

JANUARY EDITION

KZA-GBFN NEWSLETTER



THE SEVEN GRANDFATHER TEACHINGS



"We want to take back our education and teach our history, our language and our culture. We have begun to tell our story – our history – and we want to tell it in our own words to the world, so that this will never happen to any of the other nations in the world."

- Shirley Williams, Residential School Survivor

COVID-19



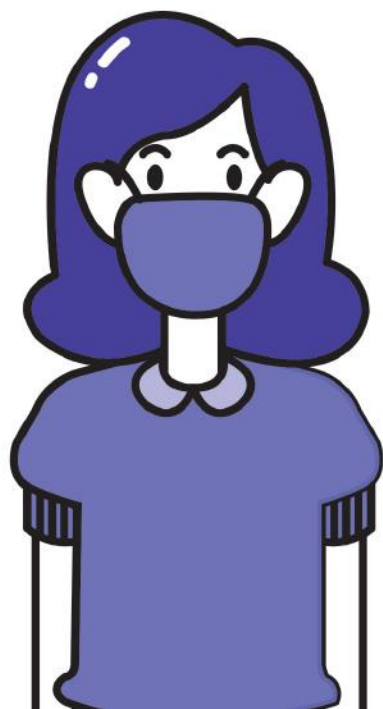
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**WASH YOUR
HANDS**



**TEMPERATURE
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**AVOID CLOSE
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Programs to Help Community Members with Hydro Bills

Did you know that the Ontario Energy Board has programs to help your community members pay their electricity bills?

Hydro One Remotes knows that bill costs can be high for some community members. The two programs described in this article can really help out. All eligible electricity customers in your community may want to apply:

1. Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP)

- Gives \$ credit to discount each monthly bill
- The chart below shows how much \$ credit a community member can get (depends on # of people living in the house, and the total household income):

OESP Monthly Credit Amounts – Energy Intensive:

Household Income (total \$ earned by all people in house)	Number of people living in the house (Household Size)						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+
\$28,000 or less	\$68	\$68	\$75	\$83	\$90	\$113	\$113
\$28,001-\$39,000		\$60	\$68	\$75	\$83	\$90	\$113
\$39,001-\$48,000			\$52	\$60	\$68	\$75	\$83
\$48,001-\$52,000					\$52	\$60	\$68

WHAT DO MEMBERS NEED TO APPLY?

- One of their electricity bills
- Birthdates and names of people living in their house
- For everyone over age 18 in the house:
 - Social Insurance Numbers (SIN)
 - Income verification

***If a person is on OW or Disability, please contact your local Ontario Works office and they will complete and submit the application on your behalf.**

HOW TO APPLY?

1. **ONLINE** at: www.OntarioElectricitySupport.ca
2. **CALL or EMAIL:** The Ontario Native Welfare Administrator's Association at 1-844-885-3157 or oesp@onwaa.com to get help with the application. OR ask them to come up to your community to help members sign up!
3. Community members can talk to the Community Ontario Works Lead – they may have information about the program.

2. Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP)

- *Do you have members who have fallen behind on their bill and may be disconnected? (You need to have a disconnection letter to be eligible for this program)*
- Community members can apply for the LEAP Program and *may be eligible for grants of \$600 each year to help avoid service disconnection.*

TO APPLY: Call the Ontario Native Welfare Administrators Association (**ONWAA**) at 1-844-885-3157. Customers **do not need to be on social assistance** to qualify.

For more information on this or any other Hydro One Remote topic, please contact:

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January 4, 2021

Notice

Effective Monday January 4, 2021 – Tuesday and Thursday's will be set aside for staff professional development days, we will not be receiving phone calls. However, should you require immediate assistance on these days we ask that you please email (quickest option), we will respond back in a timely manner.

You may contact us regularly every Monday, Wednesday and Friday through phone or email.

Sincerely,

Stacey Barry

OW Administrator
Gull Bay First Nation

ONTARIO WORKS



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OW ASSISTANCE - 2021

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OW RECIPIENTS

January 4th, 2021

Dear OW Recipients,

Happy New Year, I hope you are doing well! I've attached a schedule of the important due dates for submitting your **Income statements, board & lodge receipts, hydro, propane, fuel, and wood bills.**

You can either take a clear photo and email them to owmanager@gbfn.ca or owfileclerk@gbfn.ca. Alternatively, you can dropbox them - located at the Government Office.

