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June 2026

Kwey, Kwey, BAFN Member,
Wishing you a wonderful season of sunshine and hoping all is well with you!

Note from the Electoral Officer

2026 Election Reminder
Position of Chief
Election Day – June 20, 2026

Just some gentle reminders about our Election for all members of the Bonnechere Algonquin First Nation. We have two candidates running for Chief. They are Ralph Lance and Richard Zohr. You have two ways of voting:

- 1) To vote in person, polling day is June 20, 2026. The polling station is located at our Community Centre at #1 Ma-te-way Park Drive, Renfrew, Ontario. It is open from 9:00a.m. to 7:00p.m. Please bring two pieces of identification with you when you come to vote!
- 2) Last day to receive your Mail-In Ballot is June 18th. Please follow the instructions in the Mail-In package very carefully by placing your ballot in the secrecy envelope and seal it, then your Elector Confirmation Card in the Return Envelope along with the sealed secrecy envelope. Mail it!

For any questions concerning this election, please email: btrainor111@gmail.com, or call: 613-401-5415.

Upcoming Meetings and Activities (BAFN Cultural Centre)

June 21, 2026 – National Indigenous Peoples Day – BAFN Cultural Centre

Festivities 10 am – 1 pm ~ includes teachings, Men's & Women's drumming, dancing and a BBQ lunch

July 1, 2026 – Gathering of the Nations Indigenous Expo – Ma-Te-Way Park in Renfrew

Gathering of the Nations Expo 10 am – 4 pm ~ Book Reading - 11am & 2 pm

Please join us for our very first Indigenous Artisan Fair! We are thrilled to feature a diverse group of talented artisans showcasing their unique, handmade crafts. Come out and connect with community and show your support!

July 25, 2026 – BAFN Community Harvest Draw Meeting – BAFN Cultural Centre

Medicine Wheel Room - 10 am

Sept 30, 2026 – National Day of Truth & Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day) – BAFN Cultural Centre

Details to be announced

Oct 3, 2026 – BAFN Harvesting Forum Community Meeting – BAFN Cultural Centre

Medicine Wheel Room – 10 am

2026 Graduates

Congratulations to all our Indigenous graduates! Wishing you all the best on your learning journey!

Chi Meegwetch to the Indigenous Education Graduation Coaches at both Renfrew County School Boards for your support and dedication to the students.

Generous Donation

A heartfelt thank you to one of our members who generously gifted us a \$600 donation. While they choose to remain anonymous, we want to extend a warm *Chi Meegwetch* for their kindness! Drums will be purchased for BIAK so that more children can join in and participate in their sessions.

Upcoming Workshops/Events/Postings

Stay updated on our upcoming workshops and events by visiting our website (www.bafn.ca). You can also stay connected by visiting our BAFN Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/bafn.ca>. Postings include job openings, upcoming events, workshops, and volunteer or involvement opportunities such as fish monitoring, etc. Select events and workshops may also be found on the Town of Renfrew website.

<https://anc.ca.apm.activecommunities.com/renfrew/activity/search/detail/52>

Enrolment

We continue to accept Algonquins of Ontario (AOO) applications, but please note the enrolment process remains closed and a reopening date has yet to be determined. We apologize for the extensive delays, which are unfortunately, beyond our control. We greatly appreciate your continued patience! Applications for minors are kept on file until they turn 18, at which time their applications will be uploaded to Joan Holmes' office for review and potential acceptance. Once approved the applicant's name will be added to the Certified List.

BAFN ID Cards

New/replacement BAFN non-status ID cards are available for certified members who have submitted declaration and ID card forms and their photo. You can still request these forms. However, if you are a Certified BAFN member (as of October 2020) and need immediate identification, we can provide an ID membership letter. Please reach out to Nancy Ward at 613-639-5780 (n.ward@bell.net) or Lyda Manwell at 343-361-0688 (lyda.bafn@gmail.com) for assistance.

Return Mail

Planning a move? We know how hectic life can be but if you could share your new address and contact info with the office, we'd be most appreciative. A huge thank you to those who have already done so, as it helps reduce returned mail, an ongoing challenge.

E-Newsletter

To receive our newsletter via email instead, please call the office at 343-361-0688 or reach out to Lyda at (lyda.bafn@gmail.com).

BIAK EarlyOn

Our BIAK EarlyOn program is in high demand and booked months in advance, but they remain dedicated to reaching as many local children and families as possible. They serviced over 3,700 children last year. They offer engaging visits to daycares, schools, and libraries featuring traditional teachings, drumming, singing, crafts and an Algonquin Word of the Month. If you would like them to visit your facility, please reach out to Nancy Ward at 613-639-5780 or n.ward@bell.net.

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Chief Richard Zohr
Algonquin Negotiation Representative
Bonnechere Algonquin First Nation