

# WIIKWEMKOONG UNCEDED TERRITORY

## BAND MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

### SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2015



**A**hnee, my name is Jean Oshkabewisens and I am the Band Membership Clerk/Indian Registry Administrator for Wiikwemkoong. At this time, I would like to introduce Mabel Manitowabi, who came on-board in the Membership Program, in June of 2014, her position is Membership Filing Clerk/Indian Registry Administrator/Reception. In this newsletter, I will give you an update on “status cards—old & new” and there is a Governance update by Noella Jacko-Pitawanakwat on page 4, (back cover).

Currently, the Membership office is only issuing the **old-version Certificate of Indian Status (CIS) paper laminate card**. Please note there are new requirements when renewing and/or applying for your CIS card. You are **required** to present 2 pieces of valid government issued ID. Valid government issued ID includes; Birth Certificate, Canadian Passport (counts as 2 ID's), Driver's License, Employee ID Card (w/ photo), Firearms License, Guarantor Form, Indian Status ID Card, Provincial Health Card or Student ID Card. If you do not have two pieces of valid government issued ID, you must bring 1 piece of valid ID and the Membership Personnel can sign a guarantor form, provided the Membership Personnel have known you for a minimum of 2 years.

The costs for renewal are; if you supply the photo—\$2 (two dollars), if Membership provides the photo—\$10 (ten dollars). School photos are acceptable. For band members from other First Nations, the cost is **\$20 (twenty dollars) and prior approval from their First Nation Membership Office, pending availability of cards.**

If you do not have the mandatory ID to obtain a status card, please call: 1-800-567-9604. You will advise the call centre representative that you want to obtain a Temporary Confirmation of Registration document. They will ask you a series of questions to confirm your identity and then mail a Temporary Confirmation of Registration Document to you. This document will state your registration number and can be used in place of a status card to access benefits and services.

For band members living off-reserve who are unable to travel on-reserve to obtain their CIS laminate card, they are advised that they **may** be able to receive their card at their nearest First Nation. However it is strongly recommended that band members contact the First Nation they intend to visit in order to confirm the exact policy/office hours for issuing a Certificate of Indian Status card at that reserve (as it varies).

Another option for band members, both on & off reserve, is to apply for the “NEW” Secure Certificate of Indian Status (SCIS) card by mail. They must contact the Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) Regional office located in Toronto at (416) 973-7517, for information and they will contact you directly, or to save on long distance charges, you may contact the Wiikwemkoong Membership Office directly @ 705-859-3122 or 1-800-880-1406, ext. 302, and we can relay your information to the Toronto AANDC office, who will contact you directly, usually within 24 hours.

Closer to home, if you would like to apply for the “NEW” SCIS, you can do so by attending at the Sudbury AANDC office located at 40 Elm Street, Unit 290, downtown Sudbury. Appointments for intake and processing of applications must be made by calling the Sudbury AANDC office at 705-522-5100 and they will advise and confirm what documents are required (for 16 years of age older and younger) and how many people the appointment is for.

There are new Identification documents required when applying for the “NEW” Secure Certificate of Indian Status Card (Adult 16 years and older) & (Child—under 16 years or dependent Adult Application), they are listed on pages 2 & 3 of this newsletter. **Note—if an individual has already received a Secure Certificate of Indian Status card (SCIS), they cannot revert back to a (CIS) paper laminate card.**



## Application Information — "NEW" Secure Certificate of Indian Status Card

**A new process for applying is being developed which will be implemented in a phased approach across Canada, and once available you will need to present these identity documents along with your application.**

**All mail in applications for the Secure Certificate of Indian Status will be for the In-Canada format.**

### Registered Indians 16 years of age and older:

- Completed application form: a Secure Certificate of Indian Status (SCIS) Adult Application for applicants Sixteen (16) Years of Age or Older (83-130)
- **Original birth certificate** (long or short form); AND
- Two passport style photographs; AND
- **Valid identification**; AND
- Guarantor declaration (if applying by mail); AND
- If you have taken your spouses last name—you will need:
  - \* Copy of marriage certificate (s) (if you have valid ID in your married name, other than a Certificate of Indian Status (CIS); or
  - \* Original government issued marriage certificate (s) (if you do not have valid ID in your married name); OR
  - \* Legal change of name document

**Note:** Original Baptismal Certificates are acceptable instead of a birth certificate (for applicants 65 years of age or older) however individuals are only eligible to receive an in-Canada SCIS (Secure Certificate of Indian Status) card.

### Valid identification includes:

If you have the following ID you only need to present one:

- ◆ Canadian or United States Passport
- ◆ SCIS (Secure Certificate of Indian Status)
- ◆ Enhanced Driver's Licence
- ◆ Enhanced Identification Card
- ◆ NEXUS or FAST card

**If you do not have the above ID, you have to present two of the following:**

- Driver's licence (provincial, territorial or state)
- Certificate of Indian Status card (CIS)
- Other government issued ID (federal, provincial, territorial or state)
- Your Indian Registry Administrator has a form you can complete if you only have 1 piece of ID (however, you can only apply for an in-Canada SCIS (Secure Certificate of Indian Status)

The valid identification presented must include a name, photograph and the signature of the applicant, though not necessarily on the same document.

