



During Day 1 of the fall Grand Council Assembly in London, Regina Mandamin and her brother Waaseemon Niin were part of the Kwe-Wuk Council Blanketing Ceremony acknowledging their mother, late Josephine Mandamin and former Anishinabek Nation Chief Water Commissioner.
– Photo by Laura Barrios

Mandamin family Blanketing Ceremony held at Grand Council fall Assembly

By Victoria Racette

LONDON— On Day One of the Anishinabek Nation Fall Assembly held from Nov. 5-6 in London, Ont., the Anishinabek Nation Kwe-Wuk Advisory Council and Social Development Department held a traditional Blanketing Ceremony to honour the late Josephine Mandamin, Water Walker and former Anishinabek Nation Chief Water Commissioner.

“Josephine has touched the lives of so many,” said Adrienne Pelletier, Director of Social Development for the Anishinabek Nation. “As a wife, a mother, a grandmother, a friend,

a teacher, an advocate and a role model; it was an honour to gift her children with these blankets, in her memory.”

Kwe-Wuk Advisory Council members, Marina Plain, Nora Sawyer, Donna Debassige and Veronica Waboose, blanketed Josephine’s daughter, Regina Mandamin and her adopted son, Waasekom Niin. During the Ceremony, the Eagle Flight Drum filled the room with a beautiful honour song for Josephine and her family.

“Receiving the blanket was a huge honour and reminded me of how much my mother was loved by the

Anishinabek Nation leadership and communities,” said Regina. “It was a beautiful ceremony and our family appreciates the gifting of the blanket. It also reminded us of the impact she had on the community and people that she connected with.”

Josephine, citizen of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, dedicated her life to protecting the water and giving it a voice. It was her life’s mission to share her message with the world – that water is a precious, sacred, basic element required for all life to exist. Water is life.

As the Chief Commissioner of

the Anishinabek Nation Women’s Water Commission, she was a prominent contributor and leader of the Great Lakes Guardians’ Council, established under the Great Lakes Protection Act.

“My mother would want people to continue the work that needs to be done for our communities, the well-being of Mother Earth and of the water,” added Regina. “Just because she is not here physically, it does not mean that her work for the water has ended – she always wanted the people to build a relationship with water and to ensure its protection for future generations.”



