

**CHIPPEWAS OF GEORGINA ISLAND  
COUNCIL REVIEWS AND UPDATES**

**April 04, 2011**



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## **Council Reports and Reviews**

**April 4, 2010**

### **Community Centre**

**Present:** Chief Donna Big Canoe  
Councillor Patricia Big Canoe  
Councillor Brett Mooney  
Councillor Bill McCue  
Councillor Lorraine Big Canoe

**Band Staff:** Lynn Mooney, Karen Foster, Willow Hill, Paul Big Canoe, Rev. Betty Lou McNabb, Tammy Charles, Sandra Big Canoe, Suzanne Howes, Mavis Trivett, Sylvia McCue, Janice Taylor, Ian Big Canoe, Darla Trumble, Lauri Williamson, Scott Jacobs

**Band Members:** Delores Charles, Ellie Big Canoe, Lindsay Big Canoe, Andy Big Canoe, Jake Charles, Chris Big Canoe, Sally Charles, Ted Big Canoe Sr., Ted Big Canoe Jr., Heather Charles, Charlotte Linders, Myrtle Linders

**Opening Prayer:** Elder Barbara McDonald in Anishnabek

**Police:** Sergeant Greg Buffett , Constable St. Clair Gagnon

**Minute Taker:** Natalie Priester

Chief Donna Big Canoe opened the meeting with Thanks to the Creator Lord God for all the Blessings he has bestowed on our First Nation, and thanked the membership for electing her as their Chief for another term. She promised to continue to do her best for the benefit of all the membership. Chief Big Canoe also congratulated the returning Councillors Brett Mooney, Patricia Big Canoe, Bill McCue and Lorraine Big Canoe.

The Chief stated she believes it is healthy to have elections in First Nations communities but was disappointed in the attack on staff members throughout this election. It was unnecessary and uncalled for. The staff that work for this First Nation work very hard to make this community prosperous and comfortable for all membership to live in and access various programs offered. Not everyone can see or recognize all the work and planning that goes into this First Nation from staff and membership on and off-reserve. We do not recognize how hard someone works until you are their shoes. As the Native saying goes "You should not judge a person until you have walked a mile in that persons moccasins."

Let's please try to remember this "saying" when we speak of any one of our members. First Nations were always regarded as respectful people. The Chief urges this to continue in our First Nation. There are respectful ways we can help each other and correct our mistakes. There are respectful ways the membership can voice their concerns and suggestion to the Council. Remember we are all in this together. Please do not hesitate to contact Natalie if any of the membership would like to meet with Council at anytime throughout the year to discuss the future initiative of the First Nation or just to meet with Council individually one-on-one.

Council has been diligently working with H.R. on a new Portfolio system to be implemented this term of office. The portfolio's have been renamed with different headings that have the various programs falling under them .

\*\*\*\*\*The Breakdown for Portfolio's Will Be Attached\*\*\*\*\*

The First Portfolio is First Nations Governance and is always held by the Chief, and the headings that fall under that are: Council, Legal, Public Relations, and Community Relations.

The Second Portfolio is Central Services held by Councillor Bill McCue and the headings that fall under that are: Administrative Services, Economic Development, Lands and Resources and Environment.

Third Portfolio is Community Teachings held by Councillor Lorraine Big Canoe the headings that fall under that are: Early Childhood Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Post Secondary Education and Heritage, Culture and Language.

Fourth Portfolio is Community Wellness held by Councillor Patricia Big Canoe and the headings that fall under that are: Health Services, Emergency Services, Fitness and Well-Being, Social Training and Employment Services.

Fifth Portfolio is Community Infra-Structure held by Councillor Brett Mooney and the headings that fall under that are: Public Works, Public Utilities, Housing and Transportation.

An organizational Chart is also being developed and will have all the programs outlined under each of the Portfolio's. This will be available to the membership upon request from H.R. once completed.

Although these are the Portfolio's designated to each Councillor, the entire Council will be continuing to work together and assist each other on them. Council worked together throughout the past month to finalize the budget for the upcoming fiscal year and each of them had input in all departments. In order to maintain our cash flow at year-end and increase the cash flow, Council has slashed all travel budgets including their own by half this fiscal year. With the Pukwis Project underway and investors wanting to know what the First Nation is contributing some dollars are being put aside to invest the First Nations share into the project. With the First Nations contributing dollars into the project this will bring a better rate of return into the Community when the funds start flowing from the Project. Pukwis Community meeting has been scheduled from April 14<sup>th</sup> to April 28<sup>th</sup> because Council decided to move it to later in the month due to the uncertainty with the transportation that may fall in the evening when the ferry is running.

