



MIGISI NEWSLETTER

Ten Years of Championships



Photo credit: Noelville Hockey Tournament

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The 49th Noelville Hockey Tournament was held on February 14-16. Dokis had four teams enter the tournament this year, including the Old Timers team, the Dokis team, Restoule/Dokis team and the Restoule team. All of the teams had fun and represented the community with pride.

For the 10th year in a row, the Restoule team made it to the championship game and won first place in the A division. What an accomplishment!

Congratulations to the entire team!



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Chief & Council Update February Band Meeting Highlights

Dokis Trust Development:

- As part of the development of the Dokis Trust, an information session was hosted on February 13th to review the roles and responsibilities of trustees. A call for selection committee members and community trustees was then released to band members on February 14th. Applications were accepted until February 28th.
- A series of community engagement sessions will be held from March–May, to present the draft Dokis Trust and collect input from community members. (See page 14.)

Okikendawt Hydro Trust:

- The spring deadline for applications to the trust is April 30, 2025. The documents will be released soon on the Dokis Band Members Portal.
- Denis Restoule will fulfill the vacant position on the Board of Trustees, left by Gary Dokis. Denis was already a trustee who was holding the youth position. This has created a vacancy for a youth trustee, which is open to youth between 18–35 years. A call-out for the youth trustee will be released in the coming weeks.

Dokis Committees: Chief and Council are reviewing the roles of existing committees and establishing new committees to support community initiatives. The committees in review and development include the lands committee, housing committee, youth committee and education committee.

Band Council Resolutions:

- Six resolutions were signed to approve land requests from Band members. Each request completed the 30-day waiting period with no objections.
- Two resolutions were signed to approve the Band Member Transfer Requests for Diane Mackenzie and Todd Campbell. Both transfer requests completed the 60-day waiting period with no objections.

Next Council Meeting

Monday, March 17
6:00 pm

Next Band Meeting

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



Administrative Updates



ONTARIO WORKS

Notice!

Please be advised that the Ontario Works Administrator, Precious Dokis, will be away from the office from March 10-14.

All Ontario Works requests must be submitted to Precious before March 7th.

Contact Precious at:
705-763-2575 | ow@dokis.ca

Holiday Distributions

The Holiday Distribution forms have been coming in since before the Christmas Holidays. We're making steady progress with processing, however there have been challenges with some forms being submitted twice. Please remember to submit your forms only once to avoid processing delays.

Registered Dokis First Nation members will have until March 31, 2025, to submit the forms for the distribution. These funds do not accumulate and late forms will not be accepted. If the form is mailed, it must be postmarked on or before March 31, 2025.

The Holiday Distribution form can be found on page 4, in case you or a family member have not submitted a form. Please note that it takes approximately 4 weeks to process the forms. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sue Greer
Claims Coordinator

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Website: www.dokis.ca



2024 Holiday Distribution Request Form



Dokis First Nation will release the Holiday distribution starting **January 6, 2025** until **March 31, 2025**. This disbursement does not accumulate, and if you have missed the deadline date you cannot apply. To receive payment of \$1,000, please return this form to the **Dokis Administration Office** by **March 31, 2025**. (Must be postmarked on or by March 31, 2025)

All Forms will be processed on a first-in, first-out system. Additional forms are available at claims.trust@dokis.ca or by contacting the **Band Office** at 705-763-2200 or on the website – www.dokis.ca

**** Applicants/children 12-20 years of age or older must complete their application or indicate if they will be using their parents' banking information****

IMPORTANT: we will be using previously collected banking information submitted for the purposes of the Robinson-Huron Treaty Per-capita Distribution. Only contact Sue Greer if you have had a change in your bank. Only "Direct Deposit" or Void Cheque will be accepted.

Please note, check one:

Direct Deposit (bank info provided **MUST** be an account in your name and cannot be deposited to someone else's account.)

If you are using your parents' account, please check the box. If you are using your own bank account, please submit a copy of your Direct Deposit or Void Cheque along with Proof of Identification.

NOTE: Funds for direct deposit can only be in Canadian currency. If you live outside of Canada, we can provide a corporate draft which will be subject to the applicable exchange rate.

First name	Middle Name	Last Name
Date of birth (mm/dd/yr)	Registry Number (Band number 10 digits) 2180/ / / / / / / /	
Address		
City	Province	Postal Code
Telephone No:	Email Address:	

Please list dependents below: must be a registered Dokis First Nation member with a registry number.			
For purposes of the Holiday distribution "dependent" means a spouse or a minor child who are band members and for whom you have custody.			
First name	Last name	Date of birth: (mm/dd/yr)	Registry # (Begins with 2180)

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Signature **Required**	Date:
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Little NHL Tournament - March 10-14, 2025

Dokis First Nation has six teams registered to play in the tournament this year, including U7 Tykes, U9 Rec, U11 Comp, U13 Comp, U15 Comp, and U15 Girls! The game schedule below can be tracked on the **Little NHL** app. The schedules for finals will depend on the standings for each team. All games are subject to changes, so please check the app for updates and live scorekeeping.



