS**) **on or before February 1, 2022 to be given equal consideration** OR the Ontario University Application Service **on or before January 11, 2022 to be given equal consideration**. OCAS/OUAS encourages all applicants NOT currently enrolled in a secondary school to apply online at www.ontariocolleges.ca or www.ouac.on.ca.

High School graduates: if you haven't already completed this with the help of your high school guidance counsellor, please set up an appointment quickly Applications received after these dates are considered on a first come, first served basis. ***The earlier you apply the better your chances of securing a seat in the program of your choice.***

The Ontario College / University Application Service **fee will be reimbursed once you receive your "Acknowledgment Letter or electronic receipt"** from OCAS or OUAS and you have completed the **Garden River Application for Post-Secondary Educational Assistance**.

There are **two important applications** that you must complete at the same time:

- ♣ Ontario College / University Application AND
- ♣ the **Garden River Application for Post-Secondary Educational Assistance**

Call or email me, Anne Marie, to make a virtual appointment to complete your Garden River First Nation Application for sponsorship.

YOUTH SUICIDE AWARENESS FOR GARDEN RIVER MEMBERS AGES 12-18

Hosted by MZW Mental Health and Addictions

Prizes

**Prizes will be drawn
randomly & winners will
be announced at the
event.**

1st \$ 500

2nd \$ 250

3rd \$ 100

Create a piece of art
such as a video, poem,
portrait, or sculpture
reflecting your
thoughts about
suicide and earn a
\$25 gift card for
participating.

First 30 entries will
qualify for a special
event and a night stay
at Quattro Hotel on
February 25-26, 2022.

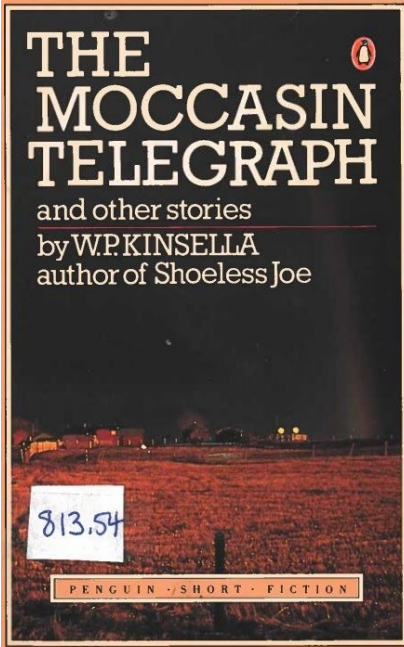
**Submit your creations to
Pauline Lecuyer @ plecuyer@grhc.ca**

By February 15, 2022

**For more information call
(705) 946-5710 Ext. 244**

**Proof of vaccination and masks are
mandatory for the event.
Event pending COVID-19 restrictions**

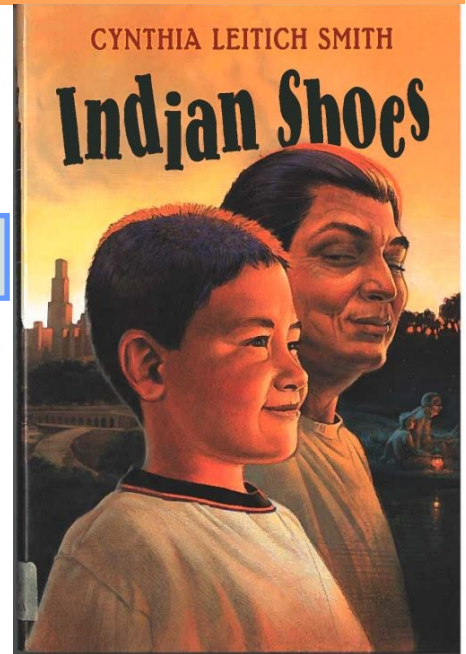
Resource Centre aka GRFN Public Library



The Moccasin Telegraph: These comical Indian tales feature Silas Ermineskin, an eighteen-year-old trickster and storyteller who has a genius for irony and a talent for trouble.

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Indian Shoes: Ray Halfmoon prefers hightops, but he gladly trades them for a nice pair of moccasins for his grampa. After all, it's Grampa Halfmoon who's always there to help Ray get in and out of scrapes—like the time they teamed up to pet sit for the whole block during a holiday blizzard!



