



APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER

UPDATES, EVENTS, NEWS & MORE

APRIL:

From the Latin verb
aperire “to open”.
Open yourself up
this April.



This edition comes a bit late but the information is every bit as relevant. We are excited to have wrapped up year-end and look forward to developing the 2nd Annual Report in the coming months.

Council continues to work towards achieving its strategic goals and exploring new ways to engage members as well as create opportunities for members.

Our committees have resumed meeting (virtually) and we will soon be selecting and announcing our Education Advisory Committee Members.

Some exciting projects are underway in spite of restrictions, including a Youth Advisory Committee driven historical research project. A number of feasibility studies are nearing completion and we continue to explore potential partnerships in order to develop employment opportunities, improving services, and economic growth.

At this time, our primary concern is the safety of all community members and staff. We appreciate everyone's cooperation and understanding as the world continues to adjust to the ever-changing circumstances and mitigation measures of the pandemic. We hope that everyone is staying safe and finding ways to connect with friends and family through safe means. Our thoughts and prayers to the Creator in keeping everyone safe and healthy continue; we especially offer our sincere concern and prayers for those whose health is suffering as a result of the pandemic.

Wishing you all better days ahead; looking forward to when we can gather together again in unity.

Miigwech,

Councillors Perkins, Peters, Scott, and Simpson

This artwork was created and shared by Artist Naomi Peters, a youth member of Caldwell First Nation, in the hopes that this might convey a good message, especially for the young members of Caldwell First Nation.

We can all find wisdom in this message.

Miigwech for sharing your art and gifts with us, Naomi!

Hosting Venue Contact Information
 14 Orange Street, Leamington, Ontario, N9H 1P5
 Contact: Brad Dos Santos (Finance Asst./Admin Assoc.)
 Email: finance@caldwellfirstnation.ca
 Phone: (519) 322-1766 Ext 1242

Tax filing to be completed by the CFN Finance Department: Melody Watson, Rebecca Caron, Brad Dos Santos, Bilal Al-Nawawreh



Self-Care During COVID-19

- Recognize & validate grief
- Practice mindfulness & focus on the moment
- Separate out what you can't & can't control
- Connect with Nature
- Take breaks from the news
- Notice & manage your worried thoughts
- Connect with others
- Practice gratitude & pay attention to moments of joy
- Find a balance between routine and flexibility
- Take care of your body & stay physically active

Useful Tips

TICK SEASON IS HERE.

Symptoms of a Tick Bite

- Swelling or pain at the site of the tick bite
- A burning sensation
- A rash or blisters
- Difficulty breathing (requires emergency medical intervention)

BE TICK SMART

PROTECT - CHECK - REMOVE - WATCH

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND LOVED ONES
 While most tickborne infections occur during the summer, ticks may still be active well into the fall, or even year-round in warmer climates.

WHY ARE TICKS DANGEROUS?
 TICKS carry pathogens that can cause human disease such as Lyme disease, Anaplasmosis, Babesiosis, Ehrlichiosis and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever.

WHEN YOU GO OUTSIDE MAKE SURE TO:

- Treat clothing with permethrin prior to being outside.
- If possible wear a long sleeved shirt, pants and socks.
- Spray yourself with bug spray containing DEET. Follow all label directions.
- When back in from outdoors, remove clothing and put in the dryer on high temperature.
- Put up a barrier of ticks to prevent deer from entering your yard.
- Trim trees to allow for more sunlight.
- Trim your yard with pesticides or natural essential oils.
- Place tick tubes in your yard to kill off the ticks that mice carry.

HOW TO TICK PROOF YOUR YARD

- Keep your grass short and remove any brush.
- Create a 3 foot barrier of wood chips or crushed stone around your yard.
- Plant Deer deterring plants such as herbs, succulents or ornamental grasses.
- Put up a barrier of ticks to prevent deer from entering your yard.
- Trim trees to allow for more sunlight.
- Trim your yard with pesticides or natural essential oils.
- Place tick tubes in your yard to kill off the ticks that mice carry.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND A TICK ON YOU
ONCE FOUND, THE TICK SHOULD BE CAREFULLY REMOVED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HERE'S HOW:

When removing the tick, you should use fine tipped tweezers, grasp the tick close to your skin as possible. Be sure to pull straight up as opposed to twisting motion. After the tick is removed, clean the site with rubbing alcohol or soap and water.

