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SAUGEEN NEWS

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Saugeen First Nation #29

Chief & Council Quarterly Update – January 2026

Amphitheatre Restoration

As we reflect on the past year, Chief and Council are proud to share the progress we've made toward our Five-Year Strategic Plan. One of our major accomplishments has been the successful completion of Phase One of the Amphitheatre Restoration Project.

Looking ahead, Phase Two will focus on completing the drystone wall surrounding the amphitheatre, adding new plantings and updated signage, and finishing the nature trail system that extends beyond the gardens. We look forward to continuing this important work together and celebrating each milestone with the community.

Saugeen Beach

One of the most meaningful highlights of this year was the celebration marking the successful conclusion of all appeals related to our Eastern Boundary Land Claim. For generations, Saugeen people have stood strong—often in the face of immense challenges—to protect and defend this sacred area at the heart of our traditional territory. This long-awaited legal victory is a powerful affirmation of our inherent rights and a testament to the strength, perseverance, and resilience passed down by our ancestors. We proudly acknowledge and honour the former Chiefs, leaders, Elders, and community members whose dedication and unwavering advocacy made this historic court decision possible.

Through this achievement, we have rightfully regained ownership of our land. To honour this milestone, a new sign was unveiled to mark the area, symbolizing its deep cultural, historical, and spiritual importance to our people. Further work is underway to establish a permanent name and signage that will continue to reflect and uphold its significance for generations to come.

In celebration of this progress, the Beach Advisory Committee has also been actively shaping a renewed operational vision for the area. Their work ensures the beach will be stewarded in a way that respects our values, honours our responsibilities to the land, and supports our long-term vision as a Nation.

Employment & Training

We have also completed the concept design phase for the upgrades and renovations to the Employment and Training Centre. Early in the new year, the final design drawings will be completed, with construction scheduled to begin in late spring.

These improvements will give the building a much-needed facelift, enhance energy efficiency, and—most importantly—create more effective and flexible spaces to deliver trade-focused training opportunities within the Saugeen community. This work supports our long-term goals of capacity building, meaningful education, and increased employment opportunities for our members.

Infrastructure & Housing

We have also made progress on our 20-Year Capital Planning Study, which is now about halfway complete. The results of the community questionnaire are available on our website, and in the new year we will host a community meeting to present the interim report and gather feedback on the work completed so far.

Work has also begun on Phase Three of the multiplex project, with the lot now being cleared and funding secured to install the necessary infrastructure so the units will be ready for construction. We continue to explore additional funding opportunities to support the building of these new units.

Lastly, construction on the five Habitat for Humanity homes is well underway, with completion expected in the spring.

Ceremonial Building

The Ceremonial Building at 56 Mason Drive is now approximately 90% complete. Early in the new year, the Health & Wellness Committee will finalize the building's name and cultural plan. Once construction is fully complete, we look forward to hosting a grand opening for the community to celebrate this important new space.

Leadership

Over the past year, the Governance Committee has continued its focused efforts to refine the draft Governance Policy and to engage the community in meaningful dialogue. This work has included a series of information booths and focus groups designed to ensure the policy reflects the expectations of membership and supports strong, accountable leadership within our community.

A community meeting with Chief and Council will be held on Wednesday **January 28, 2026**, to conduct a final review of the policy prior to its formal adoption. We encourage all members to attend and participate in this important session. Once adopted, the Governance Policy will become a central component of the Chief and Council Orientation Package, providing essential guidance and tools to support effective leadership from the outset of each term.

Following the adoption of the Governance Policy, the Committee will shift its attention to community engagement on the Election Law. Together, these two foundational documents will significantly enhance governance practices and contribute to stronger, more transparent, and more effective leadership for the benefit of all community members.

Organizational Structure

Through our Chief and Council retreat held at the end of October, we formally approved a revised organizational structure that will introduce 2 new Director positions for a total of 6 Director positions. This enhancement will strengthen service delivery, increase accountability, and provide the administrative structure necessary to support our growing organization. As our operations have expanded beyond the capacity of the original model, this updated framework will better support both staff and community members.

A key objective of the new structure is to improve communication—internally across departments and externally with the community—while reinforcing our ability to work collaboratively toward the goals and priorities outlined in our Strategic Plan.

It is our priority to continue strengthening communication between leadership and membership. To support this commitment, we will begin sharing weekly meeting highlights and providing quarterly updates to keep the community informed and engaged as our work progresses.

As we look ahead to the coming year, we extend our sincere appreciation to all staff for their hard work and dedication throughout the past year. We look forward to continued collaboration, meaningful engagement, and steady progress alongside the community.

