



NORTH BAY POLICE SERVICES BOARD

135 Princess Street W., P.O. Box 717, North Bay, ON P1B 8J8



OPEN SESSION AGENDA February 8, 2017 @ 10:00 Hours

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| 1. Approval of Agenda | Chair |
| 2. Approval of Minutes of Open Session meeting of January 11, 2017 | Chair |
| 3. North Bay Police Service Board Commendation – Robyn Colvin | Chair |
| 4. Chief's Commendation – Constable Randy Adair | Chief |
| 5. Correspondence | Chief |
| i. Families First | |
| ii. Thank you Constable Hughes | |
| iii. Thank you Constable Bedard | |
| iv. Thank you Constable Yelle | |
| 6. Taxi Business | Chief |
| 7. Reports: | |
| i. Chief's Monthly Report | Chief |
| ii. Stats December / December Revised | Deputy |
| 8. Contingency – BBall4Bullying | Chief |
| 9. Community Expression of Reconciliation | Deputy |
| 10. Association | Assoc. Rep. |



**MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING
North Bay Police Services Board
January 11, 2017**

Present:

Board Members: Dennis O'Connor, Chair, William Hagborg, Vice-Chair,
Sheldon Forgette, Allan McDonald

Police Service: Chief Shawn Devine, Deputy-Chief Scott Tod

Board Solicitor: Peter Leckie

Association: Peter Brunette, President

Communications Coordinator: Mary Lugli

Guests: The Media,

Secretary: Carol Miller

Regrets: Tiziana Silveri

Call to Order

The Chair, Dennis O'Connor, called the meeting to order at 1000 hours.

Approval of Agenda:

Resolution: #006-2017

Moved by: William Hagborg, Seconded by: Allan McDonald

The North Bay Police Services Board hereby resolves to:

"Accept the agenda, as presented, for the Open Session Meeting to be held on January 11, 2017".

Carried

Selection of a Chair and Vice-Chair for 2017

The Chief chaired the selection of the Chair and Vice-Chair for the 2017 term and opened the floor for nominations to the position of Chair. Allan McDonald nominated Dennis O'Connor for the position. There being no further nominations, Dennis O'Connor was declared.

Resolution: #007-2017

Moved by Allan McDonald, Seconded by William Hagborg

The North Bay Police Services Board hereby resolves to:

"Approve the appointment of Dennis O'Connor as Chair for the 2017 term of office."

Carried

The Chief then called for nominations for the office of Vice-Chair and Allan McDonald nominated William Hagborg for the position of Vice-Chair. There being no further nominations, Mr. Hagborg accepted the nomination.

Resolution: #008-2017

Moved by Allan McDonald, Seconded by Dennis O'Connor

The North Bay Police Services Board hereby resolves to:

"Approve the appointment of William Hagborg as Vice-Chair for the 2017 term of office".

Carried

Mr. O'Connor resumed the Chair.

Approval of Minutes:

Resolution: #009-2017

Moved by: Allan McDonald, Seconded by: William Hagborg

The North Bay Police Services Board hereby resolves to:

"Adopt the Minutes of the Open Meeting held on December 14, 2016".

Carried

Business Arising

No Business was brought forward.

Correspondence

One item of correspondence was presented this month. A thank you note for assistance supplied to the film industry by Cst. Ayers.

Resolution: #010-2017

Moved by Allan McDonald, Seconded by: William Hagborg

The North Bay Police Services Board hereby resolves to:

"Note and file the correspondence received".

Carried

Taxi Business:

Resolution: #011 -2017

Moved by , Seconded by

The North Bay Police Services Board hereby resolves to:

"Approve the (1) one taxi license application for December 2017 as recommended by the Chief of Police in his letter dated January 1, 2017."

Carried

Reports:

Reports:

Chief and Deputy Chief's Monthly Activity Report - December

Monthly activities attended by the Chief and / or the Deputy Chief from December 2016 included: meetings to assist with formulating Strategic Business Plan; meetings with North Bay Police Association regarding promotional language in the Collective Agreement and SOP; Cyber Crime on Line Workshop; Christmas Carols performed by Heritage and Odysee Schools; Food Packing and Delivery of Christmas Baskets; and Liaison meeting with North East Region OPP.

Chief's Personal Expenses

Resolution: #012-2017

Moved by William Hagborg, Seconded by Allan McDonald

The North Bay Police Services Board hereby resolves to:

"acknowledge receipt of the Chief's personal expenses from December 2016."