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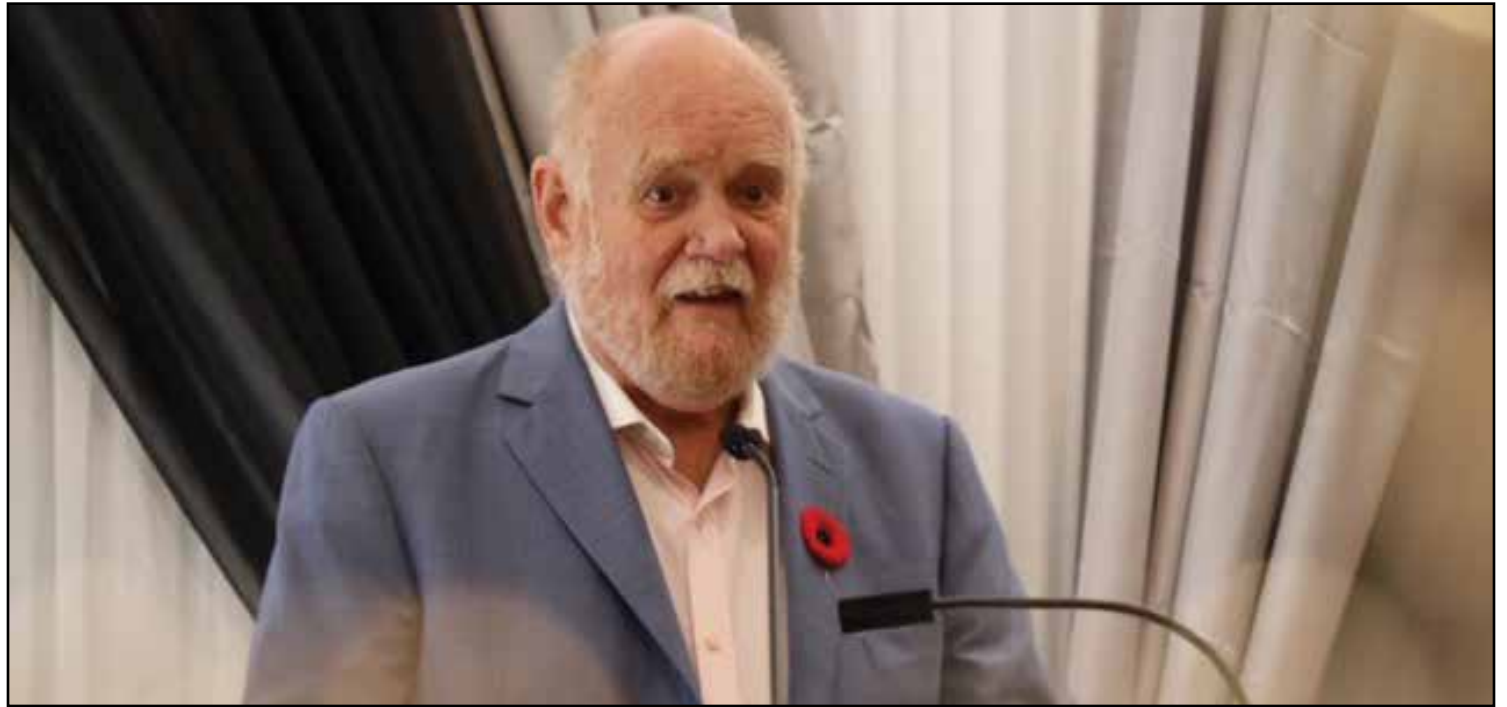
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Dr. Ronald Common, president of Sault College.

— Photo by Laura Barrios

Anishinabek Educational Institute celebrates 25 years

By Marci Becking

LONDON, Ont. — Thousands of students have graduated from the Anishinabek Educational Institute (AEI) in the 25 years since its doors opened in 1994.

Some 100 people including AEI staff, founders, past students, Anishinabek Chiefs and citizens celebrated AEI's success at a dinner at the Best Western Stoneridge in London on Nov. 5.

Dr. Ron Common, president of Sault College, is one of the founding members of AEI. He fondly remembers other founding members, Merle Peghamagahbow, Peter Akewenzie and Lewis Debassige, who have now passed into the Spirit World. He also remembers the first health program AEI partnership with Cambrian College.

"The Anishinabek Educational Institute offered the first Anishinabe course for principals. We were also the first institute to have a satellite office," said Common. "Where do we go next with AEI? It should become a university with provincially-recognized degrees."

He attributes the success of AEI to the continuity of people.

"People who are committed to AEI. People like Glenda St. Amour," he said. "There was no point in having our own institute if it wasn't the infusion of culture. There is a family spirit with AEI."

Southwest Regional Deputy Grand Council Chief Joe Miskokomon was Grand Council Chief of the Anishinabek Nation back in the early 1990s when the Union of Ontario Indians moved from Toronto to Nipissing First Nation. The current head office was built with AEI in mind.

"What sets the Anishinabek Educational Institute apart is that it's really student-focused," said Miskokomon. "The quality of education delivery toward students success is the primary goal."

Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Glen Hare said that there are over 100 students enrolled at the Nipissing and Munsee Delaware campuses.

"AEI delivers on-site programming at the Munsee Delaware and Nipissing First Nation sites," said Grand Council Chief Hare. "There are community-based deliveries, on-site programming and blended deliveries all geared towards student success."

Current AEI diploma programs offered include Native Community Worker – Traditional Healing Methods, Binoojiingyag Kinnoomaadwin – Early Childhood Education, Practical Nursing and Social Service Worker. Certificate programs include: Fetal Al-

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Ogimaa Duke Peltier, Anishinabek Nation Children's Commissioner.

