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August 6, 2025

Dear Band Members,

Our next KZA General Band Meeting will be held at the KZA Community Hall on Saturday, August 9th, 2025, from 9:30am-12pm.

Agenda:

- Moose Moratorium issue
- 2. Cabin Policy update
- 3. Bill 97 Forestry report
- 4. AFN and AANTC General Assemblies
- Water/Sewer projects update
- 6. Welfare Administration update Rules and Regulations
- 7. Legacy Fund Day School Settlement
- 8. Language Building update
- 9. Questions and Answer period

Beans, bannock, healthy snacks along with coffee and refreshments will be available for attendees.

Chief Jean Guy Whiteduck Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg

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ANNUAL POLITICAL ASSEMBLY

Algonquin Anishinabeg Nation Tribal Council

August 20 and 21, 2025

Minawasi Hall

170 rue Tom Rankin

Pikogan



Conseil tribal de la Nation algonquine Anishinabeg

20 et 21 août 2025

Salle Minawasi 170 rue Tom Rankin Pikogan

ASSEMBLÉE POLITIQUE ANNUELLE

SCHEDULE

August 20, 2025

9:00 a.m. Reports from elected representatives

1:00 p.m. Update on issues affecting the Nation

August 21

9:00 a.m. Continuation of presentations in the morning 1:00 p.m. Nominations for election on the Council of the Nation.

August 21

Nomination for

Grand Chief
Vice-Grand Chief

Representatives of:

Women Elders Youth

HORAIRE

20 août 2025

9h Présentation des rapports des représentants élus

13h Mise à jour sur les dos siers touchant la Nation

21 août

9h Suite des présentations en matinée

13h Mise en nomination pour les élections au Conseil de la Nation.

21 août

Mise en nomination pour:

Grand Chef Vice-Grand Chef

Représentants:

Femmes
Aînés
Jeunes

Information: Alanah Whiteduck, 819-449-1225



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NOTICE

Income Security Cheques for 2025

SINCE COVID-19

INCOME SECURITY RECIPIENTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVING AN ADDITIONAL MONIES FOR INFLATION AND COVID-19

THESE MONIES HAVE BEEN FROM INDIGENOUS SERVICES
CANADA (ISC)

THESE MONIES WILL BE DISCONTINUED

INCOME SECURITY CHEQUES WILL GO BACK TO PRE-COVID-19

AMOUNTS

AFTER AUGUST (SEPTEMBER CHEQUES) THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER INFLATION MONIES OR COVID-19 MONIES

INCOME SECURITY WILL BE AT STANDARD ISC RATES

If you need more information, please contact Christine Stevens, Community Services Director or Deb Meness, Income Security at

819 449 5170 Ext 1404

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KITIGAN ZIBI ANISHINABEG COMMUNITY MEMBERS LIVING ALLOWANCE FOR 0-17 YEARS OLD (Minor Children)

This money is intended for the benefit of the child.

Important: Required Documentation for Dependant Living Allowance

To ensure timely processing and receipt of the living allowance for your dependants, please complete the following steps:

- 1. Submit a completed application form. (attached)
- Provide the most recent legal documentation confirming custody of your dependants.
 Cheques must be issued in the name of the appropriate parent or legal guardian. Please note: cheques cannot be issued in a minor's name.
- Submit a current void cheque and direct deposit form. Even if you have submitted one
 previously, a new, updated cheque specimen is required.

Important Notes:

- If the required information is not submitted by the deadline (August 18, 2025), your cheque or deposit will not be ready on August 27, 2025 as scheduled.
- You must present valid photo ID when collecting your cheque.
- Only depedants registered with the Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg band are eligible to receive the living allowance.

Submission Deadline:

All required documents must be submitted by August 18, 2025, at 4:30 PM.

Please submit applications, documents and direct deposit information to our Claims Coordinators:

Tamera McGregor, Claims Coordinator Leanne Cox, Claims Coordinator, Pauline M. Whiteduck, Claims Coordinator

In Person: Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg Administration Office, 1 Paganakomin Mikan, Kitigan Zibi, Qc

By Phone: 819-449-5170 ext. 1203 Toll free: 1-888-449-5170

By Email: kzamembers@kza.qc.ca

We will not be accepting information given via social media, FB messenger or any other outlet used besides the above-mentioned options.



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0-17 Years Old Living Allowance Application Form

(please fill out a form for each Dependant)

Print Name	Signature	Date	
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Father's Band Nur	mber: (if applicable)	Email:_	
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Mother's Name:		Contact	#:
PARENT/LEGAL	GUARDIAN INFORMATION		
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Scavenger Hunt

The Land, Water and Animals Advisory Committee are inviting KZ members and other First Nations people to a Scavenger Hunt out in our territory

Come on out and join us in an adventure out on the land.

- get familiar with our territory
- see the marvels & beauty of the land
 - play some cultural and
 language games

- and most importantly, have a great day with family & friends
 - A good meal to follow

Prizes:

1st place - \$500.00 gas card, 2nd place - \$250.00 gas card, 3rd place - \$150.00 gas card and door prizes



Registration of each vehicle is required

When: Saturday, August 23, 2025, Start at Cultural Center at 7:45 am

You will need:

- > your cell phone
 - > your vehicle
- > full tank of gas
- snacks & drinks
- > toilet paper
- > notebook & pen
 - binoculars
- > and your free spirit for fun
 - and adventure.

For further information and to register, contact Mariette Buckshot, the Land, Water and Animals Advisory Committee Coordinator at:819-449-5170 ext. 9025 or

Mariette.Buckshot@kza.qc.ca

POONTOON RIDE ON THE RIVER

KZ MEMBERS INVITED TO A POONTOON RIDE ON THE RIVER FOR 55+ YOUTH ARE INVITED

WHEN: TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2025

WHERE: RIDE ON THE DESERT RIVER
(MEET AT THE PARK ACROSS FROM CHATEAU
LOGUE FOR LUNCH)

TIME: 11:30 AM LUNCH, PONTOON RIDE TO FOLLOW

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CONTACT LAND, WATER AND ANIMALS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE COORDINATOR, MARIETTE
BUCKSHOT AT 819-449-5170 EXT: 9025





JOB OPPORTUNITY

OPEN UNTIL FILLED

June 12, 2025

POSITION:

Mental Health Worker

LOCATION: WORK SCHEDULE: Kitigan Zibi Health and Social Services

TEDM:

35 hours a week (varied schedule)

TERM:

Indeterminate - Full Time (6-month probationary period)

SALARY:

Level 7 (range based on experience)

DUE DATE:

Open until filled

The Mental Health Social Worker develops, assists, and facilitates mental health service delivery through established mechanisms and partnerships with internal/external resources to community members. They work as a member of a multi-disciplinary team to provide social services to students, families, school, senior-care residents, hospital patients and clients with disabilities.

