

SEPTEMBER 2026

# SAUGEEN NEWS

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6 Cameron Dr. Southampton, Ontario, N0H 2L0  
For free distribution to members of the Saugeen Band.



# Statement of the Votes

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Saugeen First Nation #29

August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026

To be completed by the Electoral Officer after the counting of the votes. The numbers on the Statement of the Votes submitted by Deputy Electoral Officers from other polling stations must be included in the numbers provided on this report. **Ensure that the form is signed and witnessed.**

**A copy of this statement must be sent to the Regional Office of Indigenous and Northern Affairs no later than four days following the election.**

| Candidate       | Total Votes Received |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| ANOQUOT, LESTER | 82                   |
| PUCAN, NATALKA  | 69                   |
| RITCHIE, CONRAD | 188                  |
| ROOTE, SONYA    | 201                  |

Number of valid ballots cast for chief: 540

Number of rejected ballots for chief: 9

| Name of Candidate for Councillor | Total Votes Received |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| ANOQUOT, LESTER                  | 206                  |
| BECKER, GARY R.                  | 45                   |
| BESITO, RANDOLPH S.              | 14                   |
| BESITO, SYLVIA                   | 57                   |
| BRICKER, JAIME                   | 48                   |
| GEORGE, ELI (WAASEKOM)           | 53                   |
| JACOBS, TRUDY                    | 155                  |
| JOHN, BRYANT A.                  | 146                  |
| JOHN, TIMOTHY J.                 | 49                   |
| JOHN, WARREN H.                  | 214                  |
| KAHGEE, RANDALL                  | 237                  |
| KEWAGESHIG, GEORGE P.            | 78                   |
| KEWAGESHIG, JENNIFER ANN         | 53                   |
| KEWAGESHIG, SHEENA V. I. M.      | 83                   |
| KEWAGESHIG, TIMOTHY S.           | 58                   |
| KING, COURTNEY-ANN J.            | 12                   |
| LEWIS, DALTON S.                 | 22                   |
| MANDAWOUB, HENRY (MATT)          | 65                   |
| MANDAWOUB, MARK                  | 126                  |
| MASON, A. THEODORE (TED)         | 71                   |
| MASON, RACHEL                    | 67                   |
| NASHKAWA, DWAYNE A.              | 190                  |
| OWL, ANTHONY N. W.               | 192                  |
| PUCAN, DOLLY (BIMADOSHKA)        | 91                   |
| PUCAN, NATALKA                   | 123                  |
| RITCHIE, CONRAD                  | 177                  |

|                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| RITCHIE, K. DARRELL F.  | 28       |
| RITCHIE, MORGAN J. L.   | 5        |
| RITCHIE, P. DORAN       | 85       |
| RITCHIE, RICHELLE M. A. | 108      |
| RITCHIE, RONALD         | 39       |
| RITCHIE, VANNA E.       | 26       |
| ROOT, THERESA           | 150      |
| ROOTE, FAY              | 162      |
| ROOTE, KEVIN J.         | 110      |
| ROOTE, LEONA P.         | 125      |
| SHAWBEDEES, SILAS C. G. | 25       |
| STEVENS, SONIA D.       | 42       |
| THOMPSON, LETITIA       | 172      |
| VANLOFFELD, STEVEN      | 140      |
| WESLEY, JOE             | 50       |
| WYNN, GRANT L. J.       | 15       |
| RITCHIE, JAN M. V.      | WITHDREW |

Number of valid ballots cast for councillor: 535

Number of rejected ballots for councillor: 12

**To the Office of Chief:**

**Roote, Sonya**

**To the Office of Councillor:**

Name: Kahgee, Randall

Name: John, Warren H.

Name: Anoquot, Lester

Name: Owl, Anthony N. W.

Name: Nashkawa, Dwayne A.

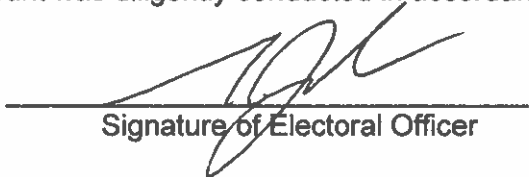
Name: Ritchie, Conrad

Name: Thompson, Letitia

Name: Roote, Fay

Name: Jacobs, Trudy

This count was diligently conducted in accordance with the *Indian Band Election Regulations*.

  
Signature of Electoral Officer

  
Signature of Witness

# SAUGEEN MEMBERSHIP OFFICE CAN HELP

with the following:

- 1) UPDATING YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION
- 2) REGISTERING NEWBORN WITH THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
- 3) ORDERING BIRTH, MARRIAGE, DIVORCE, OR DEATH CERTIFICATES
- 4) APPLYING FOR A PASSPORT
- 5) REPLACING LOST HEALTH CARD AND/OR DRIVER'S LICENSES,
- 6) NOTARIZED DOCUMENTS OR STAMP
- 7) NEED POWER OF ATTORNEY FORMS (PERSONAL OR FINANCIAL)

OFFICE HOURS:  
MONDAY – THURSDAY  
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
(Lunch 12:15 - 12:45)

*Chi-Miigwech and Baa Maapii,*



**Kimberly Roote**

**Saugeen Membership Administrator**  
**6 Cameron Dr., Southampton, ON N0H 2L0**  
**[kim.roote@saugeen.org](mailto:kim.roote@saugeen.org)**  
**519-797-2781, ext. 1122**

# SFN MEMBERSHIP & REGISTRATION DEPT.

Register for your 10-digit STATUS number (Registration), with our Membership services! From Saugeen's Membership to any Nation in respect to Indigenous Services Canada, and Crow-Indigenous Relations & Northern Affairs Canada, we've got you covered!