COMMON SYMPTOMS OF TICK RELATED ILLNESSES

- Fever and Chills
- Aches and Pains
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Muscle Aches

**With Lyme Disease you may also experience joint pain and a rash. Some people may develop a Bull's-eye rash (Erythema migrans), but not all.*

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL & PREVENTION WEBSITE: [HTTPS://WWW.CDC.GOV/TICKS/](https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/)

ADAPTED FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL & PREVENTION.

TIPS FOR TICK SAFETY INFOGRAPHICS

HOW TO PREVENT

- 80%: Use permethrin on clothing and gear.
- 75%: Use DEET on exposed skin.
- 60%: Wear long sleeves and pants.
- 90%: Avoid brush and tall grass.

HOW TO REMOVE TICK

- STEP 1: Use tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible.
- STEP 2: Pull straight up with steady pressure.
- STEP 3: Clean the bite area with soap and water.
- STEP 4: Clean the tweezers with alcohol.
- STEP 5: Do not crush the tick.
- STEP 6: Dispose of the tick in a sealed bag.

WHEN TO CALL A DOCTOR

- Conscient:** If you have a tick bite, you should call a doctor if you have any of the following symptoms: fever, chills, muscle aches, joint pain, or a rash.
- Headache:** If you have a tick bite and a headache, you should call a doctor.
- Fever:** If you have a tick bite and a fever, you should call a doctor.
- Neuro:** If you have a tick bite and neurological symptoms, you should call a doctor.
- Exam:** If you have a tick bite and a rash, you should call a doctor.

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Upcoming Events

FRIDAY MAY 7 2021

Mother's day Bingo

6PM - 9PM

SPECIAL BINGO FOR CALDWELL REGISTERED MOMS

Contact - reception@caldwellfirstnation.ca - to register
 Please Register by April 30, 2021 - 3 PM



Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians

22ND ANNUAL ELDERS GATHERING

SAVE THE DATE

Every Wednesday morning @10a.m. from July 7th to August 25th.

Due to the pandemic the Elders Gathering will be held virtually this year to keep everyone safe.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
Friday, April 30th, 2021

A schedule of events will be available soon to registered participants once all presenters have been confirmed



For more information email: Shayna Phillips, sp@iioaa.on.ca 519-434-2761 ext:242

A valid email address is required to participate



AIAI VIRTUAL ELDERS GATHERING 2021

REGISTRATION FORM

EVERY WEDNESDAY DURING THE MONTHS OF JULY & AUGUST

SESSIONS WILL BEGIN AT 10:00 A.M.

A VALID EMAIL ADDRESS AND INTERNET WILL BE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE

Participant Information

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Please indicate your shirt size (shirts will be unisex): _____

A schedule of events will be sent to the participants once all presenters have been confirmed.

Please send your completed registration form via email to the attention of Shayna Phillips at sp@iioaa.on.ca.

Registration Deadline: Friday, April 30, 2021

(Participants can register after the deadline date, however, please note you won't be guaranteed to receive an Elders Gathering T-shirt)

Employment and Training and Post-Secondary

New Job Posting:

POINT PELEE NATIONAL PARK

To apply, visit:
www.caldwellfirstnation.ca/employment--training



Reminder

POST-SECONDARY FUNDING APPLICATIONS FOR FALL 2021 SEMESTER ARE DUE

MAY 1 BY 4PM

please contact etow@caldwellfirstnation.ca for more details

Contact Holly

Support For Learners Fund

The Ontario Government will be providing an Ontario COVID-19 Child

2021 Virtual Mini-University Program

Benefit.

These funds are to offset additional learning costs to which parents will receive:

- \$400/child aged 0 to grade 12
- \$500 for children and youth 21 years old and under with special needs

The government is automatically providing this round of payments to parents who received Support for Learners payments, and they can expect money to begin flowing on April 26, 2021. Parents who did not apply for or receive the Support for Learners program can apply for the new funding starting May 3 with a deadline of May 17.”

