On Thursday, May 18, 2023; the historic launch of the Pennefeather land claim lawsuit; that was witnessed by Elders, youths, community members and GRFN staff, both in person and on live streaming services; included the return of Chief Shingwaukonse’s 200 year old tomahawk pipe.

The entire court document has been included in the June issue for the community.

~ Irene

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The Pennefeather

AND TO: THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF CANADA
Ontario Regional Office
Department of Justice Canada
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Suite 400
Toronto ON M5H 1T1
Words from the Chief...

Aanii/Boozhoo Elders, Youth and fellow citizens!

May has come and gone and with that brings warmer weather. I am hoping that you and your families enjoy the month of May as we inch closer to the summer months. It has been a hot and dry time over the last week with several out-of-control fires plaguing the region. Our emergency services team has issued a ban on any fires within the community as precautionary to the conditions we are experiencing. I am hopeful that we do not experience the same challenges with fires in our community as much as the other regions are experiencing and send prayers to those areas affected.

Legal Clinic of Sault Ste. Marie – I was invited by the committee to share a few words on behalf of our community. With so many of our people having to go through the justice system, it was an opportunity to challenge the organization to look at the TRC’s calls to action and commit to achieving fulfilling some of those areas. Prisons are filled with our people, and it requires commitment and a willingness to change the way legal system as it pertains to Indigenous peoples. Transitional supports at the community level are also important so that we play a role in reintegrating our people. Ongoing cultural competency and awareness is critical to make fundamental changes in the court rooms. I also had an opportunity to commend and congratulate them on the funding they received from the province to establish much needed space for their programs and services.

Hydro One Partnership – we are currently working with communities along the North Shore about a potential opportunity with Hydro One. If successful, this will be a unique partnership with 7 of the First Nation communities including Wahnapitae in the energy sector. Our team travelled to Rama, Ontario to meet with the other leadership to discuss potential projects and identify a plan moving forward. The details are limited at this point; however, we will announce the progress once we are able to.

We are positioning Garden River to capitalize on the energy needs of within this region. The need for energy is critical for this region and we are actively meeting with potential partners that will help provide the necessary resources. Our renewed relationship with the city has also opened a few doors to some exciting possibilities. All and all, we are quite excited to embark on projects that will create generational wealth for Garden River First Nation.

Indian Residential School Project – Garden River welcomed archaeologist Dr. Scott Hamilton who offered a lot of insight into technology at is being used to recover, identify, and assist with unmarked graves and burials. Dr. Hamilton has spent much of his life, researching, and looking at various IRS projects and the challenges they have faced with the different methods. He was able to provide the project team with many things to consider as it pertains to our own IRS project. The main take away from his work and his message, is that this process will take many years for this work to be done correctly. He stressed the importance of exercising patience and caution as it is very important and impactful work. We hope to add additional capacity to the project as we move forward with this important work.

Staff Appreciation Day – May 12, 2023, was an opportunity to celebrate the contributions of our staff to the community. We held the gathering at Ojibway Park, where our staff took part in a bit of fun and relaxation. We also held draws throughout the morning and enjoyed a meal together. It is important
to acknowledge the efforts of the people who work for our community, and we are hoping to build on these moments to offer more events that hopefully inspire and enhance the moral within the organization. We recognize that not all staff were able to join us, so we had made arrangements to ensure that they felt included.

Pennefather Treaty Claim – the week of May 15th was a very impactful time for our community. On May 16th, 2023, I was invited by the Royal Ontario Museum who wanted to discuss and show our team the historical and special items of Chief Shingwauk. It was a very surreal moment for many of us, as we had an opportunity to spend time with his items. His traditional pipe, headdress, medicine bag, knife and a few other items were available. We held a ceremony for his sacred items and were able to feast and honour his life. It was important for our members to ensure that we looked after his belongings in a ceremonial way. It was emotional, impactful and an honour to be in the same room. I also had an opportunity to discuss repatriation of his items back to Garden River. There was a sense of loss and abandonment as we left the Museum, however, we are more than determined to bring these items back to Garden River where they belong.

The following day most of the Council participated in a production piece that will highlight the journey of the Pennefather treaty claim. We participated in interviews which will be incorporated into the production, which will also include interviews with other elders and members of our community. I am quite excited to begin this process as we hope to capture the memory but also highlight the significance of this work. It will be important for our children and our grandchildren to experience through the stories of our people.

On May 18th, 2023, is the day that we as Garden River First Nation assembled at Queen’s Park to notify the provincial and federal governments of our statement of claim on the Pennefather Treaty. We started the morning off with ceremony with leadership including a few of the MPP’s from the NDP party. MPP Sol Mamakawa was instrumental in assisting our team in accessing the legislature, including security detail and walking side by side in the halls of Queens Park. We presented Sol with an eagle feather for his support and for the work he does on behalf of our people.
followed throughout the day which allowed us to inform and raise the significance of the Pennefather Treaty. It was a memorable moment for Garden River, a moment in time which I will never forget. Miigwetch to our staff, our leadership, Deputy Grand Chief Travis Boissoneau, MPP Sol Mamakwa and to the many members of Garden River who was able to make the journey.

Annuiĕs – Court Proceedings in the 1850 Robinson Huron Treaty annuiĕs case have been further adjourned to allow the Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund (RHTLF) leadership and the Government of Canada and Ontario to continue to negotiations. The group is making good progress in conversation with the Crowns to try to find a resolution that is in the best interest of our communities outside of the courts. RHTLF leadership is working with Canada and Ontario to map the way forward toward a negotiated resolution as soon as possible. True Reconciliation can never be achieved in a courtroom. The RHT communities welcome the opportunity to come together with the Crowns to negotiate an out of court settlement in the spirit of cooperation and reconciliation. RHT communities know that Treaty beneficiaries and members of our communities are interested in the progress of the case and have been waiting for the annuiĕs to be increased for a long time. RHT leadership will work to make sure information is shared. You will hear directly from the RHTLF when they are able to provide updates on the case. The negotiations continue to be confidential. The completion of a negotiated settlement will generally be made public through their social media feeds and websites.

RHTLF has also appointed Honourable Harry S. LaForme to lead the Office of Mizhinawe for the Robinson Huron Treaty First Nation in the ongoing annuiĕs litigation. Justice LaForme is Anishinaabe from the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, Ontario. In the role of Mizhinawe, Justice LaForme will examine issues and engage in consultations with the members and communities of the Robinson Huron Treaty Anishinabek. The Mizhinawe, in collaboration with the Robinson Huron Treaty leadership, will engage in information sessions about the Restoule case and any possible settlement that may arise from the ongoing negotiations with Canada and Ontario. The information sessions will ensure that RHT beneficiaries are aware of the governing structure of the Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund, formulas for distributing global damages awarded through litigation or settlement amount agreed to through negotiations, and additional information regarding settlement of the litigation, if settlement is achieved. We hope to have Justice LaForme in our community in the next month or so.