**Please note, failure to complete all the sections of the form and submit all necessary documentation will result in your application being refused and returned to you. A complete application package allows for improved service through more efficient and timely processing of applications.**

\* All information provided from Government of Canada website @ [www.aadnc.gc.ca](http://www.aadnc.gc.ca) \*



**Registered Indians 15 years of age and under or Dependent Adults:**

- Completed application form: a SCIS (Secure Certificate of Indian Status) Parent or Legal Guardian Application for Applicants Fifteen (15) Years of Age or Younger or a Dependent Adult (83-131)
- Original long form birth certificate (with both parents named); AND
- Guarantor declaration (if applying by mail); AND
- Two passport style photographs; AND

**Parents and Guardians must provide the following:**

For an in-Canada SCIS (Secure Certificate of Indian Status):

- **One parent** or legal guardian is required to accompany the child or dependent adult and sign the application form; AND
- Marriage certificate or other name-linking document (only if your ID has a different last name than the name on the child's birth certificate or custody documents); AND
- Legal guardians are also required to provide documentation of trusteeship/guardianship; AND
- The parent or legal guardian must present one piece of **valid identification**.

Valid identification includes:

- ◆ Canadian or United States Passport
- ◆ Current status card or Secure Certificate of Indian Status (SCIS)
- ◆ Enhanced Driver's Licence
- ◆ Enhanced Identification card
- ◆ NEXUS or FAST card
- ◆ Driver's Licence (provincial, territorial or state)
- ◆ Other federal, provincial, territorial or state government-issued ID

The valid identification of parents/legal guardians must include a name, photograph and a signature, though not necessarily on the same documents.

**Please note, failure to complete all the sections of the form and submit all necessary documentation will result in your application being refused and returned to you. A complete application package allows for improved service through more efficient and timely processing of applications.**

**Return of Original Documents:**

Original documents sent to Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) in support of registration and Secure Certificate of Indian Status (SCIS) applications will be returned to applicants using Canada Post regular mail. Please note that all foreign country original proof of identity documents will be returned using a Canada Post secure envelope.

**Service Standard for Processing SCIS (Secure Certificate of Indian Status) Applications:**

The Department is currently processing complete applications for Secure Certificate of Indian Status (SCIS) issuance within the service standard of 16 weeks.

For more information, please call 1-800-567-9604.

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Aanii, my name is Noella Pitawanakwat, I am the GOVERNANCE UNIT MANAGER for Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory since January 26, 2015. Formerly, I held the position as the Director of Department of Lands & Natural Resources and have worked for Wiikwemkoong in lands management since 1995. I am very dedicated in working with our Anishinaabek people in advancing & fostering the self governance initiatives within our territory. The Wiikwemkoong G'chi Naaknigewin will ensure the protection of our Rights, both as individuals and as a collective. We have retained these lands for our future generations so that they can continue to be Anishinaabe.

## Governance Pillar

The Wiikwemkoong Governance Committee has been established to provide direction and leadership to the Wiikwemkoong Governance Unit on behalf of the Wiikwemkoong Anishinaabek.

There are two Governance Portfolio Holders for the 2014 - 2016 Leadership Term: Councillor Dominic Beaudry and Councillor Lorraine Fox.

There are five Governance Committee Members: Dorothy Fox; Karen Shawanda; Andrew A. Manitowabi; and recently, Jeannette Corbiere Lavell and Marcella Shawana.

The Governance Committee meets at least once a month. The meetings are scheduled every third (3rd) Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Band Office Committee Room. The meetings are open to the Wiikwemkoong Anishnaabek.

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## Highlights of the Governance Unit

- ~ The Wiikwemkoong G'chi Naaknigewin was Ratified on June 14, 2014.
- ~ The Matrimonial Real Property Law was approved by Chief and Council on December 15, 2014 under the G'chi Naaknigewin.
- ~ The Residency Law is part of the G'chi-Naaknigewin Approval process. There have been three Readings thus far. The Community Standards are being developed.
- ~ The first draft of the Wiikwemkoong Anishnaabek Tribunal Law is complete. Currently seeking community input/feedback.
- ~ The Wiikwemkoong Government Pillar Poster was approved by Chief and Council on March 30, 2015 and will be reviewed annually.

## Next Steps of the Governance Unit

1. The Anishinaabek Appeal Tribunal Law (Appeals & Redress Mechanism) is in the development stage and to be finalized.
2. The implementation of the G'chi-Naaknigewin will require:
  - ⇒ Chief and Council – Strategic Plan; Identifying Priorities; Standardize Terms of Reference; Conflict of Interest Policy; Values and Ethics in the Workplace
  - ⇒ Custom Election Code; Membership/Citizenship Code; Consultation Code
  - ⇒ Alternative Dispute Resolution Capacity Building
3. Review of the Governance 5 Year Strategic Plan (2013-2018).