COMMUNITY UPDATE

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APRIL 2026

Community Events

Full Spectrum Doula Training
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Session - Birth and Postpartum Doula

Sunday, May 3 - Friday, May 8, 8:30am - 4:30pm

Fredericton, NB

What is a Full-Spectrum Doula?

Full-spectrum doulas are trained in:

- Pregnancy-related changes
- Signs and stages of labour
- Birth
- Comfort measures
- Medical pain and relief options
- Infant care and infant feeding
- Postpartum mental health and adjustment
- Cultural supports and ceremony

Who Can Become a Doula?

Anyone! Especially those who:

- enjoy helping others.
- are interested in pregnancy, birth and babies.
- want to help the community reclaim traditional birth and parenting practices.

To apply, please contact:

Mandy Meuse

- ***(506) 452-2750 / mandymeuse@smfn.ca***

Christina Taylor

- ***(506) 206-9119 / christinataylor@smfn.ca***

Economic Development Youth Summit

Inspiring the Next Generation of Leaders in Indigenous Economic Development

August 17 - 20, 2026

Grey Eagle Resort, Tsuut'ina Alberta

Event Features:

- Networking with Youth across Canada
- Collaborative Economic Development Group Project
- Participate in Local Cultural Events
- Presentation and Discussions: Economic Development, Lands Management, Entrepreneurship, etc.

Who Can Apply:

- Indigenous (First Nations, Metis, Inuit) & non-Indigenous youth age 18-30 from across Canada.
- Selected delegates receive complimentary registration, travel, accommodation, and meals.

For more information, email tara.brown@edo.ca or call 1.780.990.0303 EXT. 229

Application Deadline: May 1, 2026

Community Events

Pregnancy and Postpartum Nutrition Workshop

April 9, 2026
6 - 8 pm
St. Mary's Health Centre

Who Can Join:
Open to St. Mary's First Nation members who are pregnant, and/or their partners.

If spots remain, other participants interested in pregnancy/postpartum nutrition, such as doulas and others involved in the circle of care, will be invited to register.

Registration required: Email Lindsey.Bryant@wolastoqey.ca OR by phone (506) 459-6341

What You'll Learn:

- Key nutrients to prioritize during each trimester and postpartum
- Common nutritional challenges new mothers may face
- Practical strategies to achieve optimal nutrition

Walk and Talk

Every Tuesday
12:15 - 1:00pm
Willie O'Ree Walking Track

Every week you attend, your name will be entered into our monthly draw!

Community Events

Community Clean Up

April 22, 2026
4 - 7 pm
Maqiyatimok Center

Let's work together to keep our streets, parks, and community free from litter and full of life! No registration required.

There will be craft stations, barbecue, and pizza on site!

Earthly Crafting with Candy

Tuesday April 21, 2026
6 - 9pm
Maqiyahtimok Center

Join us for an evening of earthly crafting with willows and moss. This class allows for 10 community members to participate.
Ages 16+

Contact Nicole Carty for registration at nicolecarty@smfn.ca.

Community Events

New Moon Men's Sweat

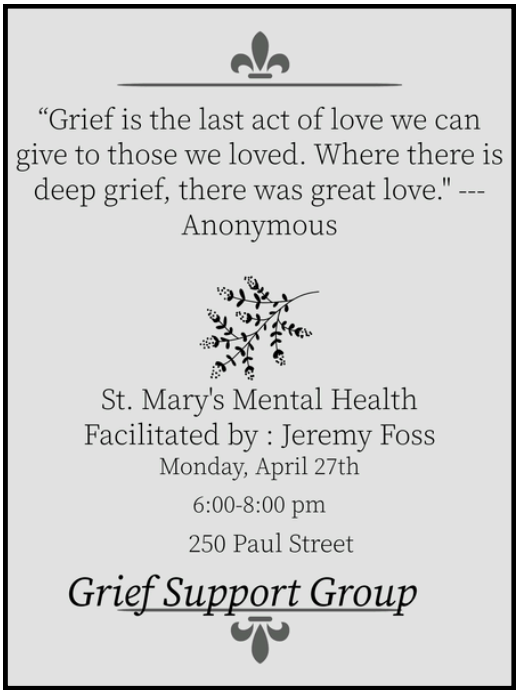
April 17
6pm
250 Paul Street

Hosted by Chris "Gump" Brooks

Grief Support Group

Monday, April 27, 2026
6 - 8 pm
250 Paul Street

St. Mary's Mental Health
Facilitated by Jeremy Foss



Community Announcement & Events

Virtual Community Gathering

April 21, 2026
12pm - 1pm
On Zoom

Join us for our first community gathering of 2026!
Updates from the departments of Early Childhood, Events and Programming, Fisheries, Natural Resources, and Health will be presented.

To register and for more information, email communications@smfn.ca.

