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Dokis in Bloom

In May, the community was invited to share photos of their gardening adventures throughout the summer. There are three amazing gardening programs that have been running through the Health Centre and the school. Check out everyone's June garden progress!



Veronica and a team of volunteers have been tending to a large garden at the Wellness Centre. Once the crops are ready, they'll be shared with the community!



Scan to view the report!



Students at Kikendawt Kinoomaadii Gamig planted a school garden funded through WWF-Canada's: Go Wild Grant. Check out the full report on their garden project at: <https://gqr.sh/kvUs>

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The Dokis Health Centre started a gardening group this summer, with home garden kits offered to community members. The kits were distributed in June and the gardens are coming along nicely!





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Chief & Council Update

June Band Meeting Highlights

Dokis Trust Development:

- Council met on June 6th to review the final draft of the trust document and the community feedback collected during April and May. Council made recommendations for final amendments to the document before it is prepared for community review. Community members will receive a complete trust package.
- The community session to conduct a final review of the trust document will take place on August 6th at the Dokis Complex and online.
- The timeline for ratification of the trust document is late September 2025.

Public Works:

- Hydro One is continuing their work to bring hydro to the landfill. This week they were replacing brackets on hydro poles.
- Construction on the lagoon also continues. If the gate at the dump is accidentally closed by construction crews during dump hours, please notify Art or Pam.

Dam Site Claim:

- The meeting with Canada on June 11th has been rescheduled to July 11th, due to Canada's travel restrictions. Council will travel to Ottawa to review research results on the loss of land survey and to continue negotiations with Canada.

Community Safety:

- The volunteer fire department has responded to four calls this summer. Everyone is reminded to maintain safe fire practices and to call 9-1-1 if you spot a forest fire.
- Council has secured letters from APS and the French River Cottagers Association, in support of Dokis' pursuit of bringing cell phone service to the community.

Band Council Resolutions:

- Fourteen resolutions were signed to approve land requests that completed the 30-day waiting period with no objections. Two resolutions were also passed to approve Band Member Transfers for Ezmae Steffanizzi and Kristy Pitura.

Next Council Meeting

Thursday, July 7
6:00 pm

Next Band Meeting

Tuesday, July 8
7:00 pm
@ the Complex & Online



Community Planning

Chief and Council are in the process of developing a five-year community plan that will reflect the vision and the goals of DOKIS FIRST NATION. Over the summer months, all community members will have opportunity to share their thoughts, recommendations, and priorities for the community.

What is a Community Plan?

- »»»» A shared vision and roadmap that outlines what Dokis wants to achieve for its future.
- »»»» Covers important areas like economic development, culture, land use, and well-being.
- »»»» A document that sets out clear goals and defines how to reach them, together as a community.

How Can People Participate?

- »»»» Attend the in-person and virtual meeting on July 28.
- »»»» Complete the Members Surveys available until July 25.
- »»»» Share ideas directly with the planning team.
- »»»» Leave your comments in the Suggestion Box on the Band Members Portal: www.dokis.ca/community-planning-2025/

Community Planning Members Survey!

SCAN THE QR CODE
TO SHARE YOUR
THOUGHTS,
RECOMMENDATIONS,
AND PRIORITIES FOR
DOKIS.

COMPLETE THE
MEMBERS SURVEY BY
JULY 25!



Shkaabewis (Helpers/Consultants)

Miikana Consulting has been contracted to support the community planning process for Dokis. Their team members are:

**Randi Ray &
Chris Mercer**



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2024-2025 Student Awards

June is a huge month for celebrating the academic achievements of our students who have worked hard throughout the year to meet their goals. On June 24th, the KKG Awards Night honoured Dokis students with several awards and celebrated the graduates who are moving on to new chapters in their learning journeys next year. *Shtaataahaa!*



Tobias Couchie was this year's recipient of the Ambassador Stewardship award and the APS Leadership award!



Daycare students
graduating to Junior
Kindergarten at KKG

Logan Dokis Isla Therrien
Derek Restoule Oliver White

Senior Kindergarten
students graduating to
Grade 1

Jade Clements
Khloe Restoule
Noah Restoule

Grade 4 students
graduating to Monetville
Public School

Price Restoule
Aiden Trudeau



Grade 8 students graduating from Monetville Public School

Left to Right:

Lauren Longboat
Evan Majda-Restoule
Noodin Pitura
Cole Dokis-Coleman
Angus Restoule
Justin Restoule
Liam Restoule
Carter Dokis





happy graduation



Grade 12 students graduating from
Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School



Alivia Restoule



Kaleb Restoule

2025 Graduates

Dokis First Nation supports many post-secondary students throughout the year. From trades certificates to masters degrees, our college and university students demonstrate amazing commitment to their studies and their future careers. Fourteen of Dokis' funded students completed their post-secondary studies this year, and **we are so proud** of their achievements!