PREAMBLE

If you are interested in applying for this position and can demonstrate that you meet the mandatory basic requirements, please forward your: cover letter, updated resume, copy of your degrees and/or diplomas/certificates, three (3) work references and any documentation that will support you meet the mandatory qualifications. A police reference check will be required if considered for the position.

Please provide your job application package to the attention of Myra Dumont, Human Resources Advisor, at the (KZHSS) Health Center.

Contact information:

Email:

Myra.Dumont@kza.qc.ca or hr.advisor@kza.qc.ca

Phone:

819-449-5593 ext. 2015

Location:

KZ Health Centre (8 Kikinamage Mikan, Maniwaki, QC J9E 3B1)

Only persons meeting the mandatory requirements will be considered for an interview. Failure to provide all the necessary documentation before the deadline will be considered an incomplete application. Preference will be given to Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg Band members in accordance with the Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg's Preferential Hiring Policy. Applicants must posses the basic requirements at the time of the deadline. Band Council reserves that right to recruit the most suitable and competent employee(s) who can best serve the interests of KZA as well as provide quality services to its members regarding the candidates who pass the interview process.

KITIGAN ZIBI HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mental Health Social Worker Job Description

GENERAL INFORMATION.

Job Title: Mental Health Social Worker

Category: Professional

Sector: Kitlgan Zibi Health & Social Services Location: As designated by KZHSS Director

Terms: Full Time—Indeterminate Hours: 35 hours per week

Salary: KZA Salary Scale Level 7 (Range negotiable)

in accordance with the KZA Human Resource Policy

Immediate Supervisor: KZHSS Director Date of Job Description: May 2025

K⊠HSSIMISSION STATEMENT

Kitigan Zibi Health and Social Services offers a safe, equitable, and quality current service practice with qualified community professionals to encourage Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg community members to take charge of their own health.

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The Montal Health Social Worker develops, assists, and facilitates mental health service delivery through established mechanisms and partnerships with internal/external resources to community members. They work as a member of a multi-disciplinary team to provide social services to students, families, school, senior-care residents, hospital patients and clients with disabilities.

KEY DUMES :

- Client advocacy.
- Ensures effective communications systems are in place which include referral
 protocols, guidelines and policies for the management of patients with various service
 providers.
- Clinical supervision of frontline KZHSS staff.
- Client psychosocial assessment of client needs (individual, family); development of service plans.
- Family, group, individual counselling.
- Judicial and hospital reports.
- Reporting requirements to social workers,
- Public curatorship.
- Develops, implements and provides effective professional learning in the areas of abuse, behaviour management and social emotional issues.
- Remains current on relevant research, best practices, legislation and professional literature.

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

- Theories, principles, and practices of Human Relations.
- Skills in clinical assessment, treatment and intervention.
- Knowledge of applicable laws, P-38, Youth Protection laws.
- Knowledge of Quebec's laws and regulations under MSSS.
- Knowledge of child, youth and family services and educational system.
- Knowledge of KZA sectors, services, and multidisciplinary protocols in place.
- Knowledge of all relevant KZA/KZHSS policies, KZA Code of Ethics, KZA Human Resources Manual and Privacy Laws.
- Knowledge of skills in crisis intervention/tragic response and suicide intervention skills.
- Knowledge in providing consultation to professional colleagues, teachers, administrators, parents and guardians.

CONTACTS

- Briefs Director of issues/concerns.
- Provides input on policy and procedural changes.
- Maintains positive relationships with residents, clients, co-workers and community members.
- Works with special needs persons (intellectual), debriefing,
- Liaises and networks with local service providers, partners, Centre-Jeunesse, Pierre-Janet Coordinator.
- Works with Home-Care Coordinator.
- Works with local service providers (CSSSO), institutions, educational facilities, government agencies, health care agencies/facilities, hospitals, seniors' residences.
- Works with regional providers, including regional services.
- Collaboration with law enforcement.

	MANAGERIAL/SURERVISORY
Human Resources:	 Provides clinical supervision and mental health training to
	KZHSS staff.
Financial Resources:	 Not applicable in this position.
Material Resources:	 Maintains confidential files, records to ensure their safety in
	accordance with professional standards, including
	preparation of reports.

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Psychological and	 Manages medium to high level stress and multi-tasks daily.
Physical Effort:	 Uses proper techniques to carry or lift heavy objects related to activities.
	 Mental alertness to changing and challenging situations.
	 Strong Interpersonal mental health.
	 May be required to intervene in precarious situations.
	 Ability to work with vulnerable populations and families.
Working Conditions:	 Required to transport and at times accompany clients to healthcare and judicial institutions and/or appointments. Required to work flexible hours.
	 May be required to respond to emergencies.
	 Required to attend professional workshops, staff meetings, workplace safety training within KZA and may be required to travel outside of the community.
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Education and Experience	 Bachelor's degree from a recognized university in social work, plus 2 years' experience in a counselling or related field or, Bachelor's degree in social field and registered to a professional order. Registered or ability to be registered with Order of Social Workers of Quebec, Marriage and Family Therapists of Quebec.
	INCUMBENT COMPETENCIES
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Knowledge:	 Knowledge and awareness and Algoriquin culture and communities.
Abilities:	 Ability to provide a full range of professional social work services as well as delegate tasks in planning, toaching and leadership. Ability to intervene with children, adolescents, adults, senfors, families, persons with disabilities and subsequently develop a psychological treatment plan. Ability to be honest, non-judgemental, non-intrusive and to work as a team. Ability to adopt and apply personal self-care strategies. Ability to provide psychosocial education to multidisciplinary teams. Ability to communicate orally and in writing in English and French. Ability to work effectively with staff. Ability to work with standard computer software. Legally able to work in Canada.
Personal Suhability:	 Discretion and diplomacy. Reliability. Ability to maintain healthy professionalism and respect for staff, colleagues and clients while working in a stressful environment. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relations with multiple stakeholders.
Certification/Licenses to maintain for duration of employment:	 Valid driver's license for the duretion of employment. An employee must have three years driving experience and the age of 21 in order to be an insured driver with a KZA band vehicle. Criminal record verification will be required if considered for the position. The incumbent must not possess any criminal record (s) related to working in the profession and maintain throughout employment. Must provide medical certificate of good heath if considered for the position. Valid First Aid and CPR Training Certification or ability to undergo training within 3 months of being hired. Must follow all safety precautions and protocols.
Assets:	 French verbal and written communication skills to communicate with stakeholders in the provincial system. Ability to communicate in Algonquin.



