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Staff Appreciation Day

Just a few days after the Annual General Meeting was held, staff of Dokis First Nation got together for a staff appreciation day. This was good timing as we wrapped up the reporting for the previous fiscal year, and took a look back at all the achievements that staff contributed to.

In any workplace, demonstrating appreciation is an important way of reminding each other that the work we do as a team is important.

This year, staff appreciation day was held at the Chatelaines Bowling Alley in Sturgeon Falls. Roughly 40 staff gathered for some friendly competition, networking, and a good slice of pizza!



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Chief & Council Update Annual General Meeting Highlights

This year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on September 16th at the Complex and online. The format for the AGM was different than previous years. In addition to presenting the financial audited statements for the First Nation and the Okikendawt Hydro Trust, the AGM also offered presentations from Council members, each of the department Directors, and some staff.

The presentations were an opportunity for community members to learn about the major achievements reached by the band administration and leadership during the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Following the presentations from Council, Directors, and staff, the financial statements were presented with the help of Dokis' auditors, trustees of the Okikendawt Hydro Trust, and representatives from Jarislowski Fraser Ltd.

An annual report for the 2024-2025 fiscal year was published and shared at the AGM. It is available on the Dokis Band Members Portal, or by scanning the QR Code to the right. The report offers an overview of Council achievements and highlights from departments, committees, and events.



Next Council Meeting

Monday, November 17
6:00 pm

Next Band Meeting

Tuesday, November 18
7:00 pm
@ the Complex & Online



*Read the 2024-2025
Dokis Annual Report
here!*



Okikendawt Hydro Generating Station 10-Year Anniversary

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The Okikendawt Hydro Generating Station celebrated its 10th year of operating this summer. In honour of this milestone, an anniversary event was hosted with Dokis' hydro dam partners at FirstLight.



The celebration featured tours of the hydro generating station, a community lunch, presentations made by special guests, and give-aways.



Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief and Deputy Grand Council Chief traveled from Manitoulin and Aamjiwnaang to be part of the event.



Dozens of community members came out to celebrate the anniversary, and staff at the hydro station offered tours to approximately 20 guests!



CTV News covered the event and a special broadcast can be viewed by scanning the QR code below.



Scan to watch the CTV News broadcast!





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Scholarship and Logo Contest!

At the 10-year anniversary of the Okikendawt Hydro Generating Station, there were two special announcements made:

- 1- The Martin Restoule Giiwejwan Memorial Scholarship; and
- 2- The Okikendawt Hydro Generating Station Logo Contest

Both opportunities are open to Dokis Band Members. The scholarship and the logo contest are accepting submissions until October 31st at 4:00 p.m. See flyers for individual details!

Scholarship

Martin Restoule (Giiwejwan) Memorial Scholarship

FirstLight is proud to launch a new scholarship program for Dokis First Nation post-secondary and continuing education students. For the next three years, five students will receive \$1,000 each, in recognition of their creativity, vision, and commitment to community. Applicants will be asked to submit a response to the scholarship's prompt question:

What does community mean to you, and how do you see partnerships facilitating community building for future generations?

The question can be answered however students see fit, through an essay, poem, artwork, video, or any creative expression that reflects their voice. Applications will be reviewed by a joint committee of FirstLight and Dokis First Nation education representatives.

Rules / Guidelines

- Open to all post-secondary students and continuing education students members of Dokis First Nation (on- and off-reserve).
- One entry per student
- Submissions may be in written, visual, or creative format
- Five winners will each receive \$1,000
- The program will run annually for the next three years

How to Apply

Submit your entry by **October 31st, 2025, at 4 p.m.** to info.on@firstlight.energy for a chance to be selected as a recipient for the 2025–2026 school year.

For questions or more details, contact: post.sec@dokis.ca

Mail submissions to:
info.on@firstlight.energy

Logo Contest

OKIKENDAWT HYDRO GENERATING STATION

Logo Contest

As part of its 10-year anniversary celebrations, Dokis First Nation and FirstLight are launching a community-wide contest to develop a customized logo that represents the spirit, history, and partnership of the **Okikendawt Hydro Generating Station**.

The winning logo will become the new symbol of the Okikendawt Hydro Generating Station, and will be used on signage and promotional materials. The logo artist will receive a winning prize of \$500!

Interested community members are encouraged to submit logo ideas by **Friday, October 31, 2025**. Submissions will be reviewed by a selection committee of representatives from Dokis First Nation and FirstLight.

FIND THE Contest Form HERE!

<https://ggr.sh/MncS>

How to Submit

Email a high-quality photo of your hand-drawings, paintings, or digital art, along with a completed contest form.

When to Submit

All submissions must be received by:
4:00 p.m. October 31, 2025

Where to Submit

Send your photos and contest forms to:
Andrea Crawford
ea@dokis.ca

Mail submissions to:
ea@dokis.ca



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Dokis Represent!