Monday, March 10, 2025	
8:00 am	U9 Dokis vs Mississaugi Clippers Sports Complex
8:00 am	U13 Dokis vs Curve Lake Thornhill Community Centre
9:00 am	U15 Dokis vs Moose Cree Mount Joy Community Centre
9:15 am	U11 Dokis vs Wiki Angus Glen Community Centre
10:15 am	U7 Dokis vs Wiki Clippers Sports Complex
10:45 am	U7 Dokis vs Jr Wild Clippers Sports Complex
12:00 pm	U13 Dokis vs Mnising Tribe Thornhill Community Centre
1:15 pm	U11 Dokis vs Akwesasne Angus Glen Community Centre
2:00 pm	U9 Dokis vs Akwesasne RJ Clatworthy Arena
8:00 pm	U15 Dokis vs Sagamok Crosby Memorial Community Centre
10:00 pm	U15 Dokis Girls vs CMO Crosby Memorial Community Centre

Tuesday, March 11, 2025	
7:15 am	U11 Dokis vs Moose Cree Angus Glen Community Centre
8:00 am	U13 Dokis vs CMO Thornhill Community Centre
9:00 am	U9 Dokis vs M'Chigeeng RJ Clatworthy Arena
11:15 am	U7 Dokis vs Aamjiwnaang Clippers Sports Complex
11:15 am	U11 Dokis vs Mnising Tribe Angus Glen Community Centre
11:45 am	U7 Dokis vs Curve Lake Clippers Sports Complex
1:00 pm	U13 Dokis vs Akwesasne Thornhill Community Centre
2:00 pm	U15 Dokis Girls vs Curve Lake Milliken Arena
2:00 pm	U15 Dokis vs CMO Crosby Memorial Community Centre
6:00 pm	U15 Dokis vs Missanabie Mount Joy Community Centre
6:00 pm	U9 Dokis vs Nawash Clippers Sports Complex
9:00 pm	U15 Dokis Girls vs Walpole Island Milliken Arena

Wednesday, March 12, 2025	
8:10 am	U15 Dokis Girls vs Nipissing Thornhill Community Centre
11:15 am	U7 Dokis vs Akwesasne Clippers Sports Complex
11:45 am	U7 Dokis vs Oneida Clippers Sports Complex

Follow Little NHL action online!








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Housing: Best Practices for Septic Systems

Guidelines to be followed to prevent malfunction of your wastewater system:

- No large amounts of harsh chemicals, paints, disinfectants or other anti-septic or anti-bacterial products such as medicines.
- No detergent with bleach in it (use bleach separately in moderate amounts).
- No palm oil, large amounts of olive oil, excessive hair gels, conditioners, etc.
- No garden pesticides, herbicides, paints (oil or latex), paint cleaners.
- Absolutely no bleach pucks in toilets.

Avoid:

- Using high sudsing detergents, no water softener discharge to tank.
- Using a garbage disposal unit - compost or landfill is recommended.
- Flushing inorganic materials such as plastics, cigarette butts, disposable diapers, condoms, sanitary napkins, oil, grease, etc.
- Excessive food scraps in sink, leaking toilets or faucets, bleach use, or anti-dandruff shampoos, disinfectant soaps.
- Using detergent with bleach, but bleach alternatives like enzymes are fine.

Good habits:

- Conserve water if disposal is a problem, repair leaky toilets and faucets.
- Divert food, facial napkins, coffee grounds, bones, and other material to garbage or compost.
- Spread laundry over several days whenever possible.
- Do not use disinfectant soaps no matter how 'natural' they are.

On or near the disposal bed, do not:

- Regrade the disposal bed/trenches once the bed is installed.
- Direct surface water or house water run-off to the bed/trenches.
- Compact the bed/trenches by driving or parking vehicles over the bed/trenches.

Have any questions about your septic system? Contact Mike St. Pierre, Housing Administrator, at:

705-763-2575 | ec.dev@dokis.ca

These best practices are recommended by:

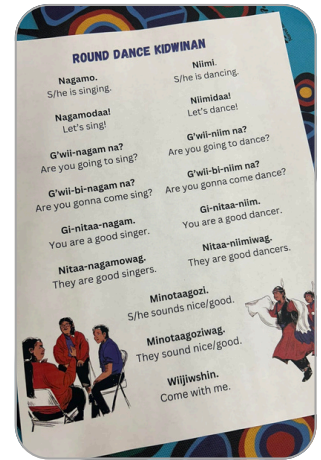




Healthy Living

Community Powwow Social

The health department hosted a successful Community Powwow Social on February 19th. Roughly 30 community members participated throughout the evening with drumming, singing, and dancing! This was the first of three socials that are open to all band members.