— Photo by Laura Barrios

Ogimaa Duke Peltier appointed Anishinabek Nation Children's Commissioner

CHIPPEWAS OF THE THAMES FIRST NATION (November 5, 2019) – During Day One of the Anishinabek Nation Fall Assembly, Grand Council Chief Glen Hare announced the appointment of Ogimaa Duke Peltier as the new Anishinabek Nation Children's Commissioner.

"This is so awesome for our kids!" said Grand Council Chief Hare. "There are 21 Anishinabek First Nations that have taken the first steps forward to create a new reality for our children, youth and families. A reality premised on the principles of

wellness, healing and family-unity. As our Children's Commissioner, Ogimaa Peltier will be helping to ensure the well-being of our future generations and our Nations."

In this new role to the Anishinabek Nation, Ogimaa Peltier will provide high-level oversight over the implementation, compliance and enforcement of the Anishinabek Nation Child Well-Being Law, and the Anishinabek Nation Children and Youth Bill of Rights.

"It is truly an honour," said Ogimaa Peltier. "I see this role making some

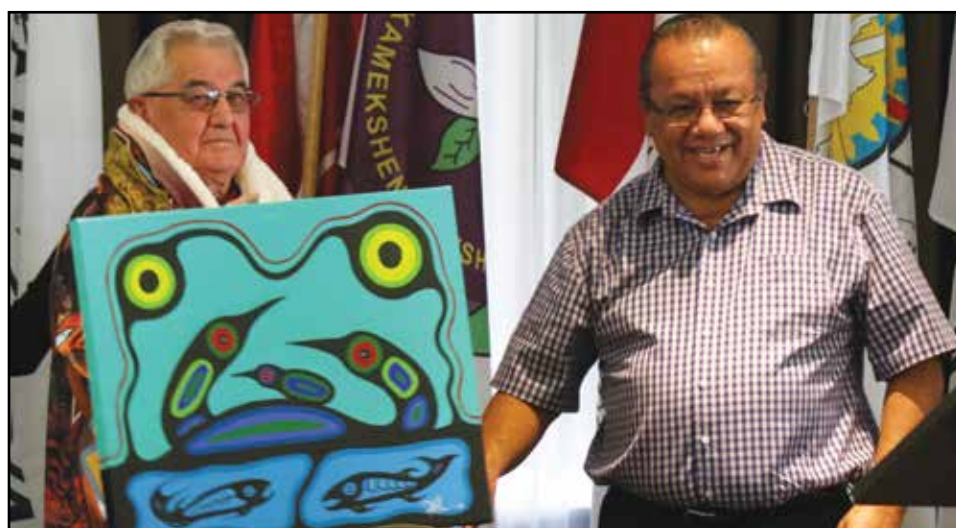
significant changes in child welfare and our communities. We need to continue expanding many of the prevention services. That's where we're going to see the most benefit for our young people— to give them the best start and the best life.

Since 2008, the Anishinabek Nation has been engaged in initiatives to support the development of the Anishinabek Nation Child Well-Being Law. To date, 21 Anishinabek First Nations have chosen to enact the Law that is an exercise of the each Nations' inherent right and jurisdiction

over child and youth well-being, and child welfare.

Earlier this year, the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs-in-Assembly approved the Anishinabek Nation Children and Youth Bill of Rights, which acts as a record of rights for all Anishinabek Children and Youth.

"Every child and youth deserves to feel safe and cared for, free from abuse and connected to their culture, families and communities," states Grand Council Chief Hare. "It is our duty to ensure the well-being of our people."



Keith Knott honoured during Grand Council Assembly for receiving Order of Canada

Dr. Keith Knott of Curve Lake First Nation was honoured during Day 2 of the Anishinabek Nation Fall Assembly for his appointment to the Order of Canada for his cultural vision and civic leadership of his community and Nation. Knott, a former Chief and councillor of Curve Lake First Nation, was appointed to the Order of Canada in June. "It's a great honour — something I never expected," said Knott, 83. He received an Honour Song, blanket and painting from Grand Council Chief Glen Hare.

