

CURVE LAKE, ONTARIO K0L 1R0  
**NEWSLETTER**

**FEBRUARY 23, 2007**

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**COUNCIL MEETING**

THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT SERVICES BUILDING.

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**SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTRE LUNCHEON**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>

MENU: ROAST TURKEY WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS

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**ATTENTION**

RECREATION COMMITTEE CHANGED THE LAST ROCK & ROPE CLIMBING FOR FRIDAY MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup> TO MINI SLOT CAR RACING ON SATURDAY MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup> AT 6:00 P.M. ON CHEMONG ROAD. THERE WILL BE A BUS LEAVING THE 4 CORNERS AT 5:15 P.M. PLEASE LEAVE YOUR NAME AT THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE 657-8045 BY 4:00 P.M. MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>.

THANK YOU

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**WINTER CARNIVAL**

DON'T FORGET TO COME OUT AND HAVE FUN AT OUR WINTER CARNIVAL ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup> & 25<sup>TH</sup>

THANKS RECREATION COMMITTEE

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**LANDFILL SITE HOURS OF OPERATION**

SATURDAY 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

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SUNDAY 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

**SUB STAFFING OPPORTUNITY**

CURVE LAKE FIRST NATION OCCASIONALLY REQUIRES SUB STAFF TO COVER SICK DAYS AND HOLIDAYS AT THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING. IF YOU HAVE EXPERIENCE IN CARETAKING, OFFICE ADMIN., ETC. AND ARE INTERESTED IN OCCASIONAL EMPLOYMENT PLEASE LEAVE YOUR NAME WITH GAYLE AT THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE RECEPTION @ 657-8045.

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**ENHANCED FOOT CARE**

CURVE LAKE FIRST NATION IS ELIGIBLE UNDER THE SOUTHERN ONTARIO ABORIGINAL DIABETES INITIATIVE TO SUBMIT INVOICES AND AN APPLICATION TO BE REIMBURSED FOR FOOT CARE. THIS IS A NEW INITIATIVE FUNDED BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH FOR FOOT CARE. ON-RESERVE MEMBERS ARE RECEIVING SERVICES THROUGH NON INSURED HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM AT THE HEALTH CENTRE. MEMBERS SEEKING FOOT CARE SERVICES OFF RESERVE MUST PAY FOR THEM. THOSE MEMBERS WHO ARE RECEIVING FOOT CARE IN THEIR HOME COULD ALSO BE ELIGIBLE, BUT NEED TO COMPLETE AN APPLICATION TO S.O.A.D.I. APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE HEALTH; PLEASE CALL ME, JANICE MCCUE OR MELINDA TAYLOR IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN APPLYING.

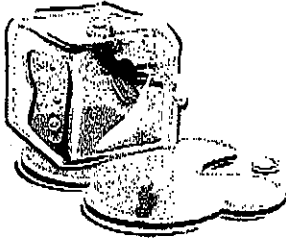
CAROL TAYLOR, MANAGER HEALTH & FAMILY SERVICES

## Ice Age

At one time cutting natural ice at Curve Lake was a big event as far as the boys were concerned, we would all go down to Henry's Landing to watch the men with their big ice saws. It was a wet job their feet would be in water all day, right in the slush and it was a lot colder in those days. The men worked from day light till dark, of course in the winter it gets dark at five o'clock, but Chief Dan Whetung hire the best men for the job. Like Wally Jacobs and Georgie Jacobs, Claybone Taylor, Herb Irons, Dalten Jacobs, Ben Taylor and they all were great at handling ice tongs.

First of all they have to find a place where there were no weeds, but they pretty much knew the best place to go – right off the sandbar where it was deep and where the ice was 3ft. thick, it was a harbor so it was protected from wind. Like a lagoon or cove it was a great place to go skating and play hockey too.

So Chief Dan Whetung hired a team of horses and it was Veteran Amos Johnson who handled the team to get the hauls to the ice house. The gasoline bar sits on that location now, but I can still picture it as clear as ice. It was made out of logs and good lumber like barn boards making it a well insulated and good sturdy building, it had no problem holding a ton of ice. They stored the ice in neatly placed rows, and then poured sawdust over them. This stacking of ice would continue until it would reach the ceiling. The sawdust was brought in from Lakefield at \$25.00 a ton and was an important insulator; it acted like a blanket so the ice would not melt in those hot summers we used to have.