For more information visit:
<https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/60960/province-doubles-support-for-parents-with-new-ontario-covid-19-child-benefit>

2021 Virtual Mini-University Program

Are you an Indigenous (First Nations, Metis, Inuit) youth interested in meeting new people and learning about post-secondary? Join us this summer to meet current Indigenous students, staff and community members. You'll get to learn about University life through fun and interactive workshops.



2021 YEAR OF THE EARTH

Participants will explore various fields of study at Western through culturally relevant online and interactive learning with professors, students, Indigenous mentors and community members using Microsoft Teams and Zoom.

There are 30 spots available in both Otter (ages 12-14) and Crane (ages 14-17).



Otter program
(ages 11-15) July 11-16



Crane program
(ages 14-17) August 1-6

Apply online by **May 9, 2021**
studentservices.uwo.ca/sdc/forms/ISminiuni.cfm

**Internet and Technology support provided*

Have more questions? Contact:
 Zeeta Lazore-Cayuga
 Community Enhancement Coordinator
 ISC.MiniU@uwo.ca



BNA Procurement at a Glance

Bridging North America (BNA) is the private-sector partner contracted by the Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority (WDDBA) to deliver the Gordie Howe International Bridge. BNA is looking to work with companies that are strong leaders in their respective lines of business and those with exceptional safety records.

Procurement – What BNA Buys

BNA requires purchases of large volumes of materials and services. The contracts for these materials and services vary in scope and award. BNA works with both large and small contractors in the following key areas: administrative and contracts, architectural, civil, construction indirects, electrical equipment, industrial paint and insulation, instrumentation, logistics, piping/fittings/valves, process equipment, and structural.

Procurement Questionnaire

BNA requires all companies wishing to do business with BNA to complete a qualification questionnaire and provide details about relevant licensing, compliance with federal and/or state or provincial laws related to equal employment opportunities (EEO), financial status, insurance, bonding capacity, quality assurance, and health, safety and environmental (HS&E) ratings.

To request a Canadian package and Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), contact:
procurement@bnacagp.com

To request a U.S. package and Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), contact:
procurement@bnausjv.com

Community Benefits & Local Participation

The objective of the Workforce Development and Participation Strategy is to create accessible employment and contracting opportunities for local residents and businesses in Windsor, Ontario or within 100 kilometers of the City of Windsor, Indigenous Peoples in Canada, and residents and businesses within the City of Detroit. For questions on BNA Community Benefits and the Workforce Development Participation Strategy, please contact Nick Najor, Community Benefits Coordinator, at nnajor@bnausjv.com.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise

The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal established for this project is 2.15% of the cost of the construction and engineering work needed to complete the Michigan Interchange and the portion of the bridge that is located in Michigan. For questions on DBE opportunities on the Gordie Howe International Bridge project, please contact Ron Evans, DBE Consultant, at rmebiconsulting@gmail.com.

Current opportunities can be found at:

<https://www.gordiehoweinternationalbridge.com/en/procurement-opportunities>

Instructions for Bidders:

<https://sway.office.com/EvDz781rAbzUJHBoY>

Bridging North America



BNA Career Opportunities (Canada)

Bridging North America (BNA) is the private-sector partner responsible for designing, building, financing, operating, and maintaining the Gordie Howe International Bridge.

Please find attached the current job listings in Canada for BNA Constructors. These are current as of March 1, 2021. For more information on these positions, please visit the Gordie Howe International Bridge website: <https://www.gordiehoweinternationalbridge.com/en/work-with-bna> where you will be directed to one of the Joint Venture Partners who manage the postings.