"As leaders of our communities we have a great responsibility. We work very hard in order to do what's right for our members & our communities. I've been very fortunate to be acknowledged not knowing that many eyes are upon you and what you're doing," says Knott.

— Photo by Laura Barrios

The background of the entire poster is a photograph of a person's hands and arms, with visible tattoos, drawing on a large map or document spread out on a table. The person is using several colorful markers (yellow, red, blue, green) to draw lines and shapes on the map. The map appears to be a geographical representation, possibly of a region or nation. The person is wearing a dark beaded bracelet on their left wrist.

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Guided by the 7 Grandfathers, the Anishinabek Nation serves as a political advocate for First Nations across Anishinabe territory in Ontario. The Nation is committed to these teachings and community-led initiatives, focusing on areas of resource and environmental management, economic development, employment and training, and social welfare, health and governance.

represents 40 Anishinabe First Nations throughout the province of Ontario. The Golden Eagle is a symbol of the Anishinabek Nation.

New Chief Executive Officer

The secretariat for the Anishinabek Nation – the Union of Ontario Indians – is pleased to announce that Marcia Trudeau-Bomberry has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer effective November 4, 2019. Marcia is a citizen of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory.

Marcia has experience as the Chief Executive Officer of the Toronto 2017 North American Indigenous Games, Interim Executive Director of the Indigenous Sports Body, Health and Wellness Manager of Noojmowin Teg Health Centre, Communications Officer with the Indigenous Health Research Development Program, and numerous positions with the United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mniising.

Her education includes a Master of Business Administration from Athabasca University and an Honours Bachelor of Arts in Communications and Sociology from Brock University.



#RockYourMocs

Anishinabek Nation head office staff rocked their mocs on Nov. 15 to promote pride and awareness of Indigenous culture on social media.