Library Services Available

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| ♦ Book Lending | (prices based on Resource Centre supplying papers) |
| ♦ Photocopying | |
| ♦ Printing | |
| ♦ Computer/Internet Usage | <u>Scanning</u> |
| ♦ Binding | Scanning to USB—free |
| ♦ Scanning | Curbside pickup/email—free |
| ♦ Faxing | Scanning to drop off |
| ♦ Cold Laminating (11" Max) | |
| ♦ Posters/tickets | <u>Faxing</u> |
| ♦ Programs | Educational—Free |
| | Job search—Free |
| | Personal—\$0.50 |

Printing/Photocopying Costs

- ♦ Educational—Free

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| ♦ Letter= \$0.07 | <u>Laminating</u> |
| ♦ Legal=\$0.10 | Letter = \$0.50/page |
| ♦ Tabloid=\$0.25 | Legal = \$0.75 |
| | Tabloid = \$1.00 |
| | Smaller sizes & Banners vary |

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- ♦ Letter=\$0.60
- ♦ Legal=\$0.80
- ♦ Tabloid=\$1.00

Anishinaabemowin Word

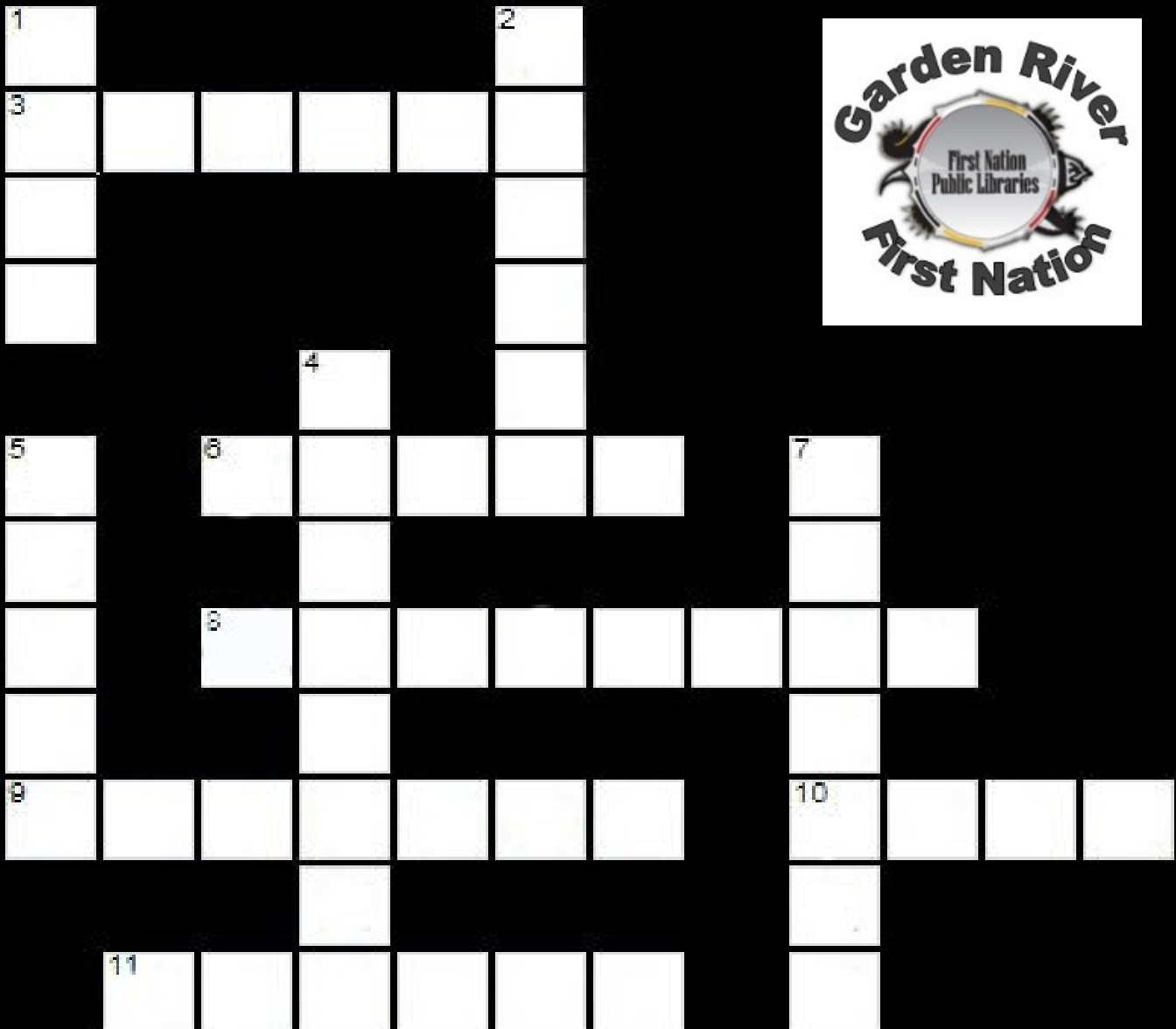
for the Month:

minomaate

~~ a good smell

comes from cooking ~~

An idea that would help families to learn the language at home is to make a game out of it. Using cards with the Anishinaabemowin word on one side of a cue card and the translation on the other. Make two decks and play: match up, go fish and other games.



Awensiwag

Words in Anishinaabemowin with clues in English.