#### **Coldwater Treaty Claim:**

Chief and Council have an announcement to make regarding the Coldwater Treaty: "We the Chief and Council of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation have just received a confidential offer from Canada to settle the Coldwater Narrows Specific Claim. The other First Nations involved are Rama First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, and Nawash First Nation. We are commencing an analysis of the offer with our Chief Negotiator and our legal counsel to fully understand and evaluate the offer. We also need to meet with the other 3 First Nations involved in the claim to discuss and agree on the presentation of the offer. Since all 4 First Nations have to be made aware that an offer has been made and its details are confidential. Any disclosure of this confidential information could jeopardize the settlement of this important claim. A meeting has been scheduled for the 20<sup>th</sup> of April with the other First Nations and after that a Community Meeting will be called in coming weeks to present the offer and discuss it with you and answer any questions. Council will be ensuring that both on and off-reserve members are fully informed and fully involved in any decisions.

Q. when will we know the offer?

A. After we meet with the other First Nations on the 20<sup>th</sup>. The other First Nations must be aware of the offer then we can call a Community Meeting. A notice will be sent out to every household. The other 3 First Nations will have to do the same with their communities, so with respect to the other First Nation we want to make sure they are aware that this settlement has been presented an offer. It will be a busy time and a Trust is definitely going to have to be developed and the Community will all have to be involved. We will make every effort to get all the membership out.

The Chief answered a question from the floor stating depending on how the community wants the Trust set-up. The First Nations have hired the Trust Lawyer to develop the Trust with input from on and off reserve and then present it to membership, and they will vote if they like the Trust and if they like the settlement of the claim. All the membership need to provide in-put.

Councillor Patricia Big Canoe thanked the Lord for his help and guidance over the past few months. She stated election time is always hard on the Community and even harder on the candidates, especially now that we're in the era of "facebook". Membership becomes divided over issues which may or may not be true. Councillor Pat thanked the Band Members who had enough trust in her to give her their vote. She promised do her best to make decisions that will be of benefit to the Community as a whole as well as the individuals who make up the First Nation. Councillor Pat's portfolio includes health, recreation, literacy and library, social services, emergency services...(Fire, First Response, Police) and the Youth Services. She has never had the opportunity to hold the Social Services portfolio before. Shannon Crate and Carol Taylor have years of experience in their fields and Pat feels sure they will guide her along and she will look toward former portfolio holder Brett Mooney and the rest of the Council if she get stuck.

Pat will attach the reports she's been given at the next months Council Meeting she will report on her individual Portfolio's. Councillor Pat also read a letter from Elder Barbara McDonald a copy of which is attached.

Q. From Delores Charles: Can you do a workshop on Social Services. Explaining how it works so that people can ask questions and get clarification.

A. Yes that sounds like a good idea.

#### **Transportation:**

Councillor Brett Mooney reported that the sandblasting and the painting of the Aazhawe went well. Transport Canada have completed the hull inspection and will be returning Wednesday to do our annual inspection. Also there is a naval architect coming on Wednesday . He does the ship stability test which is done every 5 years. We will be ready to go with the Ship then. Brett will have thickness tests done on the ice out in the middle Wednesday or Thursday.

The airboats have been running quite well and have been very busy. Also we have a mechanic locally because Husky Airboat moved to Michigan and have been bought out by a company called D'ante Airboats which put us in a position where service was unavailable. The mechanic we have locally services the York Region airboats and local airboats. He already has done some work for us and is located close by, so when we have an emergency we can get the airboats there in 20 minutes. We are trying to get summer storage for the Airboats since Husky has moved. They have to be in a certain climate so we are looking for a proper location.

#### **Public Works:**

This year we have budgeted to finish the fencing around the Public works building, last year it just wasn't in the budget. This will enable Andy Godin to stock pile some material for the roads. The equipment worked quite well over the winter months. Andy kept everything maintained well. Councillor Brett thanked everyone who worked on the plowing of the winter roads on the Island and on the ice, to keep our members safe out there.