North Shore Tribal Council – the quarterly meeting was held in Atikameksheng where we were presented updates from the programs and services within the Tribal Council. It was an opportunity to hear the latest initiatives including some of the challenges of the Tribal Council. We also were allotted time to discuss amongst the community’s opportunities to work together but also share best practices in the various areas within our First Nation. HR seems to be an opportunity for our communities to come together and offer solutions and assist with some of the challenges we face within
communities. A lot of good work is happening in our communities, and we are thankful for our historical relationships.

Garden River has been selected to host Treaty Week in September 2023 for the Robinson Huron Treaty Secretariat. Planning is under way to host the 21 communities here in Garden River which is poised to be a big event. We are hosting most of our activities at the Teaching Lodge, along with the Community Centre and a large tent to be erected outside the Centre. There will be many things happening during the day of the treaty gathering and we are quite excited for the opportunity. We will notify the membership of the agenda, including some of the events to be held here in Garden River.

Anishinabek Health Summit / ONECA Conference – I was asked to provide some opening remarks at both the Anishnabek Health Summit and the ONECA conference being held in Sault Ste. Marie. It was nice to acknowledge the people who work within their fields as they continue to play a critical role in our communities. It was also good to see our staff participate in those opportunities.

May was a busy month much like the previous months of my term. Very impactful and memorable moments which I will never forget. I appreciate our people especially those leaders who have paved the way and contributed so much to our Nation. I look forward to the rest of my term with hopes that we continue with achieving good things for our people. I wish you and your families a good start to the month of June and acknowledge all our students who are near the finish line in their studies. Prayers to those that need them, and I want to offer our thoughts to those who we have lost along the way.

Miigwetch,
Chief Andy Rickard,
Namay Dodem
Garden River First Nation
Garden River Powwow
NIIGAAN ZHAADAA
Let’s Go Forward

August 2023
Garden River Ball Fields
19th GRAND ENTRY 12pm & 7pm
20th GRAND ENTRY 1pm

MC: Howard Copenance
Host Drum: Ottawa River
Co-host Drum: Bear Creek
Arena Director: Kevin Syrette
Head Veteran: Ray Cadotte
Head Male Dancer: Raymond Deleary
Head Female Dancer: Sarah McGregor
Head Female Youth: Nevaeh Pine
Head Male Youth: TBD

Dance Categories
Women's Traditional
Women's Fancy
Women's Jingle
1st - $1000
2nd - $750
3rd - $400

Men's Traditional
Men's Fancy
Men's Grass
1st - $1000
2nd - $750
3rd - $400

Mens & Women Golden Age 55+
1st - $1000
2nd - $750
3rd - $400

Junior Girls & Boys
Teen Girls & Boys
1st - $100
2nd - $50
3rd - $25

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GRFN 2023 Powwow

Registration
Youth - $5
Adult - $10
Please join me in welcoming and congratulating the following individuals on their recent hiring at the Garden River First Nation!

Congratulations!

It is with great pleasure that we congratulate Brandon Boissonneau, GRFN Entities, A/Business Manager who was selected by the Sault Ste. Marie Community Development Corporation as a CDC board member.

Brandon was born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie, On. He graduated from Algoma University with a Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours) in 2018. He completed the Canadian Securities Course in 2019. He worked 5 years at Community First Credit Union, was an Investment Advisor for two years from Jan 2020 to March 2022. In April 2022, Brandon joined the Garden River Business Entities as the Assistant Manager and assumed the A/Manager role in August 2022.

Best wishes for continued success!

Also, I’m pleased to announce that Deanna Trudeau will join us as the Garden River Child Care Administration/Clerk. She began her journey with us on April 26, 2023.

Deanna Trudeau comes to us with many years of experience working in the administration field. She is a graduate of Sault College’s Health Office Administration Program. She has previous experience working in a child care setting and enjoys working with our youth. She is a community member here in Garden River and excited for this new adventure.

Please join me in extending a warm welcome to Deanna Trudeau as she starts her journey at Garden River First Nation.

Here are a few words from Olivia Gray, newly hired Ojibway Park Supervisor:

Hello!

My name is Olivia Gray, I am a Garden River Band Member who has always loved nature and everything Mother Earth has to offer. I am very family orientated and often like to go on adventures with my partner and kids. I come from a long line of artists and very creative individuals. Growing up I would always have a plan A, B, C, & so on. Still to this day, I can almost always figure out a plan for anything.

I enjoy being in a job position where I am around people ex. Customer service & hospitality. I was a server at a few restaurants, which I thought I loved, it wasn’t until I came to Ojibway Park that it definitely became my number one favorite place to work. In 2022, I was hired for the gatehouse attendant position. I honestly loved it. I enjoy being at the park and in the environment the park has to offer. It’s truly the best of both worlds to me. I can have nature around me and interact with customers/campers.

This year I have moved up to the supervisor position. I saw the job posting and knew I had to go for it. Ojibway Park has so much to offer, and I want to be able to help show everyone that. It’s a gorgeous campground that truly has a part of my heart. I am beyond excited for this new journey and am even more grateful for being a part of Garden River First Nation (Home). Miigwetch! Olivia

I’m pleased to announce that Steven A.Nolan will join us at the Garden River First Nation as A/Housing Manager beginning June 5, 2023.

Steven comes to us with a wealth of experience in various management roles, economic development and project management within First Nations' and community colleges. He holds an Undergraduate Degree from Laurentian University focusing on business and law. Recently completed a Graduate Project Management program through the Sault College School of Business and is studying for his Project Management Professional certification through the Project Management Institute. He has taken numerous courses in economic development over the years. Most recently Steven was the Coordinator for National Indigenous Labor Market initiative gathering valuable data through surveys which will have an enormous impact on our community's growth.

Steven and his son Alan dedicate their time and effort to coach youth in hockey and baseball. Their motto is to make sure the kids have fun, want to come to the rink and ballfield, learn some valuable life lessons while learning skills in both sports.

Finally, we are happy to announce that we have many new additions to the team:

Steve Nolan, Acting Housing Manager
Stephanie Seymour, Lands and Resources Manager
Jennifer Solomon, NIHB Clerk
Connie Traves, Education Manager
Tracy Solomon, PSW
Sylvia Pine, Custodian
Wesley Pine, Labourer
Samantha Solomon, Indian Registry
Assistant Administrator
Deanna Trudeau, Garden River Child Care Administration/ Clerk
Adora-Lee Nawagesic, DPHLC
Olivia Gray, Ojibway Park
Katelyn Lewis, Jordan Principle
Administrative Assistant
Jordan Lee Thibault - Community Health Representative (Youth)
John Grawbarger, Landfill Site Attendant
Logan Perreault, Community Health Representative (Adult)
Tanya Perreault, Child Care Centre Supervisor
Aaron Farm Solomon, Labourer
Curt Cress Sr. Labourer

Please join us in welcoming each one of them and assist in any way you can.

