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HAPPY EASTER



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BAND ADMINISTRATOR

APRIL is a new fiscal year, all programs and projects will now be preparing the annual reports of all activities held, statistics, money that was spent and on what... and at the same time, we are starting the new programming for this year...welcome to 2021-2022!!

March Activities

- ❖ Daily Staff Interaction
- ✓ Email, Phone and Text Messages
- ✓ Zoom Meetings for all projects, programs and services
- ✓ Biweekly Council Meetings - Zoom
- ✓ 2020-2021 Year End Reporting ongoing
- ✓ 2020-2021 Year End Proposal Reporting
- ✓ 2020-2021 Financial Actuals for Year End
- ✓ Q4 Zoom Bingo Coordination
- ✓ Q4 Elders Zoom Bingo assistance
- ✓ 2021-2022 Program Budget Applications
- ✓ 2021-2022 Proposals and Funding Applications
- ✓ 2021-2022 – Budget Preparation
- ✓ Covid Vaccine Clinic Coordination – Thunder Bay
- ✓ Covid Vaccine Assistance - Greenstone



April Activities

- ❖ Daily - Staff Interaction, Email, Phone and Text Messages
- ✓ Zoom Meetings for all projects, programs and services
- ✓ Biweekly Council Meetings - Zoom
- ✓ Bill C65 Implementation
- ✓ Election Code – the vote is coming up soon!!
- ✓ 2020-2021 Q4 Final Reports
- ✓ 2020-2021 Financial Reports
- ✓ 2021-2022 Zoom Bingo Coordination
- ✓ 2021-2022 Program Budget Applications
- ✓ 2021-2022 Proposals and Funding Applications
- ✓ Covid Vaccine Coordination – 2nd Dose

We continue to work from home, making safety our first priority....all programs and services continue virtually, please contact us with any questions, concerns or new ideas!!

**Happy
Easter!**



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RECEPTIONIST

HELLO EVERYONE

Spring is in the air ...Hope everyone is staying safe and doing their best at staying home and going out only when needed. I have been busy with mail runs everyday making up staff mail packages doing address change as they come in assist staff where and when needed keep in contact with Priscilla on a daily. Helped roll out a list of members to the TBHU for the first shot of the covid vaccine.

If I can help in anyway don't hesitate to call or text
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PROTEST TO SAVE BEARDMORE ABULANCE



We have a member page if you would like to add a picture or a little story you would like to share just email me at gnayanookeesic@aza.ca

Joe Donio

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Development Manager

Hello everyone!

- As our Board Member for Minodahmun Development LP, it's great to announce that we have new training dollars to offer 100 training programs spots this coming year for the members of AZA, Aroland and Ginoogaming to prepare for employment opportunities with Greenstone Gold Mines. The details are being finalized and more information will be coming out very soon on which programs will be offered as well as their start dates. Mason will be sharing information on the programs as they become available. This new funding will also allow us to hire some additional support staff and we will be recruiting for these new positions soon. As the recruitment process will occur between our April and May newsletters, I wanted to share this early information here. If you are interested in either of the 2 new positions below, please let me know and I can share the job postings as soon as they come available. These postings will also be uploaded to our website when ready.
- New jobs becoming available to support the Minodahmun training program include:
a Program Coordinator to work for Minodahmun Development LP to help manage the training program with our communities, trainees, funders and Confederation College.

A Student Success Advisor to work for our First Nation to help support our members apply for training and to support them through the program.
- Through AETS, there are 2 programs currently open for applications. The first is a Food Service Worker training program accepting applications until April 5th and the second is the Drywall, Acoustics and Lathing Pre-Apprenticeship course which is still accepting applications until June 2nd. More information on both of these programs can be found at www.aets.org or contact me if you want more information.
- AETS has also secured a new pot of funding to develop training programs over 2021 and 2022 and details of these new programs will be released soon. As we slowly move out of the Covid pandemic, Governments are funding training programs more than ever. This coming year will bring a lot of new training opportunities to help interested members become ready for the Greenstone Gold Mines project as well as other employment opportunities. Please continue to read the newsletters for more updates and if you are interested, please let me know and I would be happy to help!

If you have any questions, please contact me (Joe Donio) at 807-627-4377 or jdonio@aza.ca.