Carol Taylor Taylors report will be attached.

Q. From Ellie Big Canoe: why don't we train our youth to be able to service our equipment?

A. Councillor Brett agreed it would be ideal to have someone locally do the servicing. He said he could probably look into to see what Georgian College has to offer under Transportation to see if there are any courses they have.

Tammy Charles said Barrie also offers a Marine Course. Brett said he would also contact O.T.C. to see if there is training dollars to see if we can look into sending someone on a course such as this.

Q. Tammy Charles asked why the scoots weren't on any kind of schedule?

A. Brett said it is hard to set up an actual schedule but that he tries to have two airboats operating on the week-ends. Although at sometimes one has to go for servicing. We also don't want to have two broken down at the same time, so we try to have one as back-up always.

There was a discussion on cottagers using the airboats. Councillor Mooney said this problem has been discussed by Chief and Council and they are addressing this issue. There had been a letter sent two years ago to the cottagers saying during freeze-up and break up airboats are used by Band Members and their spouses only. This is going to be re-inforced, with letters given to the drivers that they can give out if the situation arises.

Also cottagers are already phoning and asking if the car/ferry is running yet?

Q. Ellie Big Canoe asked about having our own building for storing the air boats.

A. Brett said this is being looked into when it can be budgeted for. The unit would need to be quite a large one and climate controlled. It would be a preference to have them stored here it's just a matter of funding.

Q. Andy Big Canoe said start pushing for a bridge. This would save a million dollars a year in service, and in 10 years the bridge would be paid for.

A. Brett said he's mentioned this to the people who supply the operating and maintenance costs. We are into the 11<sup>th</sup> year of the ship. It's life expectancy is 25 years. It's almost at the point where we have to start now looking at a new ship because the last one took 10 years to get.

Brett sat on the Board of Directors for Trent Waterway Systems and received little satisfaction when he would let them know we had the largest ship within the system and we needed to be informed when they were raising and lowering the water level. It becomes dangerous for our boat in late October, November and December. It could snap a drive on our vessel.

Barb McDonald thanked the scoot drivers for their patience and helpfulness. They are all kind and courteous.

Councillor Bill McCue thanked Lord God Creator for giving him the strength and courage to carry on and thanked the people of the Community who gave him the support for another two years to be an advocate on their behalf.

#### **Economic Development:**

Councillor Bill briefly went over the Economic Development report and it will be attached in its entirety. There will be a Pukwis Meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup> for information purposes.

There was Georgina Island Career Fair Day on March 8<sup>th</sup> at the High School. It was well done, with many good presenters, and a lot of motivation for the youth to look at different careers in life and help them choose something after high school and post-secondary. Councillor McCue thanked all the presenters that attended.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation has approved a \$101,000.00 grant to complete the work at the rink. This will be for fencing, paving, players benches, penalty boxes and fan stands. The key to obtaining this approval was the amount of Community volunteers and time that has been dedicated for the facility. Councillor McCue stressed and acknowledged all the hard work that the volunteers have done. It is certainly appreciated by all those who use the rink and those that have taken part in Community events. We always seem to see the same volunteers giving their time and work to make this Community a better place.

If anyone is interested starting their own business, Jason Peltier will be here on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Waubetek is a First Loans corporation and helps people with businesses. Please call Rachel Big Canoe at the Band Office or contact Jason directly.

#### **Lands:**

The Lands Management budget has been increased after some extreme lobbying with the politicians. Councillor McCue thanked M.P. Peter Van Loan, he was extremely instrumental in getting us this extra funding approved put in, within the budget. Unfortunately the budget did not have a chance to pass before the declaration of the election. But the fact that it was there shows the government supports the Lands Management. When the next government is formed we will have to re-apply for funding. We do have our regular O&M funding but the new funding for other First Nations who want to join will have to try and find funding after the election is done.

Councillor Bill commented on the Coldwater Treaty meeting. He said he was very pleased to attend and finally see an offer come to fruition and the end it's going to be the Community decides on the offer once we find out what the offer is.

Q. Jake Charles said he would like to be able to see what land is for sale and what land has been sold on Snake Island and Fox Island and whatever the 3<sup>rd</sup> Island is that we are in partners with.