Position	Discipline	Department
BIM Database Coordinator	Proj Support	Technical
CAN MS Pylon Superintendent	Superintendent	CAN Bridge
Contracts Assistant	Preconstruction	Technical
Cost Control Coordinator	Project Controls	Project Controls
Deck Superintendent - CAN Bridge	Superintendent	CAN Bridge
Fabrication QA Inspector (Off Site)	Quality	Quality
Handover Manager/Commissioning Coordinator	Preconstruction	Technical
Logistics Coordinator	Field Engineer	CAN POE
Materials QA Manager	Quality	Quality
Project Coordinator	Field Engineer	CAN POE
Project Coordinator - Approach & GIMP (formerly Cabling)	Field Engineer	CAN Bridge
Project Coordinator - Deck 2	Field Engineer	CAN Bridge
QA Manager - CAN Bridge	Quality	Quality
Quality Digital Reporting Trainer	Quality	Quality
Quality Training Coordinator	Quality	Quality
Safety Advisor	Safety	Safety
Superintendent	Superintendent	CAN POE
Superintendent (formerly Paving Superintendent)	Superintendent	CAN POE

March 2021

Bridging North America Job listings

Where: Virtual - Canada

When: July 5-16, 2021 (Monday to Friday), Approximately from 10 am- 2 pm each day

Activities: Proposed virtual camp activities include:

- Canadian Water First, SNOB Lab, Science North, Photography, Hunting & Fishing, Royal Tyrrell Museum (AB), SuperNova – Robotics – Oceanography (ATL), Coastal Ecology (BC), Canada Space Agency (QC), Chemistry Lavel University (QC)...
- Will be a combination of hands-on activities, virtual talks, tours, and interactions with presenters and campers

Who can apply: First Nation students aged 12 -15 living on reserve and enrolled full-time in a council operated, federal, provincial, or provincially-recognized school (includes private schools and home schooling). Applicants must have demonstrated an interest in science.

Application: Applicants will submit an essay describing

- 1) the impact of natural resources industries on their life and on their community
- 2) why they want to participate in the National Science camp and,
- 3) what they could contribute to the camp.

The essay is to be a maximum of one (1) page typed or two (2) handwritten pages. An artistic expression, drawing, sketch, etc. must accompany each essay. The art work is to express what is detailed in the essay.

The application must include:

- the student's essay, art work, completed application form,
- a letter of support from the school,
- a letter of reference from one non-family community member
- a signed statement of eligibility and,
- a signed parental permission form.

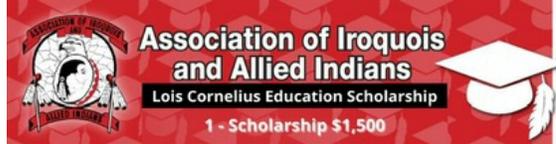
Applications which do not include all the required documentation will not be considered.

Deadline: The deadline for submissions of applications is April 19, 2021. Applications must be received by this date. Late applications will not be considered. 10 finalists will be selected by the committee.

Finalists will be notified by April 23, 2021. Acceptance must be confirmed in writing by April 28, 2021.

Applications are to be submitted by email. A PDF copy of the original signed documents can be attached to the email. Please submit applications to:

Bernadette Wabie
Senior Education Officer, Indigenous Services Canada
195 Henry Street, Unit 6A
BRANTFORD, ON N3S 5C9
Email: Bernadette.Wabie@canada.ca



AIAI

The Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) is a Political Territorial Organization (PTO) established in 1969, to represent their seven member First Nation communities at all levels of government. AIAI represents approximately 20,000 Status First Nation people from Batchewana First Nation, Caldwell First Nation, Eelūnaapéewi Lahnkewit (Delaware Nation), Oneida Nation of the Thames, Wahta Mohawks, Hiawatha First Nation and Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte (Tyendinaga).

PURPOSE

The AIAI Lois Cornelius Scholarship Award was created to promote and recognize First Nations excellence in Education and to honour the memory of AIAI Elder Lois Cornelius. Lois was a passionate lifelong advocate for education and the language. She worked diligently to assist the youth as she firmly believed they could accomplish anything they set their mind to. The successful applicant will receive a \$1,500 Education Scholarship and honourable recognition by AIAI's Grand Chief at the 2021 Annual General Assembly.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- All applicants must be a registered band member with one of the seven (7) AIAI member Nations - Batchewana, Caldwell, Eelūnaapéewi Lahnkewit (Delaware), Hiawatha, Oneida, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte (Tyendinaga), and Wahta Mohawks.
- Applicants can only accept this Scholarship as a **ONE TIME** recipient.
- Applicants must be enrolled as a returning full-time post-secondary student for the 2020/2021 academic school year.