Carried

Statistical Reports

The Deputy-Chief, presented the Condensed Monthly Statistical and Revised Statistical Reports for the month of November 2016 (Revised); to the Board. Following the trend, there is an overall increase in 2016 in Police Activity and Calls for Service, and a decrease in the number of criminal offences. There were 97 motor vehicle accidents investigated. Fifteen of these accidents involved injuries with 10 persons sustaining injuries. There has been a 10% overall reduction in sexual assaults and a 5% drop in criminal offenses. The police activity increase of 90 calls per month includes approximately 8 calls per day more for the mobile crisis unit and 4 calls per day pertaining to domestic violence.

Questions with respect to local drug availability and usage of particular illegal drugs were discussed and answered by the Chief and Deputy Chief.

The Deputy shared that Drug Awareness Workshop is planned for within a month involving community partners and an internal local expert on Fentanyl.

Resolution: #013-2017

Moved by Allan McDonald, Seconded by: William Hagborg

The North Bay Police Services Board hereby resolves to:

"Accept the Condensed Monthly Statistical and Revised Statistical Reports for the month of November 2016, as presented".

Carried

New Business:

North Bay Police Services Board Fee Schedule By-law #22-2017

Resolution: #014-2017

Moved by: William Hagborg Seconded by: Allan McDonald

"The North Bay Police Services Board hereby resolves to:

Enact and pass North Bay Police Services Board Fee Schedule By-law #22 2017."

Read the first time

Resolution: #015-2017

Moved by: Allan McDonald Seconded by: William Hagborg

The North Bay Police Services Board hereby resolves to:

"Enact and pass North Bay Police Services Board Fee Schedule By-law #22 2017."

Read the second time

Resolution: #016-2017

Moved by: William Hagborg, Seconded by: Allan McDonald

The North Bay Police Services Board hereby resolves to:

"Enact and pass North Bay Police Services Board Fee Schedule By-law #22
2017."

Read the third time

And Approved

Carried

2017 Operating Budget

Resolution: #017-2017

Moved by William Hagborg, Seconded by: Allan McDonald

The North Bay Police Services Board hereby resolves to:

"Approve the 2017 Operating Budget as presented by Chief Devine,"

Carried

Association Update:

Peter Brunette, President, of the Association was unable to attend the meeting.

Adjournment:

Resolution: #018-2017

Moved by: Allan McDonald, Seconded by: William Hagborg

The North Bay Police Services Board hereby resolves to:

"Adjourn the Open Portion of the meeting held on January 11, 2017 at 1020
hours".

Carried

Chair

January 11, 2017

Secretary

North Bay Police Services Board

Commendation

Presented to Robyn Colvin

In recognition of your courage, timely response and selfless actions in coming to the aid of a fellow citizen whose life was in danger on July 13, 2016

**D. O'Connor
Board Chair**

**S. Devine
Chief of Police**



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NORTH BAY POLICE SERVICES BOARD COMMENDATION

ROBYN COLVIN

On the 13th of July, 2016, at approximately 2 am, the North Bay Police Service was contacted regarding a suicidal woman near the Lake Nipissing access point of Thompson Avenue. A witness reported that she could hear a female in the water screaming for help. The witness also relayed the fact that she had observed a purse with empty pill bottles and a glass of beer near the water's edge.

Upon arrival to that location, officers observed a female who was in the water approximately 150 metres from shore. Constable Adair removed his duty belt and vest and entered the lake to render assistance. As he approached, he called out to have the person come towards him. The woman replied: "I can't. I can't hold her. She's slipping away." It was at that point that he realized that Robyn Colvin, the witness who had contacted police, was in fact in the lake attempting to rescue the suicidal woman.

Constable Adair quickly attended their location and took hold of the drowning woman. This person was unresponsive and unable to support herself. Robyn Colvin, exhausted from her ordeal, was now able to catch her breath, regain her strength and was able to continue to assist with bringing the distraught woman to shore.

Once they were out of the water, paramedics took over and transported the woman to the North Bay Regional Hospital. It was later found that she had taken a large quantity of anti-depressants along with some alcohol. She fortunately made a full recovery.

Robyn Colvin's timely response and selfless actions are truly commendable and ultimately saved a life that day.

Robyn Colvin is hereby awarded a North Bay Police Services Board Commendation for bravery and compassion for someone in need.