A. Councillor Bill McCue said in relation to Snake and Fox Island he believes there has been no land sold.

Q. Jake said he would like to be able to see that publicly. He said he's a band member, a lay preacher and land owner would appreciate being able to see what he can purchase. He feels this is a way for himself and other members to better themselves. He does own land he received from his father but feels it's useless for him to go to the band and he can't go to the band which makes him feel trapped. He would appreciate more power over the land that he's got. He stated it was a Community thing with land, with that own land and those that don't own land.

A. Councillor McCue is going to take this forward to the Lands department.

Q. Ellie Big Canoe asked if Marlene Stiles is still the Economic Development Officer?

A. Councillor McCue said yes she is still working from home and can be contacted by e-mail and she attends meetings for the Otter Board and O.T.C.

Q. Ellie said we should be training one of our youth to help her out.

A. Councillor McCue said she has an assistant in place.

The Chief said anyone can go to school to be trained as long there are training dollars available but Council doesn't pick out someone to send them to school for any position, that would show nepotism.

Jake Charles said that was a good point. He said with the number people that go to school or training they don't always want to do that. They should have the right to make up their own mind. He said that's what he means by the "Lands" he could stand on his own feet if he could just get funding.

Q. Willow Hill asked if there was anyone else besides Jason Peltier at Waubetek for small businesses. She found that Jason wasn't very encouraging.

A. Councillor Bill said he would look into this but that this was Jason's territory for Waubetek. This isn't the first time Bill has heard this. He will try to locate another contact. There is also Aboriginal Business Canada.

Q. Delores Charles asked what is in the future for Economic Development, besides the Windmill Project

A. Chief Donna said any projects are Community driven.

Marlene Stiles was off on sick leave for the whole month of March. She will be back in the office in the next few weeks.

Q. Jake Charles commented that what he thought was we are looking at milestones. What is Economic Development working on for the next two or three years? What is happening with it? All he hears about is "Economic Development" but what is it? Most of our problems are funding and money for our reserve. He thinks funding should be made transparent. We're not going to get anymore programs until we get more funding. We've got to cut down our fuel costs. It causes accusations when funding is such a problem. Jake feels anyone has the right to know what going on with our money.

A. The Chief said the Audit is open to the Public. Chief and Council have been working on the budgets for each program and this gives details of what is in each one. The managers took part and presented what they needed in their programs. It was a lot of work but the budget has been finalized.

Jake also said he appreciated the prayer this morning in Anishnabek.

Jake Charles raised the issue that policing needs to be done on week-ends and all night not during the day.

Councillor Pat responded that it is good that the Police should be out on the week-ends and at night. But because we have the other 2 islands included the Police must respond and be where they are needed. They do the best they can. Summer increases the population especially on Snake Island.

Police Report is attached.

Councillor Lorraine Big Canoe has the portfolio of Community Teachings. This will involve the school and daycare and high school and post-secondary. Lorraine will be spending a lot more time working with Laurie Williamson.

Councillor Brett has taken over the portfolio of housing. Funding has been applied for to see if it's possible to hire a housing manager. The position will be posted if the funding becomes available.

Councillor Lorraine said we are finally getting serious about the development of a new school and daycare building. Very important meetings have been held with engineers and other people. We are trying to get our case together to ask INAC to pay for at least the feasibility study and the architectural design of that building. A thorough inspection will be done on both buildings to prove the two buildings are inadequate for our needs. We will look back in years and gather information on how much we've spent on repairs and how much it costs us to operate these buildings. If a settlement is reached and an offer accepted from the Coldwater Treaty, Councillor Lorraine hopes a part of that could be used for the new building.

The Cultural Mapping project is going to continue. It is a very important project. Rachel Big Canoe, Greer Atkinson and Suzanne Howes are handling this. They had a session at the Island School, and the kids really enjoyed telling their stories and want them to come back. The Children stressed the importance of the lake, earth and the animals. The next group that will be consulted will be the teenagers and youth. They are also going to have a timeline done of all events that have happened for as far back as people can remember. From there we will get our culture which will lead to Community Visioning. What do we want to see here in 20-30 years? What kind of businesses do we want to develop? Suzanne will be following through with the Community on that. Councillor Lorraine stressed the importance of attending these sessions when your age groups gets to you.