September was a busy month both in the community and outside the community. Over and over again, we see the amazing members of Dokis First Nation representing our community in the best ways, putting us on the map, and making headlines. Check out some of Dokis' outstanding representation from September.

Eagle Staff Gathering



Mary and Mabel Dokis attended the 2025 Eagle Staff Gathering in M'Chigeeng First Nation on September 19–21. The gathering welcomed Elders, students, flag carriers, drummers, and storytellers, who spent three days sharing the history and the teachings of their Eagle Staffs. Roughly 35 Eagle Staffs gathered at the event, with a special day dedicated to students, who came from First Nation schools. Next year's gathering will be held in Kettle & Stoney Point First Nation.



RHT Gathering

As a signatory First Nation to the Robinson Huron Treaty, Dokis had excellent representation at this year's treaty gathering in Baawaating. The event celebrated the 175th anniversary of the signing of the treaty. The original document was even on display with Chief Michel Aigle Dokis' signature! Chief Gerry attended the gathering with Liam Restoule, Dokis Eagle Staff carrier, and Rylee Restoule, Miss Kikendaad 2025/26.



Heirlooms of History



Dokis' Museum Coordinator, Adrienne Dokis attended a cataloguing workshop at the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation on September 2nd. The workshop group also got to attend the exhibit opening for Heirlooms of History, which is an exhibit with many Fort La Cloche belongings that have been collected and catalogued by several Anishinaabe communities.





Outstanding Alumni

Band members Norm Dokis and Connor Lafortune were both recipients of Alumni Awards at the annual Nipissing University Alumni Awards Ceremony on September 19th. Norm received the Honourary Alumni Award, while Connor was gifted with the Rising Star Alumni Award!

Learning to Lead



Arlo and Elly Wynne-McAughey stepped up huge at the Our Children, Our Future centre in St. Charles. On September 12th, the SK students from Kikendawt Kinoomaadii Gamig demonstrated true leadership by teaching the little ones some basic Anishinaabemwin. Miss Nat's language lessons are already paying dividends!



Runway of Resilience

Nathalie Restoule hit the Runway of Resilience in Toronto on September 11th, modeling high fashion styles for two Indigenous designers, Lesley Hampton and Ocean Kiana.

Miss Kikendaad 2025-2026



Rylee Restoule is registered as a student with Ninaatigoons Learning. In September, she joined the second cohort of Biidwewdamowaad Nimkiig Biidaabang students!

This is a full-time Anishinaabemowin program, built to address the gap in full-time Anishinaabemowin language learning programs, and the shortage of Anishinaabemowin teachers in the school system. With her peers, Rylee joins a



group of second language learner champions who are ready to teach, create curriculum, and lead language revitalization efforts in First Nation communities.



Restoule River Canoe Expedition

The Health Centre organized a beautiful one-day canoe trip on Restoule River, on September 28th.

The expedition welcomed 26 participants who headed out in 12 canoes along Restoule River.

They reconnected with our land and waters, learned about local medicines, and got to practice speaking some anishinaabemwin.

Once they reached McArthur Rapids, everyone was well fed with wild rice and moose meat casserole, bannock, wild rice and berries, and natural tea brewed directly from the land.

The group paddled a total of 12 km in the sunshine. It was a perfect day to focus on physical, mental, and spiritual health.

Miigwech to the health staff for organizing and cooking, and to everyone who volunteered, pitched in, and shared their knowledge.



**Miigwech to
all the
canoers!**





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Truth and Reconciliation

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is a special day in First Nation communities and throughout the country. It's a day to acknowledge the legacy of residential schools and it's a day to honour survivors. The Truth and Reconciliation event in Dokis was held on September 30th, with nearly 100 community members in attendance.

Together, the community remembered and honoured nine residential school survivors, who were members of Dokis First Nation, or who came to Dokis later in life. A special blanket ceremony was held for Veronica Dokis, who attended the Spanish Residential School for Girls, and a training school in Toronto.



It's important to take the time to remember what this day is for, and then to consider where we can go from here. Part of reconciliation means finding ways to ensure that, as Anishinaabe, we continue to be here for generations to come. When thinking about that future, Nathalie Restoule developed a new resource for community members to support learning Anishinaabemwin, which rests at the heart of who we are as Anishinaabe.

Everyone took home new tools to learn the language with their families - just one small way to honour the survivors that came before us, and to carry on the language of our people. Miigwech to everyone who participated, organized and volunteered at the event!





John C. Restoule Memorial Bridge

The commemoration of the John C. Restoule Memorial Bridge was held on September 30th at the entrance of Dokis First Nation. Gathered with family members of the late Chief, and more than 50 community members, a plaque was unveiled to recognize the role John C. played in building the bridge for Dokis.