JOB OPPORTUNITY

OPEN UNTIL FILLED

June 12, 2025

POSITION: NNADAP Substance Abuse Worker LOCATION: Kitigan Zibi Health and Social Services WORK SCHEDULE: 35 hours a week (varied schedule)

TERM: Indeterminate - Full Time (6-month probationary period)

SALARY: Level 5 (range based on experience)

DUE DATE: Open until filled

The NNADAP Substance Abuse Counsellor supports individuals, families and the community through all stages of addictions by providing individualized comprehensive tools, resources, education and counselling, as well as promoting healthy lifestyle choices through various organized activities.

PREAMBLE

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Please provide your job application package to the attention of Myra Dumont, Human Resources Advisor, at the (KZHSS) Health Center.

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Phone: 819-449-5593 ext. 2015

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KITIGAN ZIBI HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES



NNADAP Substance Abuse Counsellor Job Description

GENERAL INFORMATION

Job Title: National Native Alcohol & Drug Abuse Program (NNADAP)

Substance Abuse Counsellor

Category : Professional

Sector: Kitioan Zibi Health & Social Services

Location: Kitigan Zibi Health Centre

8 Kikinamage Mikan, Maniwaki, Quebeci

Terms: Full Time-Indeterminate

Hours: 35 hours per week (Varied schedule)

Salary: KZA Salary Scale Level 5 (Range negotiable)

in accordance with the KZA Human Resource Policy

Immediate Supervisor: KZHSS Director

Date of Job Description: May 2025

KZHSS MISSION STATEMENT

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CHENT SERVICE RESULTS

The NNADAP Substance Abuse Counseller supports individuals, families and the community through all stages of addictions by providing individualized comprehensive tools, resources, aducation and counselling, as well as promoting healthy lifestyle choices through various organized activities.

KEY DUTIES

- Counsels, mentors, and supports families, groups, and/or target individuals (e.g. persons struggling with addictions, pregnant women, at-risk individuals, individuals in crisis) dealing with various stages of addictions (pre-treatment, during treatment, aftercare).
- Develops individualized treatment/recovery plans and provides educational tools and resources (e.g., self-management skills).
- Coordinates referral process (as received by individuals, families or other agencies) to appropriate regional facilities: treatment centres, detox/withdrawal management service institutions, processes admission forms and oversees logistical details (e.g. transportation and escort arrangements); maintains contact and follow-up with health care professionals regarding client's well-being.
- Arranges transportation and provides information for community members wanting to access local resources/support groups (e.g. AA, NA, Al-Anon groups).
- Coordinates and develops culturally-appropriate content for program promotion documentation, community prevention activities around addiction-free lifestyles and healthy living (e.g. monthly newsletters, CKWE broadcasts, National Awareness Week, school presentations), hosts alcohol-free events, recreation and social activities, secures guest speakers and other resources.
- Intervenes in a crisis/emergency situation at the request of KZPO and other partner organizations.
- Liaises and partners with regional, provincial and federal counterparts to share leading practices and keeps abreast of leading practices and/or work scenario experiences.

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- Theories, principles, and practices of crisis intervention strategies, effective counselling methods, sound therapeutic techniques with persons and families dealing with addictions.
- Knowledge of effects of alcohol and drugs and various underlying causes (e.g. trauma, abuse) of addictions.
- Effective interpersonal client-centered communication and interpersonal skills to work with diverse client groups of varying education levels.
- Effective case management and confidential record keeping practices.
- Ability to plan, organize and facilitate group information sessions and community events.
- Knowledge of safety-oriented skills when dealing with intoxicated or aggressive clients; ability to effectively analyze situations quickly and apply sound judgment, and to work as a team.
- Knowledge of KZA/KZHSS policies, including KZHSS Policies and Procedures Manual, KZA Human Resources Manual, and KZA Code of Ethics, KZHSS Professional Code of Ethics, Privacy Laws (PIPEDA), and applicable Accreditation standards.
- Knowledge of community resources, treatment centers, social service networks and organizations and prevention and support services offered locally and provincially.

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- Briefs Director of NNADAP program delivery.
- Maintains positive relationships with clients, co-workers and community members.
- Liaise and networks with local service providers, treatment and detox centres, health care agencies/facilities as well as other First Nations.
- Collaboration with the KZPD and other partner organizations when crisis situations arise.

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Human Resources:	Not applicable for this position.		
Financial Resources:	Not applicable for this position.		
Material Resources:	Not applicable for this position.		

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Psychological and Physical Effort:	 Manages medium to high level stress and multi-tasks daily; Mental alertness to changing and challenging situations; 		
	Strong interpersonal mental health;		
	 May be required to intervene in precarious situations. 		
Working Conditions:	 Works within an office setting; 		
	 Required to make home visits; 		
	 May be required to transport a client; 		
	 Required to attend professional workshops, staff meetings, 		
	workplace safety training within KZA and may be required to		
	travel outside of the community.		