The

Partridge Planner



ROAD PROJECT

The road project will be done in two phases. First phase will be hauling and stockpiling granular. The second phase will be the road upgrade to the residential area and two streets.

This project is pending on funding approval from ISC. Hoping to get some of the "slush" funds left over at the end of the fiscal year to do the granular. Phase two application has also been submitted and awaiting approval on that as well.

PROPOSALS

I have been working on a couple proposals that will, if approved, bring some employment and development to Lake Nipigon Reserve.

Hoping to get my brush cutting crew back to work this summer.

HOUSING

An Expression of Interest has been submitted for 10 houses. This is the first step in applying for a housing project.

If we score high enough, we will then submit a more detailed application with blueprints and contractor to build the houses.

If everything goes well, we could start on the foundations this fall and continue the project next spring. We will have two years to complete the project.

This housing project will be CMHC Section 95 (rent to own). Surveys will be sent out to determine who is interested in moving to the Reserve and what type and size of house our members need.



For more information, questions, or concerns
Contact Alice Sasines, Community Planner
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The

Partridge Planner



Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek became a signatory to the Framework Agreement on First Nations Land Management on April 20th, 2017. This means we agree to develop a Land Code, Community Ratification Process, and negotiate an Individual Agreement. Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek Members will ratify the Framework Agreement by voting on the Land Code and Individual Agreement.

What's been done?

Three major processes:

Completed the draft of the Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek Land Code was review by lawyer, submitted and approved by Verifier March 14th, 2021.

The land description and boundary survey of Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek that will govern and manage if the Land Code is passed by the membership.

The Phase 1 ESA process— Phase 1 ESA was completed March 2019 by DST Consulting Engineers. The purpose of this process is to prioritize contaminated areas for Canada to clean-up in the future.

What is an Individual Agreement? What is the Community Ratification Process?

Under 6.1 of the Framework Agreement, the Minister and each First Nation that intends to manage its First Nation land will also enter into an Individual Agreement to settle the actual level of operational funding for the First Nation and the specifics of the transfer of administration between the First Nation and Canada. To ensure the membership is fully informed of the process of approving the Land Code and Individual Agreement.

A Community Ratification Process (CRP) has to be developed, review and approved by the Verifier March 14th, 2021. It sets out the procedure by which the community will decide whether to approve its Land Code and the Individual Agreement, specifically, how the community vote will be organized, the voting process, and how it will be monitored and verified by a third party.



For more information, questions, or concerns
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Consultation Coordinator



Mining:

- MLAS reviewing of claims (hundreds to go through); still lots of activity during the pandemic.
- Laurion is back up in our territory; always looking for local hires to assist with human resources and equipment.
- Noronex; permit was issued for work in our territory. Doing follow-up and research into this company.
- Copperlake Resources; looking to start a drill program in our territory at some point this year (north end of Marshall Lake).
- Landore; has plans this August to explore the north of Auden (around Ketchikan & Toronto Lake).
- Landore; is also doing staking additional claims around their area of interest, as well as reclaiming areas North of the Jackfish.
- Lithium projects updates and research; Georgia Lake area.

Forestry:

- Ogoki –reviewing plans; FMP for 2020-2030 has been approved.

Development:

- Bringing It Home
- Indigenous Home Innovation Initiative
- Biomass Project – reporting and future planning
- Water/ABM
- Scaling Up 2021 prep and plans

As always I am available by phone if any of our members have any questions or concerns that I can assist with.

Stay safe & be well,

Ice fishing this month with some of my favorite people!!



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GGM Consultation

Greetings Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek!

GGM has begun tree clearing at the Hardrock Project area. There still hasn't been an official construction decision. This is just some of the work that they can begin without an official decision. GGM is also beginning their spring Environmental Monitoring sampling. This will include Surface Water Sampling, DO profiling, Soil Sampling, Air Sampling and Flow Monitoring Stations.

If you are interested in obtaining your Grade 12, Confederation College is doing Academic Upgrading for free. You can contact Confederation Colleges office at 807-473-3723 or by emailing academicupgrading@confederationcollege.ca.

MDLP recently launched a Driver's License program. If you are interested, please contact me. I will need your name, phone number, email, license status and any possible barriers you may have when it comes to obtaining your license.

