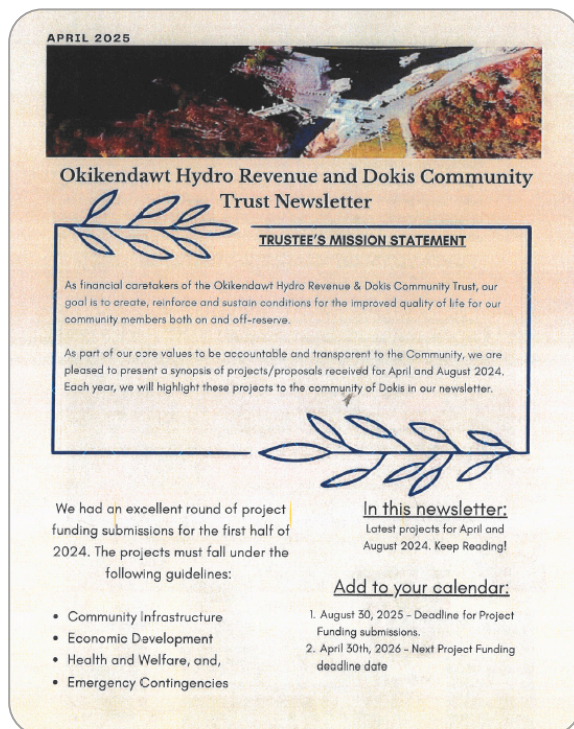




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Okikendawt Hydro Revenue and Dokis Community Trust Annual Report



The 2024 annual report for the Okikendawt Hydro and Dokis Community Trust is now available for viewing on the Band Members Portal!

In 2024, the trust supported 11 projects within the community. The projects ranged from cultural programming to economic development initiatives to historical projects. Below are the titles of the projects funded in 2024:

- Mino Bimaadiziwin Program
- Maawaajj'iding - Health Community Gathering
- Dokis First Nation Survey Search Drone
- Okikendawt Nishnaabemdaa Project
- 22nd Annual Pow Wow
- Winter Round Dance
- Érablière Bourgoïn Sugarbush
- Janelle's Pottery
- Maandonming Kinmaaziiwin Enhancement - Phase 3
- Dokis Marina Trailer Park
- Quality Landscaping

You can read about each of the projects on the Band Members Portal at:

www.dokis.ca/okikendawt-hydro-and-dokis-community-trust/

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Chief & Council Update

May Band Meeting Highlights

Dokis Trust Development:

- Trustee selections were completed in late April and the first Trustees for the Dokis Seven Generations Trust were confirmed by Council. They are:
 - Randy Restoule (on-reserve)
 - Micheal St. Pierre (on-reserve)
 - Bill Bray (off-reserve)
 - Lynn Lariviere (off-reserve)
- The final community session that was tentatively scheduled for May 27th was postponed. Council will be conducting a final review of the trust document and community feedback on June 6th. The community session will be scheduled in June.

Public Works:

- Three new positions in Public Works will support a full-time Landfill Attendant, a seasonal Loader Operator, and a seasonal Weigh-Scale Operator. These positions will start in June.
- Construction on the lagoon will continue in June. There will be an increase in construction vehicles, and access to the landfill may be limited at times. Band members are asked to be mindful of work trucks, and bears, when going to the dump.

Land Selections with Nipissing First Nation:

- Council met with Nipissing First Nation to review Nipissing's potential land selections stemming from their recent land claim. Some areas overlap with Dokis traditional territory on Lake Nipissing and the French River. The Nations will work together to come to agreement on the land selections in a way that respects both communities.

Band Council Resolutions:

- Five resolutions were signed to approve land requests from Band members. Each request completed the 30-day waiting period with no objections.

Next Council Meeting

Thursday, June 5
9:00 am

Next Band Meeting

Tuesday, June 10
7:00 pm
@ the Complex & Online



Annual Traditional Pow Wow

Don't miss the 23rd annual pow wow, taking place on June 28 & 29, 2025!

This year's theme is: "Our Language, Our Spirit".

The pow wow planning committee has been working hard to prepare for the weekend. There will be craft and food vendors on site, dance specials, a community feast, and the Miss Kikendaad contest.