Across

- 3. Eagle
 - 6. Bear
 - 8. Bird
 - 9. Fish
 - 10. Caribou
 - 11. Thunder bird
- page: 25

Down

- 1. Beaver
- 2. Lynx
- 4. Wolf
- 5. Loon
- 7. Crane

Solved puzzle on

GRFN Finance

ATTENTION ALL GRFN MEMBERS

Please be advised the 2019/2020 Audited Financial Statements are available to band members by:

By email at info@gardenriver.org

On our website www.gardenriver.org

Call 705-946-6300 for pre-arranged pick up or mail out options



**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**

The Garden River First Nation Landfill is not open to the public.

The Garden River First Nation Transfer Station located at 216 Noonday Drive is **OPEN.**

Tuesday— 9am-5pm (Closed 12-1pm for lunch)

Wednesday— 9am-5pm (Closed 12-1pm for lunch)

Thursday— 9am-5pm (Closed 12-1pm for lunch)

Friday— 9am-5pm (Closed 12-1pm for lunch)

Saturday— 9am-5pm (Closed 12-1pm for lunch)

CLOSED SUNDAY & MONDAYS.

Lands and Resources Department

The GRFN Lands and Resources Department would like to welcome everyone to a safe and healthy new year! We'd like to send our best 'fishes' out to everyone who is out enjoying the land this winter – especially out on the ice! We are blessed here in Garden River with ample access to rivers, creeks, lakes and ponds

which provide fish for us to continue our connection to the land and the exercising of our Aboriginal and Treaty rights. However, we would also like to remind our land users to be safe on the ice and promote ice safety. See the infographic below which was created by our newest employee, Sabastian Belleau, for tips and

tricks for being safe on the ice! As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns about anything out on the land, please don't hesitate to contact our team.

Chi Miigwetch!

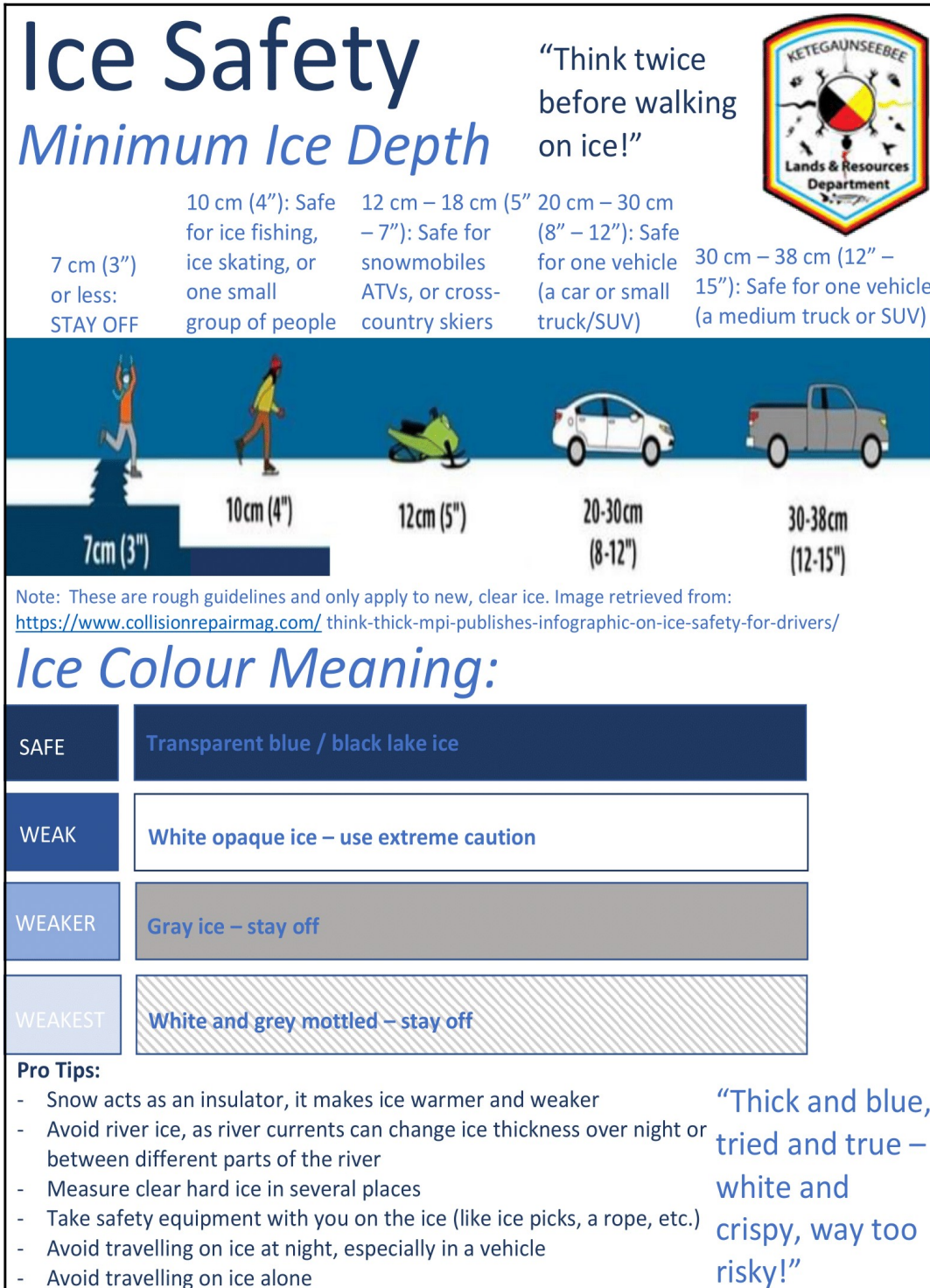
Aaron Jones –
Fish and Wildlife
Coordinator

