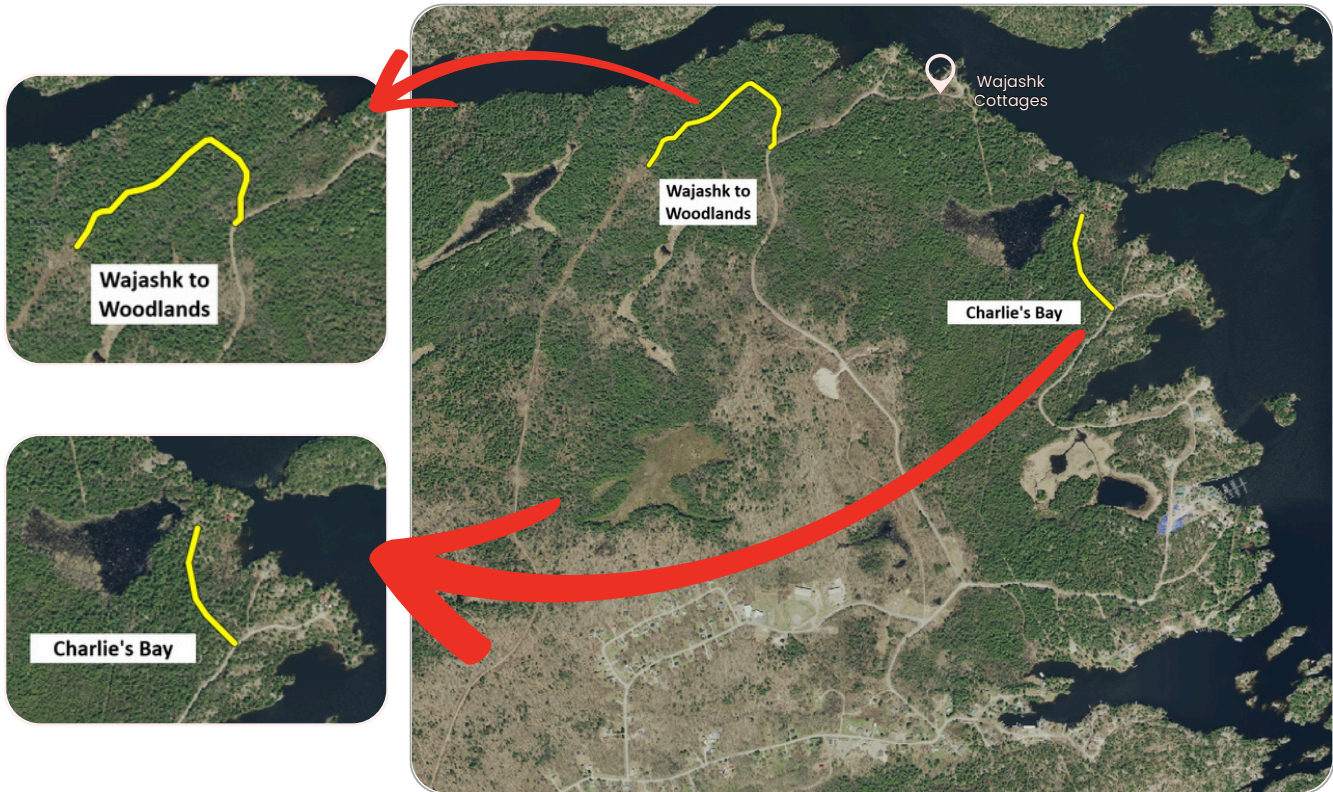




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## New Road Developments in Dokis



Keep an eye out this spring for public works staff and contractors who are working on the development of new roads in Dokis! Two major development projects include:

1. a new road connecting from the far end of Wajashk Meekun to Woodlands Road; and
2. a new off-shoot from Charlie's Bay Road going northwest.

Crews will also be out maintaining other roads throughout the community. The new roads are yet to be named, but the Lands Committee is working on options for community feedback. Stay tuned!

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## Chief & Council Update

### March Band Meeting Highlights

#### **Dokis Trust Development:**

- Seventeen applications were received for the Dokis Seven Generations Trust. A selection committee will review the applications in April, to select the first trustees for the trust.
- The first community engagement session is scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup>. Several sessions will follow in urban centres throughout April. The schedule of sessions can be found on the Community Calendar and in the Dokis Band Members Portal.

#### **Dam Site Claim:**

- Leadership attended a meeting with Canada in March to continue discussion on the claim. A workplan for the new fiscal year was established, and the parties are committed to completing negotiations in 2025.
- The claim is based on trespass and expropriation of land, as well as loss of land use. In the fall, an underwater survey was conducted that estimates the loss of land on the Upper French River at nearly 360 acres. This research will inform the negotiations.
- The upcoming federal election will postpone the next meeting until June.

