

Community Newsletter



**Fort William
First Nation**



July, 2025



ANEMKI WAJIW - POW WOW GROUNDS

Welcome to our July Newsletter!

Summer is officially in full swing, and Fort William First Nation is alive with celebration, connection, and community care. This month's newsletter highlights our Annual Pow Wow, Health Fair, family programs, and recognitions of outstanding community members.

We've also included important updates on scam & fraud awareness, overdose prevention, and catering opportunities for local entrepreneurs.

Summer joke of the month:

I told my flip-flops a joke.

They toed me it was terrible.

In this newsletter you can expect:

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Community Events



Family Program Picnic in the Park

When: July 2nd, 9th, 16th, & 30th at 4:30pm

Where: Wolf Street Park

All members welcome, light dinner, games, sports and fun! Weather permitting.

Family Centre Drop-In Program

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

Dates Excluded: July 1st, 10th, 16th, 24th & 29th.

Families with children 0-6 years of age.



Summer Annual Pow Wow

When: July 4th – July 6th

Where: Anemki Wajiw

This is a community-based drug and alcohol free celebration. No pets allowed.

Family Program

When: July 7th & 21st at 4:30pm

Where: Community Centre

All members welcome, dinner included!





Annual Health Fair

When: July 14th, from 11:00am - 3:00pm

Where: Community Centre

Fun for the whole family!

Photo Booth | Kids Activities | Bouncy Castle
Ice Cream | Information Booths | Prizes | Food

Parents & Tots Program

When: July 16th from 12:00pm-2:00pm

Where: Community Centre



Little Ducklings Swim Program

Registration Required

Registration: Email Valerie at valeriecharlie@fwfn.com by July 2nd for the July program.

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

Dates: July 10th & 24th from 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Once registered, more information will follow.

Community Contest

Step Into a Healthy Lifestyle

When: June 23rd — July 11th, 2025.

Details: Submit a picture of you and/or your family enjoying a walk to be entered into a draw!

Deadline: Submit via email at healthreception@fwfn.com by July 11th, draw will be taking place at our Annual Health Fair on July 14th, 2025.



Nominate an Elder, Band or Community Member!

Do you know an Elder or Band/Community member who deserves recognition for their contributions to the community?

To nominate an Elder, Band or Community Member, please provide:

- A brief description of who they are, what they are being recognized for, and why you are nominating them.
- Their contact information (email or phone number)
- A photo of the nominee or a photo showcasing their contribution to the community.

All nominations must be submitted via email to KaijaMacKay@fwfn.com.

Community Recognition

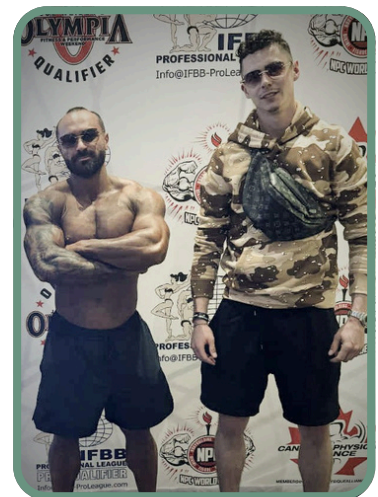


Elder Recognition: Catherine Collins

Catherine Collins is a shining example of lifelong dedication to community. At 88 years young, she remains an active volunteer, supports local events, and helps with church decorating and upkeep. A proud mother of six—with five adopted children—Catherine has been a pillar of strength and support for many. Her unwavering commitment over the years is a true reflection of love, service, and community spirit.

Band Member Recognition: Blade Collins & Wolf Bannon

Blade Collins and Wolf Bannon are two young men making a powerful impact in the community. As role models for their peers, they continue to dream big and put in the work to achieve their goals. Their dedication, resilience, and ambition inspire others.



Catering Opportunities

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Anishinabek Nation is requesting members to submit quotations to provide all the necessary materials, labour, and equipment to provide catering services for two different events located at the Community Centre. The scheduled dates and details for these events are listed below:

Event: Chiefs Council on the Economy

Event Date: August 12th, 2025

Details: For approximately 15 guests, requires breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack. All food must be served with sealed cutlery.

Event: EDO Network

Event Date: August 13th, 2025

Details: For approximately 30 guests, requires breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack. All food must be served with sealed cutlery.

Deadline: Submissions are to be **emailed to ecdev@anishinabek.ca** by **Friday, July 25th, 2025**. Submissions received after this date will not be considered. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please send an email to ecdev@anishinabek.ca.

For more information on **job and catering opportunities** please visit the employment page on our website at www.fwfn.com/employment/.

Community Awareness: Stay Safe & Informed

Scam & Fraud Awareness

Scammers continue to target individuals through phone calls, emails, texts, and even social media. It's important to protect yourself and others, especially Elders and vulnerable community members.

Common Signs of a Scam:

- Requests for gift cards, wire transfers, or banking information
- Urgent threats (e.g., "You'll be arrested if you don't pay now")
- Messages claiming you've won something but need to pay a fee
- Calls pretending to be from CRA, Service Canada, or banks

How to Protect Yourself:

- Don't share personal or financial info with unknown contacts
- Hang up and call the official number directly
- Talk to someone you trust if something feels off
- Report scams to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre: **1-888-495-8501**

Drug Overdose Awareness

Overdose remains a serious concern in many communities, including our own. Knowing the signs and how to respond can save lives.

Signs of an Overdose:

- Difficulty breathing or not breathing at all
- Blue or grey lips/fingernails
- Unconsciousness or inability to wake up
- Slow or no heartbeat

What You Can Do:

- Call 911 immediately
- Administer Naloxone if available
- Stay with the person and provide reassurance until help arrives

Free Naloxone Kits are available through local health centres and pharmacies. Let's continue to support one another and reduce stigma by staying informed and checking in on those we care about.

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