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# SAUGEEN NEWS

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# Saugeen First Nation #29

Chief & Council Quarterly Update – April 2026

## Communications Plan

Through various surveys and community engagement sessions, Chief and Council have heard clearly the strong expectation for more consistent and transparent communication with community members. In response, several measures will be implemented to strengthen openness and accessibility, including the introduction of community deputation days, the regular posting of summary Chief & Council meeting minutes on the Nation's website, and the distribution of frequent communiqués and quarterly updates to keep members informed of key decisions and activities.

To support these efforts, a communication plan has been developed to outline the methods, channels, and timelines through which information will be shared. The plan also provides guidance on how members can access updates and connect with the various programs, services, and supports available within the Nation's administration. Members are encouraged to review the communication plan to better understand how to stay informed and engaged in community matters.

## Police Feasibility

The Saugeen Chief and Council have launched a policing feasibility study for the Chippewas of Saugeen First Nation #29 to explore future policing options that better align with community priorities, values, and expectations. Supported by KPMG, the study will examine what policing could look like for the Nation and what would be required to pursue an agreement with the Anishinabek Police Service, with a focus on enhancing safety, building trust, and supporting overall community wellbeing.

Community input is a key part of this process. Members are invited to share their perspectives on safety and effective policing through upcoming engagement sessions for youth, elders, and the broader community, as well as an online survey for those unable to attend. Additional details and participation opportunities will be shared on the Nation's website in the coming weeks.

## Landfill Feasibility

A Solid Waste Feasibility Study is currently underway to evaluate long-term options for improving the community's waste management system. This work builds on the 2021 Solid Waste Management System Planning Study and Landfill Assessment, which recommended transitioning toward a more sustainable system, potentially including the development of a waste transfer station and the future decommissioning of the existing landfill.

The current study will assess waste generation trends, explore opportunities to increase waste diversion, and identify practical solutions to enhance waste management infrastructure and operations over the next 20 years. It will also examine landfill operations, environmental considerations, and

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options for recycling and organic waste management. Dollars have been secured to support these broader waste management initiatives, with the feasibility study funded through Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) as part of the Nation's infrastructure planning efforts.

### **Education & Early Years**

The much-anticipated daycare renovations are nearing completion, with an estimated finish date at the end of April 2026. Daycare services will temporarily close for a couple of weeks to allow staff time to move furnishings back into the space and prepare for the grand reopening, which is tentatively scheduled for the end of May 2026.

Staff will be working closely with Elders and the community to finalize a new name for the updated, amalgamated daycare.

The Binoojinh Gamig building will also undergo minor repairs beginning in May. Once completed, this newly refreshed space will be used to host before- and after-school programming, as well as summer day camp activities.

### **Fibre Optics Network Expansion**

Starting in Spring 2026, Saugeen First Nation Driftwood Corporation will be upgrading and expanding the fibre optic network to include all SFN Cottage Serviced Areas. Installation will be completed by Avertex Utility Solutions Inc., and Bruce Telecom will become the new internet service provider in the coming months. During construction, there may be temporary service disruptions from time to time, and minor plowing through driveways may be required, with all affected areas restored to their original condition upon completion.

For service connection inquiries or questions, please contact Bruce Telecom at 519-368-2000 or toll-free 1-866-517-2000, or visit [www.brucetelecom.com](http://www.brucetelecom.com).

### **Fire & Emergency Department Renovations**

Chief and Council recognize the importance of maintaining a safe and reliable Firehall that supports the wellbeing of our community. A recent structural assessment has identified necessary upgrades to ensure the facility remains functional and secure for those who serve and protect us.

To carry out these essential improvements, work is planned for the 2026/2027 fiscal year. This investment reflects our ongoing commitment to strengthening emergency services infrastructure, helping to keep all members safe and supported.

### **Baseball Diamond & Powwow Ground Upgrades**

Chief and Council have allocated dollars to support priority upgrades to the pow wow grounds and baseball diamonds. These projects reflect important community-identified needs and represent an investment in shared cultural and recreational spaces that contribute to the wellbeing, connection, and quality of life of our members.