Stephanie Seymour –
Forestry Coordinator

Terri Tice –
Indian Registration Clerk

Alexis Vanderheyden –
Manager

Sabastian Belleau –
Community Water Quality
Coordinator

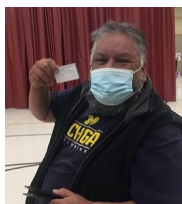


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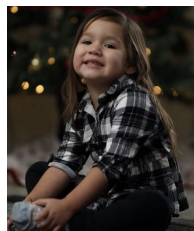
**Mino-diblishkam noongom, Mino-diblishkam noongom,
Mino-diblishkam (birthday person's name)! Mino-diblishkam noongom!**

Happy Birthday Papa Ray aka "popeye"
Hope you have a wonderful day from your grandchildren .
We love you to the moon
PS: Cheers

Happy 58th Birthday to my Love David Boissoneau on January 2nd.
Your wife Tamara



Happy 3rd birthday to our baby girl, Amiyah"
Love Mom & Brother



Happy 10th Birthday to Rodney Thibault on January 18th!
Love Mom, Dad, Tyson, Patrick, Garren and Alayna.



Happy 6th Birthday to Patrick Thibault on January 31st! Love Mom, Dad, Rodney, Tyson, Garren and Alayna.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to my daddy Josh, my Papa B (Terry Sr), Uncle Bebo (Terry Jr) and Gramma Georgie.
Love, Indya

ERCD



HOUSING MOISTURE MANAGEMENT

During the colder winter months, moisture and condensation on windows is a good indicator that the air in the home has enough moisture that will build up on windows and cold spots. Some preventative measures are:

Indoor relative humidity should be between 30% and 50%. When it is below -10 °C (14 °F) outside, the relative humidity inside should be 30% but it may have to be as low as 25% in extremely cold regions, to prevent condensation on cold surfaces such as windows. Adjust the de-humidistat to a desired comfort range if the house has an HRV, ensure that furniture is not obstructing the heating ducts on the floor or base board heaters and open the curtains or window coverings to allow warm air to

flow over window to dry it off.

Indoor humidity should be low enough to prevent condensation on windows

Heat recovery ventilators (HRVs) or air exchangers

Check outside hoods to make sure they are clean. Check filters inside the unit and clean as necessary. For HRVs, remove the heat exchange core and check for cleanliness and blockages.

Inspect condensate drain pans in HRVs for proper drainage and cleanliness. Check that the condensate line from the HRV is clean, free-draining and properly connected to a drainage point.

Ensure controls are operating. Check the controls on the unit and any remote controls provided in bathrooms or in another central

location.

Check for strong airflows from the supply air grilles and at the exhaust air grilles.

Check for the last service date and compare with manufacturer's recommendations.

If the HRV or air exchanger is connected to a forced-air system, make sure the furnace fan is set to run continuously to keep air circulating throughout the house.

If you need any information on basic home maintenance GRFN Housing has useful booklets free of charge or you can search the internet under CMHC which has extensive information.

Greg Solomon

Construction Maintenance Coordinator
Housing Department

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11:30AM - 7PM DAILY

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CHICKEN FINGERS

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CRISPY CHICKEN WRAP

Fries/Soup \$10 Poutine \$12 \$8.00

SMALL FRENCH FRY \$4.00

LARGE FRENCH FRY \$6.00

SMALL POUTINE \$6.00

LARGE POUTINE \$8.00

ONION RINGS \$5.00

BREADED RAVIOLI \$5.00

SOUP MADE DAILY \$4.00

CHEESE STICKS \$5.00

TOAST \$1.50

FRESH POPCORN \$2.00



20 Syrette Lake Road, Garden River, ON. P6A 6Z3
(705) 253-8718 Ext. 226



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BINGO
7 Days a Week

We will be open to indoor and outdoor Bingo

1pm Bingo

3:15pm Pay as you Play

6:30pm Bingo and Live Bingo



Recreation Centre



Garden River Recreation Centre

Hours of Operation:

Monday—Friday 7 am. To 9 pm.

Saturday and Sunday—10 am. To 4 pm.

Covid protocols are in place.