The Senior Social has been scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup> from noon until 4 o'clock. This is with Christian Island, and Rama. Curve Lake has also been invited. We are having a Hawaiian Theme and it should be lots of fun.

## **Housing:**

Councillor Lorraine reported that all the housing inspection have been finished up. Elwin Earle and Lorraine have been working on the Market Housing Fund. This is a different housing program than what we have been using. Currently, members can go to any bank and get a Ministerial Loan guarantee to get a loan for a house. This can take up to 6 months to a year. With the Market Housing Fund if you qualify for a loan you can get it right away. It will speed up the process. This will help members, as in all programs, Indian Affairs is cutting back in the housing program.

Q. Delores Charles asked about the housing process, and what happens when you fill out the application.

A. Councillor Lorraine answered that the Band still grants the \$32,000.00 for new housing if the funds are available. If a person doesn't qualify for a mortgage there is section -95 which is a rent-to-own situation. But because our Community is so small we don't have a lot of these available because this program is based on numbers.

Q. Jake Charles said a crew should be established to handle all the band owned buildings maintenance.

A. Lorraine said this is what the new housing manager could look into.

Q. Jake Charles then asked for the Council's opinion on Land Privatization?

A. Chief Big Canoe explained that the First Nation would have to vote on that. It wasn't even presented to our Community. Chief Big Canoe said at a Lands Meeting last fall all the Chiefs in attendance had a resolution passed stating that the group that was talking about Lands Privatization was not speaking for the Chiefs in Lands Management it would never just come into effect.

Councillor McCue clarified that this is not in Ottawa as suggested by Jake, and that so far only 6 First Nations across Canada have signed up to look at this Bill and Georgina Island isn't one of them. He stated input would have to be from all First Nations across Canada.

Councillor McCue gave his opinion on the pros and cons of privatization of lands.

The Georgina Island website is being updated by Suzanne Howes.

## **New Business:**

Sally Charles is planning on opening a convenience store in the evenings.

Jake Charles said he wanted it noted that he tried to call the Economic Development department twice and never got a return call.

Q. Delores Charles asked if there was a housing committee and who is on it and how do you qualify to be on the committee?

A. Council Lorraine said the housing committee consists of Chrissy Charles, Charlotte Linders, Sylvia McCue, Kim Big Canoe and Janice Taylor and Lorraine are the Administration Representatives and eventually Councillor Brett will take over.

Q. Delores Charles asked if there could be a report from the committee on what they do and how long they have been on the Board.

A. Lorraine said it's all in the brand new policy which is on the website. The committee developed the policy not the Council.

Q. Jake Charles asked if the Band-owned vans weren't supposed to be parked at the Public Works building.

A. Councillor Mooney said he had the van so he could check on the airboats and to give anybody a ride travelling on the scoots. Otherwise he didn't need the van.

Q. Jake Charles suggested the band provide a shuttle service for people who don't drive or have a car. Perhaps one day a week could be designated for this.

A. Councillor Pat suggested perhaps someone could look into starting this kind of business.

Delores Charles said she would like to see something in writing saying people who are working are allowed to attend meetings without being docked pay.

Chief Big Canoe said everyone is always welcome to attend Council Meetings.

She further explained Council is trying to do their best and that all the suggestions are great but everything takes time. Things don't change overnight, or next month. We are trying to move forward in a positive way for the whole community, and the majority of the people think we are doing a good job.

The issue of paying on the barge was also discussed. Council advised if you see someone not paying it should be written down and report to Council stating what crew it was.

Reverend Betty Lou gave her report on what's happening in the Church and the report is attached.

Delores Charles said she would attach a report on her work with the Residential School.

Delores congratulated the Chief and Council on their re-election and thanked the people who nominated her. She also congratulated the winter works crew and the Training Crew.

Heather Charles brought up that she has missed three days on her training program and she didn't want to be fired for attending this meeting.

Chief Big Canoe said she would discuss this with H.R. because it is a training program she would need to look into this.

Is there anything being done to repair the roads?

Councillor Mooney said we are applying for funding to do major repairs, and sometimes we get approved. We make application every year to Transport Canada but they don't recognize our roads as an extension of the mainland roads.

The issue of all of the Virginia Beach residents were going to have access to our parking lots, and docks and boat launching was brought up by Jake Charles. Chief Big Canoe clarified that it was only the boat launching and not all the residents of Virginia Beach only those that launch their boats in their park, and only while the Wind Mill Project is on-going.