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These funds will be used alongside community fundraising efforts, creating a collaborative approach to completing the identified improvements. Fundraising efforts are just beginning; by contributing, supporters play a direct role in enhancing these valued spaces and helping bring lasting benefits to both current and future generations.

### **Recreation Centre Design Renovations**

Chief and Council have approved funding to advance the design phase of the Recreation Centre renovation project, marking an important step toward enhancing a key community space. A budget has been allocated to support a comprehensive four-stage design process, along with the specialized consultant services required to ensure the renovations reflect the needs, safety, and long-term use of the community.

As part of this initiative, a design proposal has been approved to guide the planning and development of the upgraded facility. Community engagement on this project will be launched late spring of 2026. These improvements are intended to strengthen a vital gathering place that supports recreation, wellness, and community connection for members of all ages.

### **Amphitheatre Restoration Project – Phase Two**

Through the generous support of various funders and local businesses, funding has been secured to move into Phase Two of the Amphitheatre Restoration Project. This phase will include completion of the parking lot, landscaping/plantings, site signage, expansion of the nature trail system, and the finalization of the wedding venue located at the front of the amphitheatre grounds.

This progress brings the project significantly closer to completion and will create new opportunities to host cultural, tourism, and community events in the space. A grand opening ceremony is currently being planned for June 2026, with additional details to be shared as they become available.

### **Leadership & Governance**

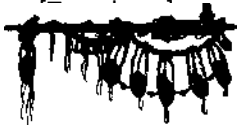
The final 30-day commenting period for the Chief and Council Governance Policy is now open beginning April 1 to April 30, 2026. The Governance Policy is available on our website and hard copies have been provided. Comments can be submitted by email to Melissa Snowdon at [melissa.snowdon@saugeen.org](mailto:melissa.snowdon@saugeen.org) or online in our feedback form at <https://saugeenfirstnation.com/portfolio-items/governance-policy/> or in person to the drop box at the Governance Building reception.

If you submit a comment and would like to be entered into a draw for a \$200 gas card, please include your name and phone number with your comment.

**In Unity,**

**Chief & Council**

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# Saugeen First Nation #29

March 23, 2026

Members of Saugeen,

The Saugeen Chief and Council are pleased to introduce the Policing Feasibility Study currently underway for Chippewas of Saugeen First Nation #29. This important initiative will explore future policing options that better reflect the community's priorities, values, and expectations—ensuring safety, strengthening trust, and supporting overall wellbeing for all members.

KPMG is helping the Nation prepare a feasibility study for policing in our community. The study will define what policing could look like for our Nation and what would be required if the Nation were to pursue an agreement with the Anishinabek Police Service.

As we begin this work, we want to understand the community's priorities for safety, and perspectives of what effective policing looks like for our Nation. We invite you to participate in a community engagement session to share your priorities and ideas about the future police service.

In the coming weeks, there will be several ways for Nation members to participate, including sessions with youth, elders, and the community as a whole. We will also share an online community survey for those who cannot attend one of these sessions. Additional information will be posted on our website.

***Engagement sessions are scheduled as followed:***

***Town Hall Open House/Drop In – Wednesday April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026, from 5:30pm to 6:30pm***

***Community Meeting – Wednesday April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm***

***Elders Focus Group – Thursday April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026, from 11:30am to 1:00pm***

***Youth Focus Group – Thursday April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026, from 4:30pm to 6:00pm***

Please stay tuned for detailed postings on these engagements in the near future. Thank you in advance for taking the time to participate and share your perspectives. We look forward to hearing from you as this work moves ahead.

In Unity,

Chief & Council

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# COMMUNITY MEETING ON POLICING

Saugeen First Nation is working with KPMG to prepare a feasibility study for policing in our community. This important initiative will explore future policing options that better reflect the community's priorities, values, and expectations.

We invite you to participate in the upcoming engagement to share community's priorities for safety, and perspectives of what effective policing looks like for our Nation.