Fish would be buried in the ice house to keep for a long time, and would be sold to the Americans who were holidaying in the area. They would pack up their ice boxes with our beautiful ice to keep their *feed* well preserved for their journey home. The Americans would come back year after years not only for the great fish we had, but the great guides. Guides like Hollis Taylor, papa Dow Taylor, and Ben Taylor. A lot of these guys worked at Oak Orchards and it was good fishing in them days... meanwhile back at the cove where the ice was 3ft. thick and clear as glass, you could see right through them. After cutting the ice into blocks they would pile them up double onto the sleigh – they would freeze instantly together causing them not to fall off. The boys, including myself would jump onto the back of the sleigh and go for an uninvited ride. We would do this all day... jump on then get in heck and be told to guochmaw, then jump off - team would ride up the road a bit and we would jump back on. Geez we were always in the way, but what fun we had!! But sometimes we would get someone that drove the team and was in a good mood and let us hang around on the sleigh.

But sadly those days are gone and that way of gathering the ice. The lakes are a little more weedy, soupy and buggy. The pollution and algae are thick, so thick that the shagi can walk right on top of them.

One of my daughters seen a bird on the lake and yelled for me to come and see it. "I think it's a flamingo." she yelled. I came running down to the lake to check this out, here it was a blue heron standing on that rock. It's too bad I raised them in the city. However, I am trying to teach the younger ones about trapping and hunting... So I was talking about ice cutting. The past is the past no more need to go and chop our ice from the lake; a smart guy invented the freezer.

Those jobs of cutting ice are now occupation that fancy posh restaurants hire to sculpture blocks into great statues.

They also chip off chunks of ice from thousand years old bergs and sell them to different countries. People will pay hundreds of dollars to hear that prehistoric tinkle in their glass. The way some people eat, I am sure they will drink anything. I don't know whether the microbiologist ever checked the bacteria and germs in that ice? Guess it doesn't matter much that ice floating around in all that salt water. We used to drink out of our lake when we were young never hurt us.

But the weather was different then. Winters colder then -30 °C, wind 6 miles hour, snow drifts up to the telephone wires... good times.

Hey, now it's not that bad. We do feel the cold more because of the dampness, but not as much snow. Hate to say this, but I like this global warming, as they call it. So just make some tea and enjoy it. As the saying goes "Redrose, only in Canada eh?"

Before I sign off; a weird winter phenomenon. It's the middle of winter and I have seen robins outside of my window sitting in the trees.

**P.S: Lakefield Ice Bar and Sculptures might still be there to enjoy**

By, Freddie McCue

## *Community and Social Services*

CURVE LAKE, ONTARIO  
K0L 1R0

# NEW CRITERIA

## FIRST NATION EMERGENCY ENERGY FUND

In an effort to address high energy cost, the Ontario Government has extended the EMERGENCY ENERGY FUND that was available through the Social Services Department in 2006.

The First Nation portion of the grant is intended for First Nation members of Curve Lake who reside in Curve Lake and who are:

1. Low-income families with children under 18 years of age. We will be using Canadian Council on Social Development Poverty Rates to determine low-income. (Call our office for rates as they vary with family size.)
2. Others on Income Security and Income Support Programs (including Ontario Works) may also be eligible depending on individual circumstances.

Interested applicants who meet the above requirements are invited to apply by noon on March 2, 2007.

Necessary documentation to support your application must include the following:

- Status card
- 2006 Income tax return or T-4 SLIPS
- Bills for arrears in electricity, oil, or other source of heat, security deposits for hydro or reconnection fees
- Reasons for arrears

Please note that funding is limited and will be based on the number of applicants who qualify.

If interested, please contact Susie Taylor or Cathy Jacobs @705 657 8045.

APPLICATION FOR FIRST NATION  
EMERGENCY ENERGY FUND

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

LIST OF ATTACHED DOCUMENTS:

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SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

# A reminder from the Membership Clerk...



**It is Little NHL time again...**

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Parents, please remember to check the expiry date on your child/children's **Status Card** before the upcoming Little NHL.

Also, if you are in need of a **Lineage Letter** OR **Letter of Release** from Curve Lake First Nation for your child/children to participate in the Little NHL, please notify me and I will prepare a letter for you.

No appointments necessary, but encouraged!

