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## Community in Baseball

We can always count on a good baseball tournament to bring community members together!

Two Dokis teams played in the Noelville Family Baseball Tournament on August 8-10, 2025.

The Dokis men’s team claimed the B Championship of the B Division, in a friendly match against the Duquette-Newton team.

The women’s team also represented Dokis right to the finals, but were defeated in the B Championship of the women’s A Division.

Despite the blazing heat, the tournament was lots of fun, and a crowd of community members made the drive to Noelville to cheer on both teams.



*The Dokis men’s team played the Duquette-Newton team in the B division Championship game.*

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## Chief & Council Update

### August Band Meeting Highlights

#### Seven Generations Trust Development:

- At the August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, community members had many questions about the trust. More time was requested to review the trust and have discussions with Chief and Council.
- Another meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> with Chief and Council. Community members were encouraged to submit their questions about the trust in an online link. The questions will be reviewed and addressed at the upcoming meeting.

#### Public Works:

- Public Services and Procurement Canada will be installing new signs in Dokis as part of public safety improvements at Big Chaudiere, Little Chaudiere, and Portage dams. Council will also look to install new water signage for slower boating speeds near the hydro dam and other high traffic water locations.

#### Administration:

- Dokis is working with the Hepburn family to finalize the return of land near Five Finger Rapids. The land will remain undeveloped and be held for community use. A celebration will be planned with the Hepburn family once the details are complete.

#### Land Requests:

- Three new land requests were presented for the 30-day waiting period. Questions can be submitted to Randy Restoule at: [lands@dokis.ca](mailto:lands@dokis.ca).

#### Band Council Resolutions:

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

#### Next Council Meeting

Monday, September 2  
10:00 am

#### Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, September 16  
7:00 pm  
@ the Complex & Online



# Upcoming Events

## Okikendawt Hydro Dam 10-Year Anniversary

Don't forget to come out and celebrate the 10-year anniversary of the Okikendawt Hydro Generating Station on **Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**. Everyone is invited to take part in a tour of the hydro station, a celebration ceremony, community lunch, and give-aways for guests!

**Tours for the hydro station will begin at 10 am with shuttle service departing from the Complex every 30 minutes.**

### Agenda

<b>10:00 a.m.</b> <b>- 12:00 p.m.</b>	●	<b>Hydro Plant Open House</b> Guided tours of the plant offered in 30-minute sessions. A guest shuttle is available - departing from and returning to the Dokis Complex. The last morning tour will depart from the complex at 11:30 a.m.
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	●	<b>Guest Arrival</b>
<b>12:30 p.m.</b> <b>- 1:30 p.m.</b>	●	<b>Ceremony and Presentations</b> Opening Prayer Partner Remarks Scholarship Announcement Gift Presentation Totem Photo
<b>1:30 p.m.</b>	●	<b>Community lunch</b>
<b>2:30 p.m.</b>	●	<b>Closing Remarks</b>
<b>3:00 p.m.</b> <b>- 5:00 p.m.</b>	●	<b>Hydro Plant Open House</b> Guided tours of the plant continue in 30-minute sessions. The last afternoon tour will depart from the complex at 4:30 p.m.



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## Dokis Seven Generations Trust Development



*Dokis First Nation Trust Development*

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSION

Dokis Complex & Online  
September 2, 2025  
6:00 PM

Please join us for dinner and a community session to discuss the Dokis Seven Generations Trust with Chief and Council.

This meeting is an opportunity to:

- learn about the trust, how it will operate, and how it can benefit the community;
- share your thoughts and ideas as community members;
- ask questions and have discussions directly with Chief and Council; and
- learn about the next steps for ratification of the trust.

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/89761102100?pwd=sgbdh6KbgQlbj3rlatsJmh387YzYin.1>

Meeting ID: 897 6110 2100  
Passcode: 764489

Toll-free dial-in:  
1-587-328-1099

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

A special trust development meeting with Chief and Council will take place on

**September 2, 2025**  
**@**  
**6:00 p.m.**

This is a great opportunity to bring your questions about the trust directly to Chief and Council for discussion!

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

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## Community Planning

Chief and Council will be meeting on September 2<sup>nd</sup> to review the draft Community Plan for Dokis. Their feedback will be incorporated into the Community Plan and then brought forward to the membership on **Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**, in a virtual meeting. Everyone is welcome to participate in the review of the draft plan on September 23. Community feedback will be incorporated into the final Community Plan, which will be completed in October.