Contact the department today:

(519) 797-2781, ext. 1122

[kim.roote@saugeen.org](mailto:kim.roote@saugeen.org)

## WHAT WE OFFER:

Help with registering a new born

Laminated Status card

White Secure Status Card

Amend your Registry Page by:

Register your Marriage or Divorce

Adding missing parent information

Apply for Registration S-3 application



Canada



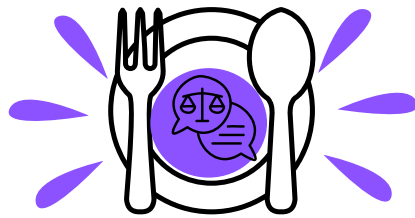
Indigenous Services  
Canada

Services aux Autochtones  
Canada

# SAUGEEN MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT IS HOSTING:



## 3 PT. DINNER & LEARN SERIES WITH THE ELDER LAW PROJECT



**WHEN:**

**FROM 5PM-7PM**



**DATE**

**&**

**TOPIC:**

**October 7<sup>th</sup> – Powers of Attorney**

**October 14<sup>th</sup> – Wills**

**October 21st – Estates administration  
on reserve**



**WHERE:**

**Governance Building 6 Cameron Drive,  
Saugeen**



**TO REGISTER VISIT THE SAUGEEN WEBSITE  
UNDER THE "BAND MEMBERSHIP AND INDIAN REGISTRY  
ADMINISTRATOR" TAB  
SCROLL DOWN TO THE CLICKABLE LINK TITLED  
" DINNER & LEARN REGISTRATIONS"**

**OR SCAN THE QR CODE**

# September



# 2026

## Saugeen Ontario Works



| Sunday | Monday                            | Tuesday                                            | Wednesday                                          | Thursday                                                              | Friday                                                                                | Saturday |
|--------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
|        |                                   | 1                                                  | 2                                                  | 3                                                                     | 4                                                                                     | 5        |
| 6      | 7<br>Office Closed-<br>Labour Day | 8<br>Mandatory<br>Information<br>Session<br>1:30pm | 9<br>HAAMB at the<br>Recreation Centre<br>10am-2pm | 10<br>ODSP In office<br>10am-2:30pm<br>Good Food Box<br>11:30am - 1pm | 11                                                                                    | 12       |
| 13     | 14                                | 15                                                 | 16<br>IncomeStatements/<br>Job Search Due          | 17                                                                    | 18                                                                                    | 19       |
| 20     | 21                                | 22                                                 | 23                                                 | 24<br>ODSP In office<br>10am-2:30pm                                   | 25<br>Legal Clinic – 1-3pm<br><b>Late</b><br>IncomeStatement/Job<br>Search <b>DUE</b> | 26       |
| 27     | 28                                | 29                                                 | 30<br>Office<br>Closed/Orange<br>Shirt Day         |                                                                       |                                                                                       |          |
|        |                                   |                                                    |                                                    |                                                                       |                                                                                       |          |



# *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 Sept 8th, 2026***

***Time: 1:30 pm***

***Location: 6470 Hwy 21***





Ontario

## ONTARIO DISABILITY SUPPORT PROGRAM

*ODSP Caseworker – Caryolyn Byers,  
visits Saugeen First Nation to meet  
with clients closer to home.*

*Call Saugeen Ontario Works to book an   
appointment  
(519) 797-1613*

*Location: Ontario Works Building - 6470  
Hwy 21, Southampton ON*

*In Office: **Sept 10 & 24<sup>th</sup>***

*10am–2:30pm*

Grey  
Bruce  
Community  
Legal  
Clinic

945 3rd Ave East  
Suite #2  
Owen Sound, ON  
N4K 2K8

TEL  
519-370-2200

TOLL FREE  
1-877-832-1435

FAX  
519-370-2110

WEB  
gblegalclinic.com

### 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 FIRST NATION #29

# SAUGEEN MEMBER HEALTH SUPPORT FUND



Here to support Saugeen members in times of need with compassion, respect and dignity.

## WE CAN HELP WITH:



### Health

Assistance for medical needs and well-being, Registered Health Care Service Practitioners.



### Eye Care

Assistance for eye care and related expenses.  
No Cosmetic Costs.



### Rx

Support for prescriptions and medication costs.  
Not Covered by NIHB.



Support for family in cases of life threatening and/or terminal illness or death (funeral).



### Dental

Assistance for dental care and related expenses.  
Cosmetic Procedures NOT covered.



### Medical Travel

Support for travel to medical appointments.  
Not Covered by NIHB.



### *Paper & Last Resort Application Process*

1. Complete an Application.
2. Applicants shall provide ORIGINAL RECEIPTS and necessary documentation for verification and approval.
3. Applicants must access NIHB, or other health benefit and assistance plans which may be available to them before accessing the fund.



### OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: CLOSED  
Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri  
9:00 am – 4:30 pm



519-797-2781 ext. 1135

Saugeen Member Support Fund Coordinator

*Miigwetch!*



## Kabaeshiwim Respite Women's Shelter

# NEWSLETTER

### Connecting with our Community

Over the past month, Kabaeshiwim had the opportunity to attend both the Community Forum and Health Fair. These events gave us a chance to connect with community members and local organizations, raise awareness about gender-based and family-based violence, and share information about the supports available through our shelter.

At both events, we also gave away self-care baskets as door prizes to thank community members for taking the time to come out, learn, and engage with us.

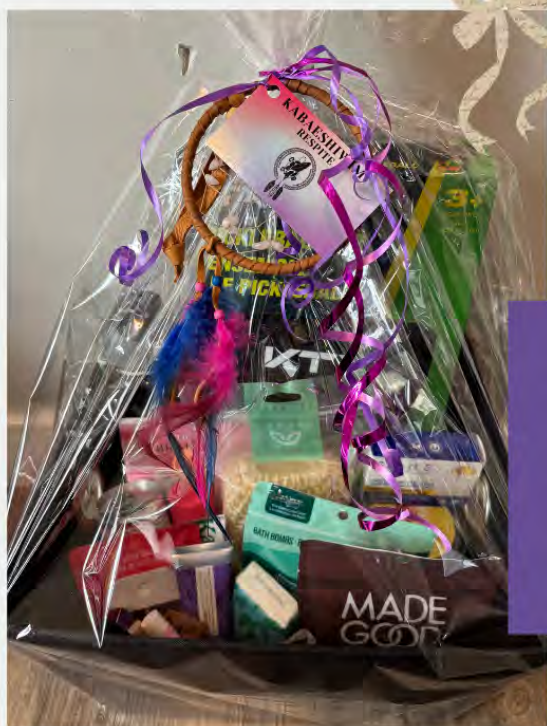
We are grateful for all of the conversations that took place. Community events like these help us challenge stigma, show people that we are here to support and care for them, and learn more about what is happening within our community. When we come together and share our knowledge and experiences, we all have the opportunity to learn from one another.



### Sharing Self-Care Across the Community

As part of our Community Wellness BBQ on July 24, community members were invited to enter for a chance to receive one of our self-care baskets. We had a wonderful response and were able to provide baskets to eight community members.

We also prepared another 10 baskets for community partners, including the Health Centre, Wellness Centre, and Home and Community Care Program, to share with clients they support. We know that not everyone is able to attend community events due to mobility challenges, health concerns, addiction, or other barriers. It was important to us that we meet people where they are and make sure they were included too.



### What Was In The Self-Care Baskets?

The baskets included puzzles, candles, healthy snacks, toiletries, water bottles, spa items, and other small comforts.

We were very happy to hear from our community partners that their clients enjoyed and appreciated them.





# Kabaeshiwim Respite Women's Shelter

## Growing Our Shelter Team

We are excited to see our shelter team growing. After several months of working with limited staffing, we have recently welcomed new team members and are continuing to hire for several positions. Having more staff means more support for the individuals and families staying with us. It gives us greater flexibility to offer outings, provide rides to appointments, attend events, and simply have more helping hands available throughout the day. Most importantly, it helps us create a supportive and welcoming environment where clients can focus on healing and moving forward. We are grateful to our new staff for joining the Kabaeshiwim team and look forward to continuing to grow.



## Creating Space for Connection, Fun, and Healing

With our growing team, we have also been able to offer more outings and activities for clients staying at the shelter. Recently, we enjoyed a picnic at Harrison Park in Owen Sound, made friendship bracelets, and took a short walk to Jones Falls.

Another outing took us to MacGregor Point Provincial Park, where we saw turtles, fed birds, explored the trails, and learned about local wildlife. Most recently, we visited the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre for a hands-on animal show, where clients had the chance to meet and learn about rabbits, tortoises, sugar gliders, snakes, chinchillas, parrots, and more before exploring the museum exhibits.

Outings like these are an important part of the healing journey. They provide opportunities to step outside of everyday stress, connect with others, try something new, spend time in nature, and simply have fun. Creating positive experiences together can help reduce isolation, build confidence and connection, and remind clients that healing can also include moments of joy, curiosity, and new memories.



# September 2026

## Home & Community Care Program



2026

For questions or to arrange transportation, please contact:  
Erin Lilly  
Community Support Services Coordinator  
Phone: 519-374-9976, Email: [erin.lilly@saugeen.org](mailto:erin.lilly@saugeen.org)