Connor Lafortune
Master of Indigenous Relations
Laurentian University

Kelli Armstrong
Mechanical Techniques,
Plumbing Certificate
Canadore College

Alicia Round
Liberal Studies -
Indigenous Pathway
Lambton College

Brooklyn Armstrong
Mechanical Technician,
Welder Fitter Diploma
Canadore College



Rylee Restoule
Master of Health Studies
Specialist Health Research
Degree
Athabasca University

Mittens Craig
BA English Degree
Carlton University

Jessica Draper
Social Services
Worker Diploma
FNTI

Camryn Restoule
Early Childhood
Education Diploma
Canadore College

Kevin Sheppard
Commercial Aviation Diploma - Okanagan College

Katelyn Restoule
Funeral Director Diploma - Humber College

Tanya Restoule
Social Services Worker Diploma - FNTI



Drew Duquette
Millwright Diploma
College Boreal

Shayna Gagnon
Nursing Degree
Laurentian University

Grace Webb
Paralegal Diploma
Canadian Career College

There are many more graduates among our Dokis First Nation families who are being celebrated for their elementary, secondary, and post-secondary success this year. Congrats to each of you for reaching your goals!



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Mino Bimaadziwin

The Dokis Health Centre hosted the 2025 **Baby Welcoming Ceremony** on June 2nd. Nearly 40 community members turned out to support the welcoming of eight little ones, in a ceremony facilitated by Perry McLeod-Shabogesic. Dokis' newly welcomed babies include:

- River Restoule
- Reid Lacombe
- Tori Restoule
- Koda Dokis
- Greyson Crawford
- Chelsea Meawasige
- Olive Wynne-McAughey
- Migizi McQuabbie-Sinclair



On June 17th, Miss Nathalie hosted the 3rd annual fashion show celebrating **Anishinaabe Giizhigad** (Anishinaabe Day). Students of Kikendawt Kinoomaadii Gamig worked for over 2 months to design and create their own ribbon skirts, shirts, and beaded hats. The students modeled their finished products on a techno walkway that lit up the room as bright as their spirits!



Mino Bimaadziwin

The **23rd Annual Traditional Pow Wow** was held on June 28-29. Despite the weather, hundreds of people turned out to enjoy a full weekend of traditional dancing, drumming, specials, vendors, and food. Miigwech to the planning committee and all the volunteers who made this amazing event happen!

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The Pow Wow Planning Committee!



View from the MC booth



Ribbon skirt gifting to some special community kwewuk



Worland's Long Hair Special



Rylee Restoule
Miss Kikendaad
2025



The community feast catering team!



Honouring our language speakers and learners



Photo credits to:
Paige Restoule, Rodney Stanger, Martin Kimewon, Andrea Crawford

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Dokis Summerfest 2025

It's one of our favourite events of the year, and it's back in Dokis on July 18, 19, and 20, 2025! Everyone is welcome to come out for live music, a 3 pitch tournament, kids activities, games, and delicious eats all weekend long. This year, the **pancake breakfast is back** from 9:00-11:30 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday!

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DOKIS FIRST NATION ANNUAL SUMMERFEST

*3 Pitch Tournament
July 18, 19, 20*

LIVE MUSIC

FRIDAY

<p>7:00 ROCKWYLDER</p> 	<p>9:15 JW STEVENS FEATURING EVERSICK</p> 	<p>11:30 COVERALLS</p> 
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SATURDAY

<p>7:00 THE DIRTY MYSTICS</p> 	<p>9:15 BROKEN DOWN LORI</p> 	<p>11:30 BRADEN SIMON</p> 
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<h4>CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES</h4> <p>STARTING AT 11 AM SATURDAY AND SUNDAY</p>     	<h4>FOOD VENDORS</h4>  
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BAR HOURS FRIDAY: 6PM - 1AM SATURDAY: 1PM - 2AM SUNDAY: 1PM - 8PM

CASH BAR • RAFFLE - 50/50 • CORN HOLE • HORSESHOES

FOLLOW US AT  DOKIS SUMMERFEST 2025

Please Don't Drink and Drive

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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=UjUjwYDv50D3x7JlwV6ZARFpCbJPK.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

The final community session to review the Dokis Seven Generations Trust will be held 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.