*The draft Community Plan will also be made available on the Band Members Portal for review in advance of the meeting on Sept. 23.*



## Dokis First Nation

### Community Plan Review

All Band members are encouraged to participate in this community session to review the draft 5-year plan for Dokis. This session is an opportunity for community members to provide final feedback before the 5-year plan is completed by Chief and Council.

**TUESDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 23, 2025**  
**6-8 PM**  
**ONLINE ONLY**

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87499176033?pwd=gE18lQe5pXfQ4kfsVcexM25M7b3rwc.1>

Meeting ID: 874 9917 6033  
Passcode: 795958



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## Upcoming Events

### Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting for Dokis First Nation will be held on **Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 p.m. The complex will be open at 5:45 p.m. and community members are invited to drop-early and check out the display of 2024-2025 community achievements.

#### AGM: 6-8 PM

- Dokis audit presentation
- Okikendawt Hydro Trust audit presentation
- Annual report from Directors & Council
- 2024-2025 Wall of Achievements

## Public Works Canada Meeting

A team from Public Works Canada will be in Dokis on **Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>** to meet with Chief and Council, conduct a site visit, and share information with the community about the replacement of the Portage Channel Bridge. All community members are welcome to participate in the day's agenda:

**1-3 PM:** Site visit at the existing Portage Channel Bridge

**3-5 PM:** Open House at the community complex

**5-7 PM:** Community dinner at the complex, followed by a formal presentation

### Portage Channel Bridge Replacement

#### Dokis First Nation Community Presentation

Infrastructure Asset Management, with AECOM, and Procurement Assistance Canada

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

#### Site Visit 1pm – 3pm at the Existing Portage Channel Bridge

- Rain or Shine! Come to the project site and meet with the team to get a clearer understanding of the proposed new bridge and the investigations that have led us here
- Discuss archaeology, ecology, and geotechnical investigations
- See some artifacts from these investigations.
- Discuss the new bridge geometry, location, challenges, and opportunities

#### Open House 3pm – 5pm at the Community Complex

- Discuss the project with the team
- Project boards will be available to provide additional information and aid discussion
- See artifacts from the archaeological investigation
- See bedrock cores from the geotechnical investigation

#### Formal Presentation 5pm – 7pm at the Community Complex

- Current conditions driving the project
- Ecology field study: findings, mitigation
- Archaeology field study: investigation, findings, next steps
- Geotechnical investigation: boreholes, rock quality
- Summary of the bridge replacement alternatives
- Description of the proposed bridge
- Procurement Assistance Canada Opportunities
- Question and Answer Session to follow the presentation



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# Public Works Notice

Keep an eye out for truck traffic in the community throughout September and October. Road improvements will be in progress around Woodland Road, the Old Dump Road/Subdivision intersection, and along Charlie's Bay Road.

**ROADWORK NOTICE**

Road improvements and repairs begin this week for:

- Intersection re-alignment at Woodland Road
- Intersection improvements at Old Dump Road
- Road widening along Charlie's Bay Road

**Please** use caution when driving in these areas! Truck traffic will be kept mostly to:

- Haul Road (behind Loop St)
- Woodland Road
- Keso Bay Road
- Old Graveyard Road

Roadwork will continue in these areas through late October.

**Please slow down and leave space for large trucks and construction vehicles!**

## Alternative Caregivers Needed at Niijaan

Niijaansinaanik Child and Family Services is seeking in-home care for Indigenous children and youth. If you've ever considered becoming an Alternate Caregiver, please call Niijaan to learn more about the program.

**URGENT**

**INDIGENOUS FAMILIES NEEDED TO PROVIDE IN-HOME CARE FOR INDIGENOUS CHILDREN AND YOUTH.**

**Niijaansinaanik**  
Child and Family Services

- Keep children and youth close to their communities.
- In-home support between the Alternative Caregiver and the child/youth.
- Provide a safe and nurturing home.

**Become an Alternative Caregiver Today.**

1-855-223-5558  
[niijafs.com/alternative-care](http://niijafs.com/alternative-care)

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## BACK TO SCHOOL

September 3<sup>rd</sup> marks the first day of the new school year for students at Kikendawt Kinoomaadii Gamig. Teachers and staff have been hard at work preparing the school, their classrooms, and lesson plans since the end of August. The 2025-2026 school team looks forward to welcoming students back to class for another great year!