We know that starting a new job can be challenging, so we want all our new employees to know that we’re here to support you.

Welcome everyone, we know you will do great things and we wish you the best in your new roles!

Human Resources

Congratulations on your new job! Believe in yourself & keep working hard!
Garden River Education Unit Presents...

Class of 2023

GRADS Parade

TUES JUNE 13TH

DEPARTING THE REC CENTRE AT 5 PM!

Help us celebrate our graduates!
Make some noise while we parade around the rez!
Listen for the music! Way to go graduates, we're so proud of you all!
Please note: the court document has been slightly reformatted to be included with in the June newsletter (the wording has not been changed).

**CLAIM**

1. The Plaintiffs, Chief Andy Rickard and the Garden River First Nation claim:
   a) A declaration that the lands reserved by the Garden River First Nation from surrender to the Crown under the Robinson Huron Treaty in 1850 (the "Reserved Lands") are and remain reserved for the sole use and benefit of the Garden River First Nation;
   b) A declaration that the Defendants, His Majesty the King in right of Ontario ("Ontario") and/or the Attorney General of Canada ("Canada"), have encroached upon or permitted third parties to encroach upon the Reserved Lands;
   c) An order of possession by Garden River of the Reserved Lands that remain in the possession of Canada and Ontario;
   d) Where portions of the Reserved Lands cannot be returned, an order for damages or equitable compensation to Garden River for lost opportunity and/or trespass against Canada and Ontario in an amount to be particularized in advance of trial;
   e) An order requiring Canada and Ontario to account for and disgorge to Garden River all monies received by the Crown from the sale, lease or use of lands comprising the Reserved Lands (including rights and interests in respect of resources on and under the Reserved Lands);
   f) Damages or equitable compensation to Garden River for breach of the Robinson Huron Treaty in an amount to be particularized in advance of trial;
   g) Damages or equitable compensation to Garden River for breach of fiduciary duty and/or breach of duties flowing from the Honour of the Crown in an amount to be particularized in advance of trial;
   h) Pre-judgement and post-judgement interest pursuant to the *Courts of Justice Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.43, as amended; and
   i) Such other and further relief as this Honourable Court may allow.

2. The Plaintiff, Chief Andy Rickard, is an Indian within the meaning of s. 2(1) of the *Indian Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. I-5, and a beneficiary of the Robinson Huron Treaty. Chief Rickard brings this action on his own behalf and on behalf of all the Garden River First Nation beneficiaries of the Robinson Huron Treaty.

3. The Plaintiff, Garden River First Nation ("Garden River"), is an Aboriginal group and a Band within the meaning of the *Indian Act*. Garden River occupies Reservation 14 (alternatively called the Garden River Reservation), located on the North Shore of the St. Mary's River, to the east of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, in the Province of Ontario.

4. The modern-day Garden River First Nation is the continuation of and successor to the Band of Ojibways represented by Chief Shingwaukonse (alternatively spelled Shingwaucoose), as it existed in 1850 at the time of the Robinson Huron Treaty in what is now Ontario. Garden River forms part of the Anishinaabe people.

5. The Defendant, the Attorney General of Canada, is the person designated for proceedings against the Federal Crown pursuant to the *Crown Liability and Proceedings Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c C-50. and is legally responsible for the acts and omissions of the preceding governments of His Majesty the King in Canada, including the acts and omissions of the pre-confederation governments of Canada West.

6. The Defendant, His Majesty the King in right of Ontario, is the person designated for proceedings against the Province of Ontario pursuant to the *Crown Liability and Proceedings Act*, 2019, S.O. 2019, c7, Sch 17. Crown land in the provinces of Ontario belongs to Ontario by the terms of the *Constitution Act*, 1867.

7. The Covenant Chain Alliance, the 1763 Royal Proclamation, and the 1764 Council at Niagara are among the legal instruments govern the relationship between Garden River and the Crown.

8. The Covenant Chain Alliance was originally formed between the British and Haudenosaunee Confederacy in the 17th century, but was extended by the British to the Ojibway of the upper Great Lakes to gain their military alliance or neutrality.

9. The Covenant Chain Alliance was recorded in the Covenant Chain Wampum, and occurred prior to the signing of the Robinson Huron Treaty.

10. The Royal Proclamation of 1763 created rules for the purchase of Indian Lands. It provides, among other things, that:

    . . . the several Nations or Tribes of Indians with whom We are connected, and who live under our Protection, should not be molested or disturbed in the Possession of such Parts of Our Dominions and Territories as, not having been ceded to or purchased by Us, are reserved to them, or any of them, as their Hunting Grounds.

11. After the Royal Proclamation of 1763, a Council was held at Niagara in 1764 between the Crown and Indigenous peoples which included representatives of the Ojibway. At the 1764 Council of Niagara, the Great Covenant Chain Wampum was exchanged.

12. Through the Royal Proclamation and the Council of Niagara, the Crown promised the Ojibways of the upper Great Lakes that their autonomy and the title to their lands would be maintained and protected.

13. Chief Shingwaukonse and other members of Garden River fought alongside the British in the War of 1812. Chief Shingwaukonse was awarded a medal for his service in the War of 1812.

14. The Indian land protections found in the Royal Proclamation of 1763, and communicated to the Ojibway by the Crown at the 1764 Council of Niagara, were continued in a series of statues and regulations, including but not limited to the Dorchester Regulation of 1794 and the 1850 Act for the Protection of the Indians in Upper Canada from Imposition, and
the Property Occupied or Enjoyed by them from Trespass and injury, 13 & 14 Vic., c.74.

**Events Prior to the Robinson Huron Treaty**

15. Prior to the signing of the Robinson Huron Treaty, the Ojibway people of the upper Great Lakes were organized into Aboriginal groups occupying discrete territories.

16. In 1849, a commission (the “Vidal-Anderson Commission”) was struck to investigate “the Indians of the North shores of Lakes Huron and Superior, for the purpose of investigating their claims to the territory bordering on those lakes . . . with a view to the final action of the Government on the subject. . .”. The Vidal-Anderson Commission found, among other things, that:

i. “the claim of the present occupants of this tract derived from their forefathers, who have from time immemorial hunted upon it”;

ii. the lands in question were divided among several bands, each independent from one another;

iii. these lands had little potential for agriculture, and that the main monetary value of the land stemmed from mining and

iv. the Ojibway peoples living on these lands were experiencing “hunger in many places”.

17. Following the release of the Vidal-Anderson Commission’s final report, the Crown exerted pressure on Garden River for the use and taking of their lands. For example, prior to the signing of the Robinson Huron Treaty, the Crown issued mining licenses on unexpressed Garden River territory, including on what would become the Reserved Lands.