Governance

MATRIMONIAL REAL PROPERTY – Frequently Asked Questions

1) Does Garden River have its own Matrimonial Real Property (MRP) Law?

Garden River does not have its own MRP Law. GRFN falls under The Family Homes on Reserves and Matrimonial Interests or Rights Act (FHRMIRA) which was enacted to ensure that people living on reserves have similar protections and rights as other Canadians when it comes to the family home and the division of interests or rights.

2) What is Matrimonial Real Property?

Real property is property that cannot be physically moved, like land or a family home. Matrimonial real property refers to real property that is shared by 2 people during a marriage or common-law relationship. When a marriage or common-law relationship ends, such as in divorce or the death of a spouse or common-law partner, there are often many aspects which require sorting out including the division of real property.

3) Who does this Act apply to? The Act applies to married couples and

common-law partners living on reserve, where at least one of them is a First Nation member or an Indian.

4) What is the definition of “spouse” in the Act? The Act applies to married couples and common-law partners, where at least one of them is a First Nation member or an Indian. The definition of spouse includes “either of two persons who have entered in good faith into a marriage that is voidable or void.”

The Indian Act definition of “common-law partner” will apply in this Act, and means “a person who is cohabiting with the individual in a conjugal relationship, having so cohabited for a period of at least one year.”

5) What if a First Nation never develops its own matrimonial real property law? It is the choice of each First Nation whether or not to develop and enact its own laws to address matrimonial real property interests or rights on their reserve land. Until a First Nation community develops and enacts its own matrimonial real property law under the Act the provisional federal rules apply.

6) What rights and protections do

the provisional federal rules in the Act provide? Under the Act, the provisional federal rules provide basic rights and protections to individuals on reserves during a marriage or common-law relationship, in the event of a relationship breakdown, and on the death of a spouse or common-law partner.

The provisional federal rules include the following rights and protections:

- equal right to occupancy of the family home
- Requirement of spousal consent for the sale or disposal of the family home
- Emergency protection order
- Exclusive occupation order
- Entitlement of each member spouse or common-law partner to an equal division of the value of the family home
- Order for the transfer of matrimonial real property between member spouses or common-law partners
- Entitlement of surviving spouses or common-law partners
- Enforcement of agreements on the division of the value of the matrimonial property

Once a First Nation enact their own matrimonial real property law under

the Act, the provisional federal rules no longer apply to their community.

7) Will the provisional federal rules allow non-members to hold an interest or right to land on reserves? No. The Act respects the principle of non-alienation of reserve lands. The provisional federal rules will not lead to non-Indians or non-members acquiring permanent interests in reserve land. In a situation where the non-member spouse has made direct contributions to improvements made to the family home or other structures, a court will be able to order that they be compensated.

For more information please visit <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1100100032553/1581773144281> <https://www.coemrp.ca/>

Submitted by the Governance Office



CALL OUT FOR APPLICANTS – 2nd Posting

POSITION:	Cannabis Commission Members (5)
DEPARTMENT:	Cannabis Control Commission. (An independent Authority within GRFN)
DURATION:	Staggered Composition (One, Two, and Three-Year Term)
COMPENSATION:	Remuneration is Honoraria-Based Garden River Members ONLY*

Summary of Function:

The Commission will administer the Cannabis Law in the best interests of the Garden River First Nation and in accordance with the highest principles of health, safety, security, honesty, and integrity. The Commission will monitor the impacts of the GRFN Cannabis Law on the health and safety of the people of GRFN. The Commission will make recommendations to GRFN Council for amendments to the Cannabis Law in order to minimize the harms of cannabis use and commercial cannabis activity.

Duties/Responsibilities:

- Defining and evaluating their duties within the framework of policy objectives defined by the Government and within the Law and this Regulation.
- Exercising independent judgment in overseeing the operations of the Commission and its agents or employees within the mandate determined by the Law, any Regulation, and any policy guidelines from GRFN Council.
- Acting honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of Garden River First Nation community.
- Exercising due care, diligence and skills expected of any prudent person.
- Acting independently and ethically and understanding the importance of the Commission Code of Conduct and Ethics and annually signing the Code of Conduct and Ethics.
- Completing any orientation, educational courses or training recommended by the GRFN Council or Commission Chair.
- Participating in annual evaluation of the overall performance of the Commission conducted by an external reviewer, contracted by Council.
- The Commission shall provide quarterly reports to Council on matters as directed by Council and/or Commission policy. The Commission will produce an annual report of its activities.
- The Commission will hold annual meetings with the membership and monthly meetings to Chief and Council (as requested).
- The Commission should, in the month of January each calendar year, provide Council with a budget request for the fiscal year commencing on April 1st of each year.
- The Five Commissioners will be evaluated against a skills-matrix as the Commission should have strong individual members in the areas of: governance, community knowledge, and/or procedural fairness for investigations and transparency and accountability mechanisms.