**Giiwejwan Traditional Grounds
on Old Graveyard Road**

For more information on the pow wow, please contact:

Paige Restoule
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restoule.paige@gmail.com

Gwen Dokis
705-499-4615
gwendokis@outlook.com

For more information on the Miss Kikendaad Youth Ambassador contest, please contact:

Nathalie Restoule
natrestoule@gmail.com

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Administration Updates

PUBLIC WORKS

It will be a busy summer for the public works department, with a lot of projects on the go! Band members should be aware of heavy machinery and construction activity in different locations. Please see updates below and contact Art with any questions.

SUMMER DUMP HOURS

Effective May 16, the Dokis dump has new operating hours. Please only bring waste and recycling to the dump during designated hours.

**Monday / Wednesday /
Thursday / Sunday:**
8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Tuesday / Friday /
Saturday:**
CLOSED

LAGOON EXPANSION

York 1 is the contractor working for Dokis on lagoon upgrades. They'll be working extended hours and will have crews on site for 17 days straight, then 4 days off.

Heavy machinery, including a rock truck, will be hauling material to raise the berm of the lagoon. Please drive with caution and be aware when going to the dump over the next few weeks.

HYDRO ONE

Keep an eye out for Hydro One trucks at the landfill.

Hydro is being installed to support the lagoon upgrades and an office for the full-time landfill attendant.

Crews will be installing mounting brackets for hydro poles over the next few weeks.

Art Restoule, Public Works Director – 705-763-2200 ext. 232 – publicworks@dokis.ca

Community Planning

Chief and Council will be meeting with consultants in early June to begin the process of developing a five-year community plan. Participation from leadership, program directors, staff, and community members will be essential to the development of a plan that truly reflects the vision and the goals of DOKIS FIRST NATION.

Over the next few months, all community members will have opportunity to share their thoughts, recommendations, and priorities for the community. Stay tuned for updates on planning progress and open community sessions, as well as feedback surveys!





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Awards Night at KKG!

Community members are invited to the *Celebrating Student Success Awards Night* at Kikendawt Kinoomaadii Gamig. Each year this event recognizes students for completing another year of their learning journeys, and it honours all graduating students in elementary, secondary and post-secondary levels. See poster for details!

 **Okikendawt Kinoomaadii Gamig**

CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS

Mnaaj'aaying ezhi-gshkiweziwaad gikinoomaaganag

AWARDS NIGHT

Join us for our spectacular Annual Awards Night!
To celebrate student excellence, honour achievements,
and create unforgettable memories!

-  **Monday, June 23, 2025**
-  **5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**
-  **Dinner Provided**
-  **Michel D'Aigle Community Complex**

TRADITIONAL BLANKET HONOURING CEREMONY FOR GRADUATING STUDENTS

PRESENTING HONOURABLE COMMUNITY MEMORIAL AWARDS

Evening Agenda

5:00 PM - 5:45 PM

Opening Prayer
Smudge
Dinner

5:45 PM - 6:30 PM

Presenting
Honourable Mentions
&
Community Memorial
Awards

6:30 PM - 6:45 PM

Traditional Blanket
Honouring Ceremony for
Graduating Students

6:45 PM - 7:00 PM

Closing Prayer &
Honour Song



Around the Community



Members of the Active Living Program took their annual trip to the Chatelanes bowling alley in Sturgeon Falls in May.



The Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls walk on May 5th had lots of support from students and community members.



The Pow Wow Committee held a taco dinner and penny sale fundraiser on May 29th. They sold dozens of indian tacos and drew the raffle winner for the patio set and outdoor heater. Congrats to Bernie Restoule for winning the raffle! CHI-MIGWECH to everyone who supported the fundraiser. A total of \$5,371.35 was raised for the upcoming pow wow!



Annah has been doing a lot of work at the Dokis Park in preparation for the summer season! Walking trails have been cleaned up and groomed. The picnic and campsites are also being maintained and leveled out. Community members are welcome to explore the trails, enjoy the beautiful views, and stop for a picnic lunch in Dokis Park!



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Photo Talks

Ever heard of "Photo Talks" or "Photo Voice"? They are a unique research method that uses pictures and visuals to stimulate discussion, language development, and relationships in small settings.

The process of photo talks is simple: participants gather in a location, look through photographs, and share stories about the people, places, objects, and events in the photos.

Photo talks are an effective way to collect the stories of our people and to record detailed history of the community. They are used in many Indigenous communities and are even making their way into schools, where Elders connect with youth through photo sharing and storytelling.

