



# Every Moment Is A Gift Of Life

## JULY OPEN HOUSE

Everyone was welcome and encouraged to attend the 2nd quarterly Open House on Canada Day from 1-4 in the afternoon. There was a community BBQ after the Open House with fireworks happening at dusk at the point. This information session was meant to allow community members and citizens the opportunity to learn about what's going on at the office and school.

The session was held in true Open House style with staff being available at their tables with information available for anyone interested. If you had a question about a certain program or department, staff was available to speak to one on one. As well, at this Open House, Chief and Council were available to answer questions anyone may have had for them.

A huge thank you goes out to everyone who came out and attended. It was one of our largest turn outs with a total of 128 people in attendance. Brody McKay won the kids \$150 door prize, and Betty Naveau won the adult door prize of the iPad Mini. Also Kaylin McKay won the Education Department's draw of a \$25 gift card.

The next Open House will be taking place in October 2014.

## CO-MANAGEMENT

We were informed at the end of May that Mattagami is officially out of co-management! Although this means that we no longer have an outside manager who can implement rules, it doesn't mean we will stop being responsible. The lessons learned in this process are crucial and we will continue to implement practices that ensure fiscal responsibility.

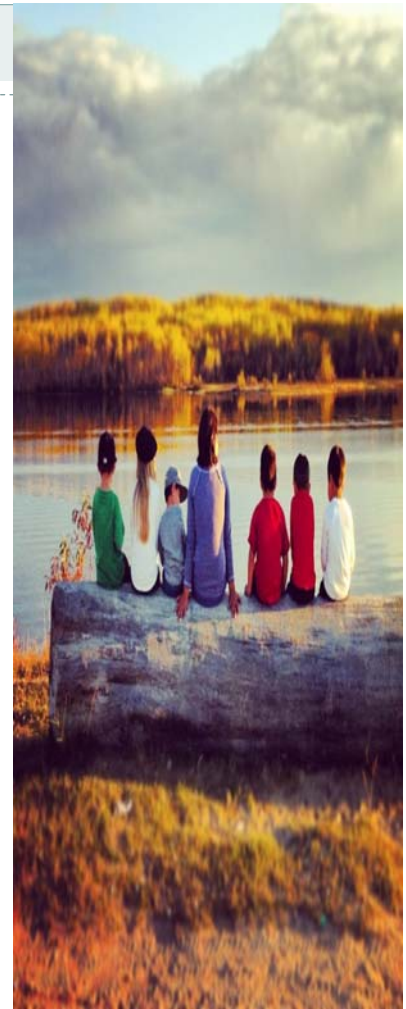
## TIME BLOCKING AT THE OFFICE

With the focus of becoming a more efficient and productive office, a new policy will come into effect as of August 1st. Time blocking allows employees 2 hours of uninterrupted quiet time during the day to complete tasks that require concentration. No visitors, phone calls, emails or texts will occur during those two hours for those employees that wish to participate. Details will be listed at the front desk once more work is done on the policy. The staff thanks you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

## SUMMER HOURS

The Mattagami Band Office will be starting Summer hours on July 2nd. The office will be open from 8a.m. - 4p.m.

**Juanita Luke - Executive Director**



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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Chief, Council and members of the community would like to welcome our new members to Mattagami First Nation!

- Nick McLeod
- Helen McLeod
- Peter Corbiere
- Ginette Corbiere
- Zachary Corbiere
- Fallon Worme
- Ethan Worme
- Pauline Constant
- Garren Sutherland

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### **HB/HC PROGRAM**

The HB/HC program is having a wiener roast every two weeks, Adult supervision is a must for children attending the wiener roast.

Monthly Mom Time Sessions are a time for Mothers to come out and pamper herself.

- Make-up
- Hair
- Nails
- Facials

Pauline Mckay - HB/HC Program

### MEMBERSHIP

Effective immediately, there will be NO more status cards being mailed out.

Also we will no longer be issuing status cards to members of other First Nations, with the exception of marriage, common law relationship.

Those who have applied or are wanting to transfer to Mattagami First Nation will have to submit a C-PIC to support your transfer as requested by Chief and Council.

Again if you have moved or are moving, please contact our office to update your address.

Reminder: Treaty day is on July 25th, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Mattagami First Nation Complex.

For more information about any of these topics you can contact our office at (705)-892-2072 or Toll Free at 1-888-269-7729.

Melissa Ethier - Membership Administrator

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Hello Everyone,

The Operations and Maintenance / Housing Department is now switching it's department name to Public Works. This is to better express the duties that we do; taking care of public property.

Recently the Fire Hall has under gone renovations to better facilitate and accommodate our community in times of crisis. The Crisis Team also have a designated area in the Fire Hall to store supplies to meet when they need to.