	INCUMBENT QUALIFICATIONS		
Education and	Proof of completion of College Level training in Addictions		
Experience	Studies or related studies with experience in human		
	sciences.		
	INCUMBENT/COMPETIENCIES		
Knowledge:	 Knowledge and awareness and the KZA culture and 		
	community.		
Abilities:	 Ability to communicate orally and in writing in English. 		
	 Computer literacy skills. 		
Personal Suitability:	 Honest, non-judgmental, and non-intrusive. 		
	 Discretion and diplomacy. 		
	 Strong interpersonal skills and objectivity. 		
	 Reliability. 		
	 Ability to develop a trusting relationship with clients and staff 		
	through open, honest communication and genuine caring for the client situation.		
	Mental caliber to withstand or support emotionally charged		
	or potentially unpleasant and/or disturbing situations.		
	Ability to maintain healthy professionalism and respect for		
	staff, colleagues and clients while working in a stressful		
	environment.		
	 Ability to establish and maintain effective working relations 		
	with multiple stakeholders.		
	*Due to the specific nature of this job position, an incumbent should		
	have and maintain an exemplary standing in the community in		
	regards to having a clean and healthy lifestyle (i.e. not abusing		
0-4:0-4:	drugs or alcohol).		
Certification/Licenses	 Valid driver's license for the duration of employment; 		
to maintain for	An employee must have three years driving experience and		
duration of	the age of 21 in order to be an insured driver with a KZA		
employment:	band vehicle.		
	 Criminal record verification will be required if considered for 		
	the position. The incumbent must not possess any criminal		
	record (s) related to working in the profession and maintain		
	throughout employment.		
	 Must provide medical certificate of good heath if considered for the position. 		
	 Valid First Aid and CPR Training Certification or ability to 		
	undergo training within 3 months of being hired.		
	 Must follow all safety precautions and protocols. 		
Assets:	Ability to communicate in French and Algonquin.		
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Important reminder:

If your child needs vaccination before the beginning of the school year, please contact the Nurses at the Health Centre to book an appointment.



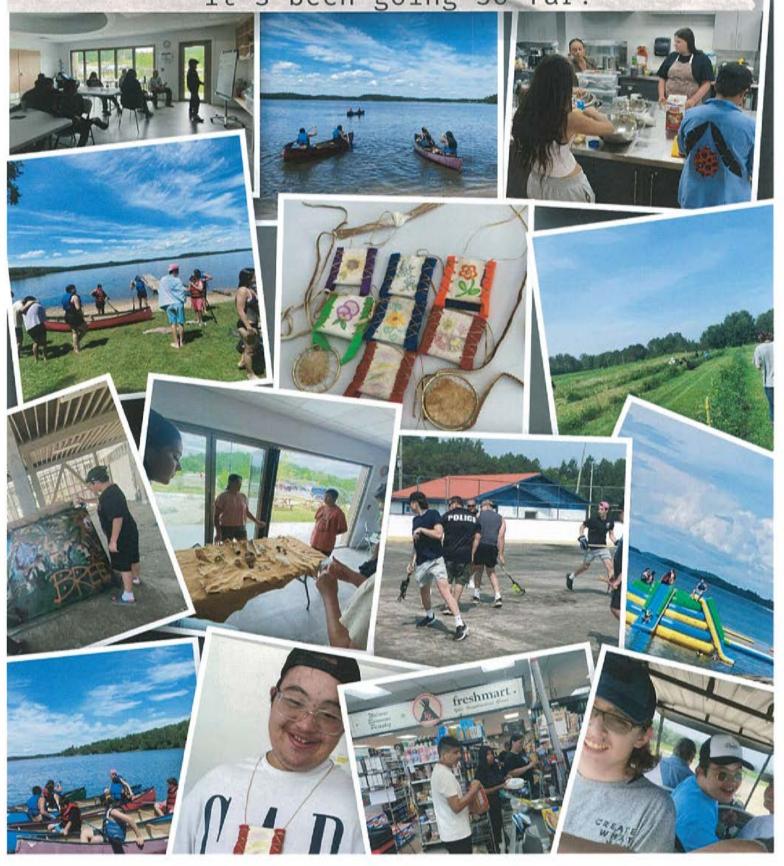
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HIGHSCHOOL CAMP

is halfway done, here's how it's been going so far!



Endong Senior Activities August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5+) is availab	le. Please call Roonie	enior Meals & Activitie Tenasco at 819-449-83 vities at the Hall. Migw	372 to		City Escapes 8am-5pm Sign up Required with Joanne	2
3	CLOSED For The CIVIC HOLIDAY	Nutrition Talks with Marie-Eve 930 DVD Entertainment 1pm-4pm	6	7	8	9
10	Afternoon Golf Sign-up required with Colten	KZHSS Health Director Visit	13	Jo's Mini Bingo 1pm	15	16
17	Afternoon Golf Sign-up required with Colten	NNADAP with Darren 930am Diabetic Bingo Cooking with Chef Anik and NSC 1pm-3pm	Medical Transportation with Candice 1130	21 Nutrition Talks with Marie-Eve 10am	22	23
24	25 Afternoon Golf Sign-up required with Colten	26 Pontoon Rides	27	28 Jo's Mini Bingo 1pm	29	30

WEEKLY SCHEDULE Monday

Soup & Sandwiches Starts at 1130am



Wednesday

Endong Meal 11:30am Bingo 1pm







New Weekly Recovery Meeting

Am I an Addict?

Only you can answer this question.

This may not be an easy thing to do. All through our usage, we told ourselves, "I can handle it." Even if this was true in the beginning, it is not so now. The drugs handled us. We lived to use and used to live. Very simply, an addict is a person whose life is controlled by drugs.

Narcotics Anonymous.

N.A. Group is here for you.

WHEN: EVERY TUESDAY
TIME: 12PM-1PM (DOORS OPEN AT 11:30AM)
WHERE: MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING
(137 C KICHI MIKAN, KITIGAN ZIBI)

Soup + Bannock served. Come have lunch with us!

We look forward to sharing this journey with you.



For more information, please contact the NNADAP Team: Patricia Brazeau or Darren McGregor 819-449-5593

LET'S TALK ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY'S HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES!

Kwey kakina!

