



# MIGISI NEWSLETTER

## Trick-or-Treat!!



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**Shtaataahaa!** Dokis was lit up with activity on Halloween! Little ones spent the day in Halloween mode at school, where they played games and had friendly competitions. Then they were out in full costume, trick-or-treating door-to-door and at the complex. There were so many great decorations and yard scenes! Halloween definitely brought out the fun and spooky spirit in a lot of community members.

*Photo credits to: Jane Dokis, Arizona Restoule, Mary-Lynn Restoule, Danielle Manitowabi, and Lois Lambert*



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## Administrative Updates

### Community Planning

Our consultants at Miikana delivered the 5-year community plan to Chief and Council in October! The plan is based on four Strategic Pillars, and each pillar outlines its own goals and objectives.

Now, Chief and Council, Directors, and staff are reviewing each pillar's goals and objectives. Directors and staff will look at the feasibility of the goals and determine if any important objectives have been forgotten. This exercise will identify any final changes that need to be made before the plan is approved by Council.

The final version of the 5-year community plan will be shared early in the New Year!

### Four Strategic Pillars

1. Infrastructure and Housing
2. Economic Prosperity and Self-Sufficiency
3. Governance and Administrative Excellence
4. Community Health and Wellbeing

## Holiday Distribution 2025-2026

### Notice to Band Members:

The Holiday Distribution Form 2025 has been distributed via email, mail-outs, and community delivery. If you have not received your Holiday Distribution Form, it can be downloaded from the Band Members Portal on the Dokis website – [www.dokis.ca/posts/](http://www.dokis.ca/posts/)

Only **one** application is required per applicant. Parents will include dependents on their Holiday Form if the dependents are not submitting their own application. Please do NOT submit multiple applications, as this may delay the review process up to 4 weeks.

We are receiving a high volume of applications, and processing will take some time. We will work diligently to process all requests as quickly as possible. Miigwech for your continued patience and support!

### Next Council Meeting

Monday, November 17  
6:00 pm

### Next Band Meeting

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



# Upcoming Events

## TREATIES RECOGNITION WEEK – NOVEMBER 3-7

Treaties Recognition Week is a time to honour and recognize the importance of treaties in Canada. The week is meant to educate, celebrate, and appreciate the history, the relationships, the governance, and the resilience of the treaties.

This year's events are co-hosted with Laurentian University, Shingwauk Kinooamaage Gamig, and the Anishinabek Nation. All sessions will be livestreamed on RHW social media platforms. Full details can be found on their facebook page:

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

**TREATIES RECOGNITION WEEK 2025**

*Anishinaabe Relationship and Responsibility to Creation*

Robinson Huron Waawiindamaagewin (RHW), in partnership with Laurentian University and Shingwauk Kinooamaage Gamig (SKG), will host Treaties Recognition Week 2025 this November in N'Swakamok (Sudbury) and Baawating (Sault Ste. Marie). As we reflect on 175 years since the signing of the Robinson Huron Treaty of 1850, this year's theme, Anishinaabe Relationship and Responsibility to Creation, invites us to renew our relationships with Creation, one another and ourselves.

**NOVEMBER 3-4**  
N'SWAKAMOK (SUDBURY)  
Treaty presentations, panels and cultural teachings at Laurentian University

**NOVEMBER 5**  
ACROSS THE TERRITORY  
School visits, community engagement and resource sharing

**NOVEMBER 6-7**  
BAAWATING (SAULT STE. MARIE)  
Treaty presentations, youth-Elder dialogues and cultural teachings at SKG

**HIGHLIGHTS**

**LAURENTIAN UNIVERSITY**

- > Geteh Shkode (Fire Teachings)
- > Pipe Teachings
- > Wampum Teachings
- > Rekindling Balance: Youth Reflections on Anishinaabe Law and Creation

**SKG**

- > Treaty Talks with Tomorrow's Leaders (White Pines Collegiate & Vocational School and livestreamed)
- > Full day of cultural teachings and activities

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:**  
Tristen Schneider, Acting Executive Assistant  
Tristen@waawiindamaagewin.com  
waawiindamaagewin.com

## REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY – NOVEMBER 11

Dokis First Nation's annual Remembrance Day Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at the Dokis Museum.

Anyone attending the event is asked to bring a chair and dress according to the weather, as the ceremony will take place outside.

Any individuals who would like to lay a wreath at the ceremony, please RSVP with Adrienne by 4:00 p.m. on November 4.

**Adrienne Dokis**  
705-763-2252  
[museum@dokis.ca](mailto:museum@dokis.ca)

**Ceremony**  
10:15 a.m.  
Dokis Museum

**Lunch**  
12-1 p.m.  
Dokis Complex



## Mno Bimaadziwin

### YOUTH HUNT CAMP

Dokis held its 1st Youth Hunt Camp on October 19-20, 2025. With the help of organizers, guides, and dads, the group spent the first day at the Dokis Museum learning about hunting safety and harvesting. On the second day, the youth took to the bush at sunrise for an early morning hunt. They learned about tracking and tested their moose calls! Chi-Miigwech to everyone in the group for sharing and being so patient.