In Unity,

Chief & Council

6 Cameron Dr,
Southampton, Ontario NOH 2L0
519-797-2781 / sfn@saugeen.org

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Chief & Council Calendar

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■ HOLIDAYS

■ CHIEF & COUNCIL MEETING

■ COMMUNITY DEPUTATION DAY

■ JOINT COUNCIL MEETING



COMMUNITY DEPUTATION DAYS

Location: Council Chambers

Time: 5:00pm-8:00pm

SCHEDULED DATES

January 21st

February 18th

March 18th

April 15th

May 20th

June 17th

July 15th

August 19th

September 16th

October 21st

November 18th

December 16th

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Saugeen Band Chief and Council do not tolerate persons exhibiting threatening, abusive or unruly behaviour with Band Program Offices. Such persons will be asked to leave the building, and if necessary, the police will be contacted.

Please remember that respectful conduct is expected from everyone. Any form of misbehaviour will be addressed immediately and will not be tolerated.

GUIDELINES

Individuals wishing to make a deputation must submit their request, reasons for their deputation, and any supporting documentation to the Executive Assistant to Chief and Council no later than five (5) days prior to the regularly scheduled meeting for deputations.

You will conduct yourself in a professional manner.

Each person will have ten (10) minutes to present to Chief & Council.

CONTACT

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS, HEIRS AND OTHER CLAIMANTS

In the matter of the *Indian Act*, R.S.C. 1985, C. I-5 and amendments thereto and in the matter of the estate of

Bernadette Owl, Band no. 995-01,
Saugeen Band, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to Section 8 of the Indian Estates Regulation, THAT ALL CREDITORS, heirs and other claimants having demands or claims against the estate of Bernadette Owl

(Name of Deceased)
who died on or about the 9th of July, 2024, ARE REQUIRED to produce on or before
(Day) (Month) (Year)
2026/01/07, to Clarence Mitchell,
(Actual Date - YYYYMMDD) (Name of Executor/Administrator)
19 Eagle Street, Southampton, Ont., N0H 2L0 their names and addresses,
(Address of Executor/Administrator)

full particulars and evidence of their claims, statement of their accounts, and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that after the last mentioned date THE EXECUTOR/ADMINISTRATOR will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard ONLY TO CLAIMS FILED BEFORE THAT DATE or ANY LATER DATE determined by Ministerial Order, and the said Executor/Administrator will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons whose claims notice was not filed

by 2026/01/07 unless the Minister ordered it may be later received.
(Actual Date - YYYYMMDD)

Dated at Saugeen First Nation,
in the Province/Territory of Ontario,
this 12th of November, 2025.
(Day) (Month) (Year)

Signature of Executor/Administrator

Clarence Mitchell

Date (YYYYMMDD)

(519) 375-7206

Important Reminder: Snow Removal and Garbage Bin Placement

Residents are reminded to keep driveways, roadways, and access areas clear of obstructions during the winter season to allow snowplows to operate safely and efficiently.

Items such as garbage bins, recycling bins, and other objects placed on or near roadways may obstruct snow removal operations. If bins or other items are left on the road or in the path of plow equipment, snow plow operators will not be responsible for any damage that may occur nor the department responsible for operators.

Residents are encouraged to clear a safe area for garbage and recycling bins away from plowed areas to prevent damage and ensure uninterrupted service. Should your driveway be obstructed by the aforementioned activities, note that you will not receive plowing services until the obstruction is cleared.

Please also note that, as outlined in the snow removal application, the Roads and Works Department cannot be held responsible for damages that may occur during normal snow removal operations. Your cooperation helps ensure safer roads and effective snow removal for the entire community.

Thank you for your understanding and support. Please feel free to contact the Roads and Works department if you need further information and clarification.

January



2026

Saugeen Ontario Works

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Happy New Year 1	2	3
				CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY – REOPEN JAN 5TH		
4	We are OPEN REGULAR HOURS MONDAY, JULY 5 5	Information Session 1:30pm 6	7	GoodFoodBox 11:30am -1pm 8	9	10
11	12	Workshop gam- 3pm 13	Workshop gam- 3pm 14	ODSP in Office 15	IncomeStatement/Job Search DUE 16	17
18	19	YMCA in Office 10am – 3pm 20	21	22	23	24
25	Late Income Statement/Job Search DUE 26	27	28	29	30	31
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Food & Cooking



Slow Cooker Workshop

This workshop will cover how to budget your groceries, crock pot tips & tricks, recipes, food planning, & much more!

Why a crock pot?

"They maximize convenience, tenderness & flavor integration while saving time, energy and money".