Band members joining online can log-in at 6:00 p.m. for the meeting.

Information packages for the meeting will be shared with Band members in advance of August 6th.

Updates and trust information will be shared on the Band Members Portal in late July.

<https://www.dokis.ca/dokis-seven-generations-trust-development/>



Anishinaabemwin

This month, we are sharing links to existing resources and websites that are dedicated to learning Anishinaabemwin. There are so many organizations and individuals who are working hard to learn, preserve, and revive the language of our Anishinaabe ancestors.

The Anishinabek Nation does a fantastic job of finding legitimate resources and cataloguing them on the Anishinabek Nation website.

We encourage everyone to explore these amazing resources, including the teachings of Anishinaabe Chi-Naaknigewin!



FIND ALL THE LANGUAGE RESOURCES ON THE ANISHINABEK NATION WEBSITE AT:

<https://anishinabek.ca/departments/anishinaabemowin/overview/>

&

<https://anishinabek.ca/governance/anishinaabe-chi-naaknigewin/>

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On July 14 & 15, Dokis families will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in a two-day language camp facilitated by Ninaatigoons Learning.

The **Nishinaabemdaa Language Camp** promotes immersion learning through games and time with Elders.

All ages and learning levels are welcome. Must register to attend. Contact Nathalie Restoule for more info:

native.language@dokis.ca

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Niijaansinaanik in the Community

Baby Eagle Staff Birthing Ceremony

On June 24th, facilitators from Niijaansinaanik held ceremony for the birthing of Dokis' Baby Eagle Staff. The staff was created by the children, with the help of their parents, caregivers, and community members. It symbolizes nationhood, relationships, clans, trust, sacredness, and our traditional knowledge. The Baby Eagle Staff is now part of the community and will be brought out at special events.



BABY EAGLE STAFF BIRTHING CEREMONY

WHAT IS THE BABY EAGLE STAFF?
DOKIS' FIRST NATION BABY EAGLE STAFF WAS CREATED BY THE CHILDREN WITH THE HELP OF THEIR PARENTS, CAREGIVERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS. THE STAFF IS PART OF A SERIES OF TRADITIONAL, CULTURAL, AND COMMUNITY-LED CEREMONIES AND OUR TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE.

ON THIS DAY, THE BABY EAGLE STAFF WILL BE BORN. A PART OF OUR COMMUNITY WILL CALL IT THE BABY EAGLE STAFF'S BIRTHDAY.

OVERVIEW OF SESSION
OPENING PRAYER & WELCOME
THE CEREMONY
CLOSING PRAYER & BLESSING
PLEASE MEET THE BABY EAGLE STAFF
CLOSING PRAYER

Facilitated by
Niijaansinaanik Culture Services Team
Perry McLeod/Obitogistic
Paige Restoule
Veronica Dokis

DATE
Tuesday June 24

TIME
4:30-6:30pm

LOCATION
Michael Aigie Community Complex

Please register with Alex Dokis for catering purposes

To register & for more information please contact:
Alex Dokis, Child and Family Services
5. dokis@nijaansinaanik.com or for 705-763-2747

Niijaansinaanik
Child and Family Services

PRESENTS

FREE BBQ COME MEET THE PREVENTION TEAM

Summer BBQ

Thursday July 17th, 2025
11:30AM to 1:00PM

NIIJAANSINAANIK CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES PREVENTION SERVICES
15 CHARLIE'S BAY ROAD
DOKIS' FIRST NATION

Niijaansinaanik Child and Family Services is inviting community members to a free BBQ on Thursday, JULY 17, 2025.


Enjoy a BBQ lunch and come meet the prevention services team at Niijaansinaanik's office on Charlie's Bay Road.

Serving lunch from
11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.



Community Calendar

July 2025

		1  Canada Day Band Offices Closed	2	3	4	5
6 Corpus Christi Mass 1:30 p.m.	7 Council Meeting 6 p.m.	8 Band Meeting 7 p.m. Complex & Online	9	10	11	12
13	14 Nishnaabemdaa Language Camp 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Dokis School (KKG)	15	16	17 Niijaansinaanik Summer BBQ 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. 15 Charlie's Bay Rd	18 Dokis Summerfest 2025	19
20 Dokis Summerfest 2025 Corpus Christi Mass 1:30 p.m.	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Community Planning Session 6-8 p.m. Complex & Online	29	30	31	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

July 1:
Canada Day

Dump Hours

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