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Chamber of Commerce Awards



The awards were accepted by Chief Gerry, Okikendawt Hydro staff, FirstLight representatives, Val Viau, and Shelley Duquette-Lafortune.

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Dokis had excellent representation at the 2025 Sudbury East Chamber of Commerce Business Awards Gala, taking home three awards in total! The event was held at Killarney Mountain Lodge on November 1, 2025.

Community Growth & Partnership

Okikendawt Hydro Project

Community Spotlight Award

Dokis Museum

Lifetime Achievement Award

Riverview Cottages



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Chief & Council Update

November Band Meeting Highlights

RHT Settlement and Dokis Trust Development:

- Legal Fees: The Superior Court of Justice ruled that approx. \$260 million in RHT legal fees will be returned to the RHT Litigation Fund and will be dispersed to the First Nations in the same manner as the original settlement. The legal team can still appeal the decision and the funds will be held until the matter is fully resolved. Council will hold further discussions with Band members about the additional funds once they are returned to Dokis.
- Trust Ratification: A tentative date of Saturday, **April 4, 2026**, has been selected for the trust ratification. Additional community meetings will be held in the New Year and a formal announcement will be shared with the notice of vote in February.

Public Works:

- Work is complete on Charlie's Bay Road and the Charlie's Bay Road extension. Crews will continue their work on Wajashk Rd extension and Woodland Rd until the snow falls. No funds from the RHT settlement were used to support the ongoing roadwork.

Housing & Infrastructure:

- A planning committee has been established to support the development of a multi-use facility in Dokis. The facility will include a youth centre, gym, cultural centre, and social services department. This is a multi-year project that is in early phases of discussion.

Language Revitalization:

- Two sessions hosted by the RHT Language Strategy team will take place this fall:
 - November 20th - online regional session
 - December 9th - Dokis in-person session

Band Council Resolutions:

- 10 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, December 8
6:00 pm

Next Band Meeting

Monday, December 15
7:00 pm
Online ONLY



Admin Updates

HOLIDAY DISTRIBUTIONS

Staff are still receiving holiday forms by email, mail, and in person. Now that applications are up to date, batches will only be processed once a week.

Action Required from Band Members:

- 1** If you know a family member, relative/friend who has not received their form by mail or email, please have them contact claims.trust@dokis.ca or download an application from our website. It's possible the Canada Post delays have impacted their mail delivery.
- 2** If you haven't submitted your application form yet, please do so by March 31, 2026. Applications will not be accepted after this date and the holiday distribution will not be carried over.

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holiday
distribution
forms have
been
processed.

Applications
are currently
up to date!

**Application
forms are in the
Band Portal!**

<https://dokis.ca/holiday-distribution-2025/>

HOLIDAY CLOSURES AND IMPORTANT DATES



Please note that all Band Offices and the school will be closed during the holiday period. Staff will be back on January 5th at 8:30 a.m. Before we close, community members are invited to drop-in at the health centre on December 19th to visit with staff and enjoy some treats!



STAFF CHRISTMAS DINNER

Friday,
December 12th
@ 5:00 PM

HOLIDAY DROP-IN WITH STAFF

Friday,
December 19th
8:30 AM – 12 PM



BAND OFFICE CLOSURE

December 22nd
through
January 2nd



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Holiday Events!

There are loads of activities and events to participate in throughout the month. Check the flyers for details, and connect with staff for more details or to sign up!

Community Baking & Christmas Parade



Farah or Gisele
diabetes@dokis.ca
chr@dokis.ca



Farah
diabetes@dokis.ca



YOU ARE INVITED TO

Christmas Parade

SUNDAY | DECEMBER
07 | AT 6:00 PM

DOKIS COMPLEX

VISIT WITH SANTA
GIFTS FOR CHILDREN 0-18
HOT CHOCOLATE & TREATS
OPEN TO ALL DOKIS BAND MEMBERS

FOR THOSE NOT LIVING IN DOKIS,
PLEASE LET FARAH KNOW IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE ATTENDING



MIIGWECH TO THE OKIKENDAWT
HYDRO & COMMUNITY TRUST FOR
YOUR SUPPORT!



JOIN US FOR

XMAS COMMUNITY BAKING

DECEMBER 3RD
from 10 am till 4 pm
DOKIS COMPLEX

LIMITED SPACES
CONTACT FARAH OR GISELE
TO SIGN UP!