February 2017

Denis O'Connor
Board Chair



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CHIEF'S COMMENDATION

CONSTABLE RANDY ADAIR

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Constable Adair, upon his arrival to the location, observed a female in the water approximately 150 metres from shore. Constable Adair removed his duty belt and vest and entered the lake to render assistance. As he approached, he called out to have the person come towards him. The woman replied: "I can't. I can't hold her. She's slipping away." It was at that point that he realized that there were in fact two women in the lake and that one person was attempting to rescue the other.

Constable Adair quickly attended their location and took hold of the drowning woman. This person was unresponsive and unable to support herself. Robyn Colvin, the civilian witness, was now able to catch her breath and regain her strength in order to assist Constable Adair with bringing the distraught woman to shore.

At that point the paramedics took over and transported the suicidal female to the North Bay Regional Hospital. It was later found that she had taken a large quantity of anti-depressants and alcohol. She made a full recovery.

Constable Adair's quick and decisive actions exhibited Excellence in Policing, Pride in Professionalism and Compassion for Those in Need.

Constable Randy Adair is hereby awarded a Chief's Commendation.

February 2017


Shawn Devine
Chief of Police



families first
Because the New Year is for everyone.

January 4, 2017



Chair Person
North Bay Police Services Board
135 Princess Street West
North Bay, ON
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Dear Chair Person,

On behalf of the City of North Bay and the Families First New Year's Eve Celebration Committee, I would like to thank the North Bay Police Services Board for its generous contribution to our alcohol free family event.

Our 23rd annual celebration was a great success! The new activities in the park and the arena were well received by all participants. Your assistance with our 2016 festivities made it possible to continue a North Bay tradition that has become an annual event for many families.

We look forward to your support again next year!

Sincerely,

Erin Vaughan
Community Event Facilitator



Cst Kyle Hughes

Thank you Kyle
From

[Redacted signature]

10/30/2016

Dear Kyle

Thank you for your compassion and understanding. My wife did die from heart failure. It is now six weeks since she passed away in North Bay September 15. In my RV at the [Redacted] parking lot.

I made it home to [Redacted] with the help of my children and lots of Love from everyone.

Warm regards,

[Redacted signature]

Shawn Devine

From:
Sent:
To: Shawn Devine
Subject: FW: Thank you!!

Cst Bedard

Fr
Sent: Sunday, January 15, 2017 5:38 PM
To: nbps
Subject: Thank you!!

I was in a minor accident this morning on _____ think the officer could tell I was a little shaken as I hadn't gotten out of my vehicle to check for damage yet when he arrived. He dug the ice out from my wheel well and snapped my bumper back on so I could get unstuck and relocated to a smaller less dangerous roadway to take care of the rest of the reporting process. It's the little things like that that people notice. So just wanted to say thank you for going the extra mile.

Cst Ray Yelle
Cst Al Berard

Spotted in North Bay
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I would like to give a huge shout out to the first responders to an accident with my vehicle that happened yesterday, Saturday Jan. 14, 2017 near the intersection of _____ and _____ at about 4:45 pm which involved only my vehicle (due to icy unsalted/unsanded roads) hitting a snowbank _____

First, I would like to thank the gentleman who first got to my vehicle and offered assistance to me. Unfortunately I did not get his name but if anyone out there has heard about this incident and may know who this individual is, I would greatly appreciate if you could contact me here with his name and contact info so I could thank him in person.

Also, the lady named _____ who called 911 and stayed with me until the Police arrived was absolutely wonderful and showed great care and concern. I am feeling greatly indebted and blessed by her humanity.

Lastly (but certainly not least), the two North Bay Police Service Officers who responded to my accident could not have been more professional, caring and concerned for my well-being. Const. Yelle and Const. Berard (please forgive if the spelling is wrong) are shining examples of what good police officers should be - showing only humanity and immediate concern for public health and safe well-being of me and surrounding motorists while maintaining a professional and courteous demeanour.

I have to say that this potentially traumatic experience has left me with a huge feeling of gratefulness and fortune that it wasn't more serious and how lucky I feel to be living in a town like North Bay where people don't look the other way but rush in to see where they can help. We truly don't realize that this town is full of true heroes in my book.

Thank you to all involved.