As the Director of Kitigan Zibi Health and Social Services, I'm happy to invite you to two engagement sessions to share your thoughts, ideas, and feedback about our programs and services.

We'll discuss:

- Current programs and services
- Needs and priorities in the community
- · How we can work together
- Ideas and suggestions

Your voice is important to us. I look forward to sitting with you!

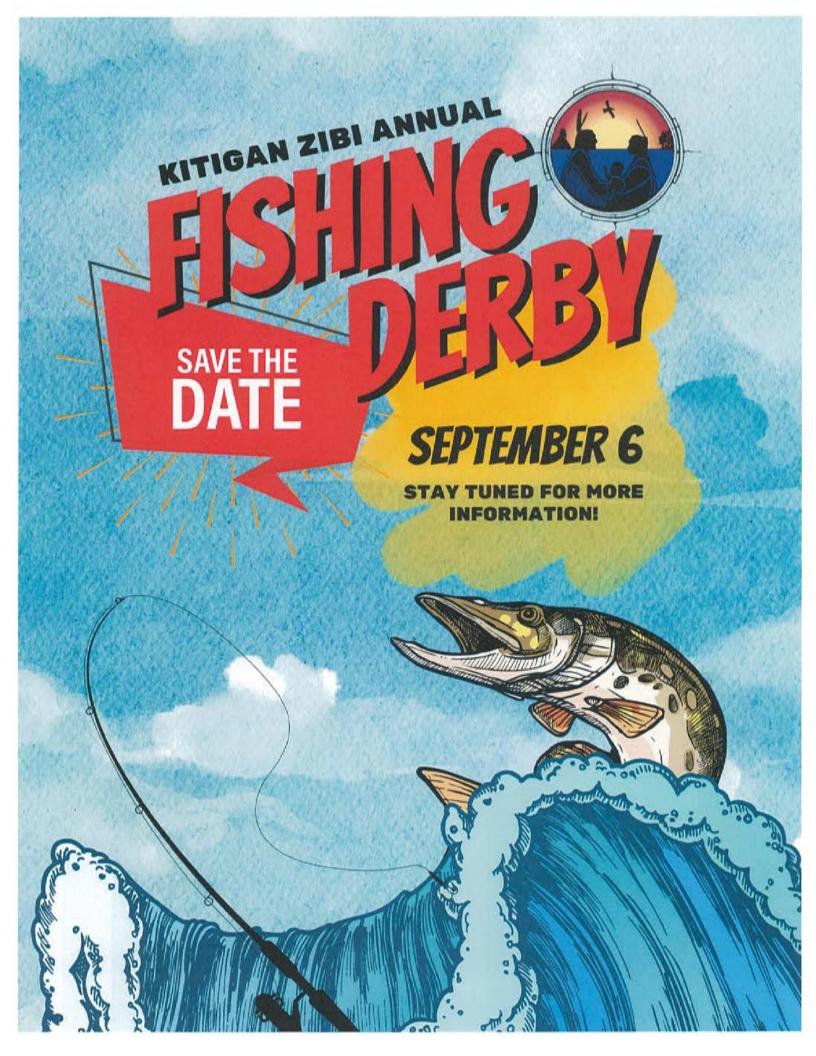


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For more information, please contact Victoria Tenasco, Director of Kitigan Zibi Health and Social Services 819-449-5593 ext 2002 victoria.tenasco@kza.qc.ca







KITIGAN ZIBI EDUCATION SECTOR

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Kwey Kwey Kakina,



Misty-Blue Whiteduck nidijinikàz, and it is with deep honour that I introduce myself as the new Assistant Director of the Kitigan Zibi Education Sector.

Gilbert W. Whiteduck ijinikàzo nin-dàdà ashidj Patricia Commando-Whiteduck ijinikàzo nindjòdjò. Kitigan Zibi nindòndjibà.

I carry many memories of Kitigan Zibi Kikinamadinan as a place that nurtured both my academic and spiritual growth. Through the

Mokasige Program, I was immersed in the richness of our language, stories, songs, and ways of knowing. These teachings continue to ground me as I step into this role, committed to walking with our community and supporting the next generations on their learning journeys.

My educational journey led me beyond the community, where I completed a D.E.C. in Social Science, a Bachelor of Education, and a Master of Education.

I accept this role with the utmost humility and with a full heart and a clear purpose and that is to continue giving back. To give back to the land that raised me, to the people who believed in me and to the next seven generations who are watching, waiting, and learning.

For 17 years, I've served in the Kitigan Zibi Education Sector, learning through each role and responsibility. I've seen how education can uplift a child, a family, and a community when it is rooted in sàgìhidiwin (love), inclusion, integrity, and manàdjìyà (respect).

I carry with me the values that have guided our people for generations: Respect, Love, Truth, Wisdom, Honesty, Humility, and

Bravery. These are not just words, but lifelong commitments to our children, our language, our culture, and the path of mino-pimàdiziwin.

Migwech to my family, your strength has carried me here. To my colleagues, your encouragement keeps me going. To the community, your trust means everything.

I step into this role not alone but with all of you beside me. I am here to listen. I am here to learn. And I am here to build with you. I am committed to continuing the work of building education that reflects *us*, includes *us*, and empowers *us*.

Kichi Mìgwech kakina ondje ki-pizindawàn & I look forward to serving the KZA community with dedication, collaboration and with respect.

Sincerely,

Misty-Blue Whiteduck

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Assistant Director of Education



1/81 KIKINAMADONAN

Kitigan Zibi Kikinamadinan Parent Newsletter



Important Dates to Remember

<u>September</u>

Sept 1: Labour Day (Holiday) Sept 2: First Day of School

Sept 19: PD Day

Sept 30: Truth & Reconciliation

(Holiday) <u>October</u>

Oct 10 – 13: Thanksgiving (Holiday)

November Nov 10: PD Day

Nov 11: Remembrance Day (Holiday)

Nov 28: PD Day

<u>December</u>

Dec 19: Early Dismissal (Half-Day)
Dec 22 - Jan 2: Christmas (Holidays)

January

Dec 22 - Jan 2: Christmas (Holidays)

Jan 5: PD Day Jan 23: PD Day

<u>February</u>

Feb 20: PD Day

March

Mar 2 - 6: March Break

Mar 9: PD Day Mar 27: PD Day

April

Apr 3: Good Friday (Holiday) Apr 6: Easter Monday (Holiday)

Apr 7: PD Day

May

May 18: Victoria Day (Holiday)

May 29: PD Day

June

June 1: Anishinabe Day (Holiday)

Jun 19: Early Dismissal (Half-Day)

Message from the Principal

Welcome to a brand-new school year!