**WHERE: RECREATION CENTRE**

**WHEN: WEDNESDAY APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**TIME: 6:30PM TO 8:30PM**



*A light dinner will be provided*

# ELDERS FOCUS GROUP

Saugeen First Nation is working with KPMG to prepare a feasibility study for policing in our community. This important initiative will explore future policing options that better reflect the community's priorities, values, and expectations.

We invite you to participate in the upcoming engagement to share community's priorities for safety, and perspectives of what effective policing looks like for our Nation.

**WHERE: ELDERS BUILDING**

**WHEN: THURSDAY APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>**

**TIME: 11:30AM TO 1:00PM**



*Lunch will be provided*

# YOUTH FOCUS GROUP

Saugeen First Nation is working with KPMG to prepare a feasibility study for policing in our community. This important initiative will explore future policing options that better reflect the community's priorities, values, and expectations.

We invite you to participate in the upcoming engagement to share youth's priorities for safety, and perspectives of what effective policing looks like for our Nation.

**WHERE: COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**WHEN: THURSDAY APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>**

**TIME: 4:30PM TO 6:00PM**



*Dinner will be provided*



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

Cene Hilliard Petenoquet, born June 6, 1957.

Ordinarily resident at 41 Mason Drive, Southampton, Ont, N0H 2L0

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 Cene Hilliard Petenoquet

ARE REQUIRED to produce on or before 2026/03/26 to Noanne Mason #6446

Hwy # 21, Southampton, Ontario, N0H 2L0 their names and addresses,

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 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

2026/03/26 unless the Minister ordered it may be later received.

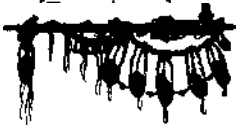
Dated at Sauguen First Nation

in the Province/Territory of Ontario

this 29th of January, 2026

Signature of Executor/Administrator: Noanne Mason

Date (YYYYMMDD): 2026/01/29



# Saugeen First Nation #29

March 31, 2026

Members of Saugeen,

We are excited to announce that funding has been allocated to support upgrades to the pow wow grounds and baseball diamonds. These improvements reflect important needs identified by the community and represent a significant investment in the spaces where members gather, celebrate, and engage in recreational activities. These shared spaces serve not only as venues for cultural and athletic events but also as central points that strengthen community connection, promote wellbeing, and foster a sense of pride and belonging.

To ensure the successful completion of these projects, the allocated funding will be complemented by community fundraising efforts. Fundraising initiatives are in the early stages, and all members of the community are encouraged to participate. Contributions may take the form of donations, sponsorships, or involvement in upcoming fundraising activities. Every contribution, regardless of size, will directly support the enhancement of these valued spaces and will provide lasting benefits for both current and future generations.

In the coming weeks, site work will commence at both the baseball diamonds and the pow wow grounds. This notice is provided to inform community members that any activity observed in these areas is part of the planned improvement projects and reflects our ongoing efforts to enhance these shared spaces. Not to worry, this won't affect the ball games that will be scheduled for this coming season, construction areas will be fenced off for games and will only be active during the day.

Further sponsorship opportunities will be available in the near future. Individuals, families, and local businesses are encouraged to consider participating in these opportunities as a way to support the project and leave a lasting positive impact on the community. For additional information regarding contributions, sponsorships, or participation in fundraising initiatives, please contact Brittany Roote at [brittany.roote@saugeen.org](mailto:brittany.roote@saugeen.org)

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# April



# 2026



## Saugeen Ontario Works

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 <i>Good Friday</i> <b>Closed Holiday</b>	4
5  <i>Happy Easter</i>	6 <i>Easter Monday</i> <b>Closed Holiday</b>	7 Information Session at 1:30pm	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Workshop 10-3pm	15 GoodFoodBox Delivery	16 <b>Income Statement/ Job Search DUE</b>	17	18
19	20	21 <b>Y</b> YMCA in Office 10am - 3pm	22	23 ODSP in Office	24 Legal Clinic 1-3pm	25
26 <b>Late Income Statement Job Search DUE</b>	27	28	29	30		