Later this summer, we hope to organize a few photo talks that will be open to the community. Everyone is encouraged to participate and to share their knowledge of the people, places, events, and stories of Dokis.



**Keep an eye out for
Photo Talk details in
the coming weeks!**

Scholarship Opportunity!

The Ontario Native Education Counselling Association has two scholarships currently open to Post-Secondary Students. The QR codes below will take you directly to the application forms - or you can visit the website at: <https://oneca.com/scholarships/>.

APPLICATION DEADLINE **JUNE 30, 2025**



POST SECONDARY STUDENT AWARDS

2 awards of \$1000 each
oneca.com/ps-student-award



FOUR DIRECTIONS AWARDS

4 awards of \$1000 each
oneca.com/four-directions-scholarships



ONECA
Ontario Native Education Counselling Association



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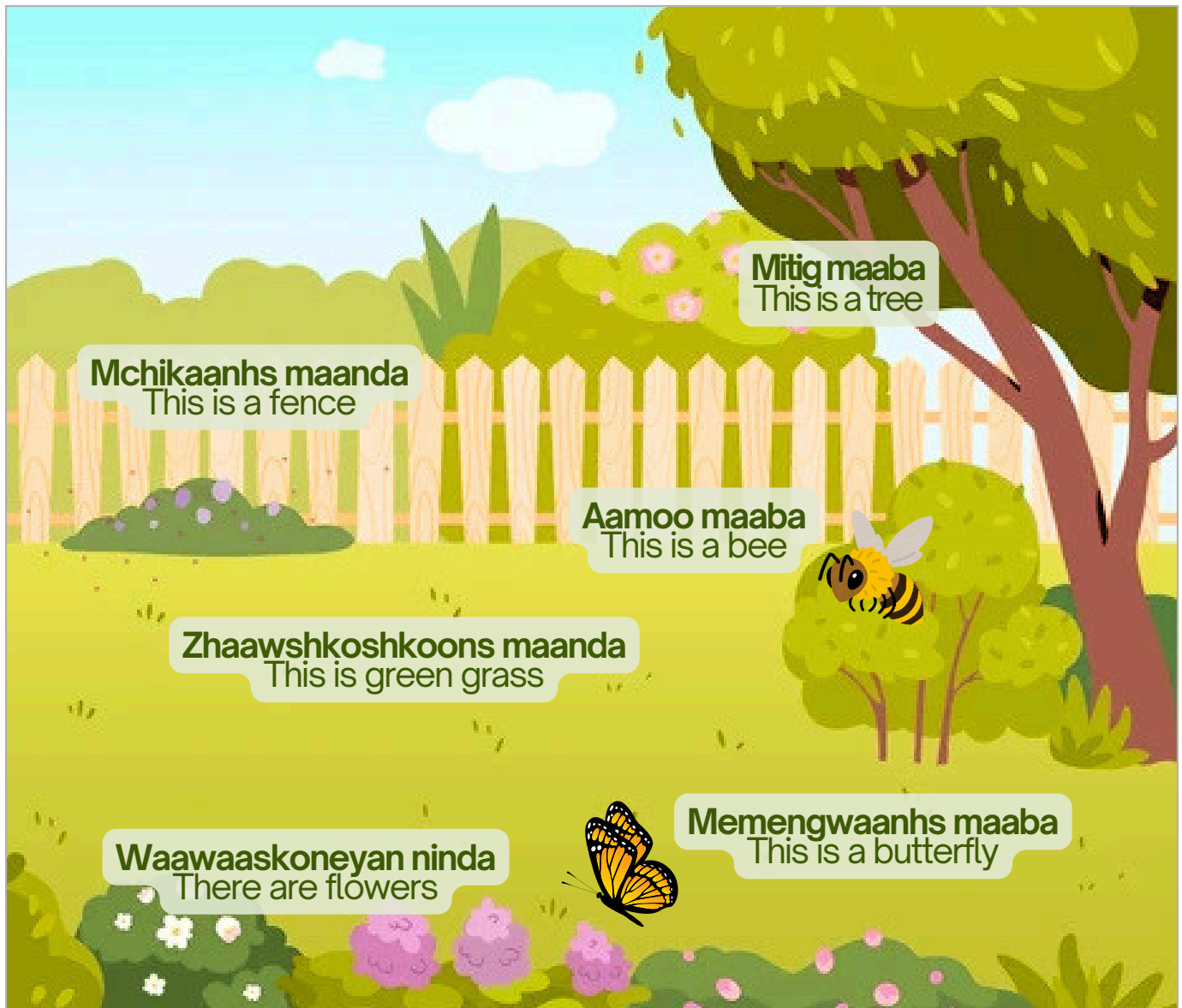
Anishinaabemowin