**Best of Luck to our Little NHL  
Players!!**

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Thank you,  
Membership Clerk



## Safe sledding means following some rules...

- \* review and understand all the safety materials provided with your sled
- \* stay on the marked OFSC trail
- \* keep to the right side of the trail
- \* slow down on all corners and when cresting hills
- \* avoid consuming alcohol while riding
- \* wear an approved snowmobile helmet
- \* stop before crossing roads and railway tracks
- \* use the approved snowmobile hand signals
- \* wear reflective clothing at night
- \* carry an emergency survival kit

Remember snowmobiling can be a high risk activity if you do not ride safely and responsibly.

\* the maximum speed for snowmobiles on trails and roads is 50km/h, however on roads with speed limits of 50km/h or less the maximum speed is 20km/h.



### Mission Statement

Anishinabek Police Service provides for the safety, security and protection of First Nation communities through the provision of culturally sensitive, pro active, professional, unbiased enforcement strategies.  
We encourage community involvement, public education and transparent accountability.

We support victims of crime and are committed to the protection  
**of inherent rights and freedoms.**

# Safe Snowmobiling

## Owning and operating a snowmobile in Ontario

Snowmobiling is an immensely popular winter activity in Ontario. Whether you are a beginner or you have participated in this recreational activity for a number of years, knowledge of how to operate your vehicle safely is imperative to ensure an enjoyable ride both on and off the trail. The following highlights what you need to know to own and drive a snowmobile safely.

### Make It A Safe Ride...

Obey speed limits and road/trail signs and always drive within your ability. Reduce your speed when driving at night and watch out for fences, guide wires and other objects that are more difficult to spot at night.

Avoid driving on frozen lakes and rivers. If it can't be avoided, check ice conditions beforehand. Wear a buoyant snowmobile suit. Carry ice picks and make sure they are accessible.

Tell someone of your outing; including where you are going, the route, description of your snowmobile and your expected time of return.

Never travel alone... always with a friend. Always be prepared for the unexpected.

Exercise caution at road and rail crossings.

Never drive impaired. Alcohol, illegal drugs, even prescription and some over-the-counter drugs can slow your reaction time and affect your ability to make good decisions. If convicted of impaired driving on a snowmobile, you will lose your driving privileges for all types of vehicles, including motor vehicles, commercial vehicles and motorcycles.

Use appropriate hand signals when driving with others before stopping, slowing down or turning. Exercise caution on corners and hills, and always remain on the right-hand side of the trail.

Never ride on private property without permission of the land owner.

Dress appropriately. Wear clothing in layers and always carry extra dry clothing with you.

Carry a survival kit that includes: first aid kit; trail map and compass; matches or lighter in waterproof container; knife, saw or axe; flashlight and whistle; high energy food such as nuts or granola bars; and a mechanical kit that includes: spare spark plug and drive belt; tow rope; extra ignition key; screwdriver, wrenches and hammer; plus the owner's manual.

Check the weather forecast before heading out. Contact the local snowmobile club to find out current trail and ice conditions.

### Licensing

Anyone 16 and over who has a valid Ontario driver's licence, motorized snow vehicle operator's licence (MSVOL) or a licence from another jurisdiction is allowed to drive a snowmobile across a road, on roadways where legally permitted and on trails. The Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs issues the MSVOL. To get this licence, you must successfully pass a snowmobile driver training course. Contact your local snowmobile club to obtain more information about the MSVOL program or visit the [Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs website](#)\*.

If you do not have a driver's licence and you are 12 years of age or older, a valid MSVOL, or a licence from another jurisdiction authorizing you to drive a snowmobile will allow you to drive on trails. Drivers must carry with them at all times their driver's licence or MSVOL. Failing to produce either of these documents to a police officer or conservation officer when requested could result in a fine of up to \$1,000.

The *Motorized Snow Vehicles Act* is the primary piece of legislation that governs snowmobiling in Ontario. To view the MSVA and other Ontario laws and regulations, visit [www.e-laws.gov.on.ca](http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca).

### Registration and Insurance

Before driving a snowmobile, it must be registered with the Ministry of Transportation. If you are operating the snowmobile off your own property, the registration must be valid and you must have liability insurance. Carry both the registration permit and the insurance card with you when riding. Failing to produce either of these documents to a police officer or conservation officer when requested could result in a fine of up to \$1,000.

### Helmets

Everyone who drives or rides on a snowmobile requires a helmet that meets the standards approved for motorcycle helmets. Everyone who rides on a cutter, sled or similar device towed by a snowmobile must also wear a helmet.