## 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, APRIL 7th, 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!*

*Build-a-buddy*



# *Sock Plushie Workshop*

*Hop, Stitch & Hug!*

*This workshop focuses on handcraft sewing, emotional comfort and the value of repurposing odds-&-ends.*

*Bring your new companion & skill home to share!*



*All supplies included!*



*However, feel free to bring your own bits & bobs for personalization such as ribbons or buttons from home, for eyes!*

*This workshop is for OW / ODSP clients with any skill level.*

*Limited attendance; call ahead to book your spot!*



***When?***

***April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026***

***10:00am - 3:00pm***

***Where?***

***6470 Hwy 21***

***at Saugeen Ontario Works Office***

***Need a ride?***

***Please give the Ontario Works Office a call at (519) 797-1613***

***\*24hr advance notice required***

## **FREE LEGAL ADVICE**

**519-370-2200**

Please drop in or give us a call to book an appointment if you require legal advice.

**Location:** Ontario Works Building –Saugeen First Nation Between 1-3pm on the last Friday of the month

### **Topics we can help with:**

- Ontario Disability Support
  - Ontario Works
  - Off Reserve Housing
  - Human Rights
  - Canada Pension Plan
- Old Age Security/Guaranteed Income Supplement
  - First Nations Claim Forms
  - Wills and POA



# *Saugeen Ontario Works & Saugeen's Foodbank*

## **unite to provide additional groceries!**

***Starting April 2026, Ontario Works clients are now able to visit the Foodbank, twice a month***

Saugeen Ontario Works is partnering with Saugeen Foodbank to increase their provisions.

This second access will aid clients with additional grocery items & allow clients to stretch their food budgets.

Saugeen OW is phasing out the distribution of gift cards beginning April, 2026. Ontario Works will continue having limited gift cards reserved solely for clients who are experiencing an event of hardship (reference Saugeen Ontario Works revised; Distribution of Gift Cards Agreement Policy).

*We are overjoyed to see many of our clients utilizing their local foodbank! The Foodbank staff hope to see you more in 2026!*



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

### Distribution of Gift Cards Agreement Policy

To all Ontario Works clients,

Please note that Ontario Works is here to assist clients with everyday living, and we understand how difficult it is to stretch the limited funds available. However, we are bound by and must follow **MCSS (Ministry of Child, Community and Social Services)** policies.

*"The Canada child benefit (CCB) is administered by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). It is a tax-free monthly payment made to eligible families to help with the cost of raising children under 18 years of age".*

– Government of Canada, Canada Child Benefit

Gift cards were a COVID relief & Inflation relief benefit. This funding is no longer available; gift card supplies are limited. Upon Administrators discretion, gift cards *may* be issued *once every 3 months*, in events of hardships.

To qualify:

- *Must be an Ontario Works client; not currently on Hold or Suspended.*
- *Must have accessed Saugeen's Foodbank and other local foodbanks in the area, at least 5 days prior. Ontario Works will call the Saugeen Foodbank to verify their service has been utilized first.*
- *Gift cards are only distributed between the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> of the month after Ontario Works has received required documents such as; Income Statements / Job Searches and other requested documentation. NO gift cards will be issued prior to the 16<sup>th</sup>.*
- *Client must understand and agree that it is their responsibility to return receipts to Ontario Works within 30 days of receiving the gift cards with client's name on receipt. Failure to return receipts will result in being disqualified for accessing gift cards in the future.*

#### Saugeen Foodbank

Saugeen's local Foodbank is providing OW clients with Foodbank access, *twice a month*.

#### Care Packages

Due to limited supplies, Care Packages are also available for clients every 3 months. Care packages are filled with basic household cleaning supplies and personal hygiene items. We offer care packages to help ensure every dollar of the gift cards are spent on food and no essential cleaning supplies.

By signing the bottom of this Distribution of Gift Cards Agreement Policy means;

I, the client, have read, understood, and accept the terms on the Ontario Works office policy on administering gift cards and,

I, the client, agree to return receipts with my name on the receipts, or I will lose access to this benefit.