18. In 1849, Chief Shingwaukonse and other Ojibway peoples forcibly occupied a mining location at Mica Bay, Lake Superior, to protest the encroachments upon their territories.

19. As a result of the Mica Bay occupation, Chief Shingwaukonse was arrested and a military unit was dispatched by the Crown to the region.

**Robinson Huron Treaty**

20. Treaty negotiations took place late in the summer of 1850. The lead Crown negotiator was William B. Robinson.

21. In the leadup to and including the negotiation of the Robinson Huron Treaty of 1850, Chief Shingwaukonse and other chief men of Garden River told the Crown’s representatives that Garden River was intent upon protecting and preserving its right to the exclusive occupation and use of their lands including control of mining, lumbering, and other resource developments and related activities.

22. The terms of the 1850 Robinson Huron Treaty recognized the lands described below as unsurrendered lands belonging to Garden River (the “Reserved Lands”):

   Fourteenth: For Shingwaukonse and his Band, a tract of land extending from Maskinonge Bay, inclusive, to Partridge Point, above Garden River on the front, and inland ten miles, throughout the whole distance; and also Squirrel Island.

23. A depiction of the first survey of the Reserved Lands, for illustration only, is shown in the plan of survey at Appendix A.

24. Under the terms of the Robinson Huron Treaty, mining locations within the Reserved Lands granted prior to the signing of the Robinson Huron treaty could be perfected if the holder fulfilled certain conditions:

   . . . The parties of the second part also agree, that in case the Government of this Province should before the date of this agreement have sold, or bargained to sell, any mining locations, or other property, on the portions of the Territory hereby reserved for their use; then and in that case such sale, or promise of sale, shall be perfected by the Government, if the parties claiming it shall have fulfilled all the conditions upon which such locations were made, and the amount accruing therefrom shall be paid to the Tribe to whom the Reservation belongs.

25. The conditions of the mining locations within the Reserved Lands granted prior to the signing of the Robinson Huron Treaty were not met by the holders.

26. Under the terms of the Robinson Huron Treaty, if Garden River wished to surrender or lease portions of their reservation, this would be done by the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs for Garden River’s sole benefit and to their best advantage:

   And should the said Chiefs and their respective Tribes at any time desire to dispose of any part of such reservations, or of any mineral or other valuable productions thereon, the same will be sold or leased at their request by the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs for the time being, or other officer having authority so to do, for their sole benefit, and to the best advantage.

**Purported “Surrenders” of the Reserved Lands Following the Robinson Huron Treaty**

27. In the years after the signing of the Robinson Huron Treaty, Garden River experienced famine and economic hardships. Garden River also continued to be put under pressure from the Crown to surrender all or portions of their Reserved Lands. It resisted such pressure and never lawfully surrendered any portion of the Reserved Lands.

28. In 1858, Richard Pennefeather, then Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, prepared a report into the state of Indian affairs in Canada. This report recommended, among other things, that “in cases where the Indians obstinately refuse to accede to any terms of surrender . . . Gentle means of coercion might be applied without prejudice to their real interests”. It also recommended “defraying the expenses [sic] connected with the management of the Indian Department out of the reserves of the tribes under its charge”.

29. The Crown coerced purported surrenders from Garden River’s Reserved Lands, and applied the proceeds from the sale of these purported surrenders to the Indian Department’s expenses.

30. To Garden River’s knowledge, these purported surrenders include (but are not limited to):

   (a) Treaty 91B, dated July 28, 1859;
   (b) Treaty 110, dated July 9, 1867;
(c) Treaty 111, dated July 9, 1867;  
(d) Treaty 130, dated May 20, 1873;  
(e) Treaty 140, dated November 25, 1874;  
(f) Treaty 165, dated April 17, 1872;  
(g) Treaty 166, dated November 15, 1877;  
(h) Treaty 196, dated September 6, 1882;  
(i) Treaty 243, dated April 27, 1887.

31. While styled as “Treaties”, these purported surrenders were coerced, unlawful takings of the Reserved Lands against Garden River’s wishes. These takings were contrary to the terms of the Robinson Huron Treaty, as well as the Crown’s legal and constitutional obligations, including the Covenant Chain Alliance, the 1763 Royal Proclamation, and the 1764 Council at Niagara.

32. Garden River continues to have a Treaty interest under s. 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 in the entirety of the Reserved Lands unless the Crown can establish a valid surrender of any part of these lands, which it cannot.

Claim for Damages and Equitable Compensation

33. By reason of these invalid “surrenders”, Garden River was and remains deprived of the use and occupation of these lands and their social, cultural, economic and spiritual value. In some cases, these lands have been sold by the Crown to third parties, who have benefited significantly for the value of these lands to the exclusions of Garden River. In other cases, the Crown has retained such lands for its own benefit. In either event, generations of Garden River members have lost the opportunity to use the land.

34. For well over one century, Garden River protested against encroachments on the Reserved Lands, including the lands over which purported surrenders were given.

35. The Crown as variously represented by Canada and Ontario and their predecessors, have owed and continue to owe Garden River fiduciary duties and duties flowing from the Honour of the Crown.

36. The Crown breached these fiduciary duties and duties flowing from the Honour of the Crown by (among other things):

(a) unlawfully taking and disposing of the Reserved Lands by purported surrenders, none of which comply with the terms of the Robinson Huron Treaty and the Crown’s legal and constitutional obligations to Garden River;
(b) allowing and encouraging non-Garden River interests on the Reserved Lands to the exclusion of Garden River; and  
(c) Not defending Garden River’s interests over the Reserved Lands.

37. As a consequence of the breach of duties owed by Canada and Ontario to Garden River, and as a consequence of the loss of use of portions of the Reserved Lands, Garden River has suffered substantial injury and loss.

38. The Crown benefitted from the unlawful taking of Garden River’s Reserved Lands, generating substantial revenues from the sale of these lands and resources on these lands. These monies have not been credited to the benefit or best advantage of Garden River and/or not been properly accounted for, in further breach of the Crown’s fiduciary duties, duties flowing from the Honour of the Crown, and obligations under the Robinson Huron Treaty.

39. The Reserved Lands have been significantly diminished as a result of the Crown’s acts and omissions in breach of its duties. The lands currently in the possession of Garden River are shown in the map at Appendix B, which Garden provides in this pleading for illustrative purposes only.

40. The Plaintiffs propose that this action be tried in Toronto.

Date of issue: May 18, 2023
Happy Father’s Day
Dad! Love Logan, Adrian and Avery

Happy Uncle’s Day to my three most special and greatest uncles in the world! Love you all and miss you Uncle Alex.
Love Monty

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Welcome to JUNE it is the month of the HEART BERRY: Ode / Heart Min / Berry.

June has been designated as Indigenous History Month. It is a good time to learn about our Culture, our History and to look to the Future.