As we open the doors to another exciting year of learning, growth and discovery, I'd like to extend a heartfelt welcome to our returning families and a special greeting to those joining us for the first time. We're thrilled to have you!

Our dedicated staff have been working hard to prepare engaging and an inclusive learning environment and we're excited to foster a culture of respect, responsibility and resilience.

Together we will create a space where every student feels seen, supported and empowered to thrive!

Let's make this year one to remember!

- Freeda Morin

School Start Date

Kitigan Zibi Kikinamadinan students will begin school on Tuesday, September 2nd for the 2025-2026 school year!



REGISTRATION

Student registration forms must be returned before September 2nd, signed by either the parent or legal guardian. If legal custody is an issue, the proper legal documents must be provided to the school.

Students will not be accepted for the 2025-2026 school year without a completed registration form and all of the necessary documents on file.

- Birth Certificate
- Medical Card
- Status Card (if applicable)
- Last Report Card (if applicable)

School Supplies

All supplies will be provided to the students by the school.

Parents are not required to purchase any.

School Routine Times

Highschool will now be moving to a 9-day cycle where each day will have separate subjects.

This does not apply to the elementary students.

The daily entry time for elementary students is 7:45 AM. Students may not be dropped off any earlier.

The first morning bell for high school is 8:25 AM. The second morning bell is 8:30 AM, students are expected to be in class by the second morning bell.

Grade 1-3 Lunch Break: 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Grade 4-6 Lunch Break: 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Highschool Lunch Break: 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

School Dismissal: 3:00 PM

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Nelson Mandela



BUS NOTES FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

Due to safety concerns, we are asking all students to be dropped off at one primary location for the entire school year. If necessity requires; please call reception at 819-449-1275, BEFORE 2:00 PM in order to make any bus changes.

Please contact Russell Cote for information on school bus routes and schedules.

819-449-2755

Tips for Getting Your Child Ready



- ⊕ Early to bed, early to rise.
- Re-establish a routine.
- Encourage independence.
- Choose the right backpack.
- ⊕ Talk about safety.
- Discuss the Lunch Menu with your child.

- Establish healthy habits.
- ⊕ Limit screen time.
- ⊕ Map homework out.
- Talk about first week jitters.
- Celebrate the start of a new school year.

Information derived from the following website: www.thepersonal.com



BREAKFAST & HOT LUNCH PROGRAMS

The cafeteria staff will continue to prepare breakfasts, snacks, and lunches for students at no cost for the new school year of 2025-2026.

 A menu will be sent home during the first week of school.

Reminder: At Kitigan Zibi Kikinamadinan we promote healthy eating habits, therefore; soft drinks, chocolate bars, chips, candy, McDonalds and etc., should not be sent to school.

Extracurricular Activities

A variety of clubs will be organized for the Elementary and the Highschool.

Cultural Activities

On the occasion that cultural activities will be taking place, it is not considered to be a "free class day".

If they are not present and there are no religious or medical reasons, your child will be considered absent for attendance.

WELCOME BACK - TUESDAY SEPTEMBER, 2ND

Green Thumb Guardian

Kichi migwetch to May McDougall for looking after the plants over the summer! It is very much appreciated!

And a very big thank you to our staff during the summer for preparing for the school year!

Library Open to KZA Members

Just a reminder to ALL community members that the Library is open from 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM on weekdays during the school year.



KZK Administration & Support Staff

Principal: Freeda Morin

Vice-Principal: (To be Announced)
Technical Support: Allan Commonda

Post-Secondary Officers: Francine Lafontaine &

Kirsten Tenascon

Guidance Counsellor: (To be Announced)
Cultural & Land Based Coordinator: Kelly Diabo
Special Education Coordinator: Laurie Wawatie

School Counsellor: Annie Commando Administrative Assistant: Lenin Decontie Receptionist: Cassondra Commando

Cooks: Jean-Marc Carriere & Karen Brascoupe

Librarian: Jenny Lee Decontie

Janitors: Steve Brascoupe, Peter Brown &

Antoine Odjick

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Elementary students read well by the end of third grade. middle schoolers pass important courses.

High schoolers stay on track for graduation. college students earn their degrees, workers succeed in their jobs.

Good school attendance means: ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

Information taken from the following website www.attendanceworks.org

Contact Information

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the receptionist, Cassondra Commando at 819-449-1275 ext. 3100, or by email at Cassondra.Commando@kza.qc.ca

Or you can contact the Principal Freeda Morin at ext. 3102 or by email at Freeda.Morin@kza.qc.ca





To: Parents/Guardians

RE: Kitigan Zibi Kikinamadinan Tibàdjimowin

Please see the newsletter prepared by staff of KZ School and Pakinawatik school at the end of the school year.

Enjoy!





KITIGAN ZIBI KIKINAMADINAN **TIBADJIMOWIN**

Kwey Kakina,

It has been a very busy year at KZ and Pakinawatik Schools. With a new Principal, Vice-Principal and many new staff members. Migwetch to all the school staff from the teachers, educational assistants, kitchen staff, bus drivers, administrative assistants, KZES coordinators, receptionists, Odekan, Wazoson, our Algonquin Language team, Post-Secondary Office and the Cultural Center who help served our students throughout the year.

All members of staff ensured that your child received the best education with nutritional meals, outings and cultural activities to solidify their continued curiosity of the world around them. As we strive to ensure your child continues to receive the best education in a safe environment, we at KZES are committed to ensure that from Odekan, Wazoson, KZ and Pakinawatik Schools continue to work together with other sectors to ensure your child High School students: is getting the best from all of us.