| Monday                               | Tuesday                                                             | Wednesday                                         | Thursday                                                    | Friday                                                                                   |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                      | Lawn Bowling Southampton<br>11 am - 1 pm<br>Pick up at 10:30 am1    | Crafts with Rain<br>11 am - 1 pm2                 | Exercise & Lunch<br>11 am - 1 pm<br>Shopping - 1 pm - 3 pm3 | No Program4                                                                              |
| No Program<br>Holiday<br>Labour Day7 | Shopping Owen Sound<br>10 am - 3 pm8                                | Crafts with Rain<br>11 am - 1 pm9                 | Exercise & Lunch<br>11 am - 1 pm10                          | Yoga with Brittany<br>11 am - 1 pm11                                                     |
| Exercise & Lunch<br>11 am - 12 pm14  | Lunch & Learn Diabetes<br>Wendy Gregory<br>11 am - 1 pm15           | Crafts with Rain<br>11 am - 1 pm16                | Exercise & Lunch<br>11 am - 1 pm17                          | Shopping Port Elgin<br>10 am - 3 pm18                                                    |
| Exercise & Lunch<br>11 am - 12 pm21  | Shopping Owen Sound<br>10 am - 3 pm22                               | Crafts with Rain<br>11 am - 1 pm23                | Exercise & Lunch<br>11 am - 1 pm24                          | Lunch & Learn Estates Administration on<br>Reserve<br>Joss Ann Johnson<br>12:00 - 2 pm25 |
| Exercise & Lunch<br>11 am - 1 pm28   | Lunch & Learn Frauds & Scams<br>Joss Ann Johnston<br>11 am - 1 pm29 | No Program<br>Holiday<br>Truth & Reconciliation30 |                                                             |                                                                                          |



**Mino Bimaadsawin**  
HEALTH CENTRE

**SAUGEEN FIRST NATION COMMUNITY**

# SPAY/NEUTER

*Clinic*

HEALTHIER PETS. STRONGER COMMUNITY.



**SEPTEMBER 19 & 20, 2026**



**Location:**

**James Mason Recreation Centre**  
47 French Bay Rd, Saugeen First Nation

**SATURDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2026**



**DOG SURGERIES**



**DOG NEUTER**

**\$200**



**DOG SPAY**

**\$250**

**SUNDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2026**



**CAT SURGERIES**



**CAT NEUTER**

**\$100**



**CAT SPAY**

**\$150**

**LIMITED SPOTS – BOOK EARLY!**

- Open to community members
- Help prevent unwanted litters
- Support the health and well-being of our pets

*Thank you for caring for  
our animals and  
our community.*



**PRICING INCLUDES:**



**SURGERY &  
PAIN MEDICATION**



**VACCINES  
(CORE & RABIES)**



**DEWORMING**



**MICROCHIP**

*All services are included in the listed price.*

**IMPORTANT:**

**WHEN BOOKING,  
PLEASE SELECT THE  
SAUGEEN FIRST NATIONS  
ONLY APPOINTMENTS.**

These appointments are specifically  
reserved for our community.

**SCAN TO BOOK**



<https://vet.digitail.io/patients/clinic-link>

**OR BOOK ONLINE:**

[https://vet.digitail.io/clinics/  
georgian-triangle-humane-society](https://vet.digitail.io/clinics/georgian-triangle-humane-society)



**GEORGIAN TRIANGLE  
HUMANE SOCIETY**

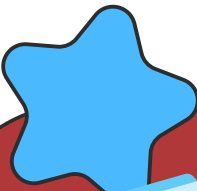
**Questions? Contact us!**

705-445-9905

[hospital@gths.ca](mailto:hospital@gths.ca)



**gths.ca**



# **ELDERS**

# **Lunch & Learn**



**September 15 , 2026  
11 am to 1 pm**



**Elders Building**

**Topic: DIABETES**

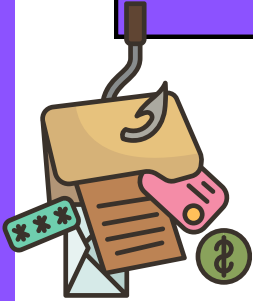
**Presenter:  
Chronic Disease  
Management  
Nurse Wendy**



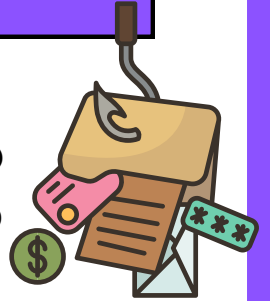
**HOME & COMMUNITY  
CARE PROGRAM**

**Please send RSVP to Erin Lily  
CSS Program Coordinator @ 519-374-9976**

# FRAUDS AND SCAMS INFORMATION SESSION



This session will focus on how to navigate the legal issues that come up around frauds and scams. From tips to keeping you safe to where to get legal help.



Come check out the session to learn more!

## WHERE

41 Mason Dr, Saugeen  
in the Elder's Building

## WHEN

Tuesday,  
September 29<sup>th</sup>,  
Starting at 11am

## WHO

This session is presented  
by the Grey Bruce  
Community legal Clinic as  
part of the the Elder Law  
Project.

Vist our website to learn  
more about the Elder Law  
Project:  
[www.elderlawproject.com](http://www.elderlawproject.com)