The Odemin is a sacred berry, as it is the first food that Mother Earth gives the people. It is the Heart Berry. The heart is very significant to the Ojibway People, it is everything.

The Odemin is also the sacred special food for the women, as it reminds us of our sacred connection to Shgaakmikwe / Mother Earth. Women are the life givers, we are intricately connected to Mother Earth, so much that the word Kwe, refers to that sacred connection, which means of Mother Earth and to be like Mother Earth. As well, the Odemin has runners, that spread its’ nourishment, which is also linked to kindness, as it nurtures good life and wellness.

In this full moon, as Kwewok we connect to Odemin and to Shgaakmikwe, to strengthen our awareness to the natural cycles: cycle upon cycle so many natural cycles, also connection to natural cycles of Nokomis Giizis / Grandmother Moon.

Submitted by Gramma Misko Asin / Red Stone / Barbara Day

Congratulations to my sister Stacey Musgrove-Marchand on her Graduation from the Indigenous Social Service Worker program from Sault College on her birthday!
Love Tamara!

Join team APS today!

Recipe

No—Bake Strawberry Cheesecake Jars

Ingredients:
- 2 8 ounce packages of cream cheese, softened at room temperature
- 1 pound strawberries washed & stems removed
- 3-4 tablespoons sugar
- Fresh mint to garnish

Instructions
1. Beat the cream cheese until creamy. Dice half of the strawberries and add to mixer, mix over medium-speed until the strawberries are pureed into the cream cheese.
2. Slowly add in the sugar and mix. Taste and add more sweetener if needed.
3. Using jars, add the cream cheese mixture to the bottom, add a couple of strawberries, then follow with another layer of cream cheese mixture. Repeat till jars are full. Garnish with strawberries and mint.
4. Refrigerate for at least an hour before enjoying.
NOTICE OF VACANCIES & PRIORITY LIST -- OPEN UNTIL FILLED

1. Are you:
   A) trustworthy and honest?
   B) over the age of 30 years on commencement of term as 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 Trustee?
   G) maintain loyalty to the 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, Garden River band members should submit your resume and cover letter to the address below. Interviews will be scheduled for those applicants who meet the qualifications. Successful candidates would be entered onto a priority list for vacancies that occur within the Garden River First Nation Community Trust, whose purpose 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 Garden River Band members are invited to submit a letter and resume 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. Meeting criteria within Trust Agreement and interview process, appointments as Garden River Trustees are conditional upon submission of:
   a. clear Criminal Reference Check
   b. clear/negative bankruptcy/credit check
   c. signed Code of Conduct
   d. Three (3) forms as required corporate trustee

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

Posted June 14, 2022
# JUNE 2023 TRAILER CALENDAR

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Follow our new Facebook page for updates on the park “Ojibway Park The Sun Sets Here”.

The Gatehouse hours are 8:30 a.m. until 8 p.m. everyday!! Hope to see you this summer!

~ Ojibway Park Staff
Safe, sustainable, and affordable homes

Building Officials make sure that each new affordable housing unit is safe, sustainable and built to the standards of the Ontario Building Code. Here are elements they look for when doing inspections:

- Making sure the walls of each unit are built properly so fires don’t spread quickly from unit to unit.
- Making sure that the exterior building design protects each unit from local climate conditions.
- Ensuring plumbing and septic systems are installed properly.
- Ensure heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) requirements have been met to ensure a healthy space to live.

Did you know that the Ontario Building Code regulates energy efficiency of affordable homes?

Whether homes are built for luxury or affordable housing, both are required to meet the standards of the building code!

MAY IS BUILDING SAFETY MONTH ACROSS ONTARIO

www.oboa.on.ca

Silver Creek Golf Course

SUMMER RATES

9 HOLES - $45
18 HOLES - $65
TWILIGHT (AFTER 4PM) - $45

CALL US
Pro Shop: (705) 942-2080 ext. 1
Restaurant: (705) 942-2080 ext. 3

HOURS OF OPERATION
Golf Course & Shop: 9:00AM-9:00PM
Restaurant: 9:00AM-9:00PM
Office: 9:00AM-4:00PM
The Drum was Built in Garden River by an Elder and Knowledge Keeper of Keteegaanzibi, Jeff Biron. The drum was originally intended for firemen of the GRFN Department to assist them both spiritually and emotionally through events and situations they may have witnessed and experienced while being firemen and EMS front line workers. Former Chief and founder of the Garden River Fire Department, the late Rick Nolan baa, had a vision to have a big drum in the community, both for the Fire Fighters and as a way to move through, heal and to stay healthy dealing with these traumatic events and situations, which we now know can cause PTSD.

This was an Important and powerful vision that Rick Nolan Sr had, and his son Steve Nolan who is his eldest son put it into action and had a drum constructed. The Grandfather Drum sat dormant for several years after the making of the drum. It was suggested to my son, Steven Day-Nolan to take the Grandfather Drum home, and to begin caring for the drum and start drumming and bringing the drum out into the community. Steven jumped on the opportunity right away, he was on a mission from his Grandpa, and answered the call of the drum, he only 8 years old at the time: he felt the call from the Grandfather Drum and felt he needed to rescue and put the drum into action. I was not sure if we could do this, as I knew we needed a man to help who had this knowledge and gift to be the keeper and to guide and teach them, both how to care for the drum, and to manage, to teach them how to sit, give them the teachings, how to sing, why they are singing, how to carry and care for the Chi’Odewe’igan / Big Drum. But I quickly figured, well we have my partner Rene, Steven’s dad, all the dads and the fire guys, between all of us, we can do this. Steven was so super excited and insistent, that he was meant to do this, so both him and I went and Gathered Up the Mishomis Chi’ Odewe’igan / Grandfather drum. And we began this journey and adventure, of caring for NIMKII AANAKWAT / Thunder Cloud, as Steven knew right off the hop that the drum was called NIMKII AANAKWAT. Steven Day-Nolan being the son of Steve Nolan, and the grandson of the late Rick Nolan, it is only fitting that Steven be the Keeper of NIMKII AANAKWAT.