Applications must include the following:

- A **SELF PROFILE** essay demonstrating overcoming obstacles, what is your current academic program and why you should receive the scholarship. (500 words max)
- One (1) letter of support from your current program advisor, school counselor, or professor/instructor, etc.
- One (1) letter of support from your Administration Office confirming that you are a registered First Nation member of your community.

Lois Cornelius Scholarship APPLICATION DEADLINE:

April 23rd, 2021 at 4:30 P.M.

NOTE: Any Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

REMINDER: Include your contact information: i.e. Return address, email, and phone number

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Kyla Stonefish, Education Manager
Association of Iroquois & Allied Indians
387 Princess Ave, London, ONT, N6B 2A7
Phone: 519-434-2761
Fax: 519-675-1053
Email: kstonefish@aiai.on.ca
Website: www.aiai.on.ca

To receive an application form, please contact Holly at etow@caldwellfirstnation.ca

Please contact Kyla Stonefish for more information at kstonefish@aiai.on.ca

Deadline April 23, 2021 at 4:30 pm

Contact Holly

Contact AIAI

Update from First Nations Technical Institute (FNTI)

Health News

Spring Info Sheet Public Health Alerts



30 March 2021

Public Health Alert – Easter Gatherings, Increasing COVID-19 Cases, and Variants of Concern

Dear Chief and Health Director:

As you are aware, COVID-19 Variants of Concern (VOCs) have been circulating in Ontario and are now estimated to be more than 65% of all COVID-19 cases. In addition, overall in Ontario we are seeing increasing cases as variants become more widespread. We are writing to you today to provide updated information and public health recommendations as we approach Easter.

Easter and Social Gatherings

As First Nations communities in Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta have experienced, social gatherings, especially around holiday periods, have been a major source of transmission of COVID-19. To avoid this risk, we are continuing to advise that people not gather in other people's homes, or in other indoor settings. Every gathering can quickly contribute to the spread of the virus and lead to many cases that can overwhelm a community. Sadly, we have seen deaths in persons who have contracted COVID-19 at gatherings. With increasing variant cases in Ontario, now is not the time for indoor gatherings.

The B.1.1.7 variant (first identified in the UK) has now been shown to be about 60% more transmissible than original COVID-19 and can cause more severe illness, resulting in more hospitalizations and deaths (56% increase). Physicians in ON are reporting that they are seeing variants causing severe illness in adults in younger age groups as well, resulting in hospitalizations and deaths.

Continue to Follow Public Health Measures, even if vaccinated

COVID-19 vaccine distribution is underway in Ontario, however, not enough people have been vaccinated yet to prevent the spread of infection.

Please continue to advise your residents to practice public health measures **even if they have been vaccinated**:

- DO NOT VISIT OTHER PEOPLE'S HOMES
- Any gatherings/celebrations should only include members of an immediate household
- Wear a well-fitting 3-ply mask and practice physical distancing of 2-metres when out of your home to get essential supplies, groceries, medications, etc.
- Wash hands often and practice good hygiene
- Cover your cough or sneeze
- IF YOU HAVE ANY SYMPTOMS, even mild ones, get tested immediately and stay away from others as much as possible
- Wear a mask in your home if you have symptoms
- Self-isolate until you have your test results and are notified by your provider about next steps

This advice is intended to supplement, not replace, the advice of your local public health unit.

Thank you for all of your continuing efforts in promoting vaccination and preventing the spread of COVID-19. With the arrival of more and more vaccines, as well as spring and summer, we will have more opportunities to return to normal activities when cases decrease in ON. We will get there with everyone's participation!

Dr. Maurice Maher
Regional Public Health Physician
First Nations and Inuit Health Branch, Ontario Region

30 March 2021

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**PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT
HOLIDAY GATHERINGS**



Spring is here and with it comes warmer weather and holiday gatherings. While it's important to get outside to get exercise and some fresh air, we need to continue to keep ourselves and our community safe from COVID-19.