Built in 1953, the bridge connected Dokis to the main land, and introduced a new world of opportunities for the community. Participants at the commemoration listened to a recording of John C.'s daughter, Bertha Yzereef Baa, who spoke of the tenacity of her father, and the many men who helped build the bridge.

They heard many times that the bridge wasn't possible and couldn't be built. But they persevered, and in the words of his daughter Bertha Baa, **"His dream came true."**





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Fall Culture Camp



DOKIS FIRST NATION

October
24-26
2025

TRADITIONAL FOODS
CAMPING
ARTS & CRAFTS

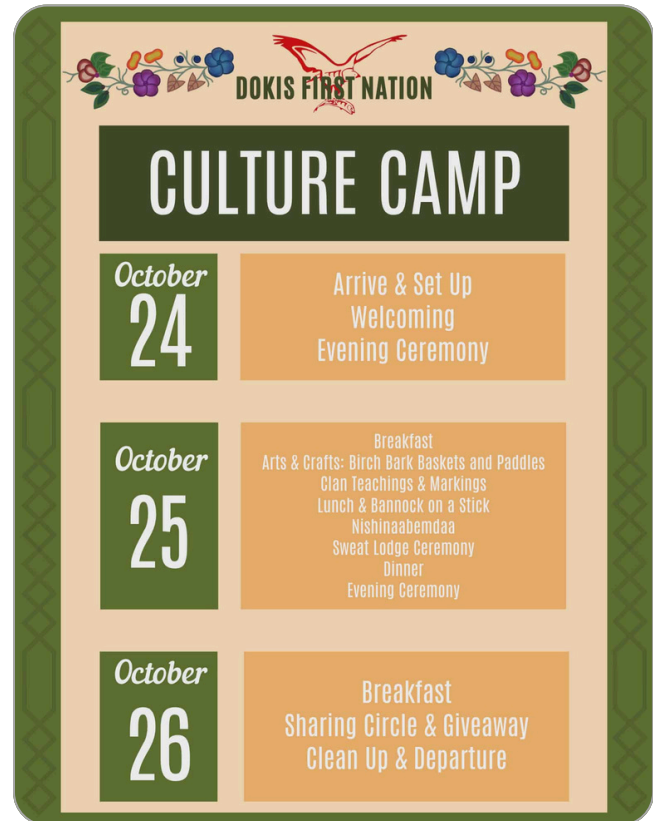
CULTURE CAMP

NISHNAABEMWIN CEREMONY
CLAN TEACHING & MARKINGS WITH InkedBeader13 Crystal Kimewon

EVERYONE WELCOME - priority to Dokis First Nation Members
Registration is Encouraged - All Meals Provided

GIIWEJWAN TRADITIONAL GROUNDS
Old Graveyard Road, Dokis First Nation

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:
Paige Restoule, restoule.paige@gmail.com



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CULTURE CAMP

October 24
Arrive & Set Up
Welcoming Evening Ceremony

October 25
Breakfast
Arts & Crafts: Birch Bark Baskets and Paddles
Clan Teachings & Markings
Lunch & Bannock on a Stick
Nishnaabemdaa
Sweat Lodge Ceremony
Dinner
Evening Ceremony

October 26
Breakfast
Sharing Circle & Giveaway
Clean Up & Departure

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DOKIS FIRST NATION

DATE CHANGE
FALL DAY

YOUTH HUNT CAMP

SPACES ARE LIMITED | REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED
Youth 12 and under require adult supervision

OCT
19-20
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Community Guide Chris Dokis
Land Based Learning | Hunting Safety | Traditional Food Harvesting

Bring Hunter Safety Orange Clothing & Dress According to Weather
All Meals Provided

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO REGISTER, PLEASE CONTACT:
Paige Restoule; restoule.paige@gmail.com
Chris Dokis; employment@dokis.ca

There are two amazing opportunities to participate in traditional teachings and activities in October.

If you are interested in either event, please contact:

**Youth Hunt Camp
(October 19-20)**

Paige Restoule
restoule.paige@gmail.com

Chris Dokis
employment@dokis.ca

**Culture Camp
(October 24-26)**

Paige Restoule
restoule.paige@gmail.com



Community Calendar October 2025

<p>Looking for a Health event? A full calendar of Health Centre activities is distributed to Dokis residents monthly.</p>			<p>1 Dokis Trust Development Meeting 6 p.m. Online Only</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Service Canada Visit 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Band Office</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 Band Offices Closed @ Noon</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13  Thanksgiving Day Band Office Closed</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 Youth Hunt Camp</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Band Meeting 7 p.m. Complex & Online</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 ← Dokis Culture Camp Oct. 24-26</p>
<p>26 DCC →</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 Happy Halloween </p>	

Band Office Hours

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

Holiday Closures

October 13:
Thanksgiving Day