Qualifications

- Must be a registered citizen of Garden River First Nation.
- Must reside within the Territory of the Garden River First Nation.
- Must be at least 21 years of age.
- Must not be an undischarged bankrupt.
- Must not have an interest in a private Cannabis Entity that has applied for or has been granted a permit.
- Not have a family member, as identified in the GRFN Cannabis Control Law, that has an interest in a private entity that has applied for or has been granted a permit.
- Must have no criminal conviction for an indictable offence involving trafficking of a serious drug, gang-related or organized criminal activity, or a serious fraud conviction, or have received a full pardon for any such conviction.
- Commission members and agents, contractors and staff will undertake all necessary training to enable them to fulfill their respective mandates more effectively and efficiently.
- Must not be a current member of GRFN Chief and Council.
- Must be able to attend meetings on a monthly or quarterly basis.

A full job description and duties can be requested from the Human Resource Department.

Interested applicants can email or drop off their resume and cover letter by **February 1st, 2022**. Please ensure **CANNABIS-2021/2022** is noted in the email or envelope.

Please address the envelope **"CONFIDENTIAL"** and submit to:

Date Posted: January 6th, 2022

Human Resources
Garden River First Nation,
7 Shingwauk Street, Garden River, ON P6A 6Z8
Email: employment@gardenriver.org





NOTICE TO COMMUNITY

On November 9 2021, the Garden River First Nation Chief and Council passed by Band Council Resolution #2021-2022-30 the Cannabis Control Law.

**THE CANNABIS CONTROL LAW
REPLACES THE MORATORIUM THAT
WAS ISSUED ON DECEMBER 9 2019.**

Garden River First Nation members will have until April 30 2022 to apply for a permit.

For a copy of the Cannabis Law,
please email: cannabisinfo@gardenriver.org
For more information, please contact the ERCD
office at 705.946.6300

Wellness Centre

Garden River Diversion Program

is continuing to recruit Elders for the Justice Committee Program.

Garden River Diversion Program Justice

1. What does a panel member do at a Justice circle?

The panel members role is to listen to what everyone has to say and come up with a "Plan of Action." The panel members recommend or choose an appropriate remedy for the wrongdoing. The "plan of action" is read and given to the justice worker to engage the offender and begin the diversion program.

2. What kind of sentence is given out?

The foundation of the Garden River Diversion Program is to promote Healthy Lifestyles through self-help skills. The options are cultural teachings/ceremonies, education courses, employment training, life skills program, substance abuse counselling /treatment, Elders Mentor Program, community service, letter of apology to the victim, restitution.

The length of the sentence is determined by the sentence given. For example an educational credit course could take one semester or 3 months or 16 hours. Most diversion programs will have a minimum involve-

ment of 16 -20 hours to a maximum of 130 hours.

3. I would be afraid because I was judging someone.

Before an offender gets to the Justice Circle, he/she must accept responsibility and agree to participate in the process. The role of the panel member is not to sentence but to help remedy the wrongdoing of a community member to another member.

4. What if I am related to the offender?

The Garden River Justice Program seeks many panel members so that we can avoid situations where panel member feel they are too close to the offender of the victim.

5. Will I get paid for sitting on the panel?

As an Elder on the Justice Circle you will receive an honorarium for your participation on the panel each time you sit in.

6. Will information on resources and programs be available?

Each panel member will be given a list and description of programs that are available for the "plan of action."

Contact information:

Janice Thibodeau-Justice Worker

Cell- 705-941-1652

Email—JThibodeau@grhc.ca

Wellness Centre update:

Garden River FN Offices remain closed to the public. However, we are able to see clients that require in person visits. Such visits or appointments must be booked in advance. Please leave a message for the staff on their voicemail and they will return your call, usually within 24 hours. All staff are working, some from home others from the office or working in a hybrid model. All services and programs are operating mostly from a virtual platform. We appreciate your patience as we continue to navigate our way through this pandemic and are very much looking forward to the day when we can welcome you back to in person services and programming.

Covid -19 vaccine clinics will continue to be offered in the community – once we have clinic details (date, times, and location) we will share. We have moved to walk-in style clinics at this time but you are welcome to call and leave your name with reception.


Covid-19 Testing – the Wellness Centre offers three types of covid-19 testing. Rapid Antigen Tests, Rapid Molecular (ID Now) tests as well as PCR tests. To book a covid-19 test please call 249-525-6459, this is our confidential Nurse phone. Please leave a message stating you are looking for a covid test and one of our nurses will call you back.

Jessica Grawbarger
Wellness Centre Manager

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YOUTH SAVE THE DATE
MOVERS AND SHAKERS



MOVERS & SHAKERS

VIRTUAL YOUTH GATHERING



First 50 youth will get a sweatshirt!

**FEB
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12-5PM**

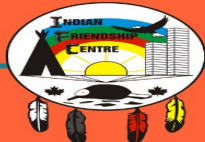
Join us for a day of making and fun!

