

Ellie Big Canoe is planning on starting a private surveillance business and was asked by the Chief to put something in writing for review by H. R.

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A workshop is scheduled for May 23, 2009 with a Job Development Officer from O.T.C. He will do a skills assessment. This is for the youth ages 16-29. Contact Greer Atkinson for more information.

Report for the Music Festival will be attached.

A report from the Healing Adhoc Committee was given by Rev. Betty Lou McNabb. They had received \$15,000.00 from the United Church Healing Generation Fund. There are five different areas being focused on, with workshops for the youth, men and families. Watch for more flyers or contact Betty Lou at her office in the Community Centre or at 437-1337 x 4225.

**New Business:**

An article was brought to the Chiefs attention by Delores Charles from the newspaper pledging \$50,000.00 to new business' . Marlene will be looking into this.

Q. From Delores Charles:

Is there any jobs on Snake and Fox Island

A See Ed McCue to see if there is anything available.

Q. From Delores Charles:

Is there a recreation van for the kids?

A Yes

There is phone line trouble at the Apartments.

The Waabagon School kids were nominated for the Short Film Festival in Toronto. Congratulations to the children. It is an excellent film on what the children thought about living and going to school on the Island.

It was discussed that the young women being counselled on the First Nation would prefer an elder or traditional person rather than a non-native. The Chief and Council asked that something be put in writing and submitted to them.

Rev. Betty Lou closed the meeting with a prayer.

Next Meeting June 1, 2009 @ 10:00 a.m. @ the Community Centre.



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# Important Health Notice

## Information for Healthcare Professionals UPDATE

May 3, 2009  
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This Important Health Notice (IHN) is based on the current information received to date and provides the following:

- Status update
- Information on lab testing protocols for H1N1 flu virus (human swine influenza)
- Information on antiviral use with respect to H1N1 flu virus (human swine influenza)

### Status Update:

The World Health Organization (WHO) pandemic threat level remains unchanged at Phase Five.

As of May 2<sup>nd</sup>, there are 16 lab-confirmed cases of H1N1 flu virus in Ontario. Three are in York, six are in Durham, one is in Peel and six are in Toronto.

All but three of the confirmed cases have a travel history to Mexico. The cases without a travel history to Mexico had close contact with confirmed cases.

All of the cases are mild and are recovering at home.

### Lab Testing Protocols for H1N1 Flu Virus

To assist the Ontario Public Health Laboratory (PHL) to carry out rapid testing of samples, all health care providers who submit samples for testing are requested to adhere to the following guidelines:

#### Highlights:

- The number of Ontario's confirmed cases of H1N1 (human swine flu) is 16
- Guidelines for health care providers for submitting samples to the Ontario Public Health Laboratory (PHL)
- Health care workers are reminded of the appropriate use of antiviral medications

#### *Who should be tested in the ambulatory setting?*

- Outpatients who have Influenza Like Illness (ILI) within 7 days of close contact with a person who is a confirmed case of H1N1 (human swine influenza)
- Outpatients who have an ILI within 7 days of travel to Mexico

#### *Who should be tested in the emergency department and hospital setting?*

- Patients hospitalized with influenza like illness (ILI)
- Patients in the emergency department who are expected to be admitted with ILI
- Patients in the emergency department who are not expected to be admitted should be tested in accordance with the guidelines for ambulatory settings above.

Note: If the above information is not provided, or does not fulfill the above criteria, specimens will only be tested if capacity is available.

Additional information on laboratory testing is available at the following website:  
<http://www.oahpp.ca/publichealthabstracts.php>





April 30, 2009

Your file Votre référence

Please note that Swine Flu is now officially called H1N1 Influenza A.

Our file Notre référence

On April 29, 2009 the World Health Organization raised the global pandemic alert level to 5. No emergency declaration has been made in Canada.

There are 7 confirmed H1N1 Influenza A cases in Ontario. All of the cases have mild illness and are recovering at home. Six of the 7 cases travelled to Mexico and we are waiting to find out about travel for the seventh case.

There have been no cases fitting the H1N1 Influenza A case definition reported on reserve.

**What does Pandemic Level 5 mean ?**

It means that there are swine flu outbreaks in more than two countries in the world. It also means that a pandemic is likely to happen. There is no need to panic but it is important for communities to be prepared.

**What preparations have been made ?**

For the past 5 years, First Nations and Inuit Health has been working with provincial partners, Chiefs of Ontario (COO), PTOs and Independent First Nations to make preparations. Arrangements have been made to ensure that First Nations have the same access to antivirals and vaccines as other Canadians.