Joss Ann Johnston  
Community Legal Worker  
Grey Bruce Community  
Legal Clinic

## MEET THE PRESENTER

# September 2026

| Sun       | Mon                          | Tue                                                | Wed                            | Thu                                    | Fri                                | Sat       |
|-----------|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|
|           |                              | <b>1</b><br>1:00 Hot Lunch<br>1:30 Sharing Circle  | <b>2</b><br>1:30 Healthy Talk  | <b>3</b><br>1:00 Hot Lunch<br>1:30 NA  | <b>4</b><br>1:00 Crafts            | <b>5</b>  |
| <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b><br>CLOSED           | <b>8</b><br>1:00 Hot Lunch<br>1:30 Sharing Circle  | <b>9</b><br>1:30 Healthy Talk  | <b>10</b><br>1:00 Hot Lunch<br>1:30 NA | <b>11</b><br>1:00 Healthy Activity | <b>12</b> |
| <b>13</b> | <b>14</b><br>2:00 Breathwork | <b>15</b><br>1:00 Hot Lunch<br>1:30 Sharing Circle | <b>16</b><br>1:30 Healthy Talk | <b>17</b><br>1:00 Hot Lunch<br>1:30 NA | <b>18</b><br>1:00 Crafts           | <b>19</b> |
| <b>20</b> | <b>21</b><br>2:00 Breathwork | <b>22</b><br>1:00 Hot Lunch<br>1:30 Sharing Circle | <b>23</b><br>1:30 Healthy Talk | <b>24</b><br>1:00 Hot Lunch<br>1:30 NA | <b>25</b><br>1:00 Healthy Activity | <b>26</b> |
| <b>27</b> | <b>28</b><br>2:00 Breathwork | <b>29</b><br>1:00 Hot Lunch<br>1:30 Sharing Circle | <b>30</b><br>CLOSED            |                                        |                                    |           |



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

Nurse Practitioner Available  
 Mondays  
 Traditional Healer Available

Available Daily:  
 Shower  
 Laundry  
 Peer Support  
 Counselling  
 Food  
 Referrals  
 Application Support

Address: 107 Cameron Dr  
 519-797-1918  
 Facebook: Saugeen First  
 Nation Wellness Centre

Open Monday-Friday  
 9:00-4:30

# September 2026

## SAUGEEN RECREATION CALENDAR

DATES & TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON  
AVAILABILITY AND COMMUNITY NEEDS



SHEENA KEWAGESHIG, RECREATION MANAGER  
PHONE: 519-797-2781 Ext:2300 CELL: 519-372-4840  
EMAIL: sheena.kewageshig@saugeen.org

MATTHEW QUARRY-BESITO, CARA CO-ORDINATOR  
PHONE: 519-797-2781 Ext:2301 CELL: 519-389-8673  
EMAIL: matthew.besito@saugeen.org

|    | Monday     | Tuesday                   | Wednesday         | Thursday | Friday                         | Saturday                |
|----|------------|---------------------------|-------------------|----------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
|    |            | 1                         | 2                 | 3        | 4                              | 5                       |
|    |            |                           | SON EO<br>4pm-7pm |          |                                | THUNDERBIRDS<br>ALL DAY |
| 6  | 7          | 8                         | 9                 | 10       | 11                             | 12                      |
|    | LABOUR DAY | FIRST<br>DAY OF<br>SCHOOL |                   |          | PRIVATE<br>BOOKING 6PM-<br>7PM |                         |
| 13 | 14         | 15                        | 16                | 17       | 18                             | 19                      |
|    |            |                           |                   |          | PRIVATE<br>BOOKING 6PM-<br>7PM |                         |
| 20 | 21         | 22                        | 23                | 24       | 25                             | 26                      |
|    |            | Happy Fall!               |                   |          | PRIVATE<br>BOOKING 6PM-<br>7PM |                         |
| 27 | 28         | 29                        | 30                |          |                                |                         |
|    |            |                           |                   |          |                                |                         |

# SEPTEMBER

AT THE SAUGEEN FOOD BANK

| Su                               | Mo                                       | Tu                                               | We                                                                  | Th                                 | Fr             | Sa |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|----|
| FOOD BANK OFFICE<br>519 797 2781 | FOOD BANK<br>COORDINATOR<br>519 372 5926 | 1                                                | 2                                                                   | 3                                  | 4              | 5  |
| 6<br>PERISHABLES<br>WEEK         | 7<br>CLOSED FOR<br>LABOR DAY             | 8<br>DELIVERIES<br>PRE REGISTRATION<br>REQUIRED  | 9<br>WALK INS                                                       | 10<br>GOOD FOOD BOX<br>PICK UP DAY | 11<br>WALK INS | 12 |
| 13                               | 14                                       | 15                                               | 16                                                                  | 17                                 | 18             | 19 |
| 20<br>PERISHABLES<br>WEEK        | 21<br>BOOK A DELIVERY<br>DEADLINE 4PM    | 22<br>DELIVERIES<br>PRE REGISTRATION<br>REQUIRED | 23<br>WALK INS                                                      | 24<br>WALK INS                     | 25<br>WALK INS | 26 |
| 27                               | 28                                       | 29                                               | 30<br>CLOSED<br>NATIONAL DAY FOR<br>TRUTH AND<br>RECONCILIATION DAY |                                    |                |    |



# CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE-2

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE- 2

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE- 5

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE- 1

POLICING & EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE-3

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE- 1

YOUTH COMMITTEE- 3



[LEONA.ROOTE@SAUGEEN.ORG](mailto:LEONA.ROOTE@SAUGEEN.ORG)





# Important Information About Your Internet & Communication Services



April 2026

**Dear Neighbour,**

Following the recent announcement by Chief Conrad Ritchie and Council, we are pleased to share more details about the new partnership between Driftwood Communications and Bruce Telecom, and what this means for your services in the coming weeks.