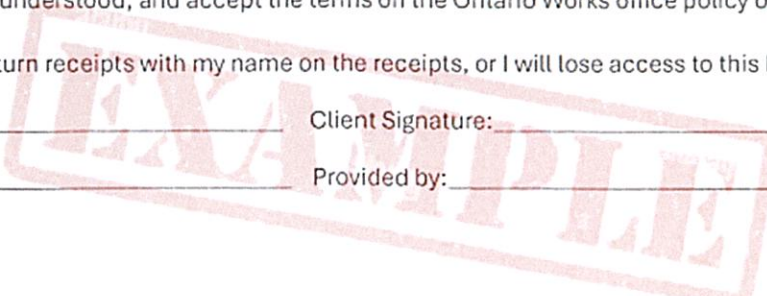
Client's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Client Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Distribution Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Provided by: \_\_\_\_\_

Yours Truly,

Nicole D' Atri  
 Ontario Works Administrator  
 Chippewa of Saugeen, Social Services

Legislative Authority  
 Section 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 of the Ontario Works Act, 1997  
 Section 62 of Ontario Regulation 134/94



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# April 2026

## Mino Bimaadsawin Health Centre



For questions, please call Administrative Coordinator  
Linda@ 519-797-3792 ext: 1000

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		<b>Blood clinic</b> 1 Walk in clinic -Kelsey Young- <b>Footcare</b> Smoking Cessation	<b>Blood clinic</b> 2 Walk in clinic -Kelsey Young- <b>Dr. Horsfall</b>	3 <b>Good Friday</b> <b>Stat holiday</b>
6 <b>Easter Monday</b> <b>Stat Holiday</b>	7 <b>Stat Holiday</b> <b>Beach Reclaim Day</b>	<b>Blood clinic</b> 8 Walk in clinic -Kelsey Young- <b>Footcare</b> <b>Dr. Horsfall</b> Smoking Cessation	<b>Blood clinic</b> 9 Walk in clinic- Kelsey Young- <b>Dr. Horsfall</b>	<b>Blood clinic</b> 10 Walk in clinic -Kelsey Young- <b>Probation</b>
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<b>Blood clinic</b> 27 Walk in clinic <b>Dr. Horsfall</b>	<b>Blood clinic</b> 28 Walk in clinic -Kelsey Young-	<b>Blood clinic</b> 29 Walk in clinic & Footcare -Kelsey Young-	<b>Blood clinic</b> 30 Walk in clinic -Kelsey Young-	<b>Blood clinic</b> 21 Walk in clinic -Kelsey Young-

Friday: PROBATION OFFICER IS HERE.

# April 2026

## Home & Community Care Program



2026

For questions, please call the Community Support Service Coordinator  
Erin @ 519-374-9976, Also for Transportation.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Craft with Rain 11 am - 1 pm	2 Exercise & Lunch 11 am - 1 pm	3 <b>No Program Holiday Good Friday</b>
6 <b>No Program Holiday Easter Monday</b>	7 <b>No Program Stat Holiday</b>	8 Craft with Rain 11 am - 1 pm	9 Exercise & Lunch 11 am - 1 pm	10 Shopping 10 am - 3 pm
13 Exercise & Lunch 11 am - 1 pm	14 Shopping 10 am - 3 pm	15 Craft with Rain 11 am - 1 pm	16 Exercise & Lunch 11 am - 1 pm <b>*GOOD FOOD BOX DELIVERY*</b>	17 Board Games 10 am - 3 pm
20 Exercise & Lunch 11 am - 1 pm	21 Scenic Bus Tour Sauble, Oliphant, Wiarton 10 am - 3 pm	22 Craft with Rain 11 am - 1 pm	23 Exercise & Lunch 11 am - 1 pm	24 Shopping 10 am - 3 pm
27 Exercise & Lunch 11 am - 1 pm	28 Shopping 10 am - 3 pm	29 Craft with Rain 11 am - 1 pm	30 Exercise & Lunch 11 am - 1 pm	

# APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 1:30 Healthy Talk	2 1:00 Hot Lunch 1:30 NA	3 1:00 Crafts	4
5	6 CLOSED	7 CLOSED	8 1:30 Healthy Talk	9 1:00 Hot Lunch 1:30 NA	10 1:00 Crafts	11
12	13 2:00 Breathwork	14 1:00 Hot Lunch	15 1:30 Healthy Talk	16 1:00 Hot Lunch 1:30 NA	17 1:00 Crafts	18
19	20 2:00 Breathwork	21 1:00 Hot Lunch	22 1:30 Healthy Talk	23 Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training	24 Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training	25
26	27 2:00 Breathwork	28 1:00 Hot Lunch	29 1:30 Healthy Talk	30 Mental Health First Aid		

## Available Daily:

- Showers
- Laundry
- Computer
- Peer Support
- Counselling
- Application Support
- Referrals
- Nurse Practitioner available Mondays by appointment

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**WELLNESS CENTRE**  
MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS TREATMENT  
SAUGEEEN FIRST NATION



**Mino Bimaadsawin Health Centre  
in partnership with Brightshores**

**April  
1st,  
2026**

# SCREENING MAMMOGRAPHY

Breast cancer is one of the most common cancers in Ontario. Finding breast cancer early means that treatment has a better chance of working.

#### Eligibility Criteria:

Are a Woman, Two-Spirit, Trans or Nonbinary person

Are between 40 to 74 years old and

Have not had a mammogram in the last two years

Please note: there are exceptions to the criteria for those who are high risk for breast cancer. Please speak to your provider if this may apply to you.

A craft and a lunch & learn will also take place this day for those participating in the screening

Please reach out to Reni or Tara to sign up! Screening will be taking place at the Owen Sound hospital.

#### Contact Information

Renita Nawash

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Office Phone: 519-797-3792 ext. 1009

Tara Duplantis

Email: [tara.duplantis@sac-isc.gc.ca](mailto:tara.duplantis@sac-isc.gc.ca)

Office Phone: 519-797-3792 ext. 1010

# Mino Bimaadsawin Health Centre

47 Mason Dr., Southampton, ON

## Join us for our Smoking Cessation program starting February 25th, 2026!

### What is the Smoking Cessation program?

Our Smoking Cessation Program is a six-week series designed to educate and support individuals in preventing commercial tobacco use and successfully quitting smoking. This year's program will cover a variety of important topics, including the traditional uses of tobacco, vaping awareness, stress management techniques, the health effects of smoking, the STOP program, and more. Participants will gain valuable knowledge, practical tools, and supportive resources to help them on their journey to becoming tobacco-free.



### When?

Join us at the Health Centre from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the following dates: February 25, March 4, March 11, April 1st, April 8th, and April 15th.

A light supper will be provided

Interested in signing up?

Please reach out to Reni Nawash (519-797-3792 ext. 1009)  
or

Tara Duplantis (519-797-3792 ext. 1010)

# April 2026

# Foodbank

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
				Book A Delivery Deadline 4pm	Closed for Good Friday	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Perishable Week	Closed for Easter Monday	Deliveries Pre-registration Required	Walk Ins	Walk Ins	Walk Ins	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Perishable Week	Prepping & Packaging  Book A Delivery Deadline 4 pm	Deliveries Pre-registration Required	Walk Ins	Walk Ins	Walk Ins	
26	27	28	29	30		

## CLIENT ACCESS

- Clients can access Once-A-Month or Once Every 30 Days
- Please speak with staff in an Emergency situation
- Perishables are available on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weeks of each month

## DELIVERIES

- Registration is required
- Delivery is On-Reserve Only
- Please have loose dogs tied up or in your home; staff will not deliver if there is loose dogs on the property

April

# Public Notice: Illegal Dumping at Landfill Gate

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The Waste Management Department wishes to remind all community members that dumping garbage in front of the landfill gate is strictly prohibited.

Despite previous notices, this practice continues and is causing serious concerns. Illegal dumping creates environmental hazards, attracts pests, blocks access to the landfill, and increases the cost and effort required for cleanup.