Further information can be found in Chapter 20 of the Ontario Pandemic Plan. It is posted on the First Nations Pandemic website: [www.pandemic.knet.ca](http://www.pandemic.knet.ca)

**What can communities do ?**

Communities should maintain standard infection control practices. Information can be found on the First Nations Pandemic Website: [www.pandemic.knet.ca](http://www.pandemic.knet.ca)  
Many communities have developed pandemic plans and they have been participating in table top exercises. It is now time to review these pandemic plans and make sure they are up to date and everyone knows what to do.

If your community does not have a plan, there is still time to put a plan together. If you require assistance in this, or if you have questions or concerns about your existing plan, please contact Dr. Geoff Dunkley, Community Medicine Specialist who will make arrangements to help you. He can be reached at: 613-954-2408.

**Further Information**

Public Enquiries Line: 1-800-459-8302 (8am to 8pm, Monday to Sunday)

First Nations Pandemic Website: [www.pandemic.knet.ca](http://www.pandemic.knet.ca)

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Tuesday, May 05, 2009

**URGENT**

**RE: HOUSING RENOVATIONS**

To the Membership:

We are going to apply for housing renovation and repairs funding under Canada's Economic Action Plan. This funding is separate and apart from RRAP and housing renovation funding that regularly comes from CMHC and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. Emphasis on this funding is on improving energy efficiency and meeting basic health and safety standards. No cosmetic repairs, i.e. decks, arranging rooms differently, etc. will be accepted.

Since we have to have our application in by **June 4<sup>th</sup>** for this year and next year, we don't have much time to get a proposal together.

If you have an older home, 15 years or more, please contact Lorraine Big Canoe to discuss what your housing renovation and repair needs would be. We would then have to arrange for a housing or health inspector in to take a look at what you would need to be done. Further to that we would need to get a cost of any repairs. All this has to be accomplished by the last week of May.

In the meantime, I will endeavor to talk to as many of you as I can to ensure you are aware of this proposal.



Lorraine Big Canoe  
Housing Portfolio

## *Tentative Performers, Elders and Traditional People*

Iron Horse Big Drum

War Party Big Drum

Otonabee Women's Hand Drum

Unity Womens Hand Drum

Carson Williams

Al Miller

Asani Women's Handdrum

Elder Barb MacDonald

Elder Janice Longboat

Josephine Manadamin & Water Walkers

Traditionalist Danny Beaton

Ojibway Storyteller Aaron Bell

Traditional Teacher Hector Copecog

Elder Alice Williams

Billy Joe Green Band

Digging Roots

Missy Knott with the Sam Ferguson Band

Jace Martin

Josh Miller



For more information please contact Music Festival Organizer Suzanne Smoke  
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# Mother Earth Music Festival , July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Our Community radio station, NISH 102.7 FM, CFGI wishes to present an Indigenous Music Festival in the summer of 2009. We hope to include a wide genre of music, and include possibly dance and theatre. We are also including an Arbour where we are hosting a number of Elders and teachers to speak about our precious resources, our water, and our medicines. At this time we have not named the festival but may call it the Mother Earth Music Festival.

Nish Radio CFGI 102.7 was established in 2002 and is a progressive, busy Native community radio station that is committed to the delivery and presentation of Aboriginal artists to mainstream society.

Nish Radio plays approximately 65 % Native Indigenous content. One of our goals for this event is Nish Radio CFGI 102.7 FM to showcase Aboriginal musicians and artists. Our goal is to bring them to our community to provide for them a venue in which to promote and sell their work. Our rationale for this project is to develop a working rapport with artists and our community and radio station.

Not only are we showcasing and promoting Aboriginal artists, we are also including an Elders Arbour in which traditional teachings will be given throughout the day. We will give them a forum in which to speak about our Traditional knowledge and Indigenous philosophy. Our goal is to encourage Non-Native peoples to come and experience the best in Aboriginal talent, break down some racial barriers and encourage right relationships between all races.

Another goal is sharing not only the wonderful talents of First Nations peoples but also sharing our Traditional Ecological knowledge in the hopes of protecting our most precious resource our Mother, Mother Earth. We hope to raise awareness in regards to our precious natural resources and contribute to the overall equality and unity with Aboriginal and non- Aboriginal peoples.