If you are interested in working at GGM's Hardrock Project in the future, please fill out the online survey. I have been advertising the survey for the past year now and have had a few of you already complete it. I will be using the information gathered from this survey to help create individual training plans with those that identified training needs. I will also be contacting those that identified their skills and qualifications in the survey for upcoming work at the mine. If you do not have access to filling out a survey that is okay. I will be taking resumes as well to establish a database of members that are interested in upcoming work. The link for the survey is below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AZASurvey>

Any questions just give me a holler!

Signing off for this month, your one and only Mason Shawayahamish!



Hello Members

I hope everybody is doing well and taking care of themselves . This Month has been over whelming with this pandemic in our district so please continue using the safe practices as we all will over come theses difficult times.

This Month is another historical moment for AZA as we can officially announce the voting date for the Land Code which is JUNE 30th 2021. e submitted our documents with approval from Chief and Council to the verifier which confirmed it aligns with the framework agreement.

- Community Ratification process group, Jennifer Copage (Verifier) Brenda Belmore / Crystal Restoulr (Lab) Ratification officer Ana Nichols /Priscilla Graham (AZA) Alice and myself
- Five days community Land Code Zoom sessions
- Damien Bouchard (Crow Creations) AZA Land Code video
- Weekly calls with Alice
- Membership engagement (calls)

I like to acknowledge one of our youth Kyle Haynen in participating in the land code zoom sessions. It was really nice seeing his interest and questions he asked about the code. Having our youth involved with a better understanding of what the land code is about it is so important as they are our future. High Five to you Kyle..

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Bart



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Early Years Coordinator



Out goes March in comes APRIL!!

Hope everyone has a wonderful Easter!

Just A Friendly Reminder!!

- Be sure to check out the AZA EARLY YEARS FACEBOOK PAGE!!
- If you are expecting a baby and would like to take part in the Healthy Baby program, please message me to sign up! Babies are eligible until their first birthday.
- If you have a child/ren and would like to take part in the Early Years programming, please message me!

~~April's Contest~~

April's Contest will be an Egg Decorating Challenge (Post your pictures by April 6th)



April Events

April 21ST

- Early Years – Pizza and Smoothie Night (Please register!)

April 22nd

- Celebrating Earth Day



May's Programming

May 12th –

- Craft night (6pm)

May 26th –

- Smudge teaching (6pm)



Healthy Baby Delivery Dates

Healthy Baby Deliveries will be delivered on the following days

****Thunder Bay & Red Rock –April 12th**

**** Geraldton – April 15th**

Please remember to send Nikki the pamper size, brand or formula brand prior to your delivery date.

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Education / Membership Clerk

Good Day to all the Members:

Well I can feel spring is around the corner. Putting our winter stuff away for the season. Didn't get as much fishing I wanted to do but hopefully more this summer. It's been a year since this Covid has started and we have been working at home but I'm still busy with the PSE and Membership Programs.

I was off for a couple of weeks sick but I'm back to work and feeling better. Thanks for all your calls and text's.

I have been catching up with my emails and sending out PSE packages and doing some membership stuff making sure your addresses are up to date.

Til next month

Denise Bottle



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Financial Controller

Ongoing Work:

- Audit – regular contact with accounting firm on ongoing audit work, and provide additional information as required.
- n Zoom By-weekly council meetings
- n Monthly Financial Report to Council, including up to date reports on ongoing projects
- n COVID 19 – reconcile expenses, reconcile revenues from applied proposals
- n Zoom meetings with different organizations as required
- n Employees/Council/Students – ensure all information is correct for processing of payroll, honorariums and living allowance, benefits reconciliation
- n Reconcile department budgets and set up spreadsheets to keep workers on track
- n Upcoming year budgets
- n Bill C65 – Bullying in the work place – zoom meetings re: implementation
- n Bullying and lateral Violence in the Workplace Project –invitation to participate in research project between Nokiiwin & Lakehead University
- n Zoom meetings with Band Administrator – general matters and employee matters
- n Land Code Ratification Process – zoom meetings with staff and Land Advisory Board to prepare for the vote

REGISTERING FOR DIRECT DEPOSITS

If you would like to register for direct deposit please note that bank forms must be completed and submitted to the bank, before I am able to use the direct deposit feature. If you are a TD customer, please complete the white TD form included. If you bank with any other institution, please complete the blue form included.

(Please note: the people that require help more frequently, are the ones not signed up for Direct Deposit. Do not wait until the last minute, we may not be able to help when you need it.