Residents are expected to dispose of waste responsibly and only during approved landfill operating hours. It is free for you.

Please be advised that:

- Monitoring at the landfill site is being increased.
- Individuals found dumping garbage at the landfill gate will be held accountable.
- Offenders will be required to bear the cost of cleanup

Protecting our environment and maintaining a clean community is a shared responsibility. Your cooperation is essential in ensuring proper waste management practices are followed. Let us all do our part to keep our community clean and safe.



## Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Campaign 2025

Ahniin Miigwech Saugeen First Nation community members for your continued dedication & contribution to the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox 2025 campaign.

Working together & with everyone's continued efforts has ensured another successful year with 155 filled shoe boxes which were distributed to hurting children living in communities ravaged by famine, war, natural disaster & life threatening disease. For the children who received a shoebox, this is the only gift they may receive in their lifetime. The boxes were filled with various items such as musical instruments, school supplies, books, clothing, cars, hockey cards, hygiene items, puzzles, skipping ropes, teddy bears, tooth brushes and so much more.

A special THANK YOU to the 2025 partners		Shipping Costs
1. Terri Indoe	2boxes	\$24.00
2. Rhonda Harrison	3boxes	\$36.00
3. Sytra, Stella, Sophia Hestra	2boxes	\$24.00
4. Holly Nashkewa & Cole Roote	4boxes	\$48.00
5. Bethany Roote	3 boxes	\$36.00
6. Sue Roote	4boxes	\$40.00
7. Victoria & Jackson Nashkewa	1box	\$12.00
8. Donna Nashkewa-Jackson	17boxes	\$160.00
9. Cheree Ursheler	2boxes	\$24.00
10. Leigha Roote/Shay Johnson/kids	2boxes	
11. Tabetha John	2boxes	\$25.00
12. Eliza John	2 boxes	\$25.00
13. Darlene Bumstead	3box	\$20.00
14. Dolly Partridge	1 box	
15. Ashley Partridge	5boxes	
16. Brendan Roote	3boxes	\$36.00
17. Bonnie Mason	1box	\$20.00
18. Melissa Kahgee Ritchie	1box	
19. Brenda Roote, Serena, Brandi, Hannah & George	4boxes	\$48.00
20. Dana /Tom John & family	6boxes	\$50.00
21. Emma Roote	1box	
22. Carrie Collins	1box	
23. Richelle Ritchie	1box	
24. Elaine Cameron	2boxes	
25. Diane John	2boxes	
26. Marcia John	11boxes	
27. Charlene John	2 boxes	
28. Jacquie John & Kids	5 boxes	
28. Danis/Curtis Roote	3boxes	\$36.00
29. Sara Jackson	2boxes	\$24.00
30. Pat Roote	2boxes	
31. Donna & Tim John	1 box	
32. Kristin Wesley & family	1box	

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Much gratitude to the following program staff:

The Binoogjiinh Gamig Learning Centre students who not only filled 9 individual shoeboxes but also crafted Christmas cards that were included in each box. So appreciative to Jennifer John, Joyce Besito, Glenna Cameron, Melanie Cameron & Summer Cameron Nashkewa who shared with the students the meaning of kindness, gratitude and giving happiness to others.

To Erin Kewaquom, SFN Foodbank co-ordinator along with her staff Josh Ritchie, Mathew Curry & Matt Ritchie who packed 9 boxes this year. Appreciate their continued efforts.

SFN Women's Shelter supervisor Mariah Lumley, Ashley Partridge & staff for their incredible overall contribution of 20 filled shoeboxes, a fantastic achievement.

To first time participants Donelda & Romaine Kahgee for their kind & meaningful support of a \$50.00 donation which went to the purchase of more supplies for the shoeboxes.

I applaud Peggy, Lorraine & Barry Kewaquom for a \$300.00 financial donation which in turn bought toys & school supplies etc to fill 15 boxes.

Miigwetch to Brendan Roote for arranging an area for the reading material & shoeboxes at the band office and to Linda Prentice for also providing an area for shoeboxes & material at the Health Centre.