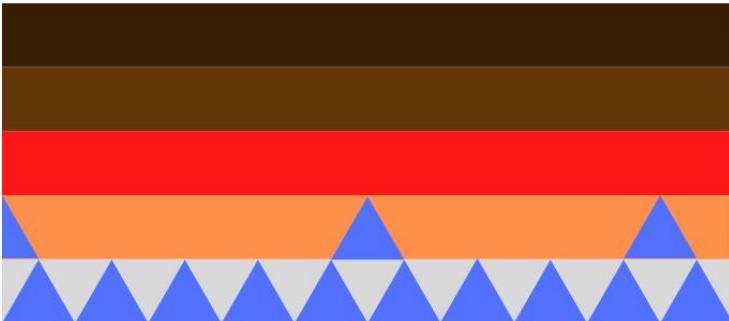
MONTH OF ASSISTANCE	DOCUMENT DUE DATES
JANUARY	DECEMBER 16TH, 2020
FEBRUARY	JANUARY 16TH, 2021
MARCH	FEBRUARY 16TH, 2021
APRIL	MARCH 16TH, 2021
MAY	APRIL 16TH, 2021
JUNE	MAY 16TH, 2021
JULY	JUNE 16TH, 2021
AUGUST	JULY 16TH, 2021
SEPTEMBER	AUGUST 16TH, 2021
OCTOBER	SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2021
NOVEMBER	OCTOBER 16TH, 2021
DECEMBER	NOVEMBER 16TH, 2021



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Join our Family.

Open your home, make a
difference in a child's life.



CLEAN ENERGY

I hope you all are keeping safe and well, keeping warm and connected, and doing your best at staying positive. These are strange and unprecedented times we are experiencing. This will come to pass hopefully soon. Here are some energy updates and upcoming news I hope can help you pass the time. Giizis Energy Solar Storage Micro Grid Facility is powering the Community with clean solar power and thus far has reduced our diesel consumption by 89,000 Litres!!!

Testing and Commissioning is still taking place with the Giizis Energy Solar Storage Micro Grid Facility. We are almost ready to take it over. Chief Wilfred King is appointed to sit on the Assembly of First Nations committee for sustainable energy and microgrid developments! Check out the Mashkawiziwin – The Power Within Documentary on the Gull Bay First Nation Website. It showcases the evolutionary stages of the microgrid project from start to finish and is shared nation-wide. Congratulations to Gull Bay First Nation and Ontario Power Generation on achieving Sustainable Electricity 2020 Award for Leadership in External Collaboration and Partnerships! In the New Year, KZA will be rolling out an LED lightbulb exchange program for the Community help KZA residents save money on their energy bills. More details to come. Congratulations to Aphrodite Salas and her team for their recognition on the From Shore to Sky: a reconciliation story documentary. They won the Radio Television Digital News Association 'Digital Media Award' for the Central Region! If you have any questions, feel free to contact AJ Esquega at

energy@gbfn.ca or (807) 982-0006.

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LEARNING PODS

1

Pandemic protocols must be followed by the KZA-GBFN Students!!!

2

With changing weather, please make sure you dress accordingly!

3

All Students are to ride the bus. This assures all students arrive on time and get the most out of the teaching time allowed.

4

Only students who ride the bus are admitted to the class as the bus is the first extension of the pandemic protocols.

5

Respect yourself, teachers, helpers, and other Students.

SUPPORT FOR LEARNERS FUND

The Ontario government announced the opening of the application portal for the Support for Learners fund. The deadline to apply is January 15th, 2021.

About Support for Learners

You can get financial support to help with additional costs during the 2020-2021 school year due to COVID-19. Eligible parents or guardians will receive a one-time payment of:

- \$200 for each child age 12
- \$250 for each child or youth up to age 21 with special needs

You are eligible if your child:

- attends a publicly funded school
- attends a private school
- attends a First Nation operated or federally operated school
- attends school in-person or online
- is home schooled
- is enrolled in child care
- is at home



ELEMENTARY SCHEDULE



2020-2021 ELEMENTARY

SEPTEMBER 2020

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Return to Learning: Staggered Start

- September 8, 2020 - Grades 4-8 ONLY
- September 9, 2020 - K2 & Grades 1-3 ONLY
- September 10, 2020 - ALL GRADES

Families of Year 1 Kinder Porters will be contacted by schools to make an appointment to visit the school and meet the educators on Sept. 3rd, 4th, and 6th. You will be informed by the school when your child's start date will be, based on the grade entry plan. Students in special needs classes will begin school on September 8th and attend everyday thereafter. Students with special needs who are in special needs classrooms attend with their grade. If you have any questions, please contact your school.

Holidays & Breaks (Schools Closed)

- Labour Day: September 7, 2020
- Thanksgiving Day: October 12, 2020
- Family Day: February 15, 2021
- Good Friday: April 2, 2021
- Easter Monday: April 5, 2021
- Victoria Day: May 24, 2021

Winter Break
December 21, 2020 - January 1, 2021

Spring Break
March 15 - 19, 2021

Professional Activity Day (PA Day)

- (Students do not attend school)
- Monday, August 31, 2020
- Tuesday, September 1, 2020
- Wednesday, September 2, 2020
- Friday, October 23, 2020
- Friday, January 22, 2021
- Friday, February 26, 2021
- Friday, June 11, 2021

Final Day of School for Students

Friday, June 25, 2021

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