PAYMENT PROCESSING

All payments are processed by the First Nation on Wednesdays, and sent out by the end of the day, unless it is an extreme emergency.

Due to a number of circumstances beyond my control delays may occur.





ANIMBIIGOO ZAAGI'IGAN ANISHINAABEK

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Direct Deposit Authorization for Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)

Use this form to:

- ☐ Start Direct Deposit ☐ Stop Direct Deposit
☐ Change information previously submitted

Effective Date:

(MM/DD/YYYY)

Contact Information:

Name of Person or Company
to receive payment

Address:

Phone #

Contact Person:

Confirmation of Deposits:

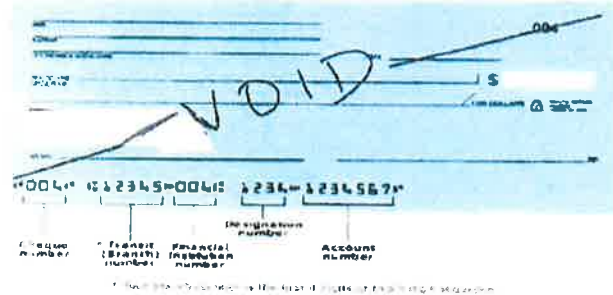
Your statement of account from your bank will show payments from "Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek"
If you provide your e-mail address, we will send you e-mail confirmation whenever we deposit a payment to your account

E-mail address for confirmation of deposit:

Bank Account Information for Deposits:

Please attach a blank cheque with your bank information on it. Write **VOID** across the front.

Type of Account: ☐ Chequing ☐ Savings



OR:

Provide a Bank Stamped, Pre-Authorized Payment Form.

Fax or mail completed form and voided cheque to:

Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek
PO Box 120, Beardmore, ON P0T 1G0
Attention: Finance Department
Fax: 807-875-2161

Questions? Call 807-875-2785 (225 or 226), or email
anichols@aza.ca

Authorize Electronic Funds Payments:

I authorize Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek (AZA) Finance Department to deposit, by electronic fund transfer, payments owed to me by AZA and, if necessary, to debit entries and adjustments for amounts deposited electronically in error. The Finance Department will deposit the payments in the banking account designated on this form. I recognize that if I give incomplete or inaccurate information on this form, payments may be made to the wrong account.

Be Advised: It is your responsibility for any fee your bank may charge to accept EFT transfers.

Authorized Signature:

Print Name:

Title:

Date:



TD Commercial Banking Business Services Authorization

To: The Toronto-Dominion Bank (the "Bank")

From: _____ (the "Account Holder")

Re: ANIMBIIGOO ZAAGIIGAN ANISHINAABEK _____ (the "Cash Management Customer")

1. The Account Holder acknowledges that the Cash Management Customer obtains certain cash management services from the Bank.
2. The Account Holder would like the Cash Management Customer to have access to the following of its accounts with the Bank and/or with a subsidiary of the Bank (the "Accounts") in connection with the use by the Cash Management Customer of the corresponding cash management service (the "Service(s)");

Account Number - Transit Number (up to 3 accounts per row)	BR	PT	PT (Credit only Account*)	WPS	IWPN	CIAS	FILE LINK	COR WEB	RDC (Credit only Account*)
			✓						

* "Credit Only Account" means an Account that can only receive credits. No debits are allowed for this type of Account (Payments and Transfers Cash Management Service and Remote Deposit Capture Service only)

3. The Account Holder acknowledges that the cash management services listed below will allow the Cash Management Customer access to the Accounts for the purpose of:

Balance Reporting Service (BR)

- obtaining balance and transaction information in respect of the Accounts
- viewing and printing images of cheques drawn on the Accounts and cleared in Canada

Cheque Image Archive Service (CIAS)

- retrieving, viewing and printing images of cheques drawn on the Accounts and cleared in Canada

FileLink Service (FILE LINK) - Correspondent Web Service (COR WEB)

- obtaining balance and transaction information in respect of the Accounts

Incoming Wire Payment Notification Service (IWPN)

- obtaining details of incoming wire payments to the Accounts

Payments and Transfers Service (PT)

- initiating funds transfers between the Accounts (other than Credit Only Accounts) and the accounts of the Cash Management Customer
- initiating electronic bill payments from the Accounts (excluding any TD Canada Trust U.S. business deposit accounts and Credit Only Accounts) to any bill payment receiver as defined from time to time by the Cash Management Customer
- initiating funds transfers from the Accounts (other than Credit Only Accounts) and/or accounts of the Cash Management Customer to Credit Only Accounts

Remote Deposit Capture Service (RDC)

- depositing Eligible Items to the Credit Only Account(s).

