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Dokis First Nation Represented in Columbia

The National Indigenous Organization of Colombia (ONIC) is an authority of government and representation of the Indigenous peoples of Colombia. The organization held its 11th National Congress from July 2-7, 2025, where the people elected a new government of leaders to represent the country over the next four years.

Members of the Robinson Huron Waawindamaagewin Political Working Group were invited to the gathering to meet with the Greater Council of Government. They participated in the Indigenous Governments and Economies Forum, where they spoke about the nation-to-nation relationship of the Robinson Huron Treaty. They also observed ceremony to welcome the newly elected government.



Chief Gerry represented Dokis First Nation in Columbia, along with other members of the Political Working Group, including :

- Former Chief Dean Sayers
- Chief Adam Pawis
- Chief Angus Toulouse
- and
- Elder Leroy Bennett

A full report of the Robinson Huron Waawindamaagewin’s trip to Columbia will be released by Algoma University in the coming weeks.

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Chief & Council Update

July Band Meeting Highlights

Okikendawt Hydro Trust:

- Council is reviewing a report from the trustees outlining recommendations for changes to the trust agreement. Any changes to the Okikendawt Hydro Revenue and Dokis Community Trust will be brought forward to the community for acceptance by the Band members.
- There will be a 10-year anniversary celebration for Okikendawt Hydro Dam in September. We will have a community event and people can take a tour of the hydro dam. The event will be hosted with our partners from FirstLight (formerly HydroMega).

Public Works:

- A Request for Quotes will soon be released to hire a contractor to complete the construction of Woodland Road, and the two new access roads off Wajashk and Charlie's Bay.
- Bell will be starting construction of the fibre-opt line installations underground and underwater. They want to meet with the community to demonstrate the locations of the lines and answer questions. The installation is scheduled to be complete in 2025.

Administration:

- A community planning survey is available online for Band members. There will be a session on July 28th to hear ideas from members for the community in the next five years. The consultants are also meeting with staff and Council to collect feedback from everyone. Information on community planning is on the Band Members Portal.
- A new Band Membership Transfer Request was received from Kaleb Restoule. Please find the notice on the Band Members Portal. It will be posted until September 6, 2025.

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

Friday, August 8
10:00 am

Next Band Meeting

Tuesday, August 12
7:00 pm
@ the Complex & Online



Admin Updates

Okikendawt Hydro Revenue and Community Trust Applications

The Trust is now accepting new proposal submissions for the fall intake.

The deadline to apply is Sunday, August 31, 2025.

The Project Funding Handbook and the Project Funding Application can be accessed by all registered Dokis Band members in the following ways:

1. Request a copy for pick-up at the Dokis Band Office during office hours (8:30 - 4:30).
2. View and download a copy on the Dokis Band Members Portal at: <https://www.dokis.ca/members>.
3. Request a copy of the documents by sending an email to claims.trust@dokis.ca.

Complete applications can be submitted in-person, by mail, by e-mail, or by fax to:

Okikendawt Hydro Revenue & Dokis Community Trust

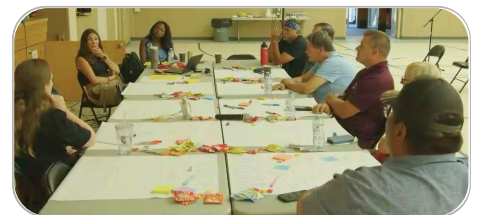
Attention: Sue Greer

940A Main Street
Dokis First Nation, ON
P0M 2N1

Phone: 705-763-2200 Ext. 235
Fax: 705-763-2087
Email: claims.trust@dokis.ca

Community Planning

The community planning process continues throughout August. If you missed the community session on July 28th, you can still participate in an online version of the discussions by providing your input at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B7XR2RL>



August

- Review and analysis of input collected from Band members, staff, and Council.

September

- Draft the community plan based on input.
- Council review of the draft plan.
- Community review of the draft plan.

October

- Council finalizes 5-year plan.
- Final plan presented to community.



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Dokis Summerfest!

Another successful Summerfest in the books! From baseball and bouncy castles, to pancakes and walking tacos, to vendors and raffles - check out some of the action from the weekend on pages 4 & 5. Chi-miigwech to the entire Summerfest Committee, staff, volunteers, and all of the wonderful attendees who made this year's event memorable!

THREE-PITCH BALL TOURNAMENT

10 TEAMS

26 GAMES

2 CHAMPIONS



SJ Stars
"B" Champs



Verna's Mafia
"B" Runners Up



Shenanigans
"A" Champs



Broche à Foin
"A" Runners Up

**LIVE
MUSIC**

2 NIGHTS

6 BANDS



**KIDS
ZONE**

5 ACTIVITIES

**COUNTLESS
SMILES**





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Dokis Summerfest!

CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT

20 TEAMS

38 GAMES

2 CHAMPIONS



Adam Dokis & Shawn Restoule
Runners Up



Andy & Meeka Duguay
Champions

HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

16 TEAMS

20 GAMES

3 CHAMPIONS



1st Scott Restoule & Josh Goulais



2nd Nick & Robert Restoule



3rd Tammy Restoule & Geraldeana Goulais

15 AMAZING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Markus Cognito
Eric Crawford
Chris (Babe) Dokis
Jeremy Dokis
Anne Duquette

Gerry Duquette Jr.
Shelley Duquette-Lafortune
Jeff Lafortune
Ashley Martin
Paul Pitura

Brenda Restoule
Gisele Restoule
Pam Restoule
Rylee Restoule
Vicki Restoule

Special miigwech to Chris (Putt) Dokis and the Public Works crew for prepping and cleaning up the grounds. You guys rock!



Dokis Seven Generations Trust Development

 *Dokis First Nation Trust Development*

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSION

Dokis Complex & Online
August 6, 2025
5:30 PM

Please join us for a community session to review the final draft trust agreement for the Dokis Seven Generations Trust. Dokis First Nation leadership, legal counsel, and financial advisors will be in attendance to:

- Introduce the first selected trustees.
- Review the community feedback collected from engagement sessions.
- Provide a review of the Trust Agreement in its final draft.
- Answer questions and concerns.
- Review next steps and the proposed timeline for ratification.

This session is for Dokis First Nation band members only. Please ensure that your first and last names are indicated when signing in to the session via Zoom.

JOIN THE MEETING ON ZOOM!
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85976978922?pwd=JlUjwYDv50D3x7JlwV6ZARFpCbJpK.1>
Meeting ID: 859 7697 8922
Passcode: 417689
Toll-free dial-in:
1-778-907-2071

Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.
Complex doors open at 5:15 p.m.



Questions about the session? Contact Andrea!
 ea@dokis.ca | 705-475-6173

Don't forget about the final community session to review the Dokis Seven Generations Trust on:

August 6, 2025
@
6:00 p.m.

Dinner will be served at the complex at **5:30 p.m.**, with the meeting to follow.

All Trust documents can viewed on the Band Members Portal or by emailing Sue Greer at claims.trust@dokis.ca

JOIN THE MEETING ON ZOOM!

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85976978922?pwd=JlUjwYDv50D3x7JlwV6ZARFpCbJpK.1>

Meeting ID: 859 7697 8922 | **Toll-free:**
Passcode: 417689 | **1-778-907-2071**

RHT Go Forward Negotiations

The RHT Litigation Fund will host a community information session on:

August 18, 2025
@
6:00 p.m.

This is an important session that will provide information on the next steps of the phase 2 negotiations with Canada, regarding the go-forward treaty annuity.

- Dinner served at 5:30 p.m.
- Event info can be found on the Band Members Portal.


Contact Andrea Crawford for details:
ea@dokis.ca


 **Robinson Huron Treaty LITIGATION FUND**

Go Forward
Community Information Sessions

Learn more about the ongoing priorities of the Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund (RHTLF), including updates on current litigation, current issues and the Go Forward Annuity Clause/Augmentation Process.

Confidential meeting for registered Band Members only.

 **Monday, August 18, 2025**
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Michel Aigle Community Complex
129 Loop Street, Dokis First Nation
Doors open at 5:15 p.m. and dinner (buffet style) served at 5:30 p.m.

 **Register for the Zoom meeting: bit.ly/3IsKRgm**
Note: You must sign in with a Zoom account. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

For more information, contact:
 Andrea Crawford, Executive Assistant, 705-763-2200, ext. 236, ea@dokis.ca

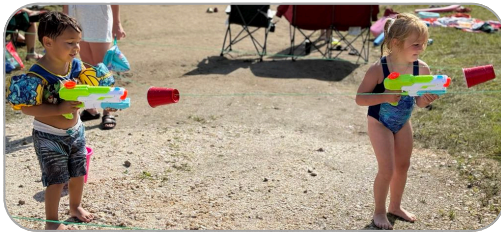
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Around the Community



Family Beach Night

On July 23rd the Health Centre hosted Family Beach Night in Dokis Bay. **Fifty-eight** community members participated! Everyone enjoyed a group dinner, games, and swimming.



Youth Golf Day

Twenty-one participants turned out for Dokis' Youth Golf Day, hosted at Meadow Springs in Monetville. This event was a great opportunity for youth to practice their golf swing and spend time together. *Miigwech Health Centre!*



Community Hike

On July 24th, community members were invited to take a guided tour of the Dokis Trails with Annah. **Twenty-four** participants hiked the Chaudiere Trail to Dokis Park for a waterside lunch. Then they looped back through Tikibi trail to the Museum.



Senior Fun Day

This is an annual event for community seniors, hosted every summer by the Healthy Living and Wellness Program. On July 22nd, **17** people participated in a day of games and good company. Everyone was a good sport, playing games like Giant Tetris Tumble, Water Gun Hot Seat Trivia, and the hilarious Granny Pants Yard Game (pictured above).



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Anishinaabemwin

In July, Dokis invited Ninaatigoons Learning back to the community for another immersion program offered to all Dokis families.

