

NEZAADIKAANG NEWS

Towards a healthy and informed community



Celebrating the Fall Season!

Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation families have come together to welcome and celebrate the changing season through a number of well-attended community events and activities! Over 100 people attended the Halloween family social held at Gammondale Farm in October. A large number of community members attended the Haunted Fort Night at Fort William Historical Park as well.

In September Sewing Spirits started up once again and the program continues to draw numerous people with many different regalia and other cultural art projects! Just a reminder that there is an upcoming family 'Cosmic' bowling night on November 12, 2016 from 8 to 10 p.m. at Mario's Bowl. A Christmas craft and bake night is currently being planned for early December.



Important Flood Claim Update

As reported to the membership at our meeting in June 2016, our Flood Claim Negotiations were coming to an end with only the Easement and Settlement Agreements remaining to be completed by the legal counsels. Since this meeting, we have been diligently pushing forward as hard as possible to bring this claim to completion. We are hopeful that these legal Agreements will be completed and approved at the negotiation table within the next three weeks.

We are very pleased to inform our members that all parties have agreed to do their utmost in getting the Referendum process underway with a target date being the beginning of December 2016.

Once the documents have been approved and signed off, we will have an **“Information Meeting”** where the membership will be informed of the Settlement Package and the Referendum process that needs to be followed. This meeting will also include presentations on the legal description and explanation of the Easement and Settlement Agreements, Trust Fund set up for under 18 year old members and financial advice on investments. Our Administration is now preparing for the planned pay-out to the membership (those 18 years of age and older as of the Vote Date.)

Pay-out to the membership will be made *via electronic bank transfer* and each member must have a *valid bank account opened in their name*. **It is vital that each member provide the Administration Office with one of the following piece of information:**

1. A **copy** of a Void Cheque from your Banking Institution with your name on it.

Or

2. A **letter** from your Banking Institution stating Bank Name, Institution Number, Bank Account Number and a Transit Number in your name.

Note: The name on the bank account must match your status card and ID. We have members across Canada and the U.S. that our Administration have never met, and to ensure that our members receive this settlement, we will require a copy of your status card (front and back) for verification and authentication purposes only. Those coming into the Administration office will not be required to submit a copy of their status card as identification will occur at that time.

This will allow for the quickest and most effective way so that our members will not have to wait unnecessarily for the monies to be dispersed. All correspondence will be held in the strictest of confidence and kept in our financial records, accessible only with your consent. Please provide your banking information as soon as possible to the attention of Honey Chicago, Receptionist & Indian Registration Administrator. This information can be sent one of three ways: via the self-addressed stamped envelope, personally dropped off at the Administration office or sent electronically.

Once again, Chi Miigwetch for all of your continued patience and support! We are almost there! Should you require any additional information regarding this notice, please contact the office and leave a message with our reception.

Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation
Cordially invites you to

“A Ho-Ho-Ho Afternoon with Santa”

Saturday, December 3rd, 2016

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Victoria Inn (Thunder Bay)



This fun-filled afternoon will include crafts and games for the kids, gift-giving for our children and youth (0-17 years), and picture taking with Santa. In order to ensure that your child is not disappointed and receives an age-appropriate gift, parents are asked to call ahead and register their child(ren) and be in attendance. Due to budgeting purposes, we can only accommodate those who pre-register.

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“Annual Community Christmas Get-Together-Feast”



Sunday December 4th, 2016

5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Victoria Inn (Thunder Bay)

The evening will consist of an enjoyable dinner-feast with family and friends, along with Christmas carols and seasonal music. Please note that the banquet room has a maximum capacity and seating is limited. In order to prepare properly, we will need confirmation of your attendance. The cut-off date for registering is Monday, November 28th at noon, so please register early! Santa will once again make an appearance bearing gifts for our Elders. Looking forward to seeing our families and loved ones there!

Please RSVP with Honey @ 807-622-9835 ext. 221