## Towing

A rigid tow-bar must be used when towing a sled or similar device behind a snowmobile.

## Where to Ride

- your own property
  - private trails belonging to organizations of which you are a member
- YES:
- private property with the owner's permission
  - between the shoulder and fence line (not on the shoulder) along public roads, except where prohibited (check with a municipality on by-laws for roads within its boundaries)
  - certain high-speed roads, including 400 series highways, the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW), Ottawa Queensway and Kitchener-Waterloo Expressway
- NO:
- the travelled portion (from shoulder to shoulder) of a public road, except when crossing at a 90-degree angle

## Speed Limits

50 km/h - on snowmobile trails

20 km/h - on roads where the speed limit is 50 km/h or less

50 km/h - on roads where the speed limit is over 50 km/h

## Snowmobile Trails

Ontario's snowmobile trail system is maintained by many snowmobile clubs. Trails are patrolled by the Ontario Provincial Police, municipal police, conservation officers and Snowmobile Trail Officer Patrol (STOP) officers. Some trails may require a trail permit. Check with the local snowmobile club to find out if you need one. For trails operated by the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, you must have and display a valid trail permit. This includes trails on private property, municipal property and land owned by the government. For information about trails and trail permits, contact the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs. Drivers convicted of driving without a trail permit on an OFSC designated trail, failing to provide evidence of their trail permit, or not properly affixing the permit to their snowmobile face fines of up to \$1,000.

## Prepare for the Conditions

### Night Riding

Drive at a reduced speed and avoid travelling faster than the beam of your headlight can shine ahead. Riding at night reduces your visibility and your ability to spot hazards that may be ahead. It also reduces your ability to estimate distances. Wear clothing that has reflective markings so that you are more visible at night.

### Riding on Ice

Avoid travelling on frozen lakes, rivers and ponds. Many fatalities involve snowmobiles breaking through the ice or driving into open water. Anytime you travel on ice, you put yourself and your passengers at risk. If travelling on ice cannot be avoided, always be sure to check the conditions before-hand as conditions can change in a matter of hours. A buoyant snowmobile suit is recommended when travelling on frozen lakes or rivers. Carry ice picks with you and make sure they are accessible. Remember, your stopping distance will greatly increase when travelling on ice. Always travel on ice that is new, hard and clear. Never travel on ice that is slushy, weak, near moving water or has thawed and refrozen.

### Wind and Cold

Wear layers of clothing. This enables you to add or remove clothing in order to adapt to changing conditions. A windproof outer layer (snowmobile suit), warm mitts/gloves, warm boots and insulated helmet are recommended. Thermal layers will allow your body to retain heat while releasing moisture. Remember, exposure to extreme cold can lead to frostbite and hypothermia. Body temperature can be affected by outside air temperature and wind speed. For example: *risk of frostbite to exposed skin with a wind chill at or below -25°C; frostbite possible in 10 minutes to warm skin with a wind chill at or below -35°C, shorter if skin is cool; and, frostbite possible in less than 2 minutes with a wind chill at or below -60°C, shorter if skin is cool.* Remember, too, that alcohol can also lower your body temperature, which in turn increases the risk of hypothermia.



## What's New?

- Welcome Michelle Taylor as the newest member of the Community Gaming Revenue Fund Committee.
- A Community Meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2007, 6:30 p.m. at the Curve Lake Community Centre.
- The Community Gaming Revenue Fund now has information and links on the Curve Lake First Nation website [www.curvelakefn.com](http://www.curvelakefn.com). The Guidebook, Statement of Intent and Application can also be requested from the Administrator at [gamingrevenuefund@curvelakefn.com](mailto:gamingrevenuefund@curvelakefn.com).

## What's happening with the fund?

- An Application from Public Works, Education, Economic Development, and Health & Family Services Department for \$50,000.00 each in support of the Waste Transfer System was approved at the CGRF Committee meeting held January 24, 2007.
- An Application from the United Church Women Group in the amount of \$7000.00 for supplies and equipment needed at the Community Church was submitted and will be presented at the next Committee meeting scheduled February 26, 2007.
- A Statement of Intent has been submitted from an Individual in the amount of \$10,000.00 for a Website project. This request will be reviewed by the Committee on February 26, 2007.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I know my project is eligible?

We encourage involvement of the Gaming Revenue Fund Administrator to ensure documents are completed accurately and that applications are processed in a timely manner. Page fifteen of the Guidebook provides assessment criteria to help applicants determine project eligibility.