### KIKENDAAD CULTURE CAMP

The recent Kikendaad Culture Camp at the Giiwejwan Traditional Grounds welcomed participants of all ages and walks of life. They sat in circle, learned, laughed, healed, and remembered who they are. This was the biggest culture camp to date - the grounds were full, the fire was steady, and the energy was good in every direction. Knowledge keepers, helpers, and visitors travelled from near and far to share teachings, songs, ceremony, language and stories with our community. Miigwech to everyone who helped plan, who cooked, who taught, who lifted, who prayed, and who simply showed up with a good heart. These are the spaces that allow community members to heal, to reconnect, and to walk forward together.





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## Land-based Learning at KKG

Students at Kikendawt Kinoomaadii Gamig took their classroom outdoors on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Everyone participated in a school hunt organized by Miss Nathalie, with the help of some volunteers. Chris Dokis and Grant Dokis spent the morning speaking with the students about hunting, bush and gun safety, and how to respect *Shkagamik Kwe* (Mother Earth) and the animals.



## Post-Secondary Student Spotlight



**KIARA DOKIS**  
**Nipissing University**

Kiara is a first-year student at Nipissing University, where she is completing the 2-year Bachelor of Education program. She previously studied Biomedical Biology at Laurentian University and she plans to obtain her Masters degree in education. Her hope is to one day contribute to the improvement of education for Indigenous communities. Kiara is a keen traveler and loves planning adventures with her father, Norman Dokis Jr.



# Little NHL

## PLAYER REGISTRATIONS

Dokis First Nation is now accepting co-ed registrations for the 2026 Little Native Hockey League tournament. A form is required for each individual player. This year, Dokis hopes to enter another U15 Girls team, and a U18 Boys team, if the right number of players can be secured.

Forms must be completed and returned to Annelise Dokis by **Monday, December 1, 2025**. Please send your completed forms to:

**[anne\\_restoule@hotmail.com](mailto:anne_restoule@hotmail.com)**



The registration form is available on the 'Dokis LNHL' Facebook page, or contact Annelise Dokis.

For new players: Please send in a copy of the player's status card.

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## FUNDRAISING

Tickets are available for a prize raffle that will be drawn on December 17, 2025. Proceeds will support Dokis Little NHL players.

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize:**  
2 Toronto Maple Leafs tickets, \$1000 cash, 2 Hockey Hall of Fame passes

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:**  
Mini Tipi Hoodie and Blanket

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:**  
Moccasins made by Denise Dokis

**4<sup>th</sup> Prize:**  
Painting by Alex Dokis



### Contact the committee for tickets:

Paul Pitura, Lina Gagnon, Rikki Restoule, Darcey Restoule, Kelly Rochefort, Todd Cambell, Kathy Restoule, Pam Restoule ([pamrestoule@msn.com](mailto:pamrestoule@msn.com))

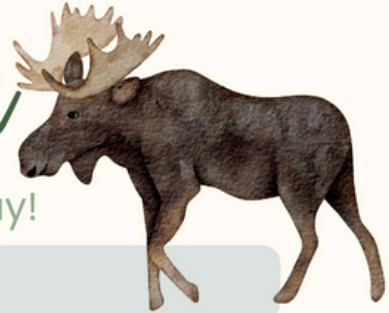


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*Baa-giiwasedaa  
noongo* Let's go hunting today!



## Giiwse

S/he hunts

**Ingiwse**

I am hunting

**Gigiwse**

You are hunting

**Gigiwsemin**

We are all hunting

**Giiwsewag**

They are hunting

### Things you can say...

**Ndotaan!**

Listen for something!

**Bzaan-yaa!**

Be quiet, be still!

**Ayinaabi!**

Look around!

### Words to know...

**Mooz**

Moose

**Waawaashkesh**

Deer

**Baashkzigan**

Gun

**Mno Giizhgad**

Beautiful Day

**Wiiyaas**

Meat



**Kikendaad  
Gete Gikendmowin  
Mina Enweyang**

Lets revitalize our language from long ago





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## 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 lot requests outlined below, please email the Lands Administrator, Randy Restoule, at [lands@dokis.ca](mailto:lands@dokis.ca).

The notice date for the following land requests was issued on October 17, 2025. The 30-day review period will end on November 17, 2025.



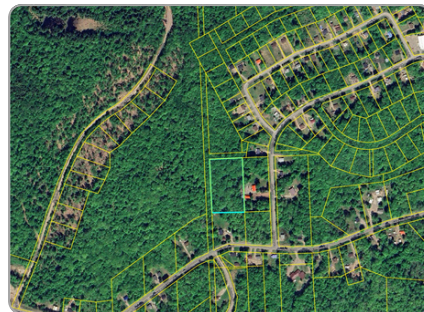
**Notice 25101701:**  
Lot 176 on Loop Street, presented for non-residential purposes. (storage)



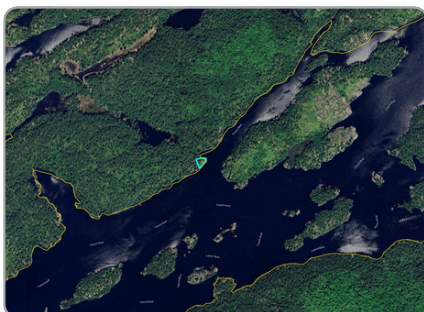
**Notice 25101702:**  
Waterfront lot along the Little French River for a seasonal property.