Migwetch to you, the parents and guardians in entrusting us at KZES with you children's education. We strive to give each child the opportunity to achieve their fullest and highest potential in their school in their community and as a member of Algonquin Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg community.

Have a safe and fun summer, we will see you soon.

Debbie Whiteduck Director of Education for Kitigan Zibi Education Sector

Events:

Nànokaseg Summer camp July 2nd-31st

Cultural and Language

Summer camp with Kokom Shirley (See weekly flyer for dates)

NEW CALENDAR 2025-2026 *3 Terms*

NEW START DATE FOR ALL STUDENTS: September 2nd, 2025

9 day cycle & schedule





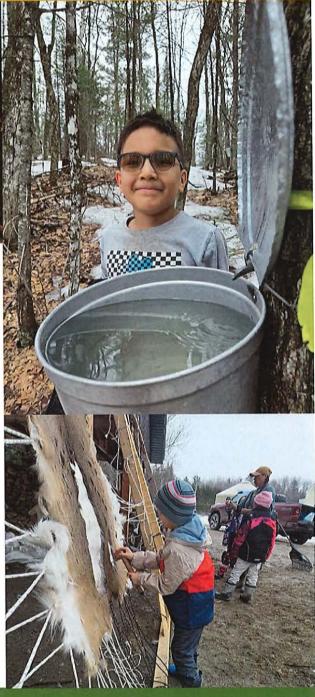
THE CULTURAL AND LAND BASE LEARNING COORDINATOR REPORT

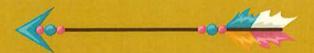


The secondary 5 students welcomed the Grande Rivière school in Aylmer as part of a cultural exchange project. It was a day rich in varied activities: Algonquin language lessons, beading sessions, drumming session, reconciliation activities, purification rituals and the sharing of a feast of traditional meals. A day that allowed us to forge links with several cultures.

The students were able to follow in the footsteps of their ancestors by collecting maple sap and preparing deer skin.

Migwetch to all the volunteers and school members who came to teach this knowledge and support the various projects. A special migwetch to Tammy Pezindawatch for her time, generosity with the students, and sharing her knowledge. We hope to continue our projects next year.



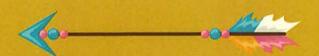


THE CULTURAL AND LAND BASE LEARNING COORDINATOR REPORT



During the spring, several cultural activities were held at the school. Inuit songs with the visit of Charlotte Qattu Meeka Whiteduck, dancing with Eddie and Jackie Côté, the arrival of our Kokom to tell us and share our story. The students also had the opportunity to participate in trapping a beaver. Throughout the day, they learned about the different parts of the beaver, what can be done with it, and finally how to prepare it for a feast. The secondary school students presented traditional dances to us, and we saw them alongside the primary school students, who were very impressed.





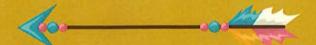
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Several sewing projects were carried out with secondary school students during elective periods. They made ribbon skirts, shorts, jackets, etc. For primary school, it was the Mokasige students who were introduced to sewing. Here, Kiniwnini with his vest that he made himself.

In April, the sec 3 students had the opportunity to participate in the creation of a new exhibit about our history at Fort Chambly. The students were able to tour the site, ask questions, and give their opinions on the various activities offered to visitors. Next year, they will have the opportunity to see the result during a future visit.





MOKASIGE



Mokasige hugging our special trees, putting tobacco down and talking to our special tree.



Mokasige boys along with other dignitaries welcomed King Charles to unceded Algonquin territory.

A MOMENT OF CONNECTION

On Monday, May 12, staff and students from Kitigan Zibi School were pleased to welcome Dr. Siyabulela Mandela, the great-grandson of Nelson Mandela.

During his visit, Dr. Mandela learned about the community, spoke about the history of apartheid in South Africa, and emphasized the vital role education plays in empowering Indigenous youth.

It was remarkable to witness Dr. Mandela connect personally with so many young people. His visit was both moving and inspiring—an event that will be remembered for years to come!



GIRLS CLUB



What an amazing year it's been for the KZ Girls Club! With nearly 30 incredible girls joining us, the club was a huge success! From nutrition and cooking classes, to water-drinking challenges, safety and babysitting workshops, vision boards sessions and powerful talks on positive relationships and wellbeing—our girls learned, laughed, and grew together every step of the way!

We also celebrated special moments with events like the Mother's Day Healing Circle and our End-of-Year Inflatables Party!

A huge thank you to all the girls for their energy and spirit, and to everyone who helped make this year so special—including our Director, Principal, Receptionist, Bus Driver, Special Ed Coordinator, and School Psychotherapist. Your support and collaboration helped this club shine!

See you next year, ladies! 🤎

Miss Aimée

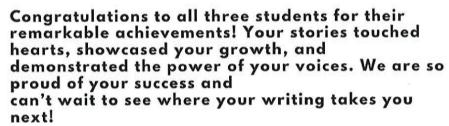




We are proud to celebrate the outstanding work of students who participated in the FNEC Writing Contest this year. Through dedication, creativity. and a lot of hard work, our young writers crafted narrative texts that truly stood out.

Their efforts were recognized with three special awards, and we are thrilled to announce our laureates:

Devery Decontie - Teacher's Choice Award Kijibika Tendesi – Voice in a Narrative Text Award Shyla Cox - Conventions in a Narrative Text Award



This year's Secondary 2 students worked diligently to prepare for the FNEC exam, and their efforts paid off. We are very proud of their hard work and the progress they have made in English Language Arts!

We'd also like to give a special shout-out to three of our Secondary 2 students whose exam narratives stood out, earning recognition in the FNEC Young Writers Contest:

Nina Nottaway - Winner: Sentence Fluency Sigon Nottaway-Ratt - Winner: Organization Akeea Keyes – Winner: Teachers' Favorite

Congratulations to all! In recognition of their accomplishment, each winner received a framed certificate of achievement and a gift card, courtesy of the FNEC.





FNEC GAMES

The FNEC games took place on May 22-25th in Quebec City at the Laval University. Our athletes competed in track and field, volleyball and floor hockey. It was a very busy schedule with a lot of physical activity. Our 16-18 mixed volleyball team received the bronze medal winning it in a 3rd set. Everyone participated very well and had an amazing time. Until next year!