Port Elgin Beckers Shoe store staff for saving shoe & boot boxes for participants who requested to pack larger items for each child.

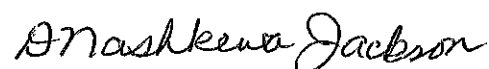
Joey Ladd, Martin Hestra, Matt McDonald, Jeff Jackson and members of the Shoreline Baptist church who helped with loading heavy boxes onto trucks which were then transported to the Wingham Collection depot.

To acknowledge Joyce Scammell South Bruce Co-ordinator whose passion, love & kindness to the yearly success of the local Operation Christmas Child Shoe box campaign.

To the Shoreline Baptist Church congregation who collectively have a strong sense of church community and give so generously to children in need.

All remaining shoebox donations are given to the Shoreline Baptist Church and packed for the new Wingham depot then onto Calgary AB to meet customs regulations as they make their way overseas.

If you would like information on the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Campaign, please visit [Samaritan's Purse.ca/OCC](http://Samaritan'sPurse.ca/OCC) or contact me early fall/2026 by calling 519.379.1604 and I will answer your questions & provide you with all the necessary information.



Donna Nashkewa-Jackson

Honouring the anniversary of taking back our beach, Chi Gmiinh

# SAUGEEN BEACH *Reclamation Celebration*

April 3 | 1-4pm | Main Beach Entrance

Hosted by the Beach Advisory Committee

Join us for a special come & go gathering as we celebrate this meaningful day for our Nation—a moment of pride, strength + community.



Fresh baked scones



Horse-drawn wagon rides

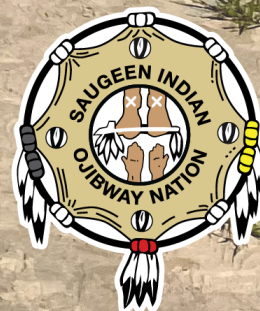


Hot drinks by the fire



Time to connect with community

All Band & community members welcome.  
Bring your family and come celebrate with us.  
Our Land. Our Water. Our Future



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# **JOB FAIR 2026**

**Get Your Dream Job**

**Thursday April 16, 2026 | 4:00pm - 7:00pm  
James Mason Memorial Cultural & Recreation Centre  
47 French Bay Rd, Saugeen First Nation #29**

**This event is for Nawash & Saugeen members  
who want to explore future opportunities.  
Join us to connect with local employers,  
education & training institutions.  
Refreshments & transportation will be provided.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK A BOOTH SPACE -  
PLEASE CONTACT APRIL JOHN :  
PROJECTSCOORD@HAAMB.CA | 519-373-1474**

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## Call for Artists

Grey Roots warmly invites proposals from First Nations artists – both individuals and collectives – who are members of, or descendants of, the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation and Saugeen First Nation.

This invitation seeks artist(s) who have experience creating public artworks that reflect living relationships to land and water, to community, to memory, and to future generations.

**CLICK HERE FOR:  
CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS INFO**

**For more information  
please contact:**

**[sim.salata@greyroots.com](mailto:sim.salata@greyroots.com)**





**BRUCE COUNTY**  
museum & cultural centre

# they are loved-

an epidemic of grief



You are invited to the special opening of the exhibit

## They are loved - an epidemic of grief by Tracey-Mae Chambers

This installation uses textiles donated by families surviving a loss due to substance consumption. These fabrics are cut into strips and tied together, binding our share pain. Hugs from a broken momma's heart.

**Friday, May 1, 2026**

**7:00 PM - 9:00 PM, Welcome & Exhibition Opening**

**Please RSVP online at [brucemuseum.ca](http://brucemuseum.ca) or by calling 519-797-2080 .**

**Community support will be available during the opening.**

Special thanks to our partners



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**[brucemuseum.ca](http://brucemuseum.ca)**

# SAUGEEN NEWS

## Newsletter Deadline

May newsletter content due  
April 24<sup>th</sup>. Remember to spell check  
before submitting content.

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