

Community Newsletter



**Fort William
First Nation**



November, 2025



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Welcome to our November Newsletter!

The chill in the air reminds us that winter is just around the corner here at Fort William First Nation! This month's newsletter is filled with community updates, programming, and opportunities to get involved — from the upcoming Department Showcase to important updates from our First Response Team. You'll also find the latest job and catering opportunities, and information on ongoing youth and family programs happening throughout November.

November: the month when we collectively say, 'It's not that cold... yet.'

In this newsletter you can expect:

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Community Events



The Family Centre Drop-In Program

When: Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in November from 10:00am - 12:00pm and 1:00pm - 3:00pm.

Where: Family Centre

Details:

Mondays - Play & Learn

Tuesdays - Arts & Crafts

Wednesdays - Circle Time

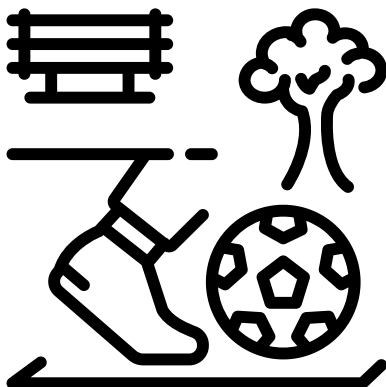
Thursdays - Sensory Time

Free Skate

When: Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in November from 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Where: Arena, Rink #2

Details: No pucks or sticks, must have helmets and skates.



17+ Rec Night

When: Every Wednesday in November from 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Where: FWFN Gymnasium

Details: For any concerns or questions, please contact Kalem via email at kalemgoodchild@fwfn.com



Drum Nights

When: Monday, November 3rd & November 17th from 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Where: Youth Centre

Details: Open to all Community Members to attend! Refreshments and snacks provided. For questions please email culturalworker@fwfn.com.

Family Centre School Age Fun Day

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

Where: Gymnasium

Details: There will be lunch, activities for children and gift cards for attendance and prizes. For families with children aged 4-6.



Family Centre Parents & Tots Program

When: Wednesday, November 19th from 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Where: Community Centre

Details: There will be lunch, activities for children and gift cards for attendance. For families with children aged 0-6.

Fort William First Nation Department Showcase

When: Saturday, November 29th from 10:00am - 2:00pm

Location: Fort William First Nation Community Centre

Details: Come out and meet your administration! There will be tons of prizes to be won, we hope to see you there! All Band and Community Members welcome.

Remembrance Day Service

When: Tuesday, November 11th at 10:15 am with luncheon from 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Location: Anemki Wajiw - Cenotaph

Details: Following the ceremony, a light luncheon will be served at the Community Centre from 12:00pm - 2:00pm.

Community Contribution: Fire Wood Available

In partnership with the Waasigan Transmission Line, there is 8-foot logs available for pick up. We suggest bringing a chainsaw to cut up into pieces.

Where: Located at the Fort William First Nation Rock Quarry (see map below).



A Message From the Fort William First Response Team

We have heard that there has been some misunderstanding and confusion about how our First Response Team operates, so we wanted to take a moment to explain.

Our team works under the EMS dispatch system, which means dispatch decides which calls we are sent to based on priority. We're only dispatched to **high-priority emergencies-situations** that require **urgent** medical response.

If a call is considered **low priority**, we are not notified or dispatched. This is to make sure we stay available in case a more **serious or life-threatening emergency** happens in the community. Once we are on scene, we are **committed to the patient that we are caring for and cannot leave to respond to another call**, even if something more serious comes in. (Our team can leave once EMS arrives)

It's also important to know that currently, we are not staffed 24/7. Our responders do their best to cover as much as possible, however there may be times when there is no one on duty or able to respond from home. We truly wish we could respond to every single call at all priority levels, but it's simply not feasible at this time.

We hope this helps clear up any confusion. Our goal is always to support the community and provide the best possible care when we are needed the most.

Fort William First Response Team

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:

Wyatt Bannon at 807-623-9543 ext 299 or Erin Christiansen at 807-623-9543 ext 291.

Office hours are 8:00am - 4:00pm from Monday to Friday.

Job Opportunities

Relief Receptionist

Employment Type: On-Call/Casual

Closing Date: Open until filled

The Relief Receptionist provides front-line administrative support across multiple FWFN departments, greeting visitors, managing calls, and assisting with clerical duties. This flexible role covers reception at the Orion Building, Health Centre, and Social Services as needed, with training provided.

Bus Drivers

Employment Type: Part-time, permanent

Closing Date: Open until filled

Fort William First Nation is seeking Bus Drivers to safely transport students between home, school, and community excursions. This role focuses on ensuring the safety and well-being of children during daily routes and while boarding or exiting the bus.

Bingo Workers

Employment Type: Part-time

Closing Date: Open until filled

Fort William First Nation is seeking Bingo Workers to help create a friendly and efficient environment at the Bingo Hall. This role involves assisting guests, handling cash and paper sales, verifying games, and ensuring a smooth and enjoyable experience for all players.

Rink Attendants

Employment Type: Part-time

Closing Date: Open until filled

Fort William First Nation is hiring Rink Attendants to help maintain our arena by operating the Zamboni, cleaning the facility, and performing light maintenance. This position plays an important role in keeping the rink safe and enjoyable for all community members.

General Applications

If you're interested in future opportunities or would like to be considered for upcoming roles, please send your resume to jobs@fwfn.com. We appreciate all applications and thank you for your interest in joining our FWFN team!

Catering Opportunity

Fort William First Nation is seeking a caterer to serve 100 people for National Addictions Awareness Week on November 26th at the Community Centre. The meal will feature a traditional menu, and all quotes must be submitted by November 7th, 2025.

Interested? Please send your quotes to ashleyharju@fwfn.com.

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

DON'T RUN. CALL 9-1-1.

Every drug poisoning is a medical emergency.

Recognize the signs and call 9-1-1 right away:

- choking, gurgling or snoring sounds
- extreme drowsiness, difficulty walking, talking, or staying awake
- inability to wake up, even when shaken or shouted at
- slow, weak, or no breathing
- cold and clammy skin
- blue lips or nails
- very small pupils
- dizziness and confusion

The Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act can protect you.

Even if you've taken drugs or have some on you, the *Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act* can protect you. This means those who seek emergency assistance during a drug overdose, including youth, will not be charged for offences such as simple possession.

APS officers and other first responders carry naloxone; we just want to assist.

Carry naloxone.

Naloxone is a safe, lifesaving medication that can temporarily reverse an opioid poisoning. Naloxone will not harm someone who does not have opioids in their system. When in doubt, use it.



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