Gojiing endaa'aanh maanda

Go•jing en•dah•yah•n m•un•dah

This is outside my home

Maanda = inanimate (not alive) **Maaba** = animate (alive)





Anishinaabe Giizhigad

SAVE THE DATE!
ANISHINAABE GIIZHIGAD
Summer Solstice
JUNE 17TH 2025
DOKIS FIRST NATION
3RD ANNUAL COMMUNITY FASHION SHOW

EVERYONE WELCOME
10:00am - 12:00pm
LUNCH for all guests who attend event

daniiin **Enter to Win** **celebration productions Entertainment Services** **EVER COOL**

FASHION SHOW * RED CARPET * BBQ * DJ/DANCE PARTY
AMAZING PRIZES FOR ALL AGES!

COME DRESSED IN YOUR BEST ANISHINAABE OUTFIT!
Contact Nathalie Restoule for more information

Anishinaabe Giizhigad in Dokis

Here in Dokis, you can celebrate Anishinaabe Giizhigad on **Tuesday, June 17th**!

This annual event will be hosted at the complex and EVERYONE is invited to participate. Join in for lunch, a fashion show, a dance party, and a chance to win some great prizes.

Stay tuned for more details!

CONTACT NATHALIE **Nathalie Restoule**
FOR MORE DETAILS: natrestoule@gmail.com

Anishinaabe Giizhigad is a special day of celebration for the Anishinabek Nation. This day recognizes the spirit and resilience of Anishinaabe people from all Anishinabek communities and it acknowledges the unique relationship that we have within the Anishinabek Nation.

Anishinaabe Giizhigad was the vision of the Anishinabek Nation Head Getzit Gordon Waindubence Baa. He believed in the Nation's ability to work together for the greater good of Anishinaabe people, and he dedicated his life's work to keeping Anishinaabe language and ceremony alive.

This day is celebrated by the Anishinabek Nation on **June 6th** every year, and everyone is encouraged to take in the activities hosted by the Anishinabek Nation. Leading up to Anishinaabe Giizhigad, the Grand Council Assembly will be livestreamed from June 3-5 at the link below:
<https://www.an-gca.com/stream>

You can also learn all about Anishinaabe Giizhigad at the link below!

<https://anishinabek.ca/governance/anishinaabe-giizhigad/>



Summer Notices and Reminders

DOKIS FIRE SAFETY

Fire season has arrived, and Dokis' volunteer firefighters have already responded to forest fires in May. Even when fire hazard ratings are low, it's important to be diligent when lighting camp fires or cooking fires in the community and on the river. Please follow these basic safety reminders at all times:



- Only light outdoor fires in a proper pit that is clear of flammable debris.
- Never place a fire pit under low-hanging trees - be sure to clear overhanging branches to at least **20 feet high**.
- Build fire pits on flat surfaces made of hard-packed sand, stone or cement slabs, or in a fire-resistant barrel.
- **NEVER** use accelerants or liquid ignitors to start a fire.
- Keep fire size **below 3 ft** and add wood gradually.
- Avoid using softwood that throws sparks and embers.
- Use a spark screen whenever possible.
- Keep a pail of water or an extinguisher close by.
- Clear tripping hazards away from the fire.
- Always keep an eye on children and pets around the fire.
- Extinguish a fire completely - cover the embers with sand.
- **Never leave a fire unattended!**

DOKIS VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

Eric Crawford
Chris Dokis
Drew Duquette
Gerry Duquette Jr.
Thomas Lambert
Joe McManaman
Matt Pitura
Gisele Restoule
Jon Restoule

SLOW DOWN FOR SPEED BUMPS!

Like, really slow down.

Speed bumps have been re-installed throughout the community for the summer season. There are speed bumps in place along Main Street and Subdivision Road. Take your time and stay within the speed limits for community roads. The speed bumps are in place to discourage speeding and to keep our kids - and all pedestrians - safe!