Driftwood Communications, as the owner of the fibre optic infrastructure, has partnered with Bruce Telecom to operate and deliver communication services across the network. This partnership combines local infrastructure ownership with trusted service delivery, ensuring reliable, high-quality telecommunications services for the Saugeen First Nation community.

As part of this transition, your services will be moved to Bruce Telecom. To continue receiving service, you will need to connect directly with Bruce Telecom to set up your account and schedule an in-home installation. During this visit, a technician will install updated equipment and ensure your services are fully connected.

With this new partnership, you will have access to Bruce Telecom's full suite of services, including Internet, TV, Home Phone, and Cellular options, as customizable bundle options. If your current Internet plan meets your needs, you may continue with 50/10 Internet for \$49.95/month, however, if your household requires higher speeds or additional services, Bruce Telecom's team will help you choose the best options to suit your needs.

Once your service is transitioned:

- Bruce Telecom will be your direct contact for account setup, billing, technical support, and customer care
- You will receive a monthly invoice directly from Bruce Telecom for your selected services

We understand that changes like this may bring questions, and we are committed to making this transition as smooth and straightforward as possible.

If you would like to get started now or have any questions, please contact Bruce Telecom Customer Care at 519-368-2000 option 1, or email [admin@bruce telecom.com](mailto:admin@bruce telecom.com).

We look forward to supporting the Saugeen First Nation community through this partnership.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Brunato,  
General Manager, Bruce Telecom  
in partnership with Driftwood Communications

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## Bundles

### Phone + Symmetrical Internet + TV Bundle

#### INCLUDES:

- Phone with Caller ID, Call Waiting, Voicemail Ultimate LD (7000 mins)
- Choice of Unlimited Symmetrical Internet Speed
- Whole Home Wi-Fi
- TV - Starter Package **PLUS** choice of 2 theme packages or 10 Pick & Pay channels
- Whole Home DVR Rental

**150** mbps up and down **\$129.95**

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## Upload as fast as you download!

**Symmetrical internet** means your connection pulls its weight on both ends. Fast in, fast out, zero lag.



## Internet Only

**50 mbps / 10 mbps**

**\$49.95**

**150 mbps Symmetrical**

**\$79.95**

**350 mbps Symmetrical**

**\$84.95**

**500 mbps Symmetrical**

**\$89.95**

**1GB mbps Symmetrical**

**\$99.95**

### Terms and Conditions

Standard Connect Fee \$35.75 will be waived. Some conditions apply. Bundle options are based on available services for the address. Long Distance includes direct-dialed calls to Canada and the USA. Some devices may not support internet connections above 100mbps. Customers are responsible to ensure their equipment is capable of processing speeds in higher packages.



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# Saugeen First Nation Powwow Competition Results

| Category                 | Third Place     | Second Place        | First Place     |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Golden Age Men           | T. Mcgreggor    | M. Dashner          | B. Smoke        |
| Golden Age Women         | J. Petoskey     | C. Cuda-Matasawagon | 733             |
| Traditional Men          | D. Jonathan     | S. Maness Sr.       | L. Pawis        |
| Traditional Women        | M. Roote        | S. Sandy            | L. Smoke        |
| Mens Woodland            | 501             | E. Benton-Banaii    | D. Pitawanakwat |
| Womens Woodland          | A. Proulx-White | L. Snake            | W. Pyawasit     |
| Jingle                   | A. Douglas      | A. Benton-Banai     | R. Lasley       |
| Grass                    | C. Mejaki       | L. Benton-Banai     | M. Pheasant     |
| Fancy Shawl              | B. Stonefish    | N. Dashner          | S. Whiteye      |
| Fancy Feather            | T. Dashner      | A. Plant III        | A. Harjo        |
| Teen Woodland Boys       | J. Gonawabi     | B. Naponse          | D. Pitawanakwat |
| Teen Woodland Girls      | K. Greenbird    | M. Wesaw            | N. Wemigwans    |
| Teen Traditional Women   | L. Pheasant     | I. Greenbird        | L. Maness       |
| Teen Traditional Men     | S. Thompson     | R. Kewageshig       | G. John         |
| Teen Jingle              | L. Taukei       | M. Buckshot-Pridham | T. Snake        |
| Teen Fancy Feather       |                 |                     | J. Doxtator     |
| Jr Woodland Boys         | W. Moreno       | D. Pitawanakwat     | G. Manitowabi   |
| Jr Woodland Girls        | A. Pitawanakwat | A. Taukei           | J. Snake        |
| Junior Traditional Girls |                 | K. Lavalee          | Z. Jonathan     |
| Junior Traditional Boys  | L. Cameron      | H. White            | S. Maness       |
| Junior Jingle            | E. Jones        | T. Maness           | M. Pheasant     |
| Junior Grass             | D. Pitawanakwat | M. Madara           | G. Doxtator     |
| Junior Fancy Shawl       | L. Sousa        | M. John             | K. Sword        |
| Junior Fancy Feather     | R. Doxtator     | N. Trudeau          | D. Whiteye      |



**Thank You to our Sponsors for this years  
Annual Powwow**



*A very special Miigwech to the Kewaquom Family for their generous donation toward this year's Royalty Pageant and for helping take care of our 2026 Babies of Saugeen*

*A huge Miigwetch to Harley Wesley and Tuggys Family for organizing such amazing specials and attracting dancers from near and far!*

## **WINTER SNOW REMOVAL SERVICE – REGISTRATION & SERVICE CONFIRMATION NOTICE**

### **Preparing for the 2026–2027 Winter Season**

The Road and Works Dept is preparing for the upcoming winter season and is asking residents and businesses who require snow removal services to confirm their need for service in advance.