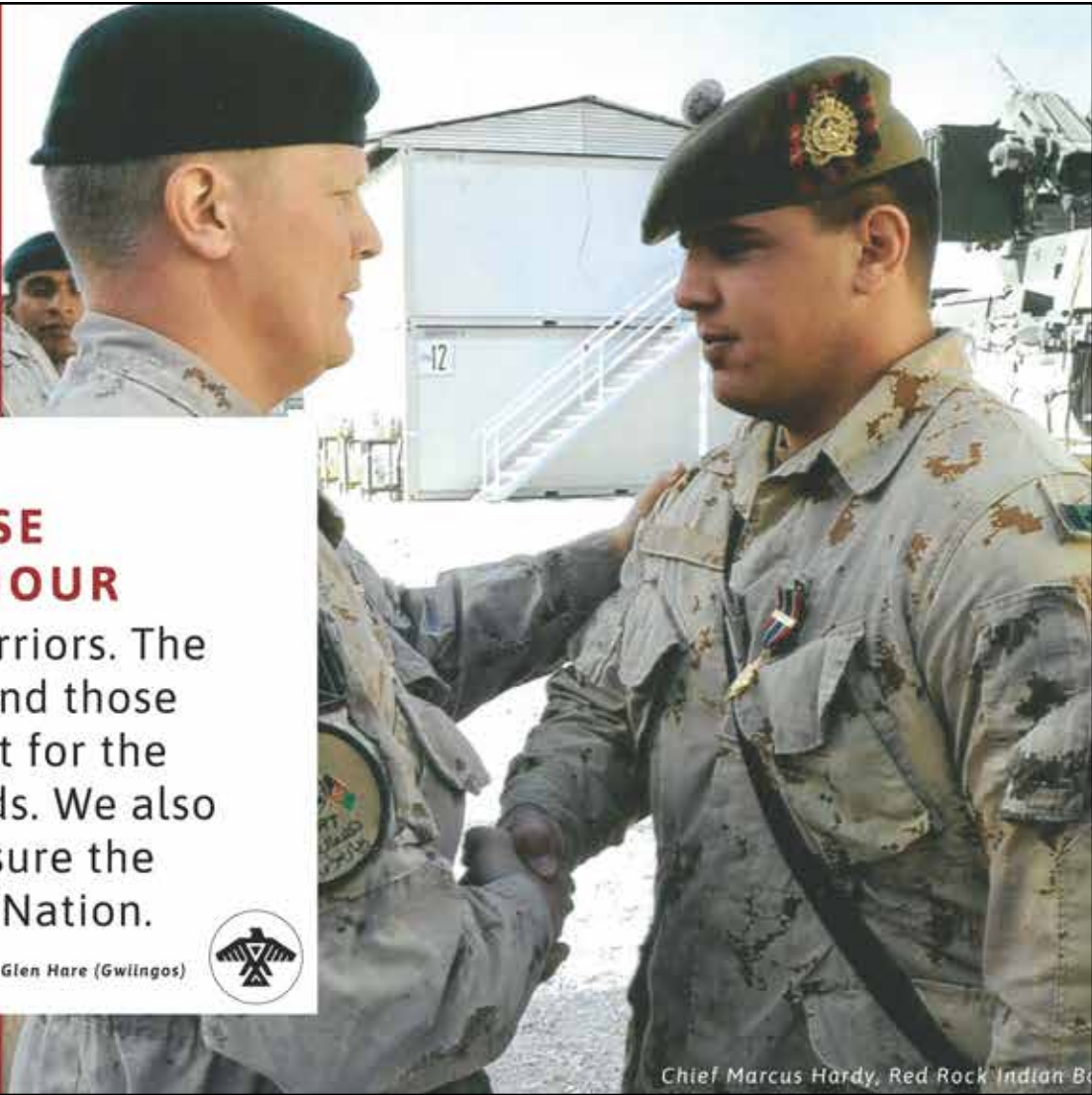
Established in 2011, Rock Your Mocs is a worldwide Native American and Indigenous Peoples movement held annually during November. November is also National Native American Heritage Month in the United States.

It's easy to participate by wearing moccasins to school, to work or wherever your day takes you. If a person doesn't own mocs, can't wear mocs, or perhaps their Tribe didn't wear mocs, they may wear a Turquoise Awareness Ribbon instead.

The annual event takes place where you are, where you're going and where you live. Rock Your Mocs is a fun way to unify Native American, First Nations, Alaskan Native, Indigenous Peoples globally through internet social media.

Participants post their photos for everyone to enjoy, sharing their stories and creating an "online photo album" by using the hashtag: #RockYourMocs.

The initiative was founded by Jessica "Jaylyn" Atsye of Laguna Pueblo, New Mexico.




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TODAY, WE TAKE PAUSE TO REMEMBER AND HONOUR

the courage and bravery of our warriors. The ones who did not make it home and those who did. The warriors who fought for the freedom of all who occupy our lands. We also thank those that continue to ensure the peace and freedom of all in our Nation.

■ Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Glen Hare (Gwiingos)



Chief Marcus Hardy, Red Rock Indian Band

Effective January 1, 2020, the Ontario Gas Card will be discontinued

WHAT IS NEW AS OF JANUARY 1, 2020?

Instead of the Ontario Gas Card, First Nation people will be able to use their Indian Status card (Status card), which is issued by the Government of Canada, as proof of entitlement to buy gasoline exempt of Ontario gasoline tax.

First Nation individuals will be able to use the version of the card that they currently have in their possession (or may apply to the Government of Canada to obtain a Status card if they currently are not in possession of a Status card)

As proof of entitlement to buy tax-exempt gasoline at on-reserve retailers, First Nation individuals will use their:

- Certificate of Indian Status Card, including the laminated Certificate of Indian Status Card with no renewal date;
- Secure Certificate of Indian Status Card; or
- Temporary Confirmation of Registration Document
- Band councils, tribal councils, and band-empowered entities will use an Ontario-issued unique identifier number issued by the Ontario Ministry of Finance.

