

**CHIPPEWAS OF GEORGINA ISLAND
CHIEF AND COUNCIL REPORT
FOR OCTOBER 2012**



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Ahneen Georgina Island Membership!

Please take the time to enjoy reading our 4th Quarterly Report from Chief and Council.

Also please be advised that Council is always available to meet with membership when scheduled through Natalie at the front desk, do not hesitate to contact Chief or any Council members for questions or suggestions. Miigwetch!

Community Announcements:

Council would like to congratulate the Trivett and Eric Charles family also known as the Top Cheese Snipers, a road hockey team created to enter the Road Hockey to Conquer Cancer. In order to participate teams are required to make a minimum donation of 10,000 to the Princess Margaret Foundation and the Cancer Society. The team was a little nervous and overwhelmed about meeting their goal but they did it! The team worked really hard in raising the funds and began the initiative in June in memory of the late Paul Trivett and Eric Charles. We commend and applaud their efforts on taking on this initiative that affects the lives of so many people. Way to go guys and gals!

The Police Committee is in the process of hiring a new officer to replace Sinclair Gagnon who was dismissed of his duties. There were seventy-seven (77) applicants who applied and have now been screened down to five for interviews. The OPP does the screening for what applicants should be considered to work on the First Nation.

Election date has been set for March 25th 2013 and nomination meeting will be on February 11th 2013. Notices will be mailed out and posted by the Electoral Officer Sylvia McCue prior to date.

Coldwater Claim:

The Claim has been in Canada's hands for some time now and we have been told that they are almost completed with their comments period internally and can now ask the Minister to request a Cabinet date. The comments so far have been of little or no consequence and AANDC (Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Department of Canada) officials are expecting things to move smoothly. Now that Cabinet is back from summer recess we can only anticipate our claim can make it on Cabinet's agenda soon!

As soon as there is any information brought to Chief and Councils attention we will immediately contact the membership and post on the website.

Williams Treaty:

The Williams Treaty court proceedings with community viewings came to each of the Williams Treaty First Nations between September 24- 28th. Representatives from the Provincial and Federal governments were in attendance as well as the Court Judge, our legal and our elder who is the Community witness and also their guide. We did a little welcoming on our First Nation in the community center and Elder Andy BigCanoe did a tremendous job in explaining the history of the First Nation while showcasing our pictures we have displayed on the wall which reflects the life of our past and present membership on the island. He also escorted them to our war memorial explained our travel routes across the lake and travelled with them by water taxi to view Thorah Island. It turned out to be a nice day and Council would like to thank Andy for his commitment and dedication to this process.

Health:

The Health staff's concerted efforts and the use of their budgets have enabled many people to obtain sought after counseling and treatment services. We are glad to see that progress is being made and that people are accessing the services provided, we still have a ways to go in moving towards a completely healthy community but we are progressing in that direction. Thank you to all who support and encourage this initiative to continue.

Social Services:

The province is saying that there isn't cut backs in Social services and that it is transition funding. Discretionary funding of benefits is remaining status quo until March 1st, 2013. We are not sure how this will effect the recipients at this time. Chiefs of Ontario have asked for an extension beyond this time in order to present a plan in place of these new guidelines.

Recreation:

The summer camps on the island were a huge success. Council would like to thank all those involved and a special thanks to Rachel BigCanoe for obtaining the funding and Welly Charles and Vicky Wolske for organising all the programs and activities.

Education:

Council would like to welcome our new primary teacher for Waabgon Gamig Ms. Tiffany Barber who has taken over the vacated position of our previous teacher Mrs. Leary.

Council would also like to congratulate our grade 12 graduates Bruce BigCanoe, Hayley Williamson, Jordan Hartwick and Howard Denison.

Chief and some Council members met with officials from Kingston Penitentiary to explore the possibility of developing a partnership to support a new building for a school and daycare. The meeting went very well and discussion was had on our vision and obtaining some possible drawings for the new building.

Our current school building was painted inside and out this year as paint was crumbling off and to freshen the building up for children before the new school year began. We do our best with own source revenues to keep the current school up to standards for the children.