An office has been established at the main entrance of the Fire Hall where Public Works Administrative Assistant, Geraldine Andress is located. She assists in overseeing the daily operations and receives incoming calls for the Public Works Staff who are located in the upper portion of the building. The number for the Fire Hall and to reach any of the Public Works Staff is (705)-894-2201.

For the summer season there are many maintenance projects planned such as fixing up our roads and installing new stop signs. The baseball bleachers will be painted as well as the front of the Fire Hall. The area around the Fire Hall will be cleaned, and the old playground located by Binogees Hall will be removed. The Health Department will be preparing the site with input from the Elders and community members for a community garden. We will also be updating and fixing our signs on the Band Office, Fire Hall and our sign on the main road entering into the community. There are more projects currently in the planning stages to help better service and beautify our community.

I would also like to advise community members that I am accepting letters of interest in the RRAP program. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me at the Band Office at (705)-894-2072,

**Tracy Harnack - Public Works Director**

## INTERNET AVAILABILITY

“Bell Alliant will soon complete a broadband built which will provide wire line Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) services to Mattagami First Nation. Once completed, Mattagami First Nation will have access to residential and business broadband services with speeds in excess of 10 Mbps. Although the service is delivered on the existing telephone line, users will require a modem which when installed will provide wireless signals to devices such as laptops and iPhones through WiFi signals. Bell Aliant expects to have this service fully functional by the end of July. To sign up, please contact Bell at 310-Bell (2355) or the telephone number provided in the letter you will receive when service is available in your area.

Thanks,

Kevin G. Dinsmore - Right Of Way Manager”

Tracy Harnack - Public Works Director

## Health Department

**The 2014  
Junior Ranger's  
will be visiting  
Mattagami  
First Nation to  
provide a Clean  
-up of the  
Beach on July  
21st, 2014.**

**Coordinated  
by :  
Mattagami  
First Nation  
Health  
Department**

## DIABETES AWARENESS WORKSHOP

WHERE: Mattagami First Nation Community Complex

WHEN: Wednesday, August 20th from 9a.m - 4p.m.

Please come out and join the Mattagami Health Department, along with Carol Seto for a day filled with diabetes education.



Carol Seto is a Registered Dietitian with over 25 years of experience in nutrition counseling specializing in diabetes, heart health and weight management. She has worked with First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities for most of her career developing and delivering programs for diabetes and diabetes prevention. Working with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal government agencies, the non-profit sector and private industries, Carol is committed to sharing the message of health and wellness through healthy eating, active living and balance in life choices.

Deadline for registration s : JULY 7th, 2014. For More information please contact Tianna McKay-Golinowski at the Band Office (705)-894-2072.

## DARE PROGRAM

D - Drug

A - Awareness

R - Resistance

E - Education

In collaboration with Mattagami First Nation Health Services, the 10 week D.A.R.E Program was instructed this year by Constable R. Santos and assisted by Constable T. Gregoire.

There were a total of 14 students that participated in the program. A Graduation Ceremony was held for the Program on May 28th, 2014.

Michael Nicholas Jr. was honoured for his achievements and received a signed autographed portrait from former NHL Hockey Player "Paul Harrison".

Meegwetch— Nishnawbe Aski Police Services & Mattagami F.N. Health

## RIGHT TO PLAY

Right to Play Presents: Lacrosse For Development

Starting in July 4th, to Sunday July 6th. Hosted by Mattagami First Nation at the community gym. Available to children and youth ages 8– 18. Community BBQ on Thursday July 4th, 2014. Lunch will be provided on Friday.

Welcome special guests and Professional Lacrosse Players.

- Chris Mcelroy
- Creighton Reid
- Jeremy Thompson
- Dan Dawson
- Allan Downey

The logo for "RIGHT TO PLAY" features the word "RIGHT" in large, bold, black capital letters. Below it, the words "TO PLAY" are written in a smaller font, with "TO" in yellow and "PLAY" in red.

For more information contact Andrea Naveau at (705)894-2072 or [righttoplay@mattagami.com](mailto:righttoplay@mattagami.com)

Andrea Naveau - Community Youth Mentor

## Communications Department

This is just a friendly reminder to any Mattagami Member who would like to receive the Monthly Newsletter by E-mail every month, can contact either myself,

- Fallon Worme at [fallon.worme@mattagami.com](mailto:fallon.worme@mattagami.com) (705) 894-2003 or
- Cindy Mathieu at [assistant@mattagami.com](mailto:assistant@mattagami.com) (705)-894-2072.

If you reside off the First Nation and would like this news letter mailed to you, please contact us at the office to let us know. If you live on reserve they will be sent out to every house, otherwise will be available on the Mattagami.com website and FB page.

Fallon Worme - IT Design & Communications Coordinator

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