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Chief of Police

Scott Tod
Deputy Chief of Police

January 27, 2017

CHAIR AND MEMBERS
North Bay Police Service Board

Re: Taxi Driver Licence Applications – January 2017

Dear Sir:

The following individual was issued with a Taxi Licence. It is recommended that this Licence Application be approved.

BADGE #	DRIVER NAME	TAXI STAND
110	Thomas Lefebvre	5-0 Cab

Sincerely,


Shawn Devine
Chief of Police

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Board Report

Date of Report: January 31, 2017

Date of Meeting: February 8, 2017

Chair Mr. D. O'Connor and members of the
North Bay Police Services Board

**Subject: Chief and Deputy Chief Monthly Activity Report – January to
February 2017**

Recommendation: Information.

The following are items of interest and special events that Deputy Chief Scott Tod and I represented the North Bay Police Service at since our last Board meeting that does not merit separate reporting:

09Jan2017 – Chief and Deputy - Meeting with North Bay Police Service Board Chair Dennis O'Connor and Mayor of Callander, Hector Lavigne.

09Jan2017 – Chief and Deputy - Meeting with North Bay Police Service Board Chair Dennis O'Connor and Mayor of North Bay Al McDonald.

11Jan2017 – Deputy – Meeting CACP/CATA Cyber Council

12Jan2017 – Deputy - Pay Equity training.

12 Jan2017- Chief and Deputy – Push 4 Change – Memorial Gardens, along with NBPS Colour Party

13Jan2017 – Chief and Deputy - Interview Globe & Mail reporter, Robyn Doolittle.

13Jan2017 – Deputy – Pay Equity.

14Jan2017 – Deputy - Warm Your Heart Gala at Widdifield Secondary School for the Cardiac and Stroke Care through the North Bay District Health Centre.

18Jan2017 – Chief - Conversation with Jim Chirico, the Medical Officer of Health for the North Bay Health Unit, reference the Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention.

19Jan2017 – Chief - Amelia Rising

19Jan2017 – Chief – Spoke with Jack Young, Director of Education for the Near North District School Board reference Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention.

20Jan2017 – Chief – Spoke with Tanya Nixon, Vice-President of Mental Health at the North Bay Regional Health Centre with reference to the Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention.

20Jan2017 – Deputy – on line web interview on Cyber Crime with Canadian Advanced Technology Alliance

24Jan2017 – Chief – Attended OPTIC Board meeting in Toronto.

25Jan2017 – Deputy - Cloud storage conversation with Axxon Fishal Dhir and Lance Vaillancourt.

27Jan2017 – Chief – Attended George Kristolatis, Executive Director of the Canadian Mental Health Association, retirement.

29Jan2017 – Deputy – Attended a panel on Policing Cyber Crime at York University.

29Jan2017 – Chief – Attended North Bay North Stars, North Bay Police Association hockey game.

01Feb2017 – Deputy – Attended a conversation with the Nipissing University on Diploma and Degrees MOU.

I invite any comments or questions from the Board.

Sincerely,


Shawn Devine
Chief of Police

**NORTH BAY POLICE SERVICE
CONDENSED MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT**

MONTH OF DECEMBER

During the month of December 2016 police activity for the North Bay Police Service resulted in 2247 calls as compared to 2167 calls in 2015.

Of these calls, 176 were to investigate motor vehicle accidents. Twenty of these accidents involved injuries, with 29 persons injured.

The following is a list of some of the criminal occurrences investigated during the month, with comparative figures for 2015.

			Year to Date		Cleared to Date	
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015
Homicide	-	1	-	1	-	1
Sexual Offences	3	8	78	89	50	56
Assault	27	38	423	425	361	357
Robbery	4	1	23	22	11	13
Break, Enter & Theft	12	11	197	177	26	36
Stolen Vehicles	2	3	31	35	6	6
Stolen Bicycles	4	5	99	103	5	2
Recovered Bicycles	5	1	81	69	4	5
Theft Under	35	76	955	900	162	252
Theft Over	3	2	8	18	1	4
Mischief	22	27	305	456	78	128
Drug Charges	10	15	162	180	172	178
Criminal Offences Total			3330	3298		
Calls for Service			26270	25029		
Police Activity			29989	28983		

Additional detailed statistics are available through the Office of the Chief of Police.

*Note - Year to Date statistics will change due to adjustments.