Is anything being done about moving the time of the Council Meetings?

Council said they didn't follow up from last meeting because of the community election. They will look into this now.

Elder Barb McDonald announced the hockey game, The Buzzy Big Canoe memorial raised over \$2,000.00 for Tim Charles and his family while is recovering from his serious accident.

Jake reminded us that signs should be posted stating no one is allowed upstairs on the car ferry. Also crews should be wearing uniforms. Councillor Mooney said he's getting the crews shirts and hats.

Delores Charles commended Willow on the great job she is doing with the youth.

Tammy Charles thanked everyone, and the community and the church for all their help and support on behalf of Tim's family.

Elder Barb McDonald closed the meeting with an Anishnabek prayer.

Next meeting is May 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 10 a.m. at the Community Centre.

Federal Election voting will be in the multi-purpose room in the Band Office on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011.

**First Nation  
Governance  
(Always held  
by Chief)**

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Legal

Public  
Relations

Community  
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**Central  
Services**

Administrative  
Services

Economic  
Development

Lands and  
Resources

Environment

**Community  
Teachings**

Early  
Childhood  
Education

Elementary  
and Secondary  
Education

Post Secondary  
Education

Heritage,  
Culture and  
Language

**Community  
Wellness**

Health Services

Emergency  
Services

Fitness and  
Well-being

Social and  
Employment  
Services

**Community  
Infrastructure**

Public Works

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April 4, 2011

## Important Announcement

### For Members of Georgina Island First Nation Only

Chief and Council of Georgina Island First Nation are very pleased to advise you that we have just received a confidential offer from Canada to settle the Coldwater Narrows Specific Claim. The other First Nations involved are Rama First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation and Nawash Unceded First Nation.

We are commencing a detailed analysis of the offer with the Chippewa Tri-Council Chief Negotiator and Legal Counsel to fully understand and evaluate it.

Under the Specific Claims process, we are required to meet with the other three First Nations involved in the claim to assess the offer for presentation to our respective communities, since all four First Nations receive the same information package.

**THE FACT THAT AN OFFER HAS BEEN MADE AND ITS' DETAILS ARE STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. ANY DISCLOSURE OF THIS CONFIDENTIAL OFFER COULD JEOPARDIZE A SETTLEMENT OF THIS IMPORTANT CLAIM FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. PLEASE REFRAIN FROM PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF THIS INCLUDING ON THE INTERNET.**

At the appropriate time, we will be holding a series of community meetings to present and discuss details with you and answer questions. Chief and Council will be ensuring that both on and off-reserve members are fully informed leading up to a formal ratification (vote) process.

Miigwech for your support at this historic time for our communities.

Chief and Council  
Georgina Island First Nation

**CHIPPEWAS OF GEORGINA ISLAND  
LIBRARY AND LITERACY  
REPORT FOR  
JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2011**

**JANUARY**

All programs ran as usual during the month of January. Beading class has been postponed until the ferry is up and running.

**Meetings Attended**

January 06	Meeting with Finance (Elwin)
January 10	Joint Services
January 18	Southern Ontario Library Committee teleconference
January 19	LLC meeting Newmarket
January 25	Southern Ontario Library Committee teleconference
January 27	First Nation Communities Read teleconference
January 31	Joint Services

Total visits to the library for January- **156**

**FEBRUARY**

All programs ran as usual during the month of February

**Meetings Attended**

February 2-5	Ontario Library Association Super Conference Toronto
February 14	Rama Public Library Grand Re-Opening
February 22	Southern Ontario Library Committee teleconference
February 28	Joint Services
February 28	Literacy Meeting at Library

Total visits to the library for February- **164**

**MARCH**

All programs ran as usual during the month of March

**Meetings Attended**

March 2	Joint Services
March 24	Sothern Ontario Library Committee teleconference

Total visits for March -**179**

**Report to Chief and Council  
Economic Development Department  
February-March 2011**

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**Pukwis Wind Farm:**

We are continuing to move along with the project, but are in several negotiations and agreements with different levels of government, that need to fall into place before construction is able to begin.

***Pukwis Community Meeting to be held on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.*** The meeting will be held at the Community Centre.