BAKE, SHARE & ENJOY
SWEET HOLIDAY TREATS
TOGETHER

ROUTE FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARADE SUNDAY DECEMBER 7TH, 2025



FLOATS AT COMPLEX BY 5:30 PM
DEPARTURE FROM COMPLEX AT 6:00 PM



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KKG CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND SPECIAL EVENTS

KIKENDAWT KINOOMADII GAMIG

CHRISTMAS

Concert

16

DECEMBER 2025
DOORS OPEN AT 10:00 AM

MICHAEL AIGLE COMMUNITY COMPLEX

\$ CHRISTMAS FAMILY PHOTOS
DRESS YOUR BEST

MINI CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE

50/50 TICKETS

FRASER FIR
CHRISTMAS TREE DRAW

Bring your zhoonyaas to the KKG Christmas Concert on December 16th to support the students and the Little NHL!

Students will be selling handmade ornaments and a 50/50 draw will be held with half the funds going towards the 2026 tournament.

The concert will start at approximately

10:15-10:30 AM

Contact the school for more details!



Post-Secondary Education

FUNDING APPLICATIONS FOR 2026-2027 ACADEMIC YEAR

The education department is accepting applications for post-secondary education financial assistance until January 31, 2026. The applications will cover the 2026-2027 academic year. The application forms for post-secondary students are available on the Dokis First Nation website at:

<https://dokis.ca/kikendawt-kinoomaadii-gamig/resources-for-post-secondary-students/>

Funding Assistance Eligibility:

- Must be a Member of Dokis First Nation.
- Must be accepted by or continuing enrolment in a Post-Secondary Institution in a recognized Program of Study.
- Must submit the Application before the deadline of January 31st.
- Must not owe an outstanding debt to Dokis First Nation or the Dokis First Nation Education Department.

Application Deadline: January 31, 2026

For questions about funding assistance and the application forms, please contact:

Sandra Dokis-Belanger
705-763-2210
post.sec@dokis.ca

FOOD INDUSTRY CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

CAREERS NOW!

VISIT [CAREERSNOW.CA](https://careersnow.ca)

Looking for a career you'll love?

CareersNOW! is connecting jobseekers and Indigenous students with exciting career opportunities in Ontario's food and beverage processing industry.

Job Ready Skills Training
Complete online courses to prepare you for employment success.

CareersNOW! Jobseeker
Connect with employers for jobs and work integrated learning opportunities.

Coaching & Mentorship
Get help with your job search and career development.

Job Fairs
Meet with Ontario employers hiring today.

PHENOMENALLY INDIGENOUS

Follow us on social @tasteyourfuture

Canada, EMPLOYMENT ONTARIO, Ontario, ONECA

CareersNOW! is Food and Beverage Ontario's workforce development initiative. Launched in 2021, the program is successfully delivering resources to jobseekers, students and employers in Ontario's food and beverage processing industry. Visit us at foodandbeverageontario.ca.

Indigenous job seekers and students can check current opportunities in the food and beverage industry at the CAREERS NOW website. Please visit:

foodandbeverageontario.ca

Lorraine Pitawanakwat
Advancement Coach

Aanii, Boozhoo, Sago, Lorraine Pitawanakwat
dizh na cass. Wiikwemkoong doon ji baa.

Are you an Indigenous jobseeker looking for new career opportunities?
Meet Lorraine, the CareersNOW! Indigenous Advancement coach, for a free 30 minute online session to learn more about careers in Ontario's food and beverage processing industry and to prepare for a new job.

BOOK A MEETING AT CAREERSNOW.CA

CAREERSNOW!
Food & Beverage Processing

Canada, EMPLOYMENT ONTARIO, Ontario

CareersNOW! is Food and Beverage Ontario's workforce development initiative supporting Ontario's food and beverage processors with resources to encourage full employment with Indigenous youth and students.



Kikendawt Kinoomaadii Gamig

MISS RIKKI'S & MISS JACKIE'S CLASS

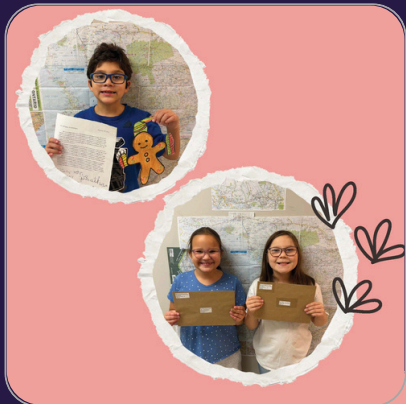


Our Kindergarten class had such a fantastic time at the "Go-at For a Walk" experience at Skopke Farms in St. Charles!

The students were thrilled to meet and learn about so many farm animals including goats, alpacas, pigs, and chickens. They asked thoughtful questions, explored with so much curiosity, and showed incredible enthusiasm from start to finish.

It was a memorable day filled with learning, laughter, and hands-on fun. What a wonderful experience for our little learners!