#### **Infrastructure:**

- Public Works crews are working on spring road maintenance and new road developments throughout the community.
- Bell Canada crews are continuing preparations for high-speed internet installation in Dokis this spring/summer. Tree trimming along the dirt road will occur in March and April.
- Lagoon developments are underway at the landfill. Improvements to the lagoon will include the installation of a new liner, and a raised berm that will increase capacity by 50%.

#### **Next Council Meeting**

Monday, April 7  
6:00 pm

#### **Next Band Meeting**

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



# Okikendawt Hydro Revenue and Dokis Community Trust

## Spring Applications

The Trust is now accepting new proposal submissions for the spring intake. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, April 30, 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](mailto: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  
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Phone: 705-763-2200 Ext. 235  
Fax: 705-763-2087  
Email: [claims.trust@dokis.ca](mailto:claims.trust@dokis.ca)

### What types of projects are funded by the trust?

The Okikendawt Hydro Revenue and Dokis Community Trust funds projects under three main areas of eligibility:

**Community  
Infrastructure**

**Economic  
Development**

**Health and  
Welfare**



## Lands Department

Requests for land are presented at monthly Band meetings. A 30-day review follows to allow for public comment. A Band Council Resolution is then issued to each member requesting a lot, at the following Band meeting. If you have a comment about any of the lot requests outlined below, please email the Lands Administrator, Randy Restoule, at [lands@dokis.ca](mailto:lands@dokis.ca).



**Requested by:**

*Brandyn Dokis*

1 acre residential lot at  
Wajashk Road



**Requested by:**

*Erik Restoule*

1 acre residential lot at  
Charlie's Bay Road



**Requested by:**

*Paige Restoule*

1 acre residential lot  
at Dokis Bay



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## A Sweet Tradition

The practice of making maple syrup has always been part of Dokis history. The sight of little blue pales hanging from tapped trees is a familiar indicator of a tradition that has been shared for generations.

For many years, the small sugarbush that was operated by Marthe and Kenneth Restoule was a hot-spot of activity in the spring. With the help of his beloved horses, Kenneth used to collect sap from nearly 1000 taps in their own backyard. They boiled the sap over an open fire or the wood stove, and they bottled their products by hand.

Marthe invited Dokis students to learn about maple syrup every year. Everyone in the community could take part. As the years went on, Marthe and Kenneth shared everything they knew with Charlie Restoule. Charlie began helping more and more each year, and his grand-daughter Trena followed behind him, soaking up all of their knowledge.

Over time, Charlie formed a friendship and working relationship with Seguin Sugarbush, which is nearby on Dokis Reserve Road. Continuing to work at the sugarbush is Charlie's way of honouring and remembering Ken. He and Trena work with the Seguin family every year, and Marthe still volunteers her time and knowledge at their sugarbush and in the community.

Here in Dokis, the tradition of making maple syrup hasn't disappeared. You can still see little pales hanging from many trees throughout the community. This year, the students at Kikendawt Kinoomaadii Gamig are learning how to tap trees and collect sap with Miss Nathalie.

While they learn about the process, students are also learning the language that goes with it. This is an important part of telling our stories, learning our ways, and carrying on our traditions.

Miigwech to Marthe, Charlie, Trena, Nathalie, our language speakers, and everyone else who continues to share their maple syrup knowledge...and their delicious treats!



Kenneth Restoule with his horses at their sugarbush in Dokis.



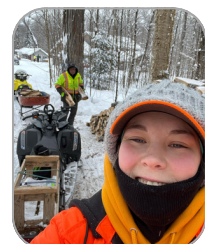
Marthe boiling sap in a cauldron over the open fire.



This split log shows what happens to a tapped tree.



Trena collecting sap with Marthe and her grandmother, Bernadette, at Marthe and Kenneth's sugarbush.



Charlie and Trena collecting firewood for the sugarbush.



Miss Nat's outdoor learning set-up for students.





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March/April is Ziisbaakadake Giizis, the Sugar Moon. This is the time of year to collect sap from maple trees and boil it into the delicious golden syrup we love to add to our pancakes and coffee! There are many Anishinaabemwin words that describe the process of making maple syrup. Here are some you can practice!