Please keep in mind that Scott Jacobs, the Human Resources Coordinator, is developing a resource base for the Pukwis Project.

Anyone interested in becoming involved is asked to drop off their resumes to Mr. Jacobs, along with a cover letter identifying relevant skills and trades.

Businesses that wish to submit work proposals must be registered, have WSIB coverage and liability insurance.

**Georgina Island Career Fair**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Georgina Island Career Fair was held on March 8<sup>th</sup> at Sutton District High School. Thanks to Erica Kelly for all of her hard work, and to the guest speakers (Shannon Crate, Brandon Stiles and Rolf Kungl) who presented to the youth on topics of interest, which included working in business development, the “school of life” and helping your community. As well there were twenty-two post-secondary institutions and businesses who hosted booths in the small gym.

The youth mentioned they were happy to have community members come out and join them at the Career Fair. Thanks to Chief Donna Big Canoe, Elder Barb MacDonald and Greg, Kyle and Alec Big Canoe for opening the Career Fair. All of the students won draw prizes donated by the businesses and schools. Congratulations to Faith Big Canoe and Hunter Erwood for winning new laptops! Thanks to the Health Building staff, and the Georgina Island Police for hosting booths that day. And miigwetch to Mary McCue who brought her First Nation students from Keswick Highschool to join us for the Career Fair. It was great to spend the day with our students, they are an inspiring group.

**Buzzy Big Canoe Memorial Arena**

The Ontario Trillium Foundation has approved a \$101,000 grant to complete work at the rink. Fencing, paving, players benches, penalty boxes and fan stands. The key to the approval of our application was the amount of community volunteers and time that has been dedicated to this facility.

**Applications:**

Submitted application to Canada Interactive Fund in partnership with four other First Nations and CES for funding for three interactive kiosks.

Applied to Indian and Northern Affairs Canada for Summer Student funding (4 positions) and for Science and Technology funding for youth.

Applications for summer student funding have been sent to Seneca Jobs Service, OTTER Board, and Service Canada.

### **WAUBETEK**

Jason Peltier will be on Georgina Island on April 12<sup>th</sup>. To book an appointment to meet with Jason about how Waubetek can help you with your business, call Rachel Big Canoe at the Administration Office, or contact Jason directly at (705) 285-4275.

### **Women in Trades Training**

Congratulations to the twelve women who will be graduating this month from the Women in Trades Training Program. After spending 4 weeks in the bush, clearing roads for the Pukwis project, they have now almost completed 8 weeks at the Georgina Trades & Training Inc. Funding for this unique and successful program was provided by Ontario Native Women's Association, the Chippewas of Georgina Island and Ogemawahj Tribal Council.

## **POLICE REPORT January 2011**

19 occurrences for the month of January 2011

- 1 – Assist Waterloo Regional Police
- 1 – Domestic Dispute
- 1 – Community Event
- 1 – Police Assistance – VBM road block
- 4 – Traffic Violations
- 1 – Insecure Premises
- 4 – Police Assistance
- 2 – 911 Hang up
- 1 – MSV Fire
- 1 – Motor Vehicle Accidents
- 1 – Assist York Regional Police
- 1 – Joint Services Meeting

## **POLICE REPORT February 2011**

23 occurrences for the month of February 2011

- 2 – Lost Property
- 2 – Police Assistance
- 2 – Community Event
- 1 – Threats (unfounded)
- 1 – Animal at Large
- 1 – Illegal Garbage Dumping
- 1 – Mischief
- 1 – Police Information
- 1 – Property Related
- 2 – False Alarm
- 2 – Property Checks
- 1 – Missing Persons
- 1 – Assist York Regional Police
- 2 – RIDE Program
- 1 – Pick up new ATVS

- 1 – Abandoned Fish Hut
- 1 – Traffic Complaint

\* Our new community Constable Wilson Loucks started on February 20. If you haven't met him yet please stop and introduce yourself.

\* The Georgina Island Winter Carnival held by the Joint Services Community was a huge success again this year. Thanks to all the volunteers and the Aurora Auxiliary Constables for making it a success and lending their time and effort to a fun-filled day. Thank you to the community members who came out to enjoy the fun and we hope to see you next year!