### 2025-2026 KKG Team

<b>Lois Lambert</b>	Director of Education
<b>Linda Dokis</b>	Secretary
<b>Nathalie Restoule</b>	Language & Culture Instructor
<b>Rikki Restoule</b>	JK & SK Teacher
<b>Tammy Restoule</b>	Grade 1 & 2 Teacher
<b>Lucy Dokis</b>	Grade 3 & 4 Teacher
<b>Jackie Gauthier</b>	Education Assistant
<b>Stephanie Michel</b>	Education Assistant
<b>Sandra Dokis-Belanger</b>	Post-Secondary Education Counsellor
<b>Brad Trudeau</b>	Custodian



## Anishinabek Education System

The Annual General Meeting for the Anishinabek Education System was held on August 21<sup>st</sup>, in Magnetawan First Nation. Chief Gerry Duquette Jr. attended as the voting delegate for Dokis First Nation. The meeting provided updates on funding negotiations, the Youth Council, and a study on long-term education data.

Elections were also held to select new members to the Board of Directors and the Chiefs Committee. Representatives for Region 3 (Dokis' region) are below.

### Board of Directors Members

Daniel Stevens  
Carol Stevens  
Phyllis Anderson

### Chiefs Committee Representative

Chief Tracy Hendrick  
(Moose Deer Point FN)

## Dokis Education Advisory Circle

Earlier this year, a call-out for education committee members was shared with the community. The call-out received great response and the Dokis Education Advisory Circle was formed in July, with 10 members. Their first meeting focused on introductions, reviewing a draft terms of reference, and discussing education matters related to the new school year. The advisory circle will meet on a regular basis throughout the school year.

### Advisory Circle Members

Tammy Desormeaux	Danielle Manitowabi
Chris Dokis (Council Rep)	Marthe Restoule
Shelley Duquette-Lafortune	Rikki Restoule
Shannon Lafrance	Rylee Restoule
Lois Lambert	Tammy Restoule



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## Around the Community

### Senior's Golf Day

Community seniors were invited to a golf day with program coordinators Jeremy and Farah. They played at Voyageur Golf Course in Alban on August 11th. After golf, the group enjoyed lunch at Deedee's Diner!



### Jamming Out!

the Health Centre organized a jamming workshop on August 13th. The group made roughly 200 cans of strawberry jam!



### Youth Lacrosse Camp

The two-day Lacrosse Mini Camp with Alexei Dokis-Dupuis was a success! Youth from ages 4-18 were invited to learn about the sport and build new skills. The team saw big improvements in just two days!

The camp was set up to host two age groups, with the younger group attending in the morning and the older group in the afternoon. Learning from Alexei, who plays varsity lacrosse for the University of Toronto, the older group demonstrated some very skilled gameplay.