MISS LUCY'S CLASS



Adopt a Cow Program

Our class has also virtually adopted a calf for us to observe and learn about throughout the year. Our calf is named Lily and we are excited to watch her grow! We will get lessons throughout the year about what a calf needs to survive and we will learn lots about dairy cows.

Gingerbread Exchange

Miss Lucy's class is taking part in a Gingerbread Exchange this year! We wrote a class letter, and decorated gingerbread men. We then mailed our class letter with a gingerbread man to 22 schools across Ontario. We will also receive letters from the schools and when they come in, we will track where each came from!





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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.

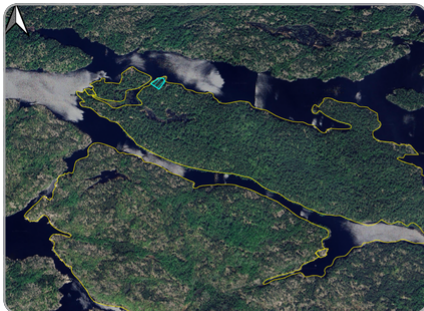
The notice date for the following land requests was issued on November 17, 2025. The 30-day review period will end on December 17, 2025.



Notice 25111701:
Residential lot
along Charlie's
Bay Road.



Notice 25111702:
Extension to a
residential lot
along Charlie's
Bay Road.



Notice 25111703:
Seasonal
waterfront lot
along the Little
French River.



Notice 25111704:
Seasonal
waterfront lot
along Restoule
River.



Notice 25111705:
Residential lot
(Lot 400) along
Pine Cres.

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.

BAND COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Chronological no. 2128
File reference no.

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**
Date of duly convened meeting: D 11 M 09 Y 2023
Cash free balance
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. Nadijwan, Barrister & Solicitor of Nadijwan 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
(Councilor) (Chief) (Councilor) (Councilor) (Councilor) (Councilor) (Councilor)

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Expenditure Authority (Indian Act Section) Source of funds: ☐ Capital ☐ Revenue
Recommending officer: Signature Date
Approving officer - Approuvé par: 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>
MARTIN	Ashley Jade	Lower Mohawk Six Nations 3283	Yes	November 21, 2025	January 20, 2026	January 20, 2026

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 Dokis 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 Dokis First Nation Band Membership List (you may attach additional pages if required):

Date _____ Print Name _____ Signature _____



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Band Membership

SECOND-GENERATION CUT-OFF & ONE PARENT RULING

On November 18th, a majority of Senators passed amendments to the proposed Bill S-2, which could end the second generation cut-off for Indian status. The original Bill aims to restore Indian status to individuals affected by enfranchisement, while the amended Bill goes further, and could see the implementation of a on-parent rule.

The Bill still has several stages to move through, including three readings in the House of Commons before it becomes law. If successful, the Bill has potential to impact thousands of Indigenous people.

Canada is undertaking consultations with First Nations on the Second-Generation Cut-off. Feedback can be submitted by any band member at an online link until **January 16, 2026**.

The full story on Bill S-2 can be read at the QR code below, or by visiting the Dokis Band Members Portal.

Senators vote to end the second-generation cutoff for 'status Indians'

By Karyn Pugliese
Nov 18, 2025

Amendments to government bill welcomed, but passage a long way off



An emotional Dawn Lavell-Harvard, former president of the Native Women's Association of Canada, thanks Sen. Paul Prosper

Scan here to read the news articles:



Scan here to submit your feedback to Canada:



Community Calendar - December 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3  Community XMAS Baking Dokis Complex 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Must sign up!	4	5	6
7  Christmas Parade & Visit with Santa 6:00 p.m. Starts at the Complex	8 Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.	9 RHT Language Session 5 p.m. Dokis Complex Dinner - 5:30 p.m.	10 Service Canada Visit 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	11	12 Dokis Staff Christmas Dinner 5:00 p.m.	13
14 Corpus Christi Mass 1:30 p.m.	15 Band Meeting 7:00 p.m. Online only	16 KKG Christmas Concert Dokis Complex 10:00 a.m. 	17  Community Christmas Dinner Dokis Complex 6:00 p.m.	18	19 Xmas Drop-In Health Centre 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Band Offices Closed @ 12 p.m.	20
21	22 Holiday Closure	23	24	25  Christmas Corpus Christi Mass 1:30 p.m.	26 <i>Boxing Day</i>	27
28	29 Holiday Closure	30	31  New Year's Eve	1 	2	

Band Office Hours

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

Holiday Closures

Dec 22 - Jan 2:
All Band offices and school
closed for the holidays

Dump Hours

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