Early registration and confirmation will help the Department organize routes, assign service areas, and ensure that winter operations are carried out efficiently.

### **Who Should Contact Us?**

This notice applies to:

#### **Existing registered residents 55+**

Residents who are already registered for the snow removal program are asked to contact us and confirm that they require snow removal services for the upcoming winter season.

**Important:** Being registered in the database does not automatically mean that snow removal will be provided. Residents must confirm their need for service each winter season. If we do not receive confirmation from you, your record will be marked as “No Confirmation – Service Not Required” and snow removal will not be scheduled until you contact the department.

#### **Residents turning 55**

Residents who will turn 55 during the upcoming winter season including those turning 55 between **October 2026 to March 2027**, are encouraged to register in advance.

#### **New applicants**

Residents who have not previously registered and meet the eligibility requirements are encouraged to register so their information can be added to the snow removal database.

#### **Paid Snow Removal Service**

Businesses, residents, and other individuals who require the paid snow removal service are also required to contact the department to confirm that they wish to receive the service for the upcoming winter season.

#### **Why Are We Asking You to Confirm?**

In previous winters, residents have contacted the department during the season after becoming eligible or after requiring service. This made it difficult to properly plan routes and assign resources. By confirming your need before winter operations begin, we can:

Plan snow removal routes in advance;

Assign driveways and service areas

Reduce delays and interruptions during winter storms;

Maintain an accurate database of service recipients;

#### **How to Register or Confirm**

Please contact:

Road and Works Department, Band office, Health Centre to pick up a form.

Phone: 519-797-3934

Email: [stephanie.roote@saugeen.org](mailto:stephanie.roote@saugeen.org)

Office Location(in-person): 822 French Bay Road

**When contacting us, please provide:**

Full name;

Address;

Telephone number;

Email address, if applicable;

Whether you are confirming existing service or registering for the first time; and

Whether you require eligible/free service or paid service.

**Important**

All new applicants will be required to complete and sign the Snow Removal Program Liability and Acknowledgement Form before being added to the program.

For residents already registered and who have previously completed the form, the form will remain on file. A new form will not normally be required every year unless the information or terms of the service change.

**Registration/confirmation deadline: September 30, 2026**

We encourage everyone who requires snow removal service to contact us before the deadline so that winter routes can be properly planned.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us plan a safe and efficient winter snow removal program.



**Environment  
Office**

**SEPTEMBER 19**

**12 PM – 4 PM**

SON Environment Office  
10129 Hwy 6, Wiarton

# SCONEFEST

## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

### ★ Judged Community Scone Competition

- Expanded SON Food & Craft Market
- Kids Zone
- Scone Sampling
- DJ Music
- Door Prizes
- Truth & Reconciliation Day Shirts for Sale



**Admission:**  
FREE for SON  
Members

By Donation for  
Non-Members

## REGISTER NOW:

Food & Craft Vendors

Scone Competition



[bit.ly/SCONEFEST2026](https://bit.ly/SCONEFEST2026)



## Your Invitation

Please accept this personal invitation to all SON members for the opening of the Witness Blanket exhibition. Attendees can enter a draw to win one of two artist prints. This event is intended to be a more intimate gathering and exchange about the project and is specifically for the membership of Neyaashiinigmiing and Chippewas of Saugeen.

The Bruce County Museum is pleased to host a traveling replica of the Witness Blanket.

### Sunday, September 13, 2026

10:00 a.m. Arrival, light refreshments  
10:30 - 11:45 a.m. Opening Ceremonies & Exhibit Opening  
12:00 p.m. Community Feast,  
Feast bundles encouraged

#### Welcome and remarks:

Ogimaa Ritchie, Ogimaa Smith  
and Warden Charbonneau

#### Master of Ceremonies:

Joss Ann Johnston and Sarah John

The Witness Blanket, an exhibition based on the art of Carey Newman and developed in collaboration with, and circulated by, the Canadian Museum for Human Rights (Winnipeg, Manitoba). Fondée sur l'art de Carey Newman, l'exposition la Couverture des témoins a été créée en collaboration avec le Musée canadien pour les droits de la personne (Winnipeg, Manitoba), qui en assure la diffusion.

**WARNING:** This exhibition contains subject matter that may be disturbing to some visitors and may be triggering. Please call 1-866-925-4419 or your local crisis line for counselling and support



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## 2026 WALK FOR WENJACK IN BRUCE COUNTY

**September 27 in Kincardine** at 1 p.m. — Gather at Station Beach

**September 30 in Walkerton** at 6 p.m. — Gather at Riverbend Park

**October 19 in Southampton** at 1 p.m. — Gather at Fairy Lake Pavilion

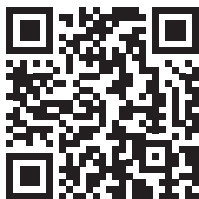
**October 21 in Southampton** at 1 p.m. — Gather at Saugeen First Nation Amphitheatre

Refreshments provided at each gathering.