## **POLICE REPORT March 2011**

18 occurrences for the month of March 2011

- 1 – Traffic Complaint
- 3 – School Presentation
- 2 – Radar Patrol
- 1 – Traffic Violation
- 2 – Community Event
- 1 – Property Damage
- 3 – Police Assistance
- 2 – Police Information
- 1 – Assault / Assault Causing Bodily Harm
- 1 – Animal at Large
- 1 – False Alarm

\* Cst. Gagnon was away for 3 weeks working with the OPP Highway Safety Division in Aurora.

\* Cst. Loach has now returned to Aurora OPP. We wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

\* A reminder of the Easter Egg Hunt and Lunch being held on Easter Sunday, April 24 at 10:30am. Come and enjoy some Easter treats and activities.

## I HEAR THE CHILDREN PLAYING

**Aaniin kina wiya**

**Hello Everyone!!**

This has been an exceptionally long winter, hasn't it? So since the latter part of November 2010, I have listened to our children at the skating rink. Their laughter, yells, and shouting has been music to my ears. It has cheered me, kept me from being lonely and bored, because I can also go and visit them in the afternoon or evening. Late at night it's the older guys playing hockey, girls too and with the floodlights on it illuminates the field in my backyard. Even that is cheering and vital.

Then before each hockey game or skating lesson, I can see and hear the big Zamboni operated by Ian. I have seen him there both in the early mornings and late at night. I'm sure the ice requires a lot of maintenance to keep it just right. I know when it's Ian because we yell at one another. If there is any other operators or helpers I have missed thanking please forgive me for the work you do on the rink is much appreciated.

I have enjoyed watching hockey games with players from Australia and New Zealand against our own boys. I cannot remember who won. THAT'S DIPLOMACY, ENH!!

Then there was the Winter Carnival, more skating and also Buzzy's Memorial Hockey Tournament, little ones and big ones came out. I stayed for both games. Cold? Yes!! But put on your long johns and warm socks and top it off with a nice big hot dog or hamburger and hot chocolate, what a beautiful time.

Let's not forget that all work done to keep the rink ready to use is done by volunteers who give their time to the community in this way.

The ice rink has been a facility accessible to ALL. May we continue to enjoy "esprit de corps", fellowship and friendship. Mii-go-geget

Miigwech – Thank you  
Elder Barb



# Georgina Island Native United Church

Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation

Congregational and Community Shared Ministry

Church Telephone Number 705-437-1337 X 4225

NEW HOURS 10:30 am



Sun. Apr. 3/11

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

Mon. Apr. 4/11

Toronto Conference Right Relations

Midhurst UC 9-3 bag lunch

Chief and Council

10:00 am

Fri. & Sat.

Apr. 8-9/11

Ont./Que. Native Ministries

Rama United Church



Sun. Apr. 10/11

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

Sat. Apr. 16/11

Living Water's Presbytery

Sharon Hope UC 9-4

Sun. Apr. 17/11

Passion/Palm Sunday

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

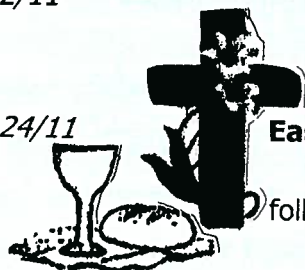


Fri. Apr. 22/11

Good Friday

ecumenical service

Sun. Apr. 24/11



Easter Communion Service

\*\* 9:30am start \*\*

followed by community brunch  
& Easter egg hunt

Thurs. Apr. 28/11

Pukwis

community meeting 7:00 pm

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Sun. May 1/11

Camping Sunday

special guest speaker from Camp Big Canoe

Fri. to Sun.

May 6, 7 & 8/11

Native People's Retreat

FSTC / Five Oaks

**FUND RAISING EVENT** TO HELP WITH COSTS

ANYONE WISHING TO GO MUST PARTICIPATE

OR WILL NEED TO COVER ALL EXPENSES ON THEIR OWN

**BAKE SALE:** NOON **WED. MAY4/11**

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR BOTH

**"THE FLING INTO SPRING BASKET"**

**RAFFLE DRAW:** WINNER SAME DAY AT 50'S PLUS

Fri. to Sun.

May 27, 28 & 29/11

Toronto Conference AGM

St. Paul's, Orillia

Mon. May 30/11

Indian Fellowship

Rama United Church



**Volunteers needed for Wednesday Church School**

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