Limited occupancy; call ahead to book your spot!

When?

January 13th & 14th, 2026

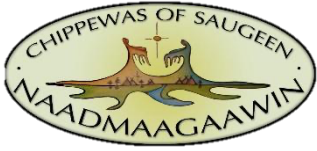
10:00am - 3:00pm

Where?

James Mason Recreation Center

Need a ride?

***Please give the Ontario Works Office a call at
(519) 797-1613 ~ *24hr advance notice required***



Saugeen Ontario Works **Mandatory Information Session**

Check your mail!

A *Mandatory Information Session* letter
has been sent out to those requiring this session.
Please note: this is mandatory, and clients must attend.

**The Information Session covers services, benefits,
programming, and demonstrates accurate reporting.**

***Important Note: If you miss this scheduled Info Session
date, you are at risk of being put on hold.***

Date: Tuesday, January 6th, 2026

Time: 1:30 pm

Location: 6470 Hwy 21, Saugeen Ontario Works Office



*If you need transportation,
please call our office at
(519)797-1613
24hr notice required!*

Find Your Spark

Training, Career Guidance, and Support
with YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce



3rd Tuesday of the month
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM (drop -in)

Explore your goals, grow your skills, and shine with support tailored to you.

- **Share Your Aspirations:** Tell us about your dreams and goals.
- **Explore Training Opportunities:** Learn about programs to grow your skills.
- **Build Your Resume & Interview Skills:** Get personalized guidance to stand out in your job search.
- **Discover YMCA Resources:** Find out how we can help you achieve your personal and professional goals.

Drop in and stay as long or as little as you like.

Light lunch and snacks/drinks provided. If transportation is needed, call 519-797-1613 24hrs in advance to book a ride.

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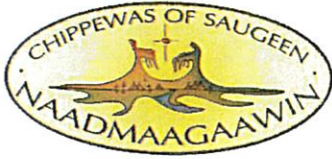
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Ontario 

 **Employment
Services**
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Chippewas of Saugeen
Ontario Works Department
6470 Highway 21, Southampton ON N0H 2L0
Phone: 519-797-1613 Fax: 519-797-2955

Did You Know?

If you received a letter from Housing in 2025 that advised that you had arrears; you might qualify for Ontario Works to assist with bringing your rent/mortgage up to date to the maximum of \$2,500 per person/family. We can still assist with some Health & Safety repairs you need, or Ontario Works can help with a one-time payment for high Heat and/or Hydro costs.

Ontario Works maybe able to help if you are low-income person or a family on Ontario Works and ODSP clients.

Low Income Cut Off is as follows:

1 Person \$30,526.00
2 Persons \$38,002.00
3 Persons \$46,720.00
4 Persons \$56,724.00
5 Persons \$64,336.00
6 Persons \$72,560.00
7 Persons \$80,784.00

If your income is below these cut off amounts for your family size, please contact Ontario Works to see if you qualify for assistance with your arrears, repairs or one-time payments.

You will be required to provide a copy of your income tax assessment at the time of application and the letter from Housing.

You may contact us at 519-797-1613 or email Darlene.Bumstead@saugeen.org

Yours truly,

Nicole D'atri

Director of Community & Social Services
6 Cameron Drive,
Southampton, ON N0H 2L0

Legislative Authority
Sections 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 of the Ontario Works Act, 1992
Section 62 of Ontario Regulation 134/9 file

January 2026

Home & Community Care Program

For Questions, Please Call The Community Support Service
Coordinator Erin @ 519-374-9976, Also For Transportation.



2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 New Year's Day Holidays	2 No Program Holidays
5 Exercise & Lunch 11 am - 1 pm	6 Shopping 10 am – 3 pm (Weather Permitting)	7 Crafts with Rain 11 am – 1 pm	8 Exercise & Lunch 11 am - 1 pm **GOOD FOOD BOX DELIVERY**	9 Indoor Games 11 am – 3 pm
12 Exercise & Lunch 11 am - 1 pm	13 Shopping 10 am – 3 pm (Weather Permitting)	14 Craft with Rain 11 am - 1 pm	15 Exercise & Lunch 11 am - 1 pm	16 Coffee and Tea Social 11 am – 3 pm
19 Exercise & Lunch 11 am – 1 pm	20 Shopping 10 am – 3 pm (Weather Permitting)	21 Craft with Rain 11 am - 1 pm	22 Exercise & Lunch 11 am - 1 pm	23 No Program
26 Exercise & Lunch 11 am - 1 pm	27 Shopping 10 am – 3 pm (Weather Permitting)	28 Craft with Rain 11 am – 1 pm	29 Exercise & Lunch 11 am - 1 pm	30 Bingo 11 am – 3 pm

Niinigiwe Hospice-Like Space
Saugeen First Nation Home & Community Care

Purpose

- To provide a wholistic culturally-safe space on Saugeen land for Saugeen Band members to be cared for in their last days to weeks of life.
- To assist family and friends with all they may need physically, emotionally and spiritually so they can support their loved one through their end-of-life journey.