## SECRET PATH SCREENINGS

**At the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre**

[www.brucecounty.ca/events](http://www.brucecounty.ca/events)



**At Bruce County Public Library Branches**

[library.brucecounty.on.ca/what-s-happening/events-calendar](http://library.brucecounty.on.ca/what-s-happening/events-calendar)



**Free Admission for all events. Donations gratefully accepted for the  
Saugeen First Nation and Nawash Food Banks.**

For more information and updates, please visit: [www.brucecounty.on.ca/DWF](http://www.brucecounty.on.ca/DWF)

Events hosted in partnership and proudly supported by:





# RAINBOW



# HIKES

**SAT SEPT 19 11AM - 2:30PM**

**Ginebek Mikaans - Neyaashiinigmiing**  
**Two Spirit Knowledge on Gender & Sexual Diversity**



REGISTER  
ONLINE  
PENINSULA  
BTC

**Take a scenic walk along Boardwalk  
through forest, wetlands and beaver  
habitat followed by BYO Beach Picnic**

**Reflect on queer ecology and gender roles  
in Anishinaabe culture led by Two Spirit  
Nawash Member**

Limitless opportunities. Meaningful work. Innovative energy.

# Career Support

ONE-TO-ONE RESOURCE ASSISTANCE

**Are you interested in learning about a career at Bruce Power?**  
**Need help with your resume or applications to a program or Bruce Power job?**

Please email **[IndigenousEmployment@brucepower.com](mailto:IndigenousEmployment@brucepower.com)** to schedule a 30 or 60 minute session with a Bruce Power HR Representative the last Tuesday of every month (subject to change).

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## **Saugeen Band Office**

6 Cameron Drive  
Southampton, ON

**Last Tuesday of every month**  
(subject to change)

**9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

You are encouraged to schedule a session; however, walk-ins are welcome if there is availability. We look forward to meeting you!



[brucepower.com/careers](https://brucepower.com/careers)

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Phone: 519.377.6657

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|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Job Title:    | Licensed Carpenter                                             |
| Reports to:   | Construction Manager                                           |
| Job Location: | Saugeen/Neyaashiinigmiing                                      |
| Start Date:   | TBD/ASAP                                                       |
| Job Type:     | Full-time                                                      |
| Hours/Week:   | 40 hours/week                                                  |
| Wage:         | \$28 - \$35/ hour (depending on experience and qualifications) |

**Job Description:**

Makwa Development, an established contractor focusing on residential and commercial renovations and new-builds, is seeking a licensed carpenter with 5 years of experience.

**Responsibilities & Duties:**

- Direct daily crew activities, assign tasks and ensure project schedules are maintained
- Read blueprints and specifications to lay out work, ensuring accuracy in construction tasks
- Enforce company safety standards and OSHA/local regulations, including PPE compliance
- Perform skilled tasks alongside the crew
- Maintain daily logs, track materials and report progress to construction manager
- Prepare job sites by removing debris, hazardous materials, set up barriers and safety signs
- Take apart existing structures, remove walls or fixtures, and erect scaffolding, ramps or temporary partitions
- Provide direct support to carpenters, electricians, or plumbers as needed
- Load, unload, and transport construction materials to work areas
- Operate tools such as, but not limited to jackhammers, drills, and saws
- Clean and maintain tools and equipment
- Adhere to safety regulations, wear personal PPE and ensure a clean and safe job
- All other duties as assigned

**Qualifications/Skills:**

- Licensed carpenter
- 3-5 years of experience
- Experience in carpentry in both commercial and residential
- Ability to read plans and measurements accurately



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- Valid drivers license
- Strong work ethic, reliability, and willingness to learn and take direction
- Understanding of job safety and basic building code requirements

#### Working and Physical Demands:

- Ability to stand for long periods of time
- Ability to lift heavy objects
- Ability to climb ladders and work at heights
- Knowledge of building materials and tools

#### Asset

- Working at heights
- Experience with estimating/quoting
- Any relevant qualifications

#### You can expect

- Health Spending Account (following 3 month probationary period)
- Annual performance reviews
- Company clothing
- Clean and safe work environment
- Teamwork

Resumes can be sent to [admin@makwadev.com](mailto:admin@makwadev.com) or dropped off at Makwa Development Office, 214 Port Elgin Road, Neyaashiinigmiing, ON



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| Job Title:    | Labourer                                                           |
| Reports to:   | Construction Manager/Lead Hand                                     |
| Job Location: | Saugeen/Neyaashiinigmiing                                          |
| Start Date:   | TBD/ASAP                                                           |
| Job Type:     | Seasonal Full-time                                                 |
| Hours/Week:   | 40 hours/week                                                      |
| Wage:         | \$17.60 - \$20.00/ hr (depending on experience and qualifications) |

#### Job Description:

Makwa Development, an established contractor focusing on residential and commercial renovations and new-builds, is seeking a labourer to join our team.

#### Responsibilities & Duties:

- Prepare job sites by removing debris, hazardous materials, set up barriers and safety signs
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# SAUGEEN NEWS

## Newsletter Deadline

October newsletter content due  
September 25<sup>th</sup>. Remember to spell  
check before submitting content.

[Justine.kaufman@saugeen.org](mailto:Justine.kaufman@saugeen.org)