Over the years I (Barbara Day) have been an active grandmother / Nokomis to the drum and to the Eskiniigwak / young fellas from the time when we picked the drum up in Garden River. I help with keeping these young fellas in Line: how to take care of the drum and how to manage around the drum. It is actually an old practice to have a Grandmother to over see a drum, and I am honoured to have been doing this since the inception. My Partner (Rene Ojeebah) as well, has been an active Mishoomis / Grandfather to the Drum Nimkii Aanakwat and to the Eskiniigwak / young fellas. The Grandfather Drum will assist and bring them into becoming responsible adults, and around the drum will be a place and sacred space, a platform if you will, to both teach them cultural values and valuable life skills. Our wonderful Ojibway ways, both culturally and spiritually, help to set the tone for their life learning and future. I believe in this whole heartedly, and I have been willing to sacrifice, along with our other parents and put in a lot of hours, assisting the boys to get to drumming opportunities and practices over the years, simply because we believe the drum and it’s power to help these young fellas to stay on a good path, and the potential the drum has to teach them. Our drum: Nimkii Aanakwat, is not a “Powwow Drum”, but is a “Community Drum” helping our community of Baawaaoting by providing that heart beat for the community. To assist in the healing and wellness of our people, and assisting in maintaining healing and wellness. Not to say that they cannot drum at pow wows, and they have drummed at pow wows, and they have helped to fortify and keep events moving along, because sometimes they were maybe the only other drum in attendance or sometimes the only drum. There are only a few drums in our territory of Baawaaoting, and it would be a beneficial for our First Nations to have a drum present in our home of Garden River and Baawaaoting.

If anyone would like to request the boys to sing, you can contact me, or mention it to one of the Boys:

**Nimkii Aanakwat Drum and Singers**

- Steven Day-Nolan
- Nahoba Moore
- William Sayers
- Wayne Jones-Reid
- Arthur Vincent
- Owen Lariviere
- Jace Pine

Submitted by Gramma Misko Asin / Red Stone / Barbara Day
Garden River Athletes Medal at National Aboriginal Hockey (NACH) Tournament

Congratulations to Deven Jones McDonald a member of Team Ontario boys who captured the silver medal. Deven was selected as the MVP in the semi-final game against Team British Columbia. He scored the game winning goal to move the team into the championship game against Team Manitoba. Regrettably this was his last game in the tournament. He had to leave Winnipeg prior to the championship game and fly back to Ontario in order to attend an OHL camp. This amazingly talented athlete was selected in this 2023 year’s Ontario Hockey League draft selection by the Oshawa Generals.

Congratulations to Aliya Rowe and Gracie Cadeau both members of Team Ontario girls who captured the gold medal. This was Aliya’s second year at this prestigious tournament. Both athletes proved invaluable to the team and worked hard each and every shift. Each presented themselves as young respectable well-mannered female athletes both on and off ice. Talent, determination, and true team affiliation shone as they selflessly assisted their team win the gold medal which had been close but elusive for many years.

These athletes attained a pinnacle that not many hockey players will ever accomplish. It’s truly commendable on them for attending a tryout and then to make the team. Without your commitment and dedication you would not have been identified as one of the elite Indigenous hockey players to represent your family, First Nation, community, and finally the province of Ontario.

To the parent(s) and family of these athletes; kudos for getting up all those mornings and getting them to early practises or late ones even, travelling with your son or daughter to games across the province, providing advanced athletic opportunities for your child, giving that perpetual support to allow your child to be a high-end athlete, and just being their rock solid backing when they had to struggle through the high and lows of a very competitive sport.

Karen Bell
Aanii Boozhoo from the Garden River Elementary team! Waawaaskone Giizis (May) has been filled with a bountiful harvest. After a very damp and wet spring we are getting ready for Niibin’s warmth. We started off the month with our waterfowl harvest and learning about migratory birds. We continued with celebrating out life-givers at our Mother’s Day tea party. Finally we are continuing to examine the growth of new life on the forest floor! We are extremely grateful for the return of all new life. Miigwetch akinagegoo.

Mii’iw
Garden River Elementary Team
New Student Enrollment
If your child is born in 2019 (JK) or 2018 (SK), please register them with us today.

How to register:
1. Come in anytime at the Garden River Education Unit
2. Fill out registration papers
3. Provide status card if your child has one
4. Receive a copy of the Elementary guidelines to see what services are provided for your child.

Please register with Deanna Jones, Elementary Liaison. I can be reached at 705-946-9333 ext 203 or by email at djones@gardenriver.ca.

Aki Kikinomakaywin
An Indigenous-led, land- and water-based science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM) experiential learning program for Indigenous youth in northern Ontario.

Thunder Bay, Ontario • July 16-22, 2023

Through learning lead by Elders and Knowledge Keepers, youth will:
- Get closer to nature and feel more connected to the land, water, spirit, and yourself.
- Learn how to combine Indigenous and Western knowledge to find creative solutions and explore the exciting world of environmental science.
- Boost your confidence to pursue higher education and kick-start your career in STEAM!

Our program is free!

Learn more and apply:
- www.akiakinomakaywin.com
- @akiakinomakaywin
- Aki Kikinomakaywin

Keep connected with us!
- www.akiakinomakaywin.com
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Aki Kikinomakaywin
When
One-week summer camp July 16-22
Who
Indigenous youth ages 14-16 from Northwestern and northeastern Ontario
Where
Lakehead University Campus Thunder Bay, Ontario

Our vision
To provide Indigenous-led and land-based, hands-on education opportunities to Indigenous youth in northern Ontario. For youth to:
- Connect to the land, water, spirit, and self.
- Understand the benefits of using Indigenous and Western ways of knowing together.

What you can look forward to
A week of land- and water-based learning led by Elders and Knowledge Keepers that centres Indigenous knowledge, stories and teachings:
- Cultural activities and the sharing of a traditional meal at the School of Indigenous Learning
- Hands-on and land-based art activities and workshops led by Indigenous artists
- Conduct a stream assessment
- Participate in a water walk ceremony
- Visit Confederation College
- Make new friends
- And more!
Summer School

The HSCDSB is offering a number of courses in its Summer School Program for students entering high school and those already in high school.

Classes begin July 4th and run through July 31st from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

In-Person learning is being offered for Grade 9 courses and virtual learning for all other grade courses being offered.

COURSES OFFERED

Grade 9 Reach-Ahead In-Person Learning at St. Mary’s College
NAC10 – Expressions of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Cultures
PAF10F – Personal Fitness Activities (French Immersion)
E-Learning Courses via LMS

CHV2/GLC20 – Grade 10 Civics and Career Studies (Open)
HRT3M – Grade 11 Faith and Culture: World Religions (College/University)
HRE40 – Grade 12 Church and Culture (Open)
ENG4C – Grade 12 College English
ENG4U – Grade 12 University English

Please note that the above courses will only be offered based on sufficient enrollment so early registration is recommended.

REGISTRATION

Registration deadline is Monday, June 26. If you have any questions call 705-945-5685.

Below is the registration link.
https://forms.hscdsb.on.ca/PresentationServer/Form.aspx/Play/_rAaggIl?f=_rAaggIl

GRFN Public Library aka Resource Centre

June’s Featured Books

Medicine River, Thomas King. When Will returns to Medicine River, he thinks he is simply attending his mother’s funeral. He doesn’t count on Harlen Bigbear and his unique brand of community planning. Harlen tries to sell Will on the idea of returning to Medicine River to open shop as the town’s only Native photographer. Somehow, that’s exactly what happens. Through Will’s gentle and humourous narrative, we come to know Medicine River, a small Albertan town bordering a Blackfoot reserve.