The Education Manager, Lauri developed a new transportation schedule to deal with the increasing numbers of our students attending Morning Glory School. The Georgina Island School bus will cross everyday on the 7:30am ferry and return on the 3:00pm ferry. The education program had enough funds in their budget to purchase the childcare van to provide morning service for the high school students and Waabgon students. The Manager has to work on this every year and look into all the details when it comes to the students on First Nation getting to and from 3 different schools on a daily basis. She does very well to accommodate the students, the Aazhwe transportation schedule, and the bus pick up on the mainland so that everyone can arrive at school on time and safe and sound.

Environment:

Emerald Ash Boer

Please be advised that due to the detection of the Emerald Ash Boer within the region of York and specifically Georgina Township the First Nation is putting a temporary ban on the transportation of Firewood to the Island. This is the number one recommendation that we have been receiving by the forestry experts. For more information visit www.georginaisland.com and click on the Environment section.

Land Use Plan

Due to the Cold Water Claim the finalization of the Land Use Plan was put on hold. Now that the Claim has been settled we would like to move forward with completing the plan. The plan will be posted on the website at www.georginaisland.com for community review and input until December 21st 2012. All comments will be reviewed and put into the Final Draft which will be

posted in January 2013 on the website for review and will be taken to Council for approval Spring 2013.

Climate Change Adaptation Planning Project

An information session is being planned for the end of October about this exciting project. We will be looking for members to sit on an advisory panel as well as people willing to be interviewed. Notices will be posted in the Community about the meeting as well information will be posted at www.georginaisland.com under the Environment section.

Language and Culture:

The Talking Circle evenings will continue in early October. Watch for a flyer on date and time.

Transportation:

AAzhwe has been operating quite well. We have had a few minor problems with our throttle controls. We have purchased two spare units and will be changing one as soon as ships electrician agrees to dates for work. Councillor Brett Mooney met with Tormont Cat to go over proposal for new engines. We will be submitting it to AANDC (Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada) this year. Next rebuild is scheduled for 2016 at that time we hope to replace the engines.

Water Station:

The Water Station is struggling with increasingly more burnouts from the pumps due to over capacity of the water station. These pump burnouts cause the water to shut off and our Treatment plant operators have to manually switch on these pumps to bring the water into the station constantly or it flows dry. We have ordered back up pumps to assist us in this area but upgrades to the Water Station are needed in order for us to meet the capacity of homes on the waterline. Proposals and requests have been ongoing and made to AANDC (Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada) to address the issues.

Finance:

The community Auditors meeting is being held on October 2nd. For those who cannot attend, the consolidated financial statements are available at the Administration office for pick-up with Natalie at the front desk and are posted on the First Nation website members only.

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NOTICE



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PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT DUE TO THE EMERALD ASH BOER BEING IDENTIFIED WITHIN THE GEORGINA AREA **ABSOLUTELY NO FIREWOOD IS TO BE TRANSPORTED TO THE FIRST NATION AT THIS TIME UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**

ALL CREW MEMBERS OF THE AAZHAWE HAVE AUTHORITY TO INSPECT ALL VEHILCES AND REFUSE TRANSPORTATION.

IF YOU SEE THIS BEETLE PLEASE CONTACT THE FIRST NATION ADMINISTRATION OFFICE AT

(705) 437-1337

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT

WWW.GEORGINAISLAND.COM AND CLICK ON THE ENVIRONMENT LINK.



Adult Emerald Ash Borer.



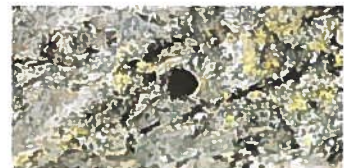
Purplish Red Abdomen on Adult Beetle.



Second, Third, and Fourth Stage Larvae.



Gallery of an Emerald Ash Borer Larva.



D-shaped Hole Where an Adult Beetle Emerged



Jagged Holes Left by Woodpeckers Feeding on Larvae.