**Notice 25101703:**  
Waterfront Lot 103 located at 584 Charlie's Bay Road.



**Notice 25101704:**  
Unserviced Lot 65N-1.



**Notice 25101705:**  
Waterfront Lot 150' x 150' along the Lower French River for a seasonal cottage.



**Notice 25101706:**  
Waterfront Lot 236 along the Little French River for a seasonal cottage.

The official notice for these land requests can be found on the Dokis First Nation Official Facebook page and on the Dokis Band Members Portal at: <https://dokis.ca/members/>.



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## 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 <b>DOKIS FIRST NATION</b>				Cash free balance
Date of duly convened meeting: D: 11, M: 09, Y: 2023, Province: ON				Capital account: \$ _____
				Revenue account: \$ _____

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 <sup>4</sup>

 (Councillor)	 (Chief)	 (Councillor)
_____ (Councillor)	_____ (Councillor)	_____ (Councillor)
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FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY					
Expenditure Authority (Indian Act Section):	Source of funds: <input type="radio"/> Capital <input type="radio"/> Revenue		Expenditure Authority (Indian Act Section):	Source of funds: <input type="radio"/> Capital <input type="radio"/> Revenue	
Recommending officer:	Signature: _____ Date: _____		Recommending officer:	Signature: _____ Date: _____	
Approving officer - Approuvé par:	Signature: _____ Date: _____		Approving officer:	Signature: _____ Date: _____	

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## Membership Transfer Request

<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>GIVEN NAME (NICKNAME)</u>	<u>FIRST NATION CURRENTLY REGISTERED WITH</u>	<u>AFFILIATION TO DOKIS</u>	<u>DATE POSTED</u>	<u>60 DAY EXPIRATION DATE FOR POSTING</u>	<u>60 DAY EXPIRATION DATE FOR BAND MEMBERS TO EXPRESS CONCERN(S)</u>
LIVINGSTONE	Charley Vonne	B-169 Oneida Nation of the Thames	Yes	October 24, 2025	December 23, 2025	December 23, 2025

Objection Form can be found on page 10.

# Band Membership Transfer - Objection Form



(APPENDIX B)

**DOKIS 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 DOKIS 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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## Housing - Band Mortgage Program

Last year, the Dokis Housing Committee implemented some new changes to the Dokis Band Mortgage Loan Program. The implementation of these changes saw the development of several new houses under construction in Dokis.

The goal of the program is to support and encourage Dokis Band Members in the construction of a residential house or the purchase of an existing house within the community. The program is intended to assist Band Members who have the financial capacity to do so.

Starting on January 5, 2026, the Dokis Housing Committee will be accepting applications for the Band Mortgage Loan Program for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. Applications will be assessed in the order that they are received, and the acceptance of applications is conditional to suitability and viability. All applications are subject to a standard review process and approval of the Chief and Council.

The number of approved applications may vary depending on the 2026-2027 fiscal year budget. The Band Mortgage Loan Program is solely administered under the directives and funding of the Dokis Administration, with no financial assistance from Indigenous Services Canada.

If you are interested in applying to the program, please contact Mike at the Lands building for additional information.

Michael St Pierre  
Dokis Housing Administrator  
Dokis Economic Development Officer  
WBAFN Board Member  
705-763-2575 ext: 204





# Community Calendar

## November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>30</b> <b>Corpus Christi Mass</b> 1:30 p.m.	<b>Looking for a Health event?</b> <b>A full calendar of Health Centre activities is distributed to Dokis residents monthly.</b>					<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b> <b>Corpus Christi Mass</b> 1:30 p.m. <b>Daylight Savings Ends</b> 	3	4	<b>Treaties Recognition Week</b>		<b>Band Offices Closed</b> at 12 p.m.	<b>7</b> <b>Band Offices Closed</b> (in lieu of Indigenous Veterans Day)	<b>8</b>  <b>Indigenous Veterans Day</b>
9	10	<b>11</b> <b>Remembrance Day Ceremony</b> Dokis Museum 10:15 a.m.	12	13	14	15	
<b>16</b> <b>Corpus Christi Mass</b> 1:30 p.m.	<b>17</b> <b>Council Meeting</b> 6:00 p.m.	<b>18</b> <b>Band Meeting</b> 7 p.m. Complex & Online	19	20	21	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	

### Band Office Hours

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

### Holiday Closures

**November 7:**  
 In lieu of Indigenous Veterans Day on November 8<sup>th</sup>

### Dump Hours

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