

Community Newsletter

**Fort William
First Nation**

August, 2025



COMMUNITY CENTRE, HOCKEY ARENA & GYM

Welcome to our August Newsletter!

August is a time of growth, gratitude, and reflection—and this month's newsletter is packed with ways to stay connected and informed. Inside, you'll find details on family programming, job opportunities, cultural teachings, and a very special archaeological discovery made by FWFN's own Environmental Team.

We're also highlighting the upcoming Overdose Awareness Walk, our Wellness BBQ, and the annual Backpack Program for families with school-aged children. Whether you're looking for services, events, or stories that uplift, there's something for everyone this month.

*Why did the Eagle bring a journal to the Mountain?
Because even the strongest need time to reflect*

In this newsletter you can expect:

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Family Centre Drop-In Program

When: Every Monday to Thursday in August from 10:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-3:00pm

Dates Excluded: August 7th, 13th & 21st

Families with children 0-6 years of age.

Little Ducklings Swim Program *Registration Required*

Registration: Email Valerie at valeriecharlie@fwfn.com by August 1st for the August program.

Details: Community families with children 0-4 years. Transportation, swim passes & snacks provided.

Dates: August 7th & 21st from 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Once registered, more information will follow.



Family Fun Day

When: August 9th from 1:00pm-4:00pm

Where: Youth Centre

Prizes, fun & games. Must be in attendance to win!

Parents & Tots Program

When: August 13th from 12:00pm-2:00pm

Where: 109 Mission Road



Wisdom Wednesday: HIV/HEP C Awareness

Adult Day Program

When: August 13th from 1:30pm-3:00pm

Where: Cultural Room

Wellness BBQ

When: August 20th from 4:30pm - 6:00pm

Where: Old Band Office (outside)



Overdose Awareness Walk

When: August 29th from 4:30pm - 6:00pm

Where: Old Band Office (outside)

Good Food Box

Boxes contain a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables. \$24.00 payable to accountsreceivable@fwfn.com or by cash at the band office reception, 2nd floor Orion Building.

Orders due by August 11th, 2025. Pick up August 20th after 3:00pm at the Health Centre.

A Significant Cultural Find Made by FWFN's Environmental Team

As many of you know, Fort William First Nation's Economic Development Unit has an Environmental Team – the Resource Management Response Unit – which includes an archaeological component. Faith Johnstone, our Lead Monitor and Field Technician, has been working this week with project partners at the Central Avenue Ball Diamonds on Harbour Expressway.

Today, at this site, Faith and the Northwest Heritage Team made what is classified as a *significant find* – a complete arrowhead. This is the first time our team has discovered a complete arrowhead in four years of doing this work.

The fact that this was found in the heart of “City Central” speaks volumes about the importance of the work our young people are doing to recover destroyed and lost cultural heritage.



It also reinforces the need for our Nation to continue working with the City in exercising our Inherent Treaty Rights – especially in the recovery of these cultural items.

It also serves as a reminder of why it's important for us to voice our concerns and advocate for the protection of cultural heritage and the right of Indigenous communities to exercise their Treaty Rights on the land—especially in the face of provincial decisions that may limit these efforts.

The next step is to have the artifact analyzed and dated. Once complete, it will be returned to the community for safekeeping.

We are proud to share this exciting discovery with our community, especially in light of all that has been lost in recent decades, years, and even weeks.

On a personal note, we are incredibly proud of our young Band Members — Faith, Emerson, Bobbi Lee, and Keri — who show up each day to protect, recover, and preserve the environmental and cultural heritage our community holds dear. Well done!

Miigwetch,
The Economic Development Team



August



August is a time of harvest.
Mother Earth gives us these gifts:
food, beauty, and lessons.

It's a time to be thankful and to share.

Our teachings remind us to live in balance, with nature, with others, and with ourselves.

Everything is connected.

When we give care, we receive care.

Take time to slow down.

Walk gently, speak kindly, and notice the good around you.



Education Department

Backpack Program (Pick-Up Only)

When: Friday, **August 15th, 2025** from **11:00am - 7:00pm**

Where: Cultural Room, 400 Anemki Dr.

Limited quantities.

For FWFN Band and Community Members, students JK - Grade 12.

School registration form is required (available on-site).

Information needed: Student's name, band number, address, grade, school and Parent's contact information.

Pre-registration is **not required**.

If you have any questions, please email

PostSecondary@fwfn.com or call 807-623-9543 Ext.270.



Job Opportunities

Senior Finance Officer

Employment Type: Full-Time, Permanent

Closing Date: Sunday, August 10, 2025 at 11:59pm

The Senior Finance Officer supports the Finance Department by overseeing internal controls, account reconciliation, and audit preparation to ensure accurate financial reporting and compliance.

Governance Coordinator

Employment Type: Full-Time, Permanent

Closing Date: Sunday, August 10, 2025 at 11:59pm

The Governance Coordinator leads the planning and execution of Fort William First Nation's key governance initiatives, including the membership law, election act, and governing constitution, while ensuring transparency and community engagement.

Relief Receptionist

Employment Type: On-Call/Casual

Closing Date: Sunday, August 10, 2025 at 11:59pm

The Relief Receptionist provides front desk support on an on-call basis at various FWFN locations, ensuring professional and courteous service to visitors, callers, and staff.

Bus Monitor(s)

Employment Type: Part-Time, Permanent

Wage: \$21.77/hr - \$24.07/hr

Closing Date: open until position(s) filled

Bus Monitors help ensure student safety while riding the bus by enforcing transportation rules, reporting incidents, and assisting with student supervision during transit.

Bus Driver(s)

Employment Type: Part-Time, Permanent

Wage: \$25.61/hr - \$28.31/hr

Closing Date: open until position(s) filled

Bus Drivers are responsible for safely transporting students between home and school, reporting any incidents or mechanical issues, and ensuring the well-being of all passengers during transit.

Bingo Workers

Employment Type: Part-Time

Minimum Wage

Closing Date: open until positions filled

Bingo Workers help create a fun and organized bingo experience by assisting guests, handling sales and payouts, and ensuring games run smoothly in a fast-paced environment.

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