Next social on: **March 19** @ the complex **5:00 pm** **Everyone welcome!**

Family Day Winter Carnival

The Dokis Family Day Winter Carnival was a hit!

Lots of families and community members dropped in at the complex and the outdoor rink throughout the day. Bouncy inflatables, cotton candy, and popcorn were back by popular demand, but the staff from the health centre also organized some great games and prizes for the kids.



Miigwech to the health staff for a great family day event!

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Dokis Early Learning & Childcare



For several years, the education department has been working with Chief and Council to bring childcare services to Dokis First Nation. In April 2024, Dokis began operating an unlicensed daycare that supports five full-time childcare positions for Dokis families.

The daycare is located across from the band office, and offers an inviting and newly-renovated space with all the required facilities. Kyla Murphy is the daycare manager. She oversees a small team of staff who supervise the children, implement programming, and prepare meals.

Establishing the current daycare was just a stepping stone in a longer-term plan for the community. In February, Dokis secured approval to operate a fully-licensed childcare facility that will create additional childcare positions for infants, toddlers, pre-schoolers, and before-and-after school-aged children. The expanded daycare will also create new employment opportunities in Dokis.

Director of Education, Lois Lambert, is already working with architects on the design of a new facility that will be built as an addition to the school. Lois, Kyla, and Chief and Council hope to have a groundbreaking ceremony in late summer. Stay tuned for updates!

For more info about the daycare, contact Kyla!
daycare@dokis.ca | 705-763-2747



Post-Secondary Student Spotlight

KENDRA ROCHEFORT
Collège Boréal - Medical Radiation Technology

Kendra is the great-granddaughter of Andrew and Kay Restoule. She is a first-year student at Collège Boréal in Sudbury, where she is working towards her three-year Medical Radiation Technology diploma. Kendra is also a dedicated athlete who plays on the Vipers women's volleyball team in the position of left-side hitter.



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Employment & Training

Upcoming workshops with Gezhtoojig Employment & Training can be viewed online at: www.gezhtoojig.ca. All that is required is making an appointment for set up prior to the workshops. These sessions can be a great help in finding employment, making career decisions, and exploring training options. Please see the March workshop dates below.

Funding may be available for eligible individuals who are looking to develop their skills for employment or career goals. Anyone interested in funding opportunities can contact Chris Dokis or call the Gezhtoojig office at 1-800-361-9256.

Job postings are also received daily from numerous employers and organizations. Chris can work closely with job seekers and employers to find employment matches that fit your needs.

For more info regarding the workshops, training, and employment opportunities, please contact Chris Dokis at 705-763-2200 ext. 228 or employment@dokis.ca.

Upcoming Sessions

- March 5** → Interview Skills Workshop - Online
- March 19** → Programs & Services Workshop - Online
- March 21** → Job Search Workshop - Online
- March 24-28** → Workplace Readiness Week
- June 16-Sept 26** → Line Crew Ground Support Training

****Please note:** Chris will be out of the office March 10-14, at the Little NHL tournament. Good luck to all the teams!

Training & Business Opportunities for Women



Canadore College General Carpenter Pre-Apprenticeship

May 5 - October 10
Free tuition with eligibility
Contact Veronica at:
veronica.wesley1@canadorecollege.ca



Waubetek Business Workshop for Women

March 19 @ 2:00 pm
Online
Register by March 14
cmadahbee@waubetek.com




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With nearly 100 Dokis youth participating in the Little NHL tournament in March, let's practice some Anishinaabemwin words related to hockey!

	ENGLISH	ANISHINAABEMWIN
	Hockey Net Coach Game/Play Game Puck Stick Hockey Arena Shirt/Jersey Score/Goal Penalty Box	Zhooshkwaade Sab Ekinoomaaget Twaage Mowebigan Naatig Zhooshkwaadegamig Babgiowyaan Biindeweb'ige Gbaakodii-Gamgoonhs
		

Match the pictures to the correct Anishinaabemwin words! Need a hint? The words in the table above will help you!

	1. Puck	a. Sab
	2. Game/Play Game	b. Naatig
	3. Shirt/Jersey	c. Ekinoomaaget
	4. Net	d. Mowebigan
	5. Hockey Arena	e. Babgiowyaan
	6. Coach	f. Twaage
	7. Stick	g. Zhooshkwaadegamig

(Answer Key: 1=d; 2=f; 3=e; 4=a; 5=g; 6=c; 7=b)



Notice of Band Membership Transfer Request

When a Band Membership Transfer Request is received by Dokis First Nation, the request must be posted publicly for a period of 60 days. This gives all Band members the opportunity to view the request and submit objections. If there are objections to the transfer request, the form on page 13 must be completed and returned to the Band Membership Clerk within the 60-day notice period.