ENGLISH	ANISHINAABEMWIN
Sugarbush	Ziisbaaktogaan
To make syrup	Ziisbaktoke
Maple tree(s)	Ininaatig(oog)
Sap	Ziinzibaakwadaaboo
Sap bucket(s)	Naadoobaagan(an)
Sap leaks/runs	Onjigaa
Boiling pot	Zekwekik
Firewood	Misan
He/she is splitting wood	Daashka'se



**Word Search!** Find the Anishinaabemwin words in the puzzle below.

G B B I O K U K Q O J B X D W U X E	 Daashka'se
M Y Z Z E K W E K I K W D A K O B S	Ininaatig 
S Z I I S B A A K T O G A A N N X P	 Misan
S Q F H L D Y N O V D K Q S I J E N	Naadoobaagan 
Q H S S O A T Z M E W S P H O I M R	 Onjigaa
S R P L L H D M I S A N J K T G U T	Zekwekik 
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P D E V O U S H X B I Q A S N A R E	Ziisbaktoke 
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# Bishop's Visit

Bishop Thomas Dowd will be conducting a parish visit in Dokis on Monday, April 28, 2025.

The visit will begin with a meeting with Chief and Council, followed by a meet-and-greet with community members at the museum, lunch, and a guided tour of the Dokis First Nation.

Bishop Dowd and Father James (Corpus Christi priest) welcome the opportunity to meet with the community. They look forward to discussions with parishioners and hearing your recommendations for church services in Dokis.

## Parish Visit Itinerary

**Monday, April 28, 2025**

- 10:00 am** → Visit with Chief and Council
- 11:30 am** → Meet-and-greet with parishioners and community members (museum)
- 12:00 pm** → Community lunch (continued discussions)
- 1:00 pm** → Guided tour of the community

## Bishop's Mass

Sunday May 4th, 2025

1:30 pm

Bishop's Mass with the parishioners and community members



**Everyone welcome!**



## Learning About Lake Trout



Miss Lucy's students at Kikendawt Kinoomaadii Gamig are learning about the growth cycle of fish and how to support a successful fish hatch!

In January, the school received Lake Trout eggs from Hills Lake Hatchery, and students took to the project right away. They observed the eggs under microscopes, and got to see how they grow. The eggs hatched within one month.

Most of the hatched eggs were released in Pike Lake on February 28th. They will finish developing in their natural environment. Students kept the remaining eggs that hatched, and they have been raising the tiny fish in the school's fish tank. Once they are mature enough to transfer to Pike Lake, the students will participate in the release.

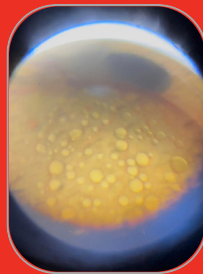
In the meantime, the students enjoy observing their growth and seeing their bodies change as they develop. The fish are doing really well and are growing every day!



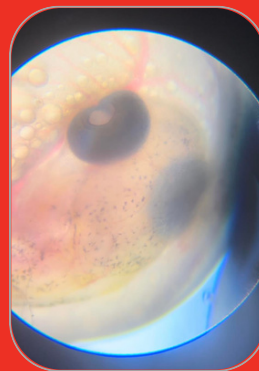
Hundreds of Lake Trout eggs in the initial stage of growth.



The eggs look like tiny clear sacs. The little black dots are the eyes!



A microscopic view of a Lake Trout egg.



A Lake Trout egg nearly at the Sac-Fry stage of growth.



The eggs have hatched but they are still very tiny! This is called the Fry stage of growth.



The average mature Lake Trout can grow up to 36 inches!





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## Dokis Early Learning and Childcare

### One-Year Anniversary Celebration!

The first anniversary of the Dokis Early Learning and Childcare centre is just around the corner! The daycare staff are planning a special celebration that is open to the community. If you haven't had a chance to check out the daycare facility or meet the staff, please save the date and join them on April 9th!



**Dokis Early Learning &  
Childcare's 1st  
Anniversary  
Celebration**

Wednesday April 09, 2025  
4:30pm-5:30pm  
943 Main St, Dokis FN

Join us in celebrating the daycare's first year of operation and discover all the amazing things we've accomplished! Enjoy light refreshments and take the opportunity to enter our door prize contest!



# Employment & Training

## Dokis Employment Opportunities

Job opportunities for positions and contracts in Dokis are posted on the Dokis First Nation Facebook page, and on the Dokis website. Please visit: <https://www.dokis.ca/employment-services/>

### Finance Director

Permanent Full-time

Application deadline: April 3, 2025

### Community Health Nurse

Temporary (Maternity Leave Contract)

Application deadline: April 3, 2025



## External Employment Opportunities

Shawanaga First Nation currently has several job opportunities posted on their community Facebook page. Please visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/shawanagafirstnation>

