



Bonnechere Algonquin First Nation

57 Bonnechere Street South

Renfrew, ON K7V 1Z2

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Kwey, Kwey!

Hoping things are good with you!

BAFN INFORMATION

Bonnechere Algonquin First Nation Cultural Centre

We Have Moved! We are now located at the new office location is on the second floor: Rm #259 - 1 Ma-Te-Way Park Drive ~ Renfrew ~ ON ~ K7V 4J4. The Medicine Wheel Room is amazing but still is not finished and requires further work, which is a little disappointing, but we remain hopeful for its completion soon.

Contact info:

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Chief Richard Zohr/ANR
Lyda Manwell - Office Assistant
Jane Forrest - Administrative Support
Nancy Ward - BAFN Assistant/BIAK Manager

Until postal services are set up at the new building, our mailing address shall remain the same at:
57 Bonnechere St S ~ Renfrew ~ ON ~ K7V 1Z2

ID Card Replacement/Creation of New Cards

Upon completion of the Declaration and ID Card Forms, new non-status BAFN ID cards will be issued to members whose names appear on the BAFN Certified List. A picture of the applicant is also needed, which can be taken and sent from your cell phone or by email. Should you require the necessary forms please contact either Nancy Ward T: 613-639-5780 or e-mail: n.ward@bell.net or Lyda Manwell, call the office: 343-361-0688, H: 613-433-9085 or email: lyda.bafn@gmail.com Forms and picture(s) can be mailed or emailed. There may be possible delays if sent by mail.

We are awaiting the completion of Stage 2 of the Enrolment Process for all members (previously and newly registered) to ensure they meet the Beneficiary Criteria and are certified BAFN members. In the interim, if you require something for identification purposes which states you are a member of the Bonnechere Algonquin First Nation, please contact either Nancy or Lyda as we can create a letter for eligible members. We do not have a date as to when the enrolment process will again re-open, therefore we ask for your patience in this matter which is beyond our control.

AOO Applications

We are accepting applications. Please note that each applicant regardless of age requires their own application. Please note the enrolment process remains closed until further notice. Once opened AOOs will be reviewed for eligibility by Joan Holmes' office. We do not have a date as to when that will be. In the meantime, we request your continued/patience.

Community Moose Meat

Unfortunately, we were not successful in harvesting a community moose last year. Hopefully this year we will. Should we be fortunate to harvest a moose and you are interested in receiving some moose meat, please call the office (343-361-0688) to have your name put on a community list. Keep in mind it is more for the elderly and those members unable to hunt. It will be on a first come first serve basis. Elk will be offered if by luck one is harvested, which doesn't happen often.

E-Newsletter

Should you prefer to receive the newsletter by e-mail rather than mail, contact the office or forward your request to lyda.bafn@gmail.com

Return Mail

Return mail remains a huge ongoing issue. If you plan to move, kindly inform our office of your new address and contact information so that we may update your file. Our sincerest thanks and appreciation to all those who have done so already.

BAFN Website

Please monitor our website www.bafn.ca for updates. Numerous items are posted on our website from announcements, job postings, events and upcoming opportunities. Check out our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/bafn.ca>

SERVICES / EVENTS

BIAK Information

Our own BIAK EarlyOn Child and Family Centre Mobile Unit is a program through the Ministry of Education. Check out the BIAK Facebook page to see their calendar of events which offers Indigenous teachings and Algonquin language to children and their families. Their program is extremely popular with kids and adults.

Bamoonzhe Daycare Centre

BAFN operates a daycare service located at 15 Herman St ~ Petawawa ~ ON which is attached to the Herman St Public School. Inquires can be made at bamoonzhedaycare@outlook.com or call 613-687-5752.

National Indigenous Peoples Day

We will be celebrating with activities on both June 20th & June 21st at the Cultural Centre. June 20th (4 - 6 pm) with Sonny Robbins and the Wisakedjak Drummers and dancers also. June 21st (10 am – 1 pm) Kitchi Sibi Women Drummers, Indigenous crafts followed by a BBQ. Please join us!

Indigenous Expo 2025

North Hastings Community Centre is located at 103 Newkirk Blvd ~ Bancroft ~ ON ~ K0L 1C0, July 19-20, 2025. This event celebrates the art, craftsmanship, music & culture of Indigenous communities, offering a unique opportunity to connect with our authentic experience. For further information, visit their website at indigenousexpo.com

Algonquin Park Fisheries and Aquatic Ecosystem

Algonquin Park Fisheries and Aquatic Ecosystem Information Sharing Session takes place on Sunday June 22, 2025, from 12:30 – 4 pm at Shady Nook Recreation Centre ~ 80 Richardson Cres ~ Pembroke ~ ON. This session is led by Ontario Parks and the AOO Consultation Office. This provides an opportunity for Ontario Parks to learn from community members about their experiences with fisheries and aquatic ecosystems in the Park. This session is open to Algonquin Community members. For further details call the ON Parks office at 705-571-7438 or email OntarioParks.ca

Men's Healing Circle

Elder Patrick Aird is facilitating a healing circle for men! Anyone interested in attending should contact the office for details, email: info@nenaawateg.ca or call contact 343-961-7452. Website: <https://nenaawateg.ca/>

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Chief Richard Zohr
Algonquin Negotiation Representative