NEWS FROM SEC 5

Secondary 5 Graduation Trip
The secondary 5 graduation trip of 2025 was
spent visiting Jamaica. The places they visited
were Dunn River Falls, Luminous Lagoon,
Rick's Cafe, Bob Marley's home/resting place,
and Negril.

Secondary 5 learned about the Jamaican culture and their passion for music and sports. Furthermore, the students had the trip of a lifetime and made memories that will last forever





The purpose of the KZ School band music program is to create an inviting space where students feel confident expressing themselves through music.

Under the direction of Keith Whiteduck and Mike McPake, this year's band held weekly practices, learning to play a diverse selection of new songs. Their efforts culminated in a live end-of-year performance on Friday, June 6, which entertained both staff and students.

Thanks to their hard work and dedication, the school band has been invited to perform at this summer's Bluesfest as part of the Be in the Band showcase!



NEWS FROM GRADE 1 AND GRADE 3



The Grade 1s visited the new police station.

The Grade 1 students had the exciting opportunity to visit the new KZ Police Station before it officially opened. Officer Jeff Meness and Officer Justin Petonoquot kindly gave us a guided tour of the new facilities. Many of the students left feeling inspired and said they wanted to become police officers when they grow up.

Grade 3 Braves the Cave!

Our adventurous Grade 3 students wrapped up the school year with an unforgettable trip to Laflèche Cave! With helmets on and flashlights in hand, they explored the mysterious underground tunnels, learned about rock formations, and faced the darkness with courage and curiosity. It was a day filled with discovery, teamwork, and fun—a perfect way to end a fantastic! Who had the most fun on our trip? Miss May of course! Thank you for joining our class.



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KINDERGATEN GRADUATION

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It was on Monday, June 16th, that we celebrated the end of our students' kindergarten program in Pakinawatik. 16 students are now ready to start grade 1 in the big school!

Hazel Amikons Aiden Cayer Kingston Cayer-Nottaway Nancy Commonda **Darius Decontie Odeymin Ikwe Dumont-Racine** Ava Aileen Jerome Kylie McGregor Lawson Nottaway-Ottawa Naya Nottaway-Ratt Mira Papatie-Commando Cole Polson Tenasco Anangoshka Tendesi Lyra Toll Theo Wawatie-Hall Jagger Whiteduck

To our Senior Kindergarten students at Pakinawatik School! We are so proud of all they have learned and accomplished this year. Their graduation marks a big step as they get ready for Grade 1. Thank you to the families and staff who supported them along the way. Way to go, graduates!





GRADE 6 GRADUATION



We celebrated the grade 6 graduating Class of 2025 on Wednesday, June 18. What a wonderful sixth-grade class! 16 students who demonstrated perseverance. Be proud of all the efforts, all the learning and above all, all the connections you have made around you. We're excited to see you crossing to the other side of the school. You're ready!

Liz Buckshot Zackery Cayer **Aubrey Cayer-Whiteduck** Tanayah Chabot-McConini Joseph Cote-Dent Jarred Decontie-Carpentier Sophia Dumont Kalen Gagnon Miley Gagnon Sirius Meness Sundance Mitchell Avery Nottaway Kayson Odjick Reed Oshawee Eli Smith Skyler Wawatie

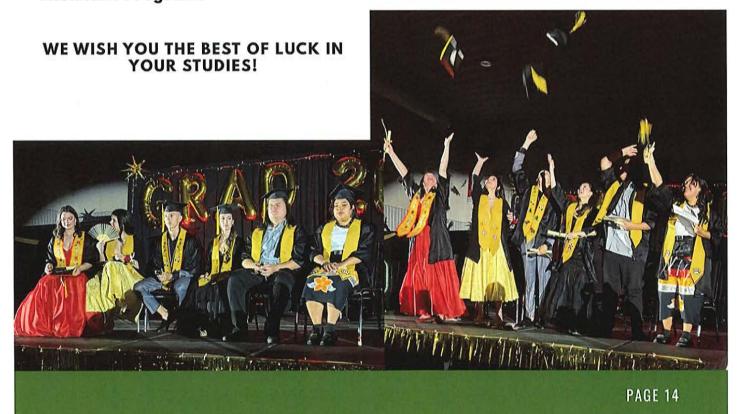


SECONDARY 5 GRADUATION

We celebrated the high school graduating Class of 2025 on Friday, June 20. We reflected on their resilience, growth, and accomplishments throughout their highschool journey. This was more than a milestone—it's a launching pad for all that lies ahead.

We are proud of each of you. Go out and shine!

- -Aiyana Badger: off to Algonquin College in the fall in the Social Work Program.
- -Nigig Chabot: off to Algonquin College in the fall in the Civil Engineering Program.
- -Odaska Cote: off to Algonquin College in the fall in the Culinary Skills Program.
- -Wade Dumont: off to Heritage College in the fall in the Social Science with Math Program.
- -Laila Jacko: off to Heritage College in the fall in the Early Childhood Education program.
- -Kyra Kistabish :off to Algonquin College next May in the Veterinary Assistant Program.









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Apply today! Funds are disbursed at the end of each month throughout the school year.



Types of Financial Assistance

- Scholarships are based on good grades.
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Eligibility Requirements

All applicants must be a Canadian First Nations, Inuit, or Métis person enrolled in a certified program at CEGEP, college, university, or trade school.



How much will I be given?

Applications are reviewed individually. Typically, amounts given can range from \$1,000—\$3,000 or more.

















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** INVITATION **

You are invited to attend the annual Ādisōke project update and engagement meeting with the Ādisōke Project Team.

Date: Monday, October 27, 2025

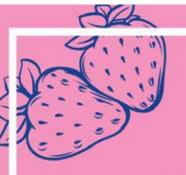
Place: Algonquin College (Nawapon area)

Agenda: Starts at 9:00 am until 2:30 pm

If you would be interested in attending, please call to put your name in by Wednesday August 6th at the Cultural Centre at 819-441-1655.

I know it is so far in advance, but they need to budget and want to know roughly how many people would be attending.

I need to know for transportation.



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