How much money do I need to apply?

5% of the total project cost is required. If you cannot provide the 5%, you may consider fund raising (bake sale, dance, 50/50 draw) to help offset the required 5%.

Does the 5% contribution have to be cash?

No, the 5% contribution can be donated in the form of labor, equipment or materials, but must demonstrate that the cost is at least equal to 5% of the total project cost.

Where or to whom do we pay the 5% contribution if we are paying in cash?

The 5% must be shown as an expense to the project by providing a paid receipt as part of the project report.

If the donated labor or material is worth more than the 5% required contribution, do I get paid for the difference?

No. One of the rules of the fund is that there is not to be personal financial gain from the project.

# **CAP PROGRAM**

**LAST CHANCE THIS YEAR  
COMPUTER FUN WORKSHOP  
FOR ALL AGES!**

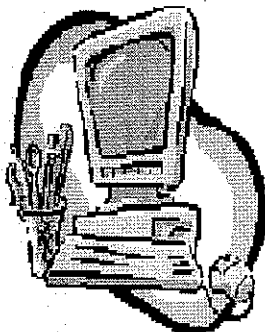
**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup> FROM 1-4 PM  
@THE YOUTH DROP-IN-CENTRE!**

## **LEARN HOW:**

INTERNET ACCESS

BUSINESS CARDS

GREETING CARDS



EMAIL

ONLINE GAMES

AND MUCH MORE!

**A V O N**

**OPEN HOUSE**

**At Penny's Home**  
(20 Aubrey's Road)

**Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Drop By anytime between**  
**10:00 am and 1:00 pm**

**Come & enjoy a cup of tea,**  
**coffee, other goodies too!**

**Avon products on sale and**  
**ready to take with you OR**  
**take a book & order later.**

**Penny**  
**657 9423**



CURVE LAKE, ONTARIO K0L1R0

Posted February 20, 2007

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Under the authority of the Curve Lake First Nation Chief and Council, applications are now being accepted from members of Curve Lake First Nation for a 3 month contract with a possibility of extension:

#### PRIMARY TEACHER

Curve Lake First Nation School  
For the 2006-2007 school year

#### Duties:

Responsible for planning, teaching and management of students assigned by the Principal at the Curve Lake School.

Responsible for maintaining accurate records of students achievement in all areas in both statistical and anecdotal formats.

Perform administrative and other related duties as designated by the Principal.

Responsible for participating in professional development day as designated by the Principal, Curve Lake School and keeping informed of current developments in the field of education.

#### Qualifications:

Basic Requirements: (Applications must show necessary proof with application or will be automatically screened out)

Education: Minimum Ontario Teaching Certificate  
Ontario Qualifications Record Card.

Experience: Recent classroom teaching experience at the appropriate level for position.

Rated Requirements: (Will be rated in the assessment of the resume and during the interview.)

Primary Teacher cont'd

**Knowledge:**

Knowledge of the components of a successful and meaningful Primary program.

**Abilities:**

Ability to plan, implement and evaluate the success of the classroom programs.

Ability to evaluate the progress and achievement of the students.

Ability to work in group settings.

Excellent classroom and behavior management skills.

Excellent organizational, communication skills and willing to work as a team Player.

An appreciation of the Nishnaabe language is required.

Working ability in the Nishnaabe language would be an asset.

**Personal Suitability**

Strong appreciation of, and empathy with, the needs of children.

Exhibits a high degree of initiative and self-direction.

Must enjoy working and being with children; requires a good sense of humour

And good health

**Length of contract:**

April 3, 2007 to June 30, 2007 with the possibility of extension to cover a maternity leave.

**Application Procedure & Deadline:**

Interested candidates should apply with a complete resume and covering letter including the names of three professional references. One must be a recent/immediate supervisor with authorization to be contacted under the terms of the Municipal Freedom of Information & Protection Act. A copy of Ontario Qualifications Records Card and university records must be included

**Applications should be submitted by March 9, 2007 to:**

**Shelley Fife**, Manager, Education, Curve Lake First Nation, Government Services Building, Curve Lake, Ontario K0L 1R0

Phone (705) 657-8045 Fax (705) 657-8708

Curve Lake First Nation Education would like to thank all applicants for their interest in this position. Only qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview.

**Due to the nature of the position, the successful applicants must complete a Criminal Reference check and be eligible to work**