This is distinct for our community because we have a large youth population and we wanted them to get involved in the event. We want our youth and children to take pride in their culture and community and also see other Aboriginals following their dreams for success. We also feel that partnering them with our visiting Elders will benefits our youth and families and bring about healing and traditional knowledge.



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May 2009

- Welcome Lorraine, from Morgan 😊
- New Part Time Position Available, Rob Porte has resigned his position. Deadline to apply is May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2009.
- Chris Big Canoe has been volunteering at the radio station, several times a week over the past couple months. Learning on the computers and talking on the air.
- Mother Earth Music Festival, July 25, 2009 on the island is a go, with CAMA award winning Crystal Shawanda performing.....
- Several Ad campaigns going on as well, you may have heard Heart & Stroke Foundation's, Quit Smoking! Encouraging the community to be smoke free
- Nish Radio also sponsored the "Name the Arena" contest. Good Luck Everybody.

**CHIPPEWAS OF GEORGINA ISLAND  
LIBRARY AND LITERACY PROGRAM REPORT  
APRIL 2009**

**Programs ran as usual.**

**Webinar training on the Ministry's \$15 Million Investment in Libraries.**

**Instructions on how to access free databases and how to apply for library credits for purchases.**

**Meetings attended:**

<b>April 8</b>	<b>Our Way Forward teleconference First Nation Communities Read teleconference</b>
<b>April 15</b>	<b>LLC York Region Meeting Newmarket</b>
<b>April 20</b>	<b>\$15 Million Investment Webinar</b>
<b>April 22</b>	<b>Earth Day First Nation Strategic Plan Teleconference</b>
<b>April 28</b>	<b>First Nation Public Library Week Teleconference</b>
<b>April 29-May 1</b>	<b>First Nation Libraries Spring Conference And Training – Conestoga College, Kitchener</b>

**Total number of visits to the library in April 133**

**Scrabble and Potluck with the Sutton Scrabble Club at the Library on Wednesday  
May 20<sup>th</sup> . Everyone welcome. 11:00 – 5:00**

## Community Notice

GIHGC ( Georgina Island Healing Generations committee) An ad-hoc committee was formed to submit a proposal thru the United Church Healing fund made up of committee members Betty Lou Mc Nabb, Susan Hoeg, Willow Hill, Rachel Green Enkel and Suzanne Smoke.

We wanted to take a five tiered approach to healing that was inclusive of everyone in the community.

The five areas of focus are:

1. **Healing Thru Laughter- Don Burnstick Comedy Show and Workshops- May 26<sup>th</sup>**  
May 26<sup>th</sup> is a "Day of Healing and Reconciliation", stopping lateral violence, gossip and bullying in our community, schools and workplaces.
2. **Sweetgrass sessions- Language programming for Nish Radio -Elders teachings broadcast-** Establish programming on NISH Radio 102.7 that includes our Anishinaabe language. We would also like to have "Word of the Day", "Language hour", Elder's storytelling of "Biim madziwiin-Living the good life on Georgina Island". Announcements and upcoming healing circles/opportunities. This project will also empower our families by allowing us to regain our language and identity in the home. Sweetgrass Sessions will also restore our language by recording, preserving and archiving for our future generations. Our children will learn the sacred ways of our Language and the importance to healing, prayer and ceremony.
3. **Empowering Our Elders-** Promote off reserve activities for our Elders and "shut-ins". Our hopes are to empower and support our Elders with opportunities to partake in performances and events outside of our community. Our Elders will be given an opportunity to attend Pow-Wows, Elders conferences, Aboriginal performances and cultural events.
4. **Empowering our Journey Home-** Researching and repairing the unmarked resting places in our burial grounds. Restoration of grave markers, building more crosses and ordering name tags and plaques. The current state of the graveyard is in need of improvement, clean up and beautification. This is a beginning foundation of improving our graveyard; this funding will be used as a seed to begin a long term growth in restoring our resting place for the ancestors that have gone on to the Spirit World.
5. **Cleaning the Spiritual Grounds-** This project is designed to clean up the current Spiritual Grounds that is located on the North East side of the Island. The land right now belongs to the people of Georgina Island however; there is no way for our people to make use of it. This project will make the grounds Elder, child, youth and adult friendly. Once this is accomplished then we as a First Nations can start to bring our teachings to the Spiritual Grounds and begin a healing path. The cleaning of the Spiritual Grounds will be healing all in its own. This will open endless opportunities for us to begin to heal.

**Please see community bulletin regarding temporary job postings!!!!!!**