SOCIAL GATHERINGS

• Social gatherings and celebrations should only include those living in an immediate household



HOLIDAY TRAVEL

• Avoid all non-essential travel until further notice



CONTINUE TO FOLLOW PUBLIC HEALTH RECOMMENDATIONS

- Do not visit other people's homes
- Wash hands often
- Wear a mask
- Cover your cough or sneeze
- Practice physical distancing of 2-metres when outside of your home
- If you have any symptoms, get tested immediately and stay away from others
- Self-isolate until you have your test results
- Even after you've been vaccinated, you still need to follow public health recommendations



MENTAL HEALTH

- Feelings of stress are common during this time
- If you require mental health support, call:
 - 911 or the local emergency help line
 - The Canada Suicide Prevention Service (1-833-456-4566) and @KidsHelpPhone
 - The Hope for Wellness Help Line (1-855-242-3310) and <https://hopeforwellness.ca>
 - For those in remote and isolated communities you may also contact your local nursing station



TIP As long as you continue practicing physical distancing, going outside for exercise and fresh air is a great way to help with mental health and well-being!

Caldwell First Nation

JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE

In the context of COVID-19 some needs that may arise for First Nations children may be,

- Food security - access to food allowances so that children have healthy food while families or communities are physically-distancing or self-isolating.
- Caregiver support - respite services to offer a break for caregivers.
- Cultural well-being - access to supplies for regalia-making, beading, etc. while children are stuck indoors - get Kokum on video chat and make a ribbon skirt.
- Cleaning products and hand sanitizer - to help keep children safe and clean.
- Technology to access education - assistive devices to access education online while schools are closed.
- Technology to access mental health supports - some mental health service providers are not able to travel to First Nations right now, but access to mental health supports may be possible through video with the appropriate assistive technology.
- Infant supplies - diapers, wipes, other supports for when a First Nation is in lock-down and the family can't access these items.

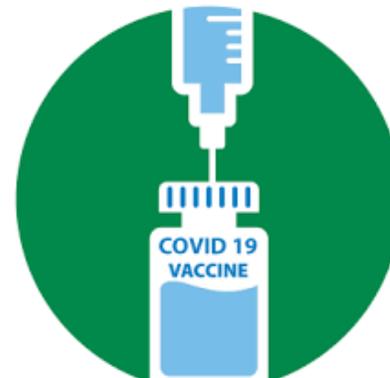
There is not a limited "LIST" of eligible supports or services under Jordan's Principle.

Each application is reviewed on a case by case basis

Not sure if you are eligible?
Need help with the application?
I'm here to help!

Theresa Lewis,
Jordan's Principle Navigator / CWW

Direct #: 519-329-2382
jpp.nav@caldwellfirstnation.ca



Indigenous 16 years + are now eligible to register for the COVID-19 vaccinations.

Please call Jo-D Schiefer to register at 519-329-0456 or email health@caldwellfirstnation.ca

Contact Health

Economic Development Updates

CALDWELL FIRST NATION'S TOURISM EXPERIENCES WINNING MULTIPLE FUNDING AWARDS

Caldwell First Nation continues to pull in awards and grants for its experiential tourism developments. Most recently it was announced that the Nation and the Indigenous culinary experience, led by the Experiential Tourism team and the Culinary Department, has won WEtech Alliance Digital Services Package. The is valued at \$10,000 and made possible by the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario via the Digital Main Street Future Proof Community Collaboration Project as part of the Nation's participation in the Ontario Tourism Innovation Lab's Spark program. Caldwell First Nation was announced as one of the Spark program recipients in January, 2021.

Three Fires: An Indigenous Culinary Experience is a 4-hour, hands-on event led by Chef Billy Alexander, that provides participants an opportunity to explore indigenous culture through an interactive culinary cooking class while having meaningful discussion about food, culture and community. The culinary experience is one of a suite of highly crafted online and in-person tourism experiences, all of which have detailed COVID safety plans and protocols to offer safe and intimate delivery. The development of these experiences is part of a Caldwell's larger Economic Development Plan, which highlights tourism development as one of its pillars.