Criteria for admission

- Person has a terminal illness with a life-expectancy of up to 3 months.
- Person requires care beyond what can be supported in their home due to their symptom burden, lack of family capacity, lack of necessary home amenities.
- Person has a preference to be cared for in their community rather than at the Chapman House hospice or hospital.

Structure

- Niinigiwe has all of the amenities that a full-service hospice offers: a large space for visitors, full kitchen, hospice-level washroom facilities, hospice-level bed, sleeping provisions for family, meal provision, cleaning services.
- Niinigiwe is a "hospice-like space". This means it offers more medical services than what is available at home but less medical services than what is available in hospital or hospice. As such, if outside services are over-capacity, family involvement may be necessary to provide some of the care. This arrangement is similar to when a patient remains in their own home.
- Saugeen Home and Community Care works in partnership with Ontario Health at Home to provide hand-on-care to the Niinigiwen patient. This involves securing several hours per day of PSW care, daily nursing visits and overnight PSW care.

Transfer to Niinigiwe from hospital or home requires time to:

- Organize Saugeen nursing and PSW care.
- Send referrals to Ontario Health at Home requesting nursing, PSW, overnight PSW care. These services can take 1 to 4 days to start depending on capacity.

- Secure overnight PSW care. This is a very limited service in Grey Bruce and it is essential to providing care to a patient in a hospice-like space. If this service is not available family needs to be comfortable to provide medicines and personal care to their loved one overnight.
- Order and deliver supplies: medicine, oxygen.
- Contact the person's primary care provider or refer to a palliative care physician if one is not already involved in the person's care.
- Book transportation from home or hospital to Niinigiwe.

The Health Babies & Healthy Children program will be offering the

Zaagi'idiwin Indigenous Full Spectrum Doula Training

April 13-16th, 2026, (9am - 5 Pm)

in Saugeen First Nation

We are accepting up to 30 participants (16 required to run the program) and there is no cost to attend. Lunch each day will be provided.

This four-day, in-person training will include culturally safe, trauma-informed approaches and teachings from across the life spectrum. Participants will gain tangible strategies to support Indigenous life experiences in meaningful and practical ways.

This training is offered to SFN community members only at this time.

Deadline to Register is March 1, 2026 or until spots are filled.

To register please call:

Health Centre 519-797-3792 ask for Jen or Krista

ZAAGI'IDIWIN



co-facilitated by

Registered Anishinaabe-Dine Midwife Melissa Brown
and

Indigenous Doula, MSW Candace Neumann



Guiding Values

Medicine Wheel Teachings

"We are Spirit, Heart, Mind and Body."



Seven Grandfather Teachings

Wisdom
Love
Respect
Bravery
Honesty
Humility
Truth

E'GITZIJIIT **ENDAAWAAD** **ELDER'S FACILITY**

Admission criteria for **Niinigiwe Hospice** **Like space:**

Saugeen band
 member / community member,
 palliative diagnosis.
 (Scoring 30% or less on the
 palliative performance scale)



*"Niinigiwe is a comfortable,
inviting, home-like space for
family and friends to care for and
support their loved one on their
final journey."*



Healthcare professionals will
be available to support
patients and caregivers.



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HOME & COMMUNITY
CARE

HOSPICE LIKE SPACE



Niinigiwe

"I'm going home."

*"For that Sacred Journey through
the Western Door."*

41 Mason Drive
Southampton, ON
N0H 2L0

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SAUGEEN FIRST NATION

GOVERNANCE POLICY

COMMUNITY MEETING WITH CHIEF & COUNCIL

JANUARY 28TH | 5-8PM | REC CENTRE

Community members are invited to attend a community meeting to share input and discuss the draft Chief and Council Governance Policy.

This policy is grounded in our seven grandfather teaching and sets out the political, functional and legal roles and responsibilities of Chief and Council and defines the operational procedures to promote and ensure good governance.