PAINT | BEAD | BATH BOMB | PRIZES

For youth 12-20 | Supplies provided
ZOOM | Registration open Jan 10-24

cynthia.mccutcheon@nmninoeyaa.ca

healthykids@ssmifc.ca



G'NAADMAAGOOM

Garden River Child and Family Services

BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES FOR OUR CHILDREN

To: Garden River Band and Community Members
From: Garden River Child and Family Services
Date: January 3, 2022
Re: Family Skate Night @ Echo Bay Sportsplex

This memo is to advise that **Family Skate times scheduled for Saturday, January 8, 15 and 22 at Echo Bay Sportsplex have been cancelled** due to continued provincial restrictions.

We will reassess and advise the community of ice time once it is safe to do so. Garden River Child and Family Services would like to thank you for your continued patience.

Please stay safe and follow all recommended health guidelines.

Miigwetch,
Garden River Child and Family Services Team

Commit to Fit for Youth

Ages 13 to 24 years



Every Tuesday for 8 Weeks on Zoom!

4:30 to 6:00 pm

February 1st to March 29th

Topics Include:

- ♣ Self-Care
- ♣ Healthy Eating & Nutrition
- ♣ Physical Activity
- ♣ Positive Self-Esteem
- ♣ Youth Activism – Creating Purpose
- ♣ Meal Planning

Weekly Activities Include:

- ♣ Hands On Food Preparation
- ♣ Fit Breaks
- ♣ Interactive Learning Activities
- ♣ Group Games & Quizzes
- ♣ Goal Setting
- ♣ Practicing Gratitude

To register email Colleen Ccrowley@grcfs.ca
or Jordie jthibault@grcfs.ca

Group members receive an incentive each time you participate. All weekly sessions are mandatory for this program.

Off reserve members are encouraged to participate

New Monthly Program for Youth

Healthy Snack Ideas

Ages 13 to 24 years

Offered on the last Thursday of Each Month on Zoom

**Starting: Thursday, January 27,
4:30 to 5:30 pm**



Receive an incentive each time you participate!

There's also a monthly draw for a Snowflakes of Fun package; the more sessions you attend, the more chances to win!

Off reserve members are also encouraged to participate!

Contact Colleen ccrowley@grcfs.ca or Jordie jthibault@grcfs.ca to register.

Have You Participated In Any Residential Energy Assessments Or Programs?



**ONTARIO ELECTRICITY
SUPPORT PROGRAM
(OESP) HELPS WITH
SAVINGS AND LOWERING
MONTHLY ELECTRICITY
COSTS AND RECEIVE A
CREDIT BETWEEN
\$45.00-\$110.00 ON EACH
ELECTRICITY BILL
THROUGH HYDRO ONE**

**HOME WEATHERIZATION
PROGRAM THROUGH
GREENSAVER IS OFFERED TO
QUALIFYING LOW-INCOME
PRIVATE SINGLE-FAMILY
HOUSEHOLDS AND TO
SOCIAL HOUSING PROVIDERS
AND RESIDENTS IN THE
ENBRIDGE AND FORMER
UNION GAS SERVICE AREA**

**LOW-INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM (LEAP) PROGRAM HELPS
WITH PAYMENT ON BILLING IN
ARREARS UP TO \$500.00 IN
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR THEIR
ELECTRICITY BILLS (\$600.00 IF
YOUR HOME IS HEATED
ELECTRICALLY) ON BILLS THROUGH
THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**



ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP) IS THROUGH SAVE-ON-ENERGY AND HELP PEOPLE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING THEIR MONTHLY ELECTRICITY BILL AS A HOMEOWNER OR AS A RENTER MAY QUALIFY FOR THIS PROGRAM. YOU MAY RECEIVE ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: ENERGY STAR®-CERTIFIED LED LIGHT BULBS, HIGH-EFFICIENCY SHOWERHEADS (STANDARD AND HANDHELD), FAUCET AERATORS (KITCHEN AND BATHROOM), DRYING LINE FOR CLOTHES, ENERGY-EFFICIENT REFRIGERATOR, WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER, SMART POWER STRIP, ADDITIONAL ATTIC, OR BASEMENT INSULATION, WEATHERSTRIPPING AROUND DOORS AND WINDOWS, SMART THERMOSTAT(S)****

THE HOME EFFICIENCY REBATE CAN HELP LOWER YOUR ENERGY COSTS AND MAKE IT MORE COMFORTABLE YEAR-ROUND. GET UP TO \$5,000 IN REBATES FOR INSULATION, AIR SEALING, NEW WINDOWS/DOORS, WATER HEATERS, BOILERS, FURNACES, AND HOME ENERGY ASSESSMENTS



**To apply contact Kristy Sayers at
ksayers@gardenriver.org or call
705-946-6300 Ext. 241**



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Garden River, ON P6A 6Z5

**"1994 – 2021: Community Involvement:
Community Approved = Trust Funded!"**

NOTICE of VACANCIES & Priority List

1. Are you:
 - A) trustworthy and honest?
 - B) over the age of 30 years on commencement of term (Feb.22, 2022) to serve as GR Trustee?
2. Can you make:
 - C) time commitment of a minimum of 5 hours per month?
 - E) sound judgments?
3. Would you:
 - F) help others in your role as a Garden River Trustee?
 - G) maintain loyalty to the Garden River Trustees, AND a higher loyalty to the Garden River First Nation (GRFN) Band members (beneficiaries), both present and future generations?