"The recognition and awards that these experiences continue to receive is indicative of the level of gold-standard tourism product visitor will come to expect of Caldwell First Nation," states Caldwell Council, "The Nation is well on its way to becoming one of Canada's top Indigenous tourism destinations and this is supported by the hard work of Council and Nation Administration and staff. There is more to come and we are excited to share these experiences with visitors when it is safe to do so."

WEtech alliance's Tech Community Program Manager Noah Campbell evoked that "The team at WEtech Alliance feels strongly that [Caldwell First Nation's] idea will help bring long-lasting tech-enabled economic viability to [Windsor Essex's] main streets while also serving an important community and we look forward to working with [CFN] and the Lab in making this a reality."

Visitors will be able to purchase experiences beginning in late spring/early summer 2021 on a new, streamlined website, developed with support form the WEtech Alliance, the Investment Readiness Program funded by the Government of Canada's SI/SF Strategy, and the Indigenous Community Business Fund. Details about the site will be released upon its launch.



Coming Soon - Experience Caldwell

In preparation for the upcoming "summer of the staycation" and part of the Economic goals of CFN, a new website is in development for visitors to Caldwell First Nation.

The new platform is being launched to help travellers (and those looking for online Indigenous cultural experiences) book and participate in CFN experiences. Three experiences have been developed to-date, including a children's online experience which tells the creation story with handcrafted Indigenous puppets, an award-winning three-hour immersive culinary experience hosted at Point Pelee National Park with Chef Billy Alexander, and a Voyageur experience on Sturgeon Creek which highlights the biodiversity and ecological significance of the area.

ExperienceCaldwell (experiencecaldwell.ca) will go live in summer 2021.

Caldwell First Nation in the News

After 230-year fight,



Caldwell First Nation has reserve status; begins to build a new community

Caldwell First Nation has finally achieved reserve status, ending a decade-long bureaucratic struggle that included environmental assessments and various approvals from both provincial and municipal governments. Read more here:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/caldwell-first-nation-reserve-status-1.5955097>

New app to help address high volumes of First Nation consultation requests

LEAMINGTON— Members of the Caldwell First Nation (CFN) in southwestern Ontario think they have the solution for dealing with upwards of 25 requests arriving each week for consultation by developers from across their traditional territory.

The solution, a specially-developed web app, will help identify requests that are high-priority and allow the community to judge developments based on their own concerns, such as protecting sacred sites, harvesting practices, and waterways... [continue reading](#).

Meet the Staff

Staff Member Highlight



Louise Hillier, Band Representative

Meet Louise Hillier, Band Representative! Louise's family is Pottawatomi of the Anishinaabe Nations and are Turtle clan/dodem. There are seven siblings and she is the middle child of Isaac and June Peters.

Louise recalls, "as children, six of us were deliberately and deceitfully stolen from our family and placed in the receiving home of the Children's Aid Society in Windsor because we were Indian children. Adult members of our family had to obtain the services of a lawyer to force our return to our family home after a few weeks "in care". The experience of being stolen and placed with strangers impacts anyone who has endured this trauma for the rest of their life." As Band

Representative, she often feels conflicted in dealing with families and children, knowing that one day "in care" is one day too many, but at times is the only available option.

The goal of the Band Representative is to act in the best interests of the children and to participate as a party to proceedings and in matters relating to child welfare where Children's Aid Society is involved.

"I am truly honored to be in a position of trust and able to act for the best interests of the children. If you feel you might have an interest in being a caregiver for our children at some point in time, please contact me at the Band Administrative Office."

Brad Dos Santos, Finance Assistant/Administrative Associate

Brad has been a part of the Caldwell First Nation Finance Team since 2019. Brad's financial experience stems from corporate bank knowledge gathered while working and living in New Zealand as well as an Advanced Ontario Diploma in Business Administration Finance obtained from St. Clair College. Brad works closely with Senior Finance Officer Melody Watson and Director of Operations Nikki van Oirschot.

Brad is an avid soccer lover and has played at both the varsity level and semi-professional level across 5 different countries. "I am grateful to have been able to experience multiple cultures from around the world and I believe travelling has helped influence the person I am today."