VIEW THE POLICY HERE



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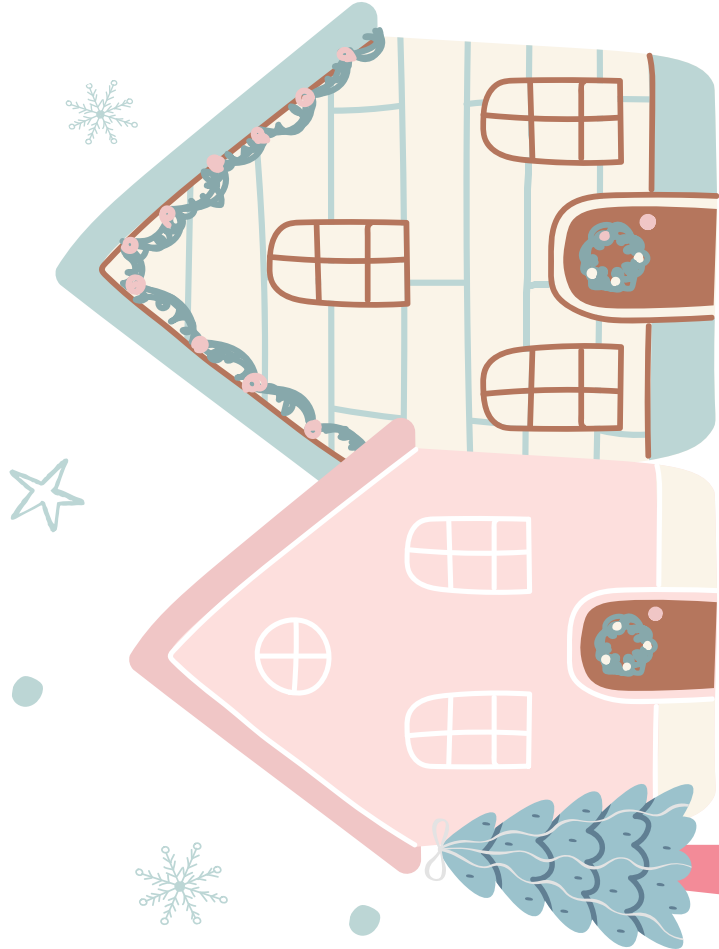
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FOODBANK

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ONCE-A-MONTH OR ONCE
EVERY 30 DAYS

• DELIVERY DEADLINE IS
4PM THE DAY BEFORE

• CLIENTS MUST PRE-
REGISTER FOR DELIVERY
- OFFICE HOURS

MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS

9 AM - 4:30PM

CLOSED DAILY
AT 12
FOR LUNCH

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18 PERISHABLES WEEK	19 SHOPPING & PACKAGING BOOK A DELIVERY DEADLINE 4PM	20 DELIVERIES	21 WALK INS	22 WALK INS	23 WALK INS	24 
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Thank you

I would like to say a big Ch'Miigwetch to Pier Donnini and his amazing staff and volunteers for donating the Christmas Dinners on December 23rd.

This year we had 982 dinners, total of 1,964 containers, to hand out to the SFN community.

I want to thank my staff Matthew Ritchie and Matthew Quarry-Besito for their help with set up, unloading dinners, and distributing.

I also want to thank the volunteers who came out to help set up, unload, distribute and clean up that day:

Janice Mason - Saugeen Education

Cheryl George

Cathy McGirr

Mike Kirkpatrick

Terri-Lynn Woods - Siemens Energy Canada

Mackenzie Clarke - Municipality of Kincardine

Lisa Goetze - Sauble Christian Fellowship

Rilla Shields

Kathleen Wallace

Joanne Kupiek

Miigwetch to the Saugeen Recreation for allowing us to host our Annual Christmas Dinners here once again!

Miigwetch to the Home & Community Care PSW's and the Saugeen Fire Department for delivering!

I truly appreciate each and every one of you for all of your help!
I couldn't do it without you!

Miigwetch,

*Erin Kewaquom -
Foodbank Coordinator*

Your Summer, Your Move



**LUNCH
PROVIDED!**



WHO CAN ATTEND: YOUTH AGES 15-29

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- LEARN ABOUT SUMMER COMPANY PLUS
- INFORMATION ON THE SAUGEEN CONTRIBUTION FUND
- HELPFUL RESOURCES FOR YOUTH
- A FUN AND RELAXED WORKSHOP ATMOSPHERE

**JOIN OUR SUCCESS STORY
TODAY, AND LET US TAKE YOUR
BUSINESS TO NEW HEIGHTS!**

JAN 30TH

• Start at 12 noon
Aaron Roote Memorial Youth Centre

MORE INFORMATION: BRITTANY.ROOTE@SAUGEEN.ORG

SAUGEEN NEWS

Newsletter Deadline

February newsletter content due
January 23rd. Remember to spell check
before submitting content.

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