Wire Payment Service (WPS)

- initiating wire payments from the Accounts

4. The Account Holder acknowledges that it has received from the Cash Management Customer a copy of the agreements governing the Service(s) (the "Agreements"). All capitalized terms used in this Business Services Authorization that are not defined herein, shall have the meaning set out in the Agreements.
5. If the Account Holder has authorized the Cash Management Customer to have access to the Accounts for the purpose of utilizing the Payments and Transfers Service, then the Account Holder:
- (a) authorizes the Cash Management Customer to establish an Individual Transfer Limit, a Daily Transfer Limit and/or a Pooled Limit in respect of the Accounts and acknowledges that these limits may be changed from time to time by the Cash Management Customer;
 - (b) agrees that with respect to payments and transfers from the Accounts (excluding Credit Only Accounts), if there are insufficient funds in the Accounts from which a payment/transfer is being made to satisfy the payment/transfer, the Bank may, but shall not be obligated to, use Available Credit. The Account Holder agrees that repayment of any Available Credit used shall be subject to the terms and conditions governing the Available Credit.
6. If the Account Holder has authorized the Cash Management Customer to have access to the Accounts for the purpose of utilizing the Remote Deposit Capture Service, then the Account Holder authorizes the Cash Management Customer to scan Eligible Items payable to the Account Holder, thereby creating an electronic transmission of Images to the Bank, and to deposit such Eligible Items to the Account Holders Credit Only Accounts.
7. The Account Holder agrees that it is liable for all indebtedness and liability resulting from granting the Cash Management Customer access to the Accounts in accordance with this Business Services Authorization, including but not limited to any Available Credit used and any overdraft created in any of the Accounts together with all interest, fees, costs and expenses due or to become due in connection with the overdraft and any Authorized Credit used.
8. This Business Services Authorization supplements any previous business services authorization(s) granted by the Account Holder with respect to the Cash Management Customer.

DATED the _____ day of _____, 2020

Name:
Title:

Name:
Title:

Company Name (Account Holder)

Company Name (Account Holder)

By signing below, the Cash Management Customer acknowledges and agrees that if there are insufficient funds in the Accounts from which a payment (including but not limited to wire payments) or transfer is being made to satisfy the payment or transfer, the Bank reserves the right to: (i) debit any other account the Cash Management Customer maintains with the Bank; and/or (ii) use any Available Credit connected to the Accounts and any Available Credit connected to any of the Cash Management Customers accounts. The Cash Management Customer agrees that repayment of any Available Credit used or any overdraft created shall be subject to the terms and conditions governing the Available Credit/ overdraft. The Cash Management Customer acknowledges and agrees that it is jointly and severally liable with the Account Holder for all indebtedness and liability resulting from the access rights granted by this Business Services Authorization, including but not limited to any Available Credit used and any overdraft created, together with all interest, fees, costs and expenses due or to become due in connection with the overdraft and any Authorized Credit used.

DATED the _____ day of _____, 2018

Name:

Title: Financial Controller

Name:

Title:

ANIMBIIGOO ZAAGI'IGAN ANISHINAABEK

Company Name (CMS Customer)

ANIMBIIGOO ZAAGI'IGAN ANISHINAABEK

Company Name (CMS Customer)

FINANCE CLERK

**Lesley
Jorge**

Hello everyone, my name is Lesley Jorge.

I am a member of AZA, and i have worked with some of the staff in the past as a summer student, helping out around the office as needed. I was recently hired on as the new finance clerk, and have been working along side Ana.

Here are some of my duties listed below.

- Code account number & projects.
- Print checks for payment of account, and mail out.
- Filing of any paperwork needed
- Visa statements - reconcile invoices to statements, code account numbers and departments, posting to the ledger
- Post cash payments and email statements, as required.
- Update bill list - forward to financial controller.
- Address changes & updates on simply as required.
- Any other duties, as required.