This process follows the Dokis First Nation Band Membership Transfer Policy, which was passed by Band Council Resolution #2128, at a duly convened meeting on September 11, 2023.

The notice can also be viewed on the Dokis Band Members Portal.

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada / Affaires Indiennes et du Nord Canada

Chronological no.: 2128
 File reference no.:

BAND COUNCIL RESOLUTION

NOTE:
 The words "from our Band Funds" "capital" or "revenue", whichever is the case, must appear in all resolutions requesting expenditures from Band Funds.

The council of the		DOKIS FIRST NATION		Cash free balance	
		Province		Capital account	\$ _____
Date of duly convened meeting:	D	M	Y	ON	Revenue account
	11	09	2023		\$ _____

WHEREAS, the Dokis First Nation Chief and Council and Lands Department have recognized the need to create the Dokis First Nation Band Membership Transfer Policy and;

WHEREAS, Patrick M. Nadjiwan, Barrister & Solicitor of Nadjiwan Law Office of 915 Jocko Point Rd, North Bay, ON P1B 8G5 was contracted to complete the above mentioned policy, and;

WHEREAS, The Dokis First Nation Band Membership Transfer Policy was presented to the community at the June 20th Special Presentation meeting with approval from the Band members present and passed by Dokis First Nation Chief and Council at the July 11th Band meeting.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Dokis First Nation Chief and Council hereby approve the Dokis First Nation Band Membership Transfer Policy.

Quorum 4

[Signature]
(Councillor)

(Councillor)

(Councillor)

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(Chief)

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Recommending officer			Recommending officer		
Signature _____ Date _____			Signature _____ Date _____		
Approving officer - Approuvé par			Approving officer		
Signature _____ Date _____			Signature _____ Date _____		

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Membership Transfer Request

LAST NAME	GIVEN NAME (NICKNAME)	FIRST NATION CURRENTLY REGISTERED WITH	AFFILIATION TO DOKIS	DATE POSTED	60 DAY EXPIRATION DATE FOR POSTING	60 DAY EXPIRATION DATE FOR BAND MEMBERS TO EXPRESS CONCERN(S)
STEFANIZZI	Ezmae Catherine	B-199 Garden River First Nation	Yes	February 27, 2025	April 28, 2025	April 28, 2025

Band Membership Transfer - Objection Form



(APPENDIX B)

DOKI FIRST NATION BAND MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER OBJECTION FORM

APPLICANT – (PERSON SUBMITTING OBJECTION)

Last Name of Applicant:	Given Name of Applicant:
Mailing Address or Email:	Telephone Number:
Are You a Registered Doki First Nation Band Member:	
FULL GIVEN NAME OF <u>OTHER</u> FIRST NATION INDIVIDUAL YOU OBJECT BECOMING A BAND MEMBER OF DOKI FIRST NATION:	

Please explain the reason(s) why you object to this Band Transfer and why you are objecting the impending addition to the Doki First Nation Band Membership List (you may attach additional pages if required):

Date _____ Print Name _____ Signature _____



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Dokis First Nation Trust Development

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS

Band members are invited to participate in a series of community engagement sessions, where Dokis leadership, legal counsel, and financial advisors will present the draft RHT trust for discussion and feedback.

March 24	DOKIS	6 PM at the Community Complex & Online
April 4	SUDBURY	6 PM - Holiday Inn In-person only
April 5	NORTH BAY	10 AM - N.B. Museum In-person only
April 5	STURGEON FALLS	2 PM - West Nip. Legion In-person only
April 13	OTTAWA	2 PM - Location TBC In-person only
April 14	TORONTO	6 PM - Location TBC In-person only
May 6	DOKIS	6 PM at the Community Complex & Online

Details for each session to follow.



Community Calendar March 2025

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 International Women's Day 
9 Corpus Christi Mass 1:30 p.m.	← Little NHL Tournament & March Break →					15
16	17 St. Patrick's Day Council Meeting 6 p.m.	18 Band Meeting 7 p.m. @ Complex & Online	19 Community Powwow Social 5-7 p.m. @ the complex	20	21	22 World Water Day
23 Corpus Christi Mass 1:30 p.m.	24 Dokis Trust Community Engagement Session 6 p.m. @ Complex & Online	25	26	27	28	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 am – 4:30 pm
Closed for lunch: 12-1 pm

Special Events

- March 10-14:**
- School is closed for March Break
 - Band office is open, but some staff are away for Little NHL and March Break