Permanent Astonishment, Tomson Highway. Tomson Highway was born in a snowbank on an island in the sub-Artic, the eleventh of twelve children in a nomadic, caribou-hunting Cree family. Growing up in a land of ten thousand lakes and islands, Tomson relished being pulled by dogsled beneath a night sky alive with starts, sucking the juices from roasted muskrat tails, and singing country music songs with his impossibly beautiful older sister and her teenage friends. Surrounded by the love of his family and the vast, spellbinding landscape they called home, his was in many ways and idyllic far-north childhood.

Both of these books and many more are available for borrowing at the Library for FREE!!!
Services include:
- Book lending
- Printing services (free for students)
- Reading; craft; kids programs
- GRFN Archives
- Home of the GRFN Community Monthly Newsletter

Additional Info:
- The VR Console/Computer has approx. 30 games available
- Ontario Parks Permit—2 parking passes that can be loaned out
- Free Wifi Available to students & community members
- 3D Printer—small single colour requests can be printed for a fee
- Printing, binding, laminating is available.

Appointments:
can be set up for library usage after regular hours — for homework, VR games, printing, wifi — must be scheduled at least 2 days in advance.

Email: irene.gray@gardenriver.ca
Or Call: 705-946-3933 ext. 210

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| Find the following words in the puzzle. Words are hidden \( \downarrow \) and \( \uparrow \). |
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| BEZHIG - one    | MDAASWISHINSWI - thirteen |
| MDAASW - ten    | NAAAN - five      |
| MDAASWISHIBEZHIG - eleven | NGODWAASWI - six |
| MDAASWISHINAANAN - fifteen | NISHWAASWI - seven |
| MDAASWISHINIWIN - fourteen | NIIWIN - four |
| MDAASWISHINIZH - twelve | NIIZH - three      |

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Anishinaabemowin Words for the Month:

- Aagask - grouse
- okons - beak
- aningwigan - wings
- miigwan - feather
- o'skansi - talons
GARDEN RIVER SLO-PITCH Tournament

JULY 14-16
GARDEN RIVER BALL FIELDS
$500/TEAM
1ST PLACE: $1500
2ND PLACE: $750
3RD PLACE: $500

CO-ED RECREATION TOURNAMENT
5X5 FORMAT  $125 DEPOSIT DUE

TO SIGN UP:
GMORETTIN@GRFNREC.COM - (705) 946-4006 EXT. 221
RBILLINGSLEY@GRFNREC.COM - (705) 946-4006 EXT. 204

Wellness Centre

Brett Corbiere CHN: 705-946-5710 ex. 207
Garden River Wellness Centre – 23 Shingwauk Street, Garden River
Ontario, P6A 7B2
www.crwc.ca

Be Tick Smart

A blacklegged tick (also called a deer tick) is a tiny bug, about the size of a sesame seed, which feeds on blood. Blacklegged ticks are commonly found in woodlands, tall grasses and bushes. They cannot fly. They move about the ground slowly and settle on tall grasses and bushes until they attach themselves to a person or animal passing by. Ticks are most active in spring and summer.

- Perform a careful self-inspection for ticks after being in the woods or tall grass. Pay special attention to areas such as your scalp, ankles, armpits, groin, naval and behind your ears and knees.
- Use a mirror to check the back of your body or have someone else check it for you.
- YouTube: Enjoy the outdoors, without a tick https://youtu.be/jhq6ap09CPF

Tick Submitting and Identification GRWC

1. Put the tick in a secure container.
2. Bring the tick to the GRWC for identification. If the tick cannot be brought to the office within one week of removal, the tick may be placed in a freezer until drop off.
3. Complete a Tick Submission Form at GRWC office

Tick Removal

1. If the tick is attached, use fine-tipped tweezers or tick removal tool to grasp the tick as close to your skin as possible. Do not use your fingers.
2. Pull the tick straight out, gently but firmly making sure to remove the entire tick (including the head). Don’t squeeze it – avoid crushing the tick’s body.
3. Thoroughly clean the bite site with rubbing alcohol and/or soap and water.
**G’Naadmaagoom**

Now has it’s own Facebook page!!

Check out the latest and most up to date activities!!

https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089863964795

(Garden River Child and Family Services)

To continue practicing safe social distancing - Most programs will be on a virtual platform.

Off reserve band members are encouraged to participate!

**PLEASE REGISTER ONE DAY IN ADVANCE AS SPACES ARE LIMITED**

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Please Note: Virtual program participants will not be let in to Zoom more than 5 minutes after program start time. (LA= Learning Activity)
G’NAADMAAOGOM
Garden River Child and Family Services
Building Strong Families and Communities for our Children

2SLGBTQIA+
Youth Group

Join us in-person on the third Friday of every month for a drop-in group
Ages 12–17
6:00–7:30pm
GR Child & Family Services Building
(7A Shingwauk Street)

Contact Lana Growbarger for information or to register
705-450-5071 x226
lgrowbarger@grcfs.ca

Bami’aagan
Parent & Caregiver Support Group

Are you the parent or caregiver of a child with Special Needs? Join us for our Parent & Caregiver Support Group where we can form supportive relationships and share resources that may benefit you and your children.

Group will be in-person the 1st Wednesday of each month
5:30 pm–7:30 pm

**Beginning February 1st, 2023**

Contact Stevie to Register or for more information
Call: 705.450.5071 ext 221
Text: 705.989.7770
Email: snoland@grcfs.ca

Garden River Child & Family Services
COFFEE HOUSE

Monday June 26th
Noon–2PM
Community Centre

Raffle Prize
Lunch & Refreshments Provided

Join us for coffee & chat with the staff of the Garden River Child & Family Services Department

www.GRcfs.ca
Our Ojibway Stories, History and Treaties Workshops for 2022-23


You are invited to learn and participate in our Circle of Learning Workshops about our Ojibway stories, history and treaties to be held once a month on a Wednesday from October 2022 to December 2023 at the Dan Pine Sr. Healing Lodge from 5:30 to 8:00 pm with supper included.

Indigenous Peoples have experienced life before contact and after contact. Colonization and racism of control created powerlessness. This included forced assimilation of the residential schools systems, denial of history, culture and economic social co-development. Learning about our past, present and visions for the future are important to our sense of identity, good health and good life.

CONTACT LAURIE 705-946-5710 EXT 228 TO REGISTER

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DAN PINE HEALING LODGE
200 ANISHINABE POINT ROAD, GARDEN RIVER, ON P0S 1C0

TELEPHONE: 705-946-5710
Laurie ext. 228
Terry ext. 212
Kimberly ext. 215
Adora ext. 208
www.grwc.ca/dan-pine-healing-lodge/
GARDEN RIVER FIRST NATION EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT – SECURITY GUARD TRAINING


6 Participants successfully completed the Security Guard Training –

Jason Jones
Tahneal Lothrop
Rachel Solomon
Jennifer Solomon
Amanda Solomon
Shayla Pine

On behalf of the GRFN Employment and Skills Development Team – we Congratulate you on your hard work and we wish you all the best in your future endeavours!