Shawn Devine
Chief of Police

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Homicide	-	1	-	1	-	1
Sexual Offences	1	8	71	89	46	56
Assault	16	38	388	425	342	357
Robbery	3	1	21	22	11	13
Break, Enter & Theft	4	11	171	177	23	36
Stolen Vehicles	-	3	28	35	5	6
Stolen Bicycles	4	5	90	103	3	2
Recovered Bicycles	3	1	72	69	2	5
Theft Under	22	76	884	900	159	252
Theft Over	1	2	5	18	1	4
Mischief	11	27	280	456	73	128
Drug Charges	5	15	150	180	164	178
Criminal Offences Total			3025	3298		
Calls for Service			26306	25029		
Police Activity			29989	28983		

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Board Report

Date of Report: January 31, 2017

Date of Meeting: February 8, 2017

Chair Mr. D. O'Connor and members of the
North Bay Police Services Board

Subject: Contingency Account BBall4Bullying

Recommendation: That the Board hereby resolve to donate \$250.00 from the 2017 Contingency Account for the BBall4Bullying Keynote Speaker.

Each year, Sylvia Vannier of Ecole secondaire publique Odyssee hosts a basketball game between students, local emergency responders, media, city officials and personalities to bring attention to the issue of bullying.

Toronto Police Service Constable Scott Mills has agreed to attend North Bay to provide a presentation to Odyssee and other high schools on the topic of bullying. Constable Mills is one of the first police officers in Canada to be a Social Media Officer and is considered a pioneer in his field. This donation will assist with the costs associated with bringing Constable Mills to North Bay in order to deliver his message.

Ms. Vannier is a tireless advocate and is at the forefront of the anti-bullying movement here in North Bay and we support her efforts.

I would recommend that the Board approve the above noted resolution and donate \$250.00 to this worthwhile cause.

I invite any comments or questions from the Board.

Sincerely,


Shawn Devine
Chief of Police

January 10th, 2017

Constable Raymond Yelle
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nbpa@northbaypoliceassociation.ca

Constable Yelle,

As a lead in North Bay with youth & bullying, cyberbullying & cybersafety, North Bay has the opportunity of being able to host Constable Scott Mills, Social Media Specialist of the Toronto Police Services in February.

Constable Mills has agreed to give a presentation to students at Odyssee, then participate with local officers and personalities in the 4th annual BBALL4Bullying community game on the afternoon of Feb 22nd, then presentations at Widdifield & possibly SJSH on the 23rd (with the option of a public presentation in the evening- or a meeting with NB Police Services if requested).

We have a local hotel willing to comp a room for the officer, but his flight from Toronto is beyond our budget- which is nil.

We are hoping that perhaps the Police Association would be in a position to provide the funds needed for the Porter flight from Toronto (& return) for Constable Mills. (at a cost of approximately \$1,000)

I will look forward to communicating with you, should you need further information or have questions.

Respectfully,

Sylvie Vannier
sylvie.vannier@cspne.ca



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Board Report

Date of Report: February 2, 2017
Date of Meeting: February 8, 2017

Chair Mr. D. O'Connor and members of the
North Bay Police Services Board

Subject: Community Expression of Reconciliation

Recommendation: Information Item

As part of the Reconciliation process that is taking place in North Bay, Mr. George Couchie, a former member of the North Bay Police Service, has lead a working group of educators, police officers and community volunteers to plan and deliver four (4) Reconciliation Sessions to the residents of North Bay, Nipissing First Nation and the surrounding area.

The North Bay Police service is proud to have been asked to assist in the planning process and support the efforts of Chief Scott MacLeod and Mr. George Couchie. Constable Steve Chabbert has been a committed and active member of the organizing team.

I invite Deputy Chief Tod to provide further details of this initiative and any comments or questions from the Board.

Sincerely,



Shawn Devine
Chief of Police



NORTH BAY POLICE SERVICE
CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM

DATE: 31 January, 2017
TO: Chief Shawn Devine
FROM: Deputy Chief Scott Tod
SUBJECT: Community Expression of Reconciliation

Chief Devine,

On Wednesday June 11 2008, the former Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Stephen Harper, made a Statement of Apology to former students of Indian Residential Schools, on behalf of the Government of Canada. A cornerstone of the Settlement Agreement was the Indian Residential Schools Truth and Reconciliation Commission. This Commission presented a unique opportunity to educate all Canadians on the Indian Residential Schools system. It was a positive step in forging a new relationship between Aboriginal peoples and other Canadians. The Commission's intent was to establish a relationship based on the knowledge of our shared history, a respect for each other and a desire to move forward together with a renewed understanding that strong families, strong communities and vibrant cultures and traditions will contribute to a stronger Canada.