If you have answered YES to all of the above, the successful candidate will be placed on a priority list to fill potential vacancies. The purpose of the GRFN Community Trust is:

"...the Trustees...will manage the Trust Property in a wise and prudent manner, and that the management of the Trust Property may include...investing and expending the Trust Property in ways that are to the greatest benefit to the people of GARDEN RIVER FIRST NATION, both those alive at the time this Trust Agreement is made and the future generations."

Interested GRFN Band members are invited to submit a letter and resume – **OPEN UNTIL FILLED** -- to:

Alanna Jones, Trust Manager
Garden River First Nation Community Trust
c/o 6 Shingwauk Street
Garden River, ON P6A 6Z5
Email: grfntrust@gmail.com

NOTES:

- a. Letter MUST be post-marked on or before closing date.
- b. Appointments as GR Trustees are conditional upon clear Criminal Reference Check and bankruptcy/credit check, Code of Conduct and submit a signed Code of Conduct and corporate trustee forms as required.

For more information, please call Alanna at (705) 206-7525, or email grfntrust@gmail.com.

Posted Aug.12, 2021

Interested GRFN Band members submit your letter of interest and application by email to: grfntrust@gmail.com.
By 12 noon Wednesday, January 17, 2022.
Tentative interviews early February, 2022

PUBLIC WORKS

GRFN Recycling Guidelines for the CARDBOARD Bin



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NATION HAS
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216 Noonday Drive

Tuesday—Saturday 9:00—5:00

Closed for lunch from 12:00—1:00



reduce
reuse
recycle

Share Sheds

Someone's garbage is another's treasure

Helping people in your own community, promoting goodwill, reducing the amount of waste in our landfills and taking items home can save you money.

Share sheds are for the **RE-USE** of gently used household items that are in good condition.

Please take clothing to your local thrift store, as they quickly deteriorate in share sheds.



Accepted

- ♣ Newspapers and flyers
- ♣ Magazines
- ♣ Phone books
- ♣ Boxboard/small boxes (ex: cereal boxes)
- ♣ Egg cartons
- ♣ Toilet paper/paper towel rolls
- ♣ Clean milk cartons
- ♣ Coffee cups
- ♣ Clean pizza boxes
- ♣ All other paper products (ex: mail, computer paper)



****Please break down cardboard and flatten cartons.****



Garden River First Nation Mission Statement



In the spirit of our ancestors and our Treaty, we endeavour to conduct ourselves in a manner that is consistent with the Seven Grandfather Teachings given to us by the Creator. We envision a harmonious community that is built on mutual respect that maintains a healthy balance through prosperity and well-being. Through these actions we intend to create a self-sustaining community that fulfills the emotional, physical, mental and spiritual well-being of all members.

N'bwaakaawin—Wisdom Zaagidwin—Love
Mnaadendmowin—Respect Aakdehewin—Bravery
Gwekwadziwin—Honesty Dbaadendizin—Humility
Debwewin—Truth

Chief Andy Rickard	Community Trust, NSTC, Robinson Huron Treaty Trustee
Councillors	Portfolio
Tim Johns Jr.	Community Safety, Educational Programs, Infrastructure, Social Services
Darwin Belleau	Administration, Business, Infrastructure, Lands & Resources
Brandi Nolan	Administration, Business, KGPI, Lands & Resources, Nogdawindamin
Cindy Belleau-Jones	Business, Governance, Infrastructure, Membership, Nationhood, NSTC, APS
Dan Tice	Community Safety, Governance, Social Services, KGPI, Business
Trevor Solomon	Community Safety, Administration, Lands & Resources
Chris Thibodeau	Business, Lands & Resources, Social Services
Tyler Pine	Education, Governance, Nationhood
Kassidy Armstrong	Community Safety, Governance, Indigenous Women Anti-Violence Task Force, Nationhood
Chester Langille	Community Safety, Education, Nationhood
Albert Williams	Administration, Infrastructure, Social Service
Karen Bell	Educational Programs, Infrastructure, Nationhood, Environmental Committee

February 2022 Newsletter Submission Deadline: Jan. 26, 2022



Garden River First Nation Community Newsletter Contact Information

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Resource Centre Coordinator
Garden River Education/Recreation Centre
48 Syrette Lake Road
Garden River, ON P6A 7A1

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Fax: 705-946-0413
Email: irene.gray@gardenriver.ca
Website: <http://www.gardenriver.org/site/newsletter-2021/>