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Medical Transportation Clerk

CHECK BACK



NEXT MONTH

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Homecare Coordinator

Hello Members! March (and hopefully Winter) has left us!! April brings the bunny



H A P P Y

E A S T E R



Past Program Activities (March)

Weekly Wellness Checks

Monthly Visits/Deliveries – Boost, Cleaning, Transportation, Equipment, Form Filling, Support, Advocacy/Referrals

Board/Committee Meeting Attendance

Elders Zoom Bingos & Name That Tune

Good Food Box

Upcoming Program Activities (April)

Weekly Wellness Checks

Monthly Visits/Deliveries – Boost, Cleaning, Transportation, Equipment, Form Filling, Support, Advocacy/Referrals

Board/Committee Meeting Attendance

Elders Zoom Bingos

Good Food Box

ELDERS ZOOM



April 28th at 6:30 pm
OR
April 29th at 1:00 pm

GOOD FOOD BOX – April 15, 2021

Moose Hall 2:30 – 3:00 pm
Petro, Nipigon – 3:15 – 3:30 pm
Band Office, Beardmore – 4:30 – 5:00 pm
Rec Hall, Jellicoe – 5:30 – 5:45 pm
Legion, Geraldton – 6:30 – 7:00 pm

Congratulations! March Elders Zoom Bingo Winners:

March 17th – Sandra I, Jackie C, Glen G, Irene B, Bernard N, Angelique S, Yvonne J, Raymond B, Art J, Bryon B, Darlene B, Maryann B, Oswald B, Rose G, Gerry **March 24th** – John B, Annette B, Bryon B, Karl K, Cindy P, Raymond B, Darren G, Glen G, Leona C, Darlene B, Gerry **March 25th** – Jerry J, Kosee C-G, Irene B, Yvonne J, Irvin S

Name That Tune Winners !!! Congratulations!!!

Jackie C, Elizabeth N, Mary B, Kosee C-G, Yvonne & Jerry J, Sandra I, Theresa J

A big thank you to Bryon Brisard who donated towards this event !!

Let me know if another Name That Tune is wanted :)

For these events, please register with Bev. at bgoodchild@aza.ca or call or text (807) 621-014. The Zoom link will be posted on AZA's Covid Face book Page **on the day** of the event. I look forward to seeing you at these upcoming events! Until then, be well, happy and safe! Beverley

Dorothy Rody
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FAMILY OUTREACH WORKER

I would like to wish all well at this hard time. Covid is starting to hit our community members, please be safe. I know it's hard to not visit family, but I'm sure we can get through this if we all work together. For the month of March, I've been out and about helping families through this pandemic. I've done my training with Dennis Windego regarding Trauma and Greif & Loss. I really enjoyed his teachings, most of his work is done through land base teaching. I'm excited to present some of his knowledge through the Grief and Loss Workshop coming up in **April**. Here are some programs being offered in April.

- ***Grief and Loss (Registration is closed) Saturday April 10, 2021 – at 7-9pm.***
- ***Healthy Relationships (Registration is closed) April 11, 2021 – at 7-9pm.***
- ***Women Circles groups One to Four (Monday evenings from 8pm -?)***

All programs mentioned are closed to community for I had posted registration for roughly a month. I will be mailing out the packages on March 29, 2021 to the ones who registered.

Here is information for **May** programming. I like people to register asap, so I have time to mail out stuff ahead of time. Women Circles will discontinue until Fall time. Thank you for all the ladies who participated and I hope to see you again in the fall. Thank you to our Elder Kosee who helped us out during our circles.

- **Mother's Day Cooking Class – May 9, 2021 at 3pm-5pm.** 20 spots available. Register deadline is on April 23, 2021. We will be making Mom a Mothers Day Dinner together. The recipe will be:

Chicken parmesan, Vegetable Salad, and Rice. All participants who register will receive recipe and a gift card to purchase the ingredients before the class. Please email me to register, I will need your mailing address and number of people in the household.
- **Family Paint night – May 17, 2021 at 6-9pm.** Registration deadline is **April 23, 2021**. 20 spots available. Participants will receive - paints, brushes, canvas and some pictures to try. I will need you to email me your mailing address and how much members in the family that will be participating.
- **Family flower planting – May 8, 2021 at 3-5pm.** Registration deadline is **April 17, 2021**. 20 spots available. Participants will receive planting pot, flower seeds and soil. I will need you to email me the number of family members participating and your address to mail out the package. Information will also be shared regarding planting tricks of the trade.