Member Highlight

Caldwell First Nation Administration has been hosting Bingo via Zoom for the past few weeks and for St. Patrick's Day, we had a dress up contest. See below for pictures of the winners!





We are grateful for the outpouring of positive feedback and cards and messages of thanks from members participating in our online events. Below are some of the comments we have received:

"Thank you for everything you are doing to keep us all connected as a Nation!"

"I look forward to online Bingo. It is a fun game, but the real joy is in laughing together and having something to look forward to. Miigwetch!"

"Thank you for doing this for the members!"

"So much fun! Thank you!!"

"It is so nice to see everyone together online! Miss everyone and can't wait to see everyone in person again, when it's safe to do so. Thank you to Council and staff for giving us this opportunity."

"Thanks you so much for making this happen! What a great way to keep us together! Zoom is amazing! Moses is a fantastic teacher, he was so easy to follow. Thank you again I had a great time 😊"

"Please tell Lonnie, Tammy, and Council that Bingo is a real hit! So much fun!! Thank you!!"

"We are so lucky that Caldwell cares for its members the way it does. Keep up the great work... very grateful indeed."



Cheers to all the March birthdays!

Did you know who else is celebrating with you this month?

April 2 Michael Fassbender
April 6 Paul Rudd
April 7 Jackie Chan
April 15 Emma Watson
April 21 James McAvoy
April 28 Jessica Alba

IN THE NEWS

For the most up-to-date information regarding the Corona Virus:
cbc.ca
ctvnews.ca

Ontario introduces another stay-at-home order, declares third state of emergency
April 8, 2021

Ontario has declared its third state of emergency since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic and will be implementing a province wide stay-at-home order as of Thursday. Premier Doug Ford made the announcement Wednesday after hours of discussion with his cabinet.

<https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-introduces-another-stay-at-home-order-declares-third-state-of-emergency-1.5377410>

What is considered essential activity under Ontario's stay-at-home order?
April 7, 2021

The province has enacted another stay-at-home order as Ontario faces a third wave mainly driven by more transmissible and more deadly COVID-19 variants. The order comes into effect on Thursday, April 8 and will last for at least four weeks.

<https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/what-is-considered-essential-activity-under-ontario-s-stay-at-home-order-1.5378395>

Ontario to impose stay-at-home order, closing non-essential retail, sources say
April 7, 2021

Ontario Premier Doug Ford's cabinet has approved a province wide stay-at-home order and will close non-essential retail stores for all but curbside pickup, multiple sources told CBC News Tuesday night.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/ontario-stay-at-home-order-covid-19-1.5977646>

Creative writing series engages next generation of Indigenous storytellers
Aimee Chalifoux says that when she was growing up in foster care, books were her

"getaway."

<https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2021/03/16/creative-writing-series-engages-next-generation-of-indigenous-storytellers.html>

Stories From The Land – Indigenous documentary series on CBC Gem

Stories From the Land, a podcast dedicated to Indigenous storytelling, has been adapted into a documentary series by Wanderer Entertainment Inc. for CBC Short Docs.

<http://anishinabeknews.ca/2021/03/11/stories-from-the-land-indigenous-documentary-series-on-cbc-gem/>

Stephanie Scott is first Indigenous woman to lead National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation

An Indigenous woman is set to lead the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR) for the first time. The NCTR, which is working to compile a complete history of residential schools in Canada, has named its former director of operations, Stephanie Scott, to the position of executive director.

<https://nationtalk.ca/story/stephanie-scott-is-first-indigenous-woman-to-lead-national-centre-for-truth-and-reconciliation-the-globe-and-mail>

SEEKING REFERRALS

Procurement Opportunity

Are you an Indigenous owned trucking company?

A National organization is seeking to partner with indigenous companies for potential procurement opportunities.

Please forward business name and contact information to:
Colleen Nolan, Marketing Director – marketingdirector@ofneda.ca

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. If anything is of interest to you and you require further information, please feel free to contact us. We are here to help!

We hope you enjoyed the thirty-seventh edition of the Caldwell First Nation e-

Newsletter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us!

Sincerely,

Nikki van Oirschot

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