### Executive Assistant

Permanent, Full-time

### Shawanaga Gas Bar Attendant

Full-time/Part-time/Casual

### Homemaker (Homeworker)

Permanent, Full-time

### Personal Support Worker

Permanent, Full-time

### Water Treatment Plant Operator

Permanent, Full-time

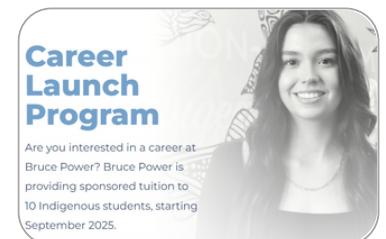
### Consultation Officer

Contract, Full-time

## Training & Education Opportunities

Bruce Power is offering sponsored tuition to Indigenous students starting in September 2025. Fields of training include:

- Nuclear Operator in Training
- Radiation Safety
- Engineer Trainee
- Shift Control Technician
- Mechanical Maintainer



Interested students must apply by **April 11, 2025**. Please visit the website for more information on the application process:

<https://www.brucepower.com/careers/student-indigenous-opportunities/>



## Home Ownership

### RESPECT AND PRIDE IN HOME OWNERSHIP!

Spring is a great time of year to clean-up our outdoor spaces, and to plan for summer yard work and projects. Follow these great tips to maintain your home's outdoor spaces:

- Clean up any by-products left behind by your dogs and/or other animals (especially if you are sharing a building or a yard with your neighbours).
- Clean and dispose of any debris left over from the winter months.
- Clear and dispose of any unwanted yard equipment, outdated/unwanted yard toys and/or outdated yard ornaments.
- Clear and dispose of overgrown brush/vegetation (if burning, be mindful of neighbours and follow any community burning restrictions).
- Check your eavestrough, down spouts, and extensions to divert water away from the house.
- Check your sump pumps for proper operation.
- Lower the settings on your HRV's, as the temperatures rise.
- As we all wait for the warm weather, please maintain safe practices in your home maintenance activities.

**Let's work together to keep Dokis beautiful and clean!**



#### FOR MORE HOUSING TIPS, CONTACT:

**Michael St. Pierre**

Dokis Housing Administrator

Dokis Economic Development Officer

WBAFN Board Member

705-763-2575 ext: 204

[ec.dev@dokis.ca](mailto:ec.dev@dokis.ca)



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## 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				Province ON		Cash free balance	
				Capital account: \$ _____			
Date of duly convened meeting				D	M	Y	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. Nadjwan, Barrister & Solicitor of Nadjwan Law Office of 915 Jocko Point Rd, North Bay, ON P1B 9G5 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

 _____ (Councillor)	 _____ (Councillor)	 _____ (Councillor)
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**FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY**

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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)
PITURA	Kristy Paula	B-220 Nipissing First Nation	Yes	March 17, 2025	May 16, 2025	May 16, 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



# Community Calendar April 2025

 <h1>Community Calendar April 2025</h1>						
		<p>1</p>  <p><b>APRIL FOOL'S DAY!</b></p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p><b>Indian Boarding Homes Class Action Appointments</b> 9 am. – 4 p.m. @ the museum</p>	<p>4</p> <p><b>Dokis Trust Community Engagement Session</b> 6 p.m. in Sudbury</p>	<p>5</p> <p><b>Dokis Trust Community Engagement Sessions</b> 10 a.m. in North Bay 2 p.m. in Sturgeon Falls</p>
<p>6</p> <p><b>Corpus Christi Mass</b> 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>7</p> <p><b>Council Meeting</b> 6 p.m.</p>	<p>8</p> <p><b>Band Meeting</b> 7 p.m. @ Complex &amp; Online</p>	<p>9</p> <p><b>Service Canada Visit</b> 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p><b>Dokis Trust Community Engagement Session</b> 2 p.m. in Ottawa</p>	<p>14</p> <p><b>Dokis Trust Community Engagement Session</b> 6 p.m. in Toronto</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p><b>Community Powwow Social</b> 5-7 p.m. @ the complex</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p><b>Good Friday</b></p> 	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p>  <p><b>Easter Sunday</b> <b>Corpus Christi Mass</b> 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>21</p> <p><b>Easter Monday</b></p>	<p>22</p>  <p><b>EARTH DAY</b></p>	<p>23</p> <p><b>Administrative Professionals Day</b></p> 	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p><b>Bishop's Visit with community</b> 11:30 a.m. @ the museum</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p><b>Looking for a Health event?</b></p> <p><b>A full calendar of Health Centre activities is distributed to Dokis residents monthly.</b></p>		

## Band Office Hours

**Monday to Friday:**  
8:30 am – 4:30 pm  
Closed for lunch: 12-1 pm

## Holiday Closures

**Friday, April 18:** Good Friday  
**Monday, April 21:** Easter Monday