COMMUNITY SPEED LIMIT



MAX on all roads



MAX in front of band office & school





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Housing - Energy Affordability Program

The Energy Affordability Program provides qualifying individuals with the opportunity to have an in-home energy audit and, if approved, one or more eligible energy efficiency measures installed at no cost

It is very important for all Community Members to read the document attached to the newsletter and to participate in the Energy Affordability Program by completing this document.

Your participation may result in substantial benefits, such as new household appliances (fridge and/or freezers), thermostats upgrades, dehumidifiers, portable a/c units, heat pumps (heat pumps also offer some cooling air for the hot summer months). Other benefits may possibly be some wall and/or attic insulation upgrades.

Please note that anyone taking part in this program will be subject to a house evaluation by a program inspector.

I highly recommend that all Community members carefully read the program document, complete the document, and return the completed document as soon as possible to my attention at the Lands Building.

Don't miss out!

Please be safe on our beautiful French River!

Michael St Pierre
Dokis Housing Administrator
Dokis Economic Development Officer
WBAFN Board Member
705-763-2575 ext: 204
May 28, 2025

SAVE ENERGY
POWER NEARBY NEXT

Energy Affordability Program
PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT – IN-HOME ASSESSMENT

The Energy Affordability Program – In-Home Assessment offer provides qualifying individuals with the opportunity to have an in-home energy audit and, if approved, one or more eligible energy efficiency measures installed at no cost (the "Program"). The Program is being funded and administered by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO).

To participate in this Program, the individual participant noted below must read and accept this Participation Agreement and meet the Program's eligibility requirements.

To be eligible to participate in the Program, you must:

- Be at least 18 years old;
- Reside in the Province of Ontario, and
- Either:
 - a. Reside in a non-profit housing unit; or
 - b. Meet each of the following requirements:
 - i. Either fall below the Program's household income eligibility threshold or receive qualifying social assistance (see Attachment A);
 - ii. Own, rent or lease the residence where the energy efficiency measure will be installed; and
 - iii. Be the primary or secondary electrical utility account holder for the residence.

If you have questions about the Program, including the energy audit, or the installation of an eligible energy efficiency measure, please call 1-888-386-1363.

Participant Information
Participant (Full Name): _____

Street Address: _____	Apartment/Unit Number: _____
City/Town: _____	Postal Code: _____

General Terms and Conditions

I. You represent and warrant that:

- You meet the eligibility requirements set out above;
- You have consent to collect and disclose information of other residents of your household as required to assess your eligibility for and participation in the Program;
- If you are a tenant have the consent of the landlord to install the eligible energy efficiency measures (including by replacing previously installed equipment); and

PARTICIPATION FORMS

Scan the QR code to access a PDF copy of the forms, which can be completed and sent to the Housing Administrator. You can also pick up a paper copy at the Band office!

<https://tinyurl.com/vhtcwncr>



Community Calendar June 2025

1 Corpus Christi Mass 1:30 p.m.	2 Baby Welcoming Ceremony 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. @ the complex	3	4	5	6  Anishinaabe Giizhigad	7
				← Chief and Council Special Meeting →		
8	9	10 Treaty Pay Day 12-2 p.m. Band Office Band Meeting 7 p.m. Complex & Online	11 Service Canada Visit 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Band Office	12	13	14
15 Corpus Christi Mass 1:30 p.m.	16	17 Anishinaabe Giizhigad Celebration 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. @ the complex	18	19 Band Office Closed at 12 p.m. Monetville Public School Fun Fair 5:30 - 8 p.m. Monetville Public School	20 Band Office Closed Summer Solstice	21 National Day of Indigenous Peoples
22	23 Okikendawt Kinoomaadii Gamig Awards Night 5-7 p.m. @ the complex	24	25	26 Last Day of School for KKG & Monetville	27	28 23rd Annual Traditional Pow Wow Grand Entry @ 12 p.m. & 7 p.m.
29 23rd Annual Traditional Pow Wow Grand Entry @ 12 p.m.	30	Looking for a Health event? A full calendar of Health Centre activities is distributed to Dokis residents monthly.				

Band Office Hours

Monday to Friday:
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Closed for lunch: 12-1 p.m.

Holiday Closures

June 20:
National Day of Indigenous Peoples (June 21)

Dump Hours

Mon/Wed/Thu/Sun:
8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Tue/Fri/Sat:
CLOSED