In December, 2015 Mr. Justice Murray Sinclair, Commission Chair, delivered the final report from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission to the Canadian Government. The report included 94 "Calls to Action" to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation. These "Calls to Action" were divided into two categories of Legacy and Reconciliation.

The Legacy categories included Child Welfare, Education, Language and Culture, Health and Justice. The Reconciliation categories are:

- Canadian governments and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People
- Royal proclamation and covenant of reconciliation
- Settlement agreement parties and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- Equity for Aboriginal people in the legal system
- National council for reconciliation
- Professional development and training for public servants
- Church apologies and reconciliation
- Education for reconciliation
- Youth programs

- Museums and archives
- Missing children and burial information
- National centre for truth and reconciliation
- Commemoration
- Media and reconciliation
- Sports and reconciliation
- Business and reconciliation
- Newcomers to Canada

The Report made a suggestion that Expressions of Reconciliation could be made by communities, corporate organizations, individuals, the media and the artistic community. To date many municipalities across Canada have started reconciliation processes. Of note the City of Toronto prepared a report in April 2016 that outlined the City's response to the TRC recommendations. The City of Toronto's Summary Report identified eight Calls to Action that involved the municipality's responsibilities. The report also outlined the progress that had been made to date.

As part of the Reconciliation process in North Bay Mr. George Couchie, a former member of the police service, has lead a work group of educators, police officers and community volunteers to plan and deliver 4 Reconciliation Sessions to the residents of North Bay, Nipissing first Nation and the surrounding area. The session topics include: culture, history, residential schools and a feast or celebration. They will be hosted in a number of locations across North Bay and Nipissing First Nation.

The public are invited to attend and take part in the civic reconciliation process. The North Bay Police Service provides a service to the communities of North Bay and Callander. The City of North Bay has an identified aboriginal population of approximately 3200 citizens (6%). This figure does not include the Indigenous people who visit or reside in the City for temporary reasons associated to family, education and employment.

The North Bay Police Service is proud to have been asked to assist in the planning and presenting of the reconciliation process for North Bay and support the efforts of Chief Scott MacLeod and Mr. George Couchie. Constable Steve Chabbert has been an active and committed member of the organizing team and we are fortunate to have him as a member of our service. Attached is further information about the upcoming sessions.

Respectfully,



Scott Tod
Deputy Chief

Miigwech

From our kina maamwi gdoowikendaasmin working group, a joint effort from local school boards and community partners in the city of North Bay.



For Inquiries please contact:
George Couchie
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Kina maamwi gdoo-wiikendaasmin

We are all learning together



Wednesday February 1—Culture

Wednesday February 8—History

Wednesday February 15—Residential Schools

Wednesday February 22—Celebration

Please join our four learning sessions to share knowledge and understanding to work towards reconciliation. Together, we will explore culture, history and celebration.

SESSION 1—CULTURE

Wednesday February 1, 2017

7:00pm to 9:00pm

Mother St. Bride, NPSCDSB

414 Second Ave. W. North Bay ON P1B 3L2

Local Indigenous Educators will facilitate a learning circle to explore the Seven Grandfather Teachings, Medicine Wheel Teachings, Smudging and Language.



SESSION 2—HISTORY

Wednesday February 8, 2017

7:00pm to 9:00pm

Widdifield Secondary School, NNDSB

320 Ski Club Rd. North Bay ON P1B 7R2

George Couchie, Nipissing First Nation Member and Cultural Teacher, will share the History of Indigenous People in Canada so that we may continue our work together on our shared path.

SESSION 3—RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

Wednesday February 15, 2017

7:00pm to 9:00pm

St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Secondary School, NPSCDSB

675 O'Brien St. North Bay ON P1B 9R3

Local Indigenous Cultural Teachers and Elders will share the history and affects of residential schools with a focus on local reconciliation.



SESSION 4—CELEBRATION & FEAST

Wednesday February 22, 2017

6:00pm to 9:00pm

Nbising Secondary School

469-B Couchie Memorial Dr. Nipissing First Nation ON P1B 8R5

Local Indigenous Artists will come together to share cultural practices such as Dance, Drumming and song. Together, we will celebrate and feast "kina maamwi gdoo-wikendaasmin".