Elders Tea Time

Thursday April 9
Thursday April 16
Thursday April 23
Thrusday April 30
9:30 to 11 am
Maqiyahtimok Centre

Hosted by the St. Mary's Veterans Memorial Health Centre

Community Announcement & Events

Fresh is Best

Monthly Fresh Produce Program

Every month, your household can purchase Fresh is Best from the Health Centre at an amazing deal - $25 gets you TWO full bags of fresh produce, plus an extra item (or two)!

With a value over $60, it's a great way to stretch your grocery budget while keeping your fridge and pantry stocked. Eat healthy and save money!

Produce varies monthly. Past bags have included: potatoes, apples, mushrooms, onions, garlic, carrots, bell peppers, lettuce, cucumber, bananas, tomatoes, pineapple, berries, celery, cauliflower, stew bags, and more!

Pay at the Health Centre front desk or e-transfer $25 to freshisbest@smfn.ca (include your name and phone number).

For more information, contact Amber at (506) 452 - 2750.

Women's Sweat with Ramona Moon

Saturdays: March 7, April 11, & May 16

St. Mary's Health Centre

Community Announcements

Online Survey on Youth out of the Workforce

For Youth 16 to 29

WorkingNB is interested in speaking with youth who are not in education, employment, or training. A 15-minute online survey is available for you to give feedback to the government of New Brunswick on how they can better support youth aged 16 to 29 achieve their goals.

Participation in the survey is voluntary. Should you choose not to participate, your ability to access services from the New Brunswick government will not be impacted. All information you provide is confidential. Data will be reported in aggregate only.

Complete the survey in French or English at the following link or by scanning the QR Code above.

https://workingnbsurvey.malatest.net/

Scam Reminder

Seniors continue to be targeted by scammers. Here are a few reminders to help you stay safe:

- Verify the caller
- Don't rush
- Call family or a trusted friend
- Never send money or personal info
- If something feels wrong, hang up and reach out for help.
- Report to police 506-460-2300 or online on our website.

Please share this message to help protect seniors in our community.

Community Announcements

Community Camera Registry Program

The Fredericton Police Force encourages residents to participate in its Community Camera Registry Program, a voluntary initiative that helps support public safety in your neighbourhood.

The program allows residents and businesses to register the location of security cameras on their property.

By registering your cameras, you provide the police with a resource to quickly identify nearby cameras if a crime or incident occurs in your area. Police may then contact registered participants to request footage that could assist in solving crimes more efficiently.

Participation does not grant police direct access to your cameras or live feeds, and sharing footage is always voluntary and with your consent.

By participating, residents can help save valuable time during investigations while continuing to maintain full control over their own camera systems.

Learn more or register your camera by searching for Community Camera Registry Program | City of Fredericton.

Winter Driving Safety Reminder!

As conditions deteriorate, please plan ahead, make safe choices, and stay home if you don't need to travel.

- Slow down, keep extra distance, and give plows/emergency vehicles room - never pass a working plow!
- Clear all snow/ice from windows, lights, mirrors, and roof to avoid fines and stay visible.
- Keep your fuel tank at least half full, charge your phone, and keep an emergency kit (warm clothes, blanket, shovel, flashlight).
- Check 511 for roads, share your route/ETA, and delay trips if conditions worsen.

Stay safe!

Job Listings

Executive Director of Public Safety
St. Mary's First Nation

Full time

Position Summary

St. Mary's First Nation is seeking a highly skilled and experienced Executive Director of Public Safety to provide strategic leadership and oversight across the Nation's public safety portfolio. Reporting to senior administration, the Executive Director will be responsible for the effective management, coordination, and continuous improvement of public safety services, ensuring the safety, security, and well-being of community members.

This senior leadership role oversees Bylaw Management, Policing files, Emergency Measures, Community Public Works, and Security services, and works collaboratively with internal departments, Chief and Council, external agencies, and community partners.

Key Responsibilities

- Provide strategic leadership and direction for all Public Safety functions within St. Mary's First Nation.
- Oversee the development, implementation, and enforcement of community bylaws in accordance with applicable legislation and community priorities.
- Manage and coordinate policing-related files, liaising with law enforcement agencies and ensuring accountability and compliance with agreements and standards.
- Collaborate & Direct the Lead on Emergency Measures planning, preparedness, response, and recovery, including emergency plans, training, and coordination with provincial and federal partners.
- Provide executive oversight of Community Public Works and Security operations to ensure safety standards, operational efficiency, and service excellence.
- Develop and manage departmental budgets, work plans, policies, and procedures.
- Ensure compliance with relevant legislation, regulations, funding agreements, and reporting requirements.
- Advise senior leadership and Chief and Council on public safety issues, risks, and strategic opportunities.
- Foster strong relationships with community members, staff, contractors, and external stakeholders.
- Lead, mentor, and evaluating managers and staff within the Public Safety portfolio.