You can use this card:



Or this card:



Information provided to the Anishinabek Nation by the Ontario Ministry of Finance.

Were you a resident of an Ontario Training School?

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- Were you a resident of an Ontario Training School during the years 1953-1984? If so, you may be a class member in the class action which has now been certified by the court. The lawsuit seeks money for class members.
- Class Members are automatically included in the class action, unless they take steps to exclude themselves (opt out) by June 4, 2020. If you want to stay in the class action, you don't need to do anything.
- If you opt out, you will not be part of the lawsuit and you will not be able to share in any money or any other benefit obtained for the class if the lawsuit is successful. But you will retain your right to sue the Province of Ontario as an individual regarding the issues in this case.
- Arrangements can be made for you to get free independent legal advice if you want it from Pro Bono Ontario: 1-855-255-7256.
- Please visit <http://kmlaw.ca/cases/ontario-training-schools/> to get more information about this class action and your rights, or contact us at trainingschoolsclassaction@kmlaw.ca or 1-866-860-9364. If you wish to provide it, it is useful for class counsel to have further information about your experiences in advancing the class action, and to be able to provide you with further updates about the case.

Students at Antler River School in Chippewas of the Thames First Nation explore the 'We are all Treaty People' teachers kit that includes an 800 piece LEGO replica Treaty of Niagara wampum belt. Over 100 students from Kindergarten to Grade 8 participated in the day's events.

– Photo by Laura Barrios



Anishinabek Nation celebrates fourth Treaties Recognition Week

CHIPPEWAS OF THE THAMES FIRST NATION (November 4, 2019) – The Anishinabek Nation kicked off the fourth Treaties Recognition Week by hosting Treaty Education Sessions at Antler River School in Chippewas of the Thames First Nation.

“All students should be learning about the treaty relationship,” says Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Glen Hare. “Every student in Ontario should understand that treaties are the legally-binding agreements that set out the rights, responsibilities and relationships of First Nations and the federal and provincial governments.”

“Most people in Ontario don't know that Ontario is covered with 46 treaties,” says Hare. “It's important to recognize which treaty you live under. Hopefully someday everyone will know their home address, treaty area, city and province that they live in.”

Kelly Crawford, citizen of M'Chigeeng First Nation, is author of the teacher's guides

within two teachers' kits, “We are all Treaty People” and “Gdoo-Sastamoo Kii Mi” for both elementary and secondary classrooms, spoke to the students of Antler River School about what a treaty is and the importance of treaties.

Several books have also been produced to help teachers teach students about the treaty relationship, including: We are all Treaty People and Nation to Nation by Maurice Switzer; and Dakota Talks about Treaties, and Alex Shares his Wampum Belt by Kelly Crawford.

Treaties Recognition Week is the first week of November every year. Treaties Recognition Week was introduced in 2016 to honour the importance of treaties and to help Ontarians learn more about treaty rights and treaty relationships.

To order Anishinabek Nation education resources or books (also available in French and Anishinaabemowin), please e-mail: orders@anishinabek.ca



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Bob Goulais, an Anishinaabe from Nipissing First Nation, is a well-known speaker, traditional teacher, facilitator and Master of Ceremonies, providing cultural context, history and traditional knowledge to diverse audiences across Canada.

Bob is a second-degree member of the Three Fires Midewiwin Lodge, a traditional society of the Anishinaabe (Ojibway, Odawa and Potawatomi) people. He is a strong advocate for the retention and proliferation of the Anishinaabemowin (Ojibway language) and Anishinaabe culture.

Bob is a well-versed and experienced senior executive and consultant having provided over 20 years of service to industry, not-for-profit and Indigenous organizations. Currently, Mr. Goulais is President and Senior Principal of Nbisiiing Consulting Inc. a boutique firm that he founded in 2015.

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