Wanita Jones – ISET Supervisor
Darryl Williams Jones – Youth Employment Counsellor
Lee Ann Gamble

GRFN Bingo

SPEND FATHER’S DAY WITH GARDEN RIVER BINGO
ALL MEN WILL RECEIVE 1 FREE STRIP AND HAVE A CHANCE AT A BINGO BAG FULL OF GOODIES

June 21 2023 TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY
Teepee $150.00
Full Card $500.00
(12:45PM, 3:15PM, 6:30PM)
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**MUST PURCHASE**
- Champagne Glass: $700.00
- Wine Bottle: $1,000.00
- Champagne Bottle: $1,500.00
- Bottle of Wine: $2,000.00
- Bottle of Champagne: $3,000.00

**Break Time:** 30 Minutes

**Tickets:** 3/$5; 10/$15; 20/$25

**Doors Open:** 8:00 AM

**Tickets Available:** 3/$5

**Tickets are Non-Refundable**

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**June 2023**

**Father's Day Bingo**

- **Sunday, June 18:**
  - Matinee: Pay As You Play & Main Game
  - Matinee & Main

- **Monday, June 19:**
  - Matinee: Pay As You Play & Main Game
  - Matinee & Main

- **Tuesday, June 20:**
  - Matinee: Pay As You Play & Main Game
  - Matinee & Main

- **Wednesday, June 21:**
  - Matinee: Pay As You Play & Main Game
  - Matinee & Main

- **Thursday, June 22:**
  - Matinee: Pay As You Play & Main Game
  - Matinee & Main

- **Friday, June 23:**
  - Matinee: Pay As You Play & Main Game
  - Matinee & Main

- **Saturday, June 24:**
  - Matinee: Pay As You Play & Main Game
  - Matinee & Main

**Free Strip Day**

- Pay As You Play: $500 Jackpot & $1,000 Jackpot

**Bingo Hotline:** (705) 253-8718

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**SALES START APRIL 1ST**

**RAFFLE TIME**

WIN CASH PRIZE
50/50 Split

August 7, 2023

**Winner Will Be Announced at Our Mega Monster Bingo**

20 Synette Lake Road, Garden River

**Door Prize:** VISA

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**THANKS FOR COMING!! COME BACK AGAIN!!**
Summer Hours
JUNE 22, 2023 to SEPTEMBER 2, 2023

MON to THURS – 8:30AM to 4:30PM
FRI – 8:30AM to 12:00PM

These hours do not apply to essential workers
or business enterprises.

Great things to donate to
GRFN-MIIJIM GAAMIG Food Bank
Peanut Butter & Jam
Pasta (dry or canned)
Pasta Sauce
Can tomatoes
Tuna or Salmon
(Other canned meats: chicken, ham or turkey flakes)
Kraft Dinner, Sidekicks, Mr. Noodles
Hot & Cold Cereal
Canned Soup
Rice/Flour/Oatmeal
Coffee (instant or Ground)
Tea
Juice Boxes

Donations can be dropped off at Miijim Gaamig Food Bank located at the GRFN Band Office
For further information please contact,
Michelle @ 705-946-6300 Ext. 227

*MIIGWETCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT*

GRFN Miijim Gaamig
Garden River First Nation
Food House

Hours of Operation

Monday—9 am—4 pm
Tuesday—CLOSED
Wednesday—9 am—4 pm
Thursday—CLOSED
Friday—9 am—4 pm

PLEASE NOTE: CLOSED (12-1pm)

Food bank access is limited to one visit per month

Further information, please contact
Michelle @ MIIJIM GAAMIG
(705-946-6300 ext 227)

*Food and Monetary Donations are always greatly appreciated*
The GRFN Transfer Station located at 216 Noonday Drive is OPEN

TUESDAY, 9 am—5 pm
WEDNESDAY, 9 am—5 pm
THURSDAY, 9 am—5 pm
FRIDAY, 9 am—5 pm
SATURDAY, 9 am—5 pm

CLOSED SUNDAY AND MONDAYS & CLOSED FOR LUNCH EACH DAY (12-1)

Updates

THE MEMBERSHIP OFFICE IS NOW LOCATED AT:

Garden River First Nation Administration Building
7 Shingwauk Street
Garden River First Nation
PG6 6Z8

Please contact Terri Tice, IRA
Telephone 705-946-6300 ext. 246
Cell 705-989-2041
Email ttice@gardenriver.org

OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
closed from 12-1

PLEASE CALL TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

Newsletter FYI

Garden River Community Newsletter Submission Deadlines for 2023

♦ July Newsletter—Friday, June 23
♦ August Newsletter—Friday, July 28
♦ September Newsletter—Friday, August 25
♦ October Newsletter—Friday, September 22
♦ November Newsletter—Friday, October 27
♦ December Newsletter—Friday, November 24

Email submissions to:
irene.gray@gardenriver.ca

What can be submitted for the newsletter:

- Program Updates
- Upcoming programs
- Anniversaries/Weddings
- Birthday announcements
- Shout Outs—acknowledge our band/community members for accomplishing their goals
- Congratulations to those who did well
- Community based photos—old-time photo sharing, ‘seen here’
- Community Welcomes—new hires, new members, returning members
- Miigwetch’s, chi Miigwetch’s
- Pet photos
- Inspirational words to share
- Remember when’s—elders please share stories of when you were young
- Public acknowledgement for grants received (dreamcatcher)
- Short stories, poetry

And as always—email to Irene.gray@gardenriver.ca
**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

**GRFN Chief & Council Portfolio Holders**

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**GRFN Community Newsletter Contact Information**

Irene M. Gray, Resource Centre Coordinator
GR Education/Recreation Centre 48 Syrette Lake Road, G.R., ON P6A 7A1
Phone: 705-946-3933 Ext 210, Fax: 705-946-0413
Email: irene.gray@gardenriver.ca Website: https://urlis.net/xvdb0

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**July 2023 Newsletter Submission Deadline:**

**June 23, 2023**

Please call **1-888-310-1122** when you need to make a report with your local APS detachment.

Avoid using the local administrative lines unless it is for Criminal Records Checks or to reach our Court Administrators.

Our offices are not staffed 24/7. Officers are on the road and unable to check voice messages.

When you call the dispatcher they will automatically create an occurrence report and it will be given to an APS officer.

Remember that dispatchers are not from the community and will ask you questions, please be patient as it is their job, and it is for everyone’s safety. Miigwetch for your understanding.