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Youth Coordinator

Hey everyone! Spring is finally here! I can't believe how fast the snow is melting...I am looking forward to the upcoming month as I am doing lots of fun stuff!

I currently have my glass mosaic workshop coming up, contests posted which will appear in the newsletter and on the AZA youth page. Please read the contest posting for the Video Language contest

The next book coming up in the Indigenous Book Club will be the seven fallen feathers by Tanya Talladega.

Congratulations to Alaina Johnson who won the draw for my International Women's Day Giveaway!

I will also be doing a mask making workshop in April, please register with me via email. A date for the workshop is not set as I cannot determine shipping times for the items to get to me and then to mail out again to you guys! All registers for this workshop will be notified more than 2 days prior to the workshop date. Only 20 spots available for this workshop.

I am also having Ribbon Skirts and Shirts made for youth between the ages of 7-29! Please read the following information below if you are interested in having one made:

email me at PNadeau@aza.ca if you would like one made for you and don't forget to include the following information:

- Name and Age
- For girls, include hip size and waist length from belly button to ankles and size (S/M/L)
- Girls' skirts will be done in a floral pattern with a double ribbon sequence-options for material will be blue floral, purple floral or yellow floral. If you have a preference, please include it in the email.
- For boys, include your dress shirt size; your shirt will have detailing on the cuffs and across the shirt
- Boys' shirts will either be a floral material or black; if you have a preference, please include that in the email

Pick 5 colours for the ribbons

DON'T FORGET TO INCLUDE FULL MAILING ADDRESSES WHEN REGISTERING TO ENSURE YOU RECEIVE YOUR REGALIA.

REGISTRATION FOR THIS CLOSSES APRIL 19, 2020

If you are a youth or have a youth in your household, please don't forget to join the AZA youth page on Facebook so you don't miss out on anything!



VIDEO LANGUAGE CONTEST



Submit a 30+ second video of a youth between the ages of 7-29 speaking or singing in any First Nation language! Videos must be good quality with clear audio and English subtitles to qualify

You can always ask a fluent speaker for help! Please send all submissions to PNadeau@aza.ca

By choosing to make a submission you are consenting to AZA's use of your video. When entering please include your name, the fluent speakers name, language spoken in video. More than one entry is accepted and your name will be entered into a draw to win a Nintendo Switch + a game for each entry submitted!!

Video ideas:

- | | |
|---------------------------|--|
| -Names of Animals/ Nature | -Counting to 100 |
| -Reading a story | -Naming family members (grandma, grandpa, mom, dad, etc) |
| -Singing a hand drum song | -Introducing yourself, where you come from, etc |
| -Saying a prayer | |

IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PLEASE
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INFORMATION

Accepting entries until April 30, 2021

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Social Manager

Boozhoo

Another month has flown by. Another month in lockdown. This is not an easy time, but it is a great time to spend with your children while we isolate safely together. Social media is a great way to stay in touch with friends and family who are missing. If you are out getting essentials remember to social distance, wash, or sanitize your hands and always wear your mask! We are in this together. We will get through this together!



Here are some of the things I have been working on this month;

- Working with Independent First Nations to jointly develop policies and best practices
- Begun working on Children's Bill of Rights (this will be something that I will be bringing to Chief and Council and to the membership for input and review)
- Teleconference with ISC/AANDC regarding the Capitol Proposal (we are one more step closer to a modular office complex for CCFS)
- Begun organizing supplies for the self care boxes as they arrive to my home
- Designed Self Care box & gathered quotes for approval
- Continued routine contact with Ana and Priscilla

HAVE A GREAT MONTH!

-LYNDA



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**



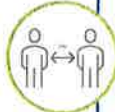
HOLIDAY TRAVEL

- **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!



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TRIBAL COUNCIL

Brief Counselling & Wrap Around Services to Victims/ Survivors of Crime or Trauma

including assistance accessing community resources, wellness programs and workshops, healing and sharing circles and many more services offered for individuals and families of those affected by crime or trauma

Services are offered to survivors of Residential Schools and Indian Day Schools, families of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, victims (or survivors) of Human Trafficking, women and men affected by domestic violence, those affected by Child Welfare involvement (past and present), assault, property crime etc.

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