



Help us name our streets!



As increased development in the community happens, Gull Bay First Nation is looking for members to offer suggestions into the new and exciting street name project! Why is it important to officially name our streets?

1. Canada Post will be setting up community mailboxes for all residents living in the First Nation, and businesses operating in the First Nation. This means you will no longer have to indicate 'general delivery' and will be able to receive registered documents, online purchases, and parcels directly to your mailbox.
2. Your mailbox will be locked, and keys provided for each household.

3. You will have access to your mailbox 24/7 and do not have to be home to receive mail and parcels. You will not have to wait for the Government Office to be open to retrieve your mail.
4. Hydro, propane, telephone, and emergency service providers such as police and ambulance will be able to locate you quickly and efficiently.
5. Gull Bay is growing!

In the past members have suggested so many great names and we'd like to keep that momentum going as we are getting nearer to finalizing selections and naming the streets located in the First Nation. In previous surveys we heard that using the Anishinaabe language is very important to think about when naming the streets. To honour our territory, we especially encourage suggestions that talk about the land of Gull Bay and all its non-human inhabitants! **Out of fairness for all members who all have people of importance in their lives, we cannot name streets after people at this time.** Street names will be displayed on signs in English and Anishinaabemowin.

What are some of the animals and spiritual beings that live in Gull Bay First Nation territory?

What are some of the places, such as Jackfish Island, that have been important to Gull Bay Anishinabek?

What are some of the flora and plants species that are specific to our area?

What are some of the names of celestial and environmental life, such as stars and winds, etc. that our Nation recognize in our stories and traditions?

Four gift cards will be randomly drawn for submissions!

We need to come up with approximately 15 names to cover 12 existing streets, with the remaining 3 to be held for future streets. A naming committee* - consisting of on and off reserve members, various genders and multiple age groups - will meet in the last week of August to bring forth a short list for ratification by Chief & Council on August 26th. Councillor Geraldine King will be holding an online information session the first week of August – keep your eyes out for those details!

STREET NAMES WILL BE ANNOUNCED DURING OUR POWWOW AUGUST 27th!

For more information and to submit your idea please email Councillor Geraldine King (geraldine@gbfn.ca). You can also drop your submissions off at the Government Office.

*The naming committee consists of:

1. Geraldine King
2. Audrey King
3. Oliver Poile

4. Kateri Rioux
5. Aries King
6. Nora Bouchard