On July 14 & 15, **twenty** community members participated in Ninaatigoons' interactive program. They learned outside by incorporating the land into their teachings - and of course some games.

Chi-miigwech to Ninaatigoons for sharing their knowledge, for helping our families on their Anishinaabemwin journeys, and for making learning fun!



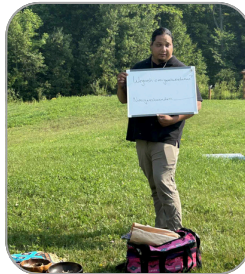
Photo credit to Ninaatigoons Learning



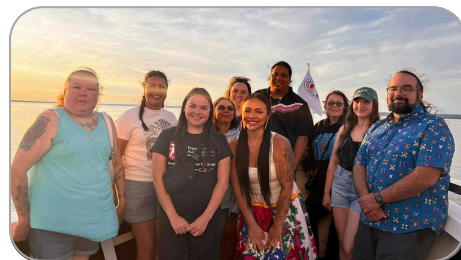
"We had so much fun in the sun here in Dokis First Nation with some familiar and new faces! We are so happy to have been invited back to spend some time in Anishinaabemowin immersion with kids, families and kids at heart!"

Gichi-miigwech to [@natrest](#) for welcoming us back! Your dedication to the language, your community, and future generations is so inspiring!"

- Ninaatigoons Learning

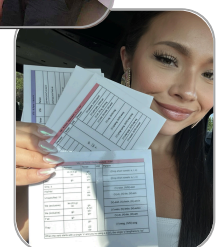


Just a few days after organizing the Anishinaabemwin Immersion program, Dokis' Language and Culture Instructor, Nathalie Restoule, set out on a deeper learning journey with Ninaatigoons. This time, Miss Nat is participating in a two-week immersion training in North Bay.



The program will further Miss Nat's own fluency in Anishinaabemwin, which she brings back to the students at Kikendawt Kinoomaadii Gamig every year.

Way to go Miss Nat!





Okikendawt Hydro Dam 10-Year Anniversary

All community members are invited to participate in the 10-year anniversary celebration of the Okikendawt Hydro Dam, which began operating 10 years ago this summer.

The celebration will be hosted jointly with our partners from FirstLight, and will include open-house tours of the hydro dam, a community lunch, speeches, a gift exchange, and give-aways!

Stay tuned for details as the event approaches.



OKIKENDAWT HYDRO DAM

10th Anniversary

September 4
2025

**DOKIS FIRST
NATION**

Dokis First Nation and FirstLight are pleased to invite you to the 10-year anniversary of the Okikendawt Hydro Dam.

Join us for a day of celebration that will include guided tours of the hydro plant, honoured guest speakers, a luncheon, and give-aways.

RSVP (by 08.22.25)

Dokis First Nation
Andrea Crawford
ea@dokis.ca
705-475-6173

FirstLight
Justine Labrecque
Justine.Labrecque
@firstlight.energy
438-882-6284

Agenda

- 10:00 a.m.** Hydro plant tours
- 12:00 p.m.** Guest arrival & ceremony
- 1:30 p.m.** Community lunch
- 2:30 p.m.** Closing
- 3 - 5 p.m.** Hydro plant tours





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Dokis Annual Canoe Trip

Register by
August 13th
with
Nathalie
Restoule



DOKIS FIRST NATION CANOE EXPEDITION
Explore your home waters!

FRENCH RIVER TO FIVE FINGER RAPIDS

SKILL LEVEL: NOVICE

DISTANCE: 36KM

August 19-21, 2025

DAY ONE - Tuesday August 19

12:00pm - Depart Wajashk Cottages, French River

6:00pm - Fish Fry Dinner at Five Finger Rapids

DAY TWO - Wednesday August 20

All Day - Five Finger Rapids; Teachings & Craft; Fishing Derby;
Swimming; Canoeing; Feasting

DAY THREE - Thursday August 21

9:00am - Depart Five Finger Rapids, French River

12:00pm - Arrive Old Graveyard Landing

Please Contact Nathalie Restoule, natrestoule@gmail.com

Register by August 13, 2025

Please identify any allergies - all food will be provided



Community Calendar

August 2025

31 Corpus Christi Mass 1:30 p.m.						1 Band Office Closed @ 12 p.m.	2	
3 Corpus Christi Mass 1:30 p.m.	4 Civic Holiday Band Office Closed	5	6 Dokis Trust Development Meeting 6-8 p.m. @ the complex & online Dinner @ 5:30 p.m.	7	8	9		
10	11	12 Band Meeting 7 p.m. Complex & Online	13 Service Canada Visit 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Band Office	14	15	16		
17 Corpus Christi Mass 1:30 p.m.	18 RHT Presentation 6-8 p.m. @ the complex & online Dinner @ 5:30 p.m.	19	Dokis Canoe Expedition		20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Band Office Closed @ 12 p.m.	30		

Band Office Hours

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

Holiday Closures

August 4:
Civic Holiday

Dump Hours

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