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Required Qualifications and Experience

- Post-secondary education in Public Administration, Criminology, Law Enforcement, Emergency Management, Public Safety, or a related field; an equivalent combination of education and experience may be considered.
- Demonstrated senior-level management experience in one or more of the following areas: law enforcement, public safety, emergency management, bylaw enforcement, public works, or security.
- Strong knowledge of policing structures, emergency measures legislation, public safety frameworks, and risk management.
- Experience working with or within First Nations governments or Indigenous organizations is a strong asset.
- Proven ability to manage complex files, multiple departments, and diverse stakeholder relationships.
- Exceptional leadership, decision-making, communication, and conflict-resolution skills.
- High level of integrity, professionalism, and discretion.

Assets

- Background in law enforcement, emergency services, or public safety leadership.
- Knowledge of Indigenous governance, community-based public safety models, and culturally responsive service delivery.
- Experience with policy development, investigations, and compliance oversight.

Employment Conditions

- Successful completion of a criminal record check and vulnerable sector check.
- Valid driver's license.
- Ability to work flexible hours as required during emergencies.

Application Process

Interested candidates are invited to submit a cover letter and resume outlining their qualifications and experience related to this position as well as (3) work-related references to: humanresources@smfn.ca or drop off in person to 150 Cliffe Street, Fredericton, N.B. E3A 0A1.

St. Mary's First Nation thanks all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

***St Mary's First Nation hires based on merit and is committed to employment equity. We encourage all qualified persons to apply; however, qualified Indigenous applicants will be given priority in accordance with the Aboriginal Employment Preference policy of the Canadian Human Rights Commission. We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted ***

Job Listings

Volunteer
Auxiliary Constable
Fredericton Police Force

Serve your community. Support public safety.
The Fredericton Police Force (FPF) is accepting applications from community-minded individuals interested in volunteering as Auxiliary Constables. The Auxiliary Program supports frontline policing and community safety initiatives while strengthening trust and partnerships between the police and the community we serve.

About the Role
Auxiliary Constables are trained volunteers appointed pursuant to the New Brunswick Police Act to provide non-enforcement support to frontline operations and community programs under the direction and supervision of sworn police officers. This is a meaningful volunteer opportunity for individuals who want to give back, build skills, and strengthen connections between police and the community.

Responsibilities
Auxiliary Constables may be assigned to assist with:

- Assistance at special events and community policing initiatives
- Distribution of public education and crime-prevention materials
- Traffic control and special traffic enforcement initiatives
- Crowd control at special events such as parades, festivals, and community gatherings
- Searches for missing persons and large-scale evidence searches
- Preservation of large crime scenes or disaster sites
- Acting as a support unit during major emergencies or disasters
- Other police-related duties deemed necessary and appropriate by the Fredericton Police Force

Auxiliary Constables do not carry firearms.

Commitment & Expectations

- Auxiliary Constables are volunteers, not employees, and are not financially compensated
- A minimum commitment of 120 volunteer hours per calendar year is required
- Participation in ongoing training is mandatory
- Volunteers must comply with all FPF policies, procedures, values, and ethical standards
- All uniforms and equipment remain the property of the Fredericton Police Force

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Equity, Diversity & Inclusion
The Fredericton Police Force is committed to equitable, inclusive, and community-focused policing. We value the strength that diversity brings to our organization and encourage applications from individuals of all backgrounds, identities, and lived experiences.
FPF strives to foster respectful relationships with Indigenous communities, newcomers, and equity-deserving groups, and is committed to fair, transparent, and bias-free volunteer selection and participation.

Eligibility
- Canadian citizen or permanent resident; must have lived in Canada for at least five (5) years
- 19 years of age or older
- Grade 12 education or equivalent
- Valid first aid and CPR certificate prior to engagement
- Valid unrestricted driver's license
- Have no criminal convictions for which a pardon has not been granted and have no criminal charges pending before the courts and no history of criminality
- Be capable of completing a physical assessment based on FPF standards

Qualifications
- Strong integrity, professionalism, and commitment to community service.
- Ability to work effectively as part of a team
- Good communication and interpersonal skills
- Ability to meet medical, training, and background screening requirements
- Willingness to serve in challenging and dynamic environments

How to Apply
Submit your resume and cover letter through the City of Fredericton online recruitment portal.
Your cover letter should clearly articulate your motivation for wanting to be an auxiliary member with the FPF and what skills and attributes you have that make you a strong candidate.
Candidates should be aware that background checks and integrity interviews will be conducted as part of the application process. Any past actions or behaviours deemed concerning by the police may result in the disqualification of your application.

Deadline: April 10, 2026

Apply on the online portal:
https://eihe.fa.ca2.oraclecloud.com/hcmUI/CandidateExperience/en/sites/CX_1/job/1051/?sortBy=POSTING_DATES_DESC

Job Listings

Call for Artists
Jeux de la Francophonie

Young New Brunswick artists are invited to apply for a place on Team Canada-New Brunswick for the 10th international Jeux de la Francophonie.
The Games will take place in Yerevan, Armenia, from July 23 to Aug. 1, 2027.
Held every four years, the Games bring together thousands of young people who excel in athletic and cultural activities from participating countries and