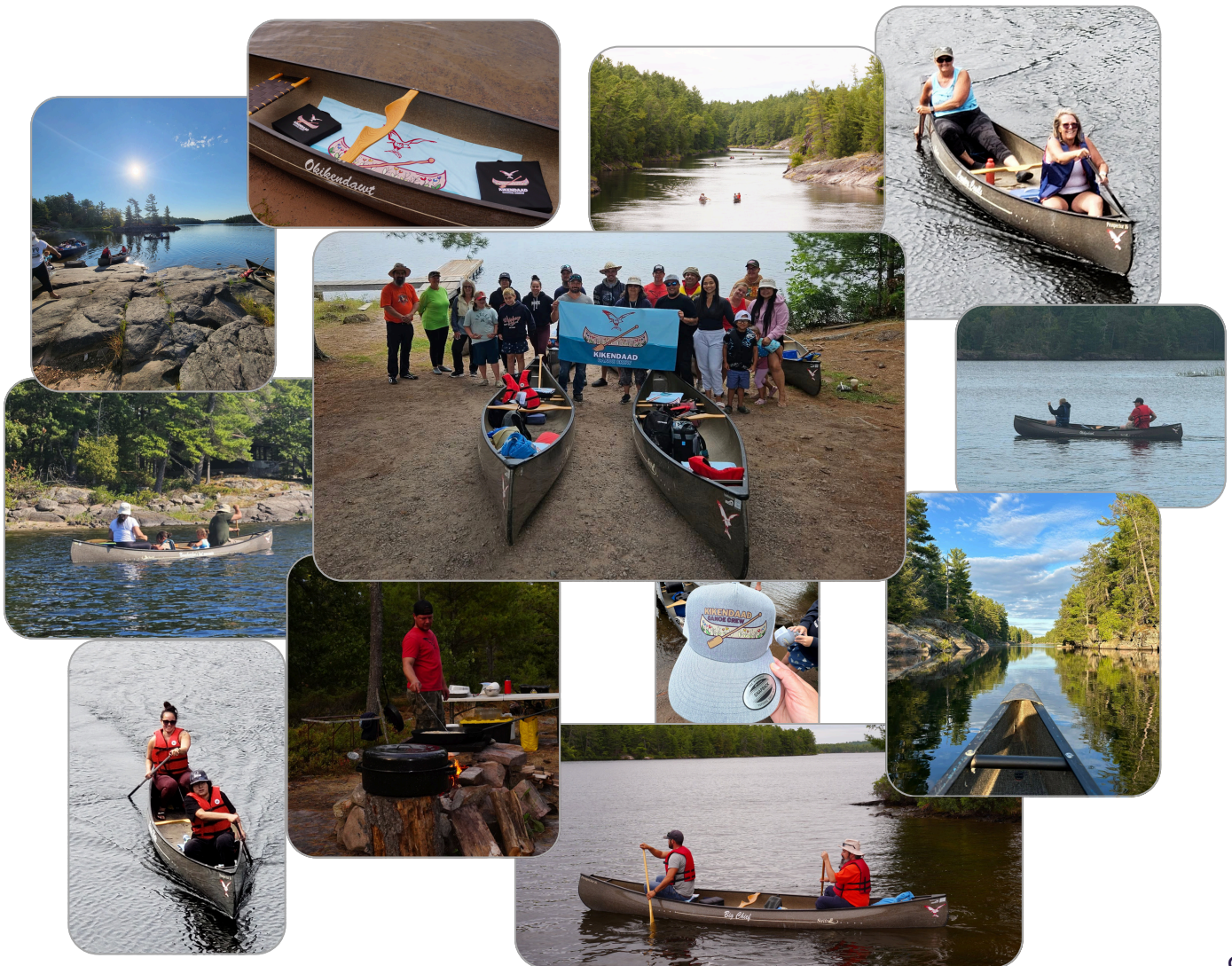
Everyone did great in both groups! It was nice to see Dokis youth trying a new sport they hadn't played before. Chi-Miigwetch to Alexei Dokis-Dupuis for coming to give back to the youth of her First Nation!



## Okikendawt Canoe Expedition

Twenty canoers set out on the 12th annual Okikendawt Canoe Expedition in August. The group departed from the landing at Wajashk Cottages and headed towards Five Finger Rapids on August 19<sup>th</sup>. When they reached their destination, they set-up camp and enjoyed a catered fish fry dinner.

Over the next couple of days, the group stayed at Five Finger Rapids and took part in cultural teachings, crafts, a fishing derby, and some relaxation. On the last day of the trip, the group finished the final leg of their journey towards Old Graveyard Road on the Lower French River. Miigwech to the trip organizers, the Knowledge Keepers, the fish fry crew, and all of this year's paddlers!





# Community Calendar September 2025

	<b>1</b> <b>Labour Day</b> Band Office Closed	<b>2</b> <b>Dokis Trust Development Meeting</b> 6-8 p.m. Complex & Online Dinner @ 5:30 p.m.	<b>3</b> <b>Public Works Canada Bridge Mtg</b> 1-7 p.m. @ Bridge & Complex	<b>4</b> <b>Okikendawt Hydro Dam 10- Year Event</b> 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. @ Complex	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> ← <b>RHT Gathering in Baawaating</b> →	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <b>Corpus Christi Mass</b> 1:30 p.m.	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Annual General Meeting</b> 6 p.m. Complex & Online	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Community Planning Meeting</b> 6-8 p.m. Online Only	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Truth &amp; Reconciliation Day</b> Band Office Closed	<b>Looking for a Health event? A full calendar of Health Centre activities is distributed to Dokis residents monthly.</b>			

## Band Office Hours

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

## Holiday Closures

**September 1:**  
Labour Day  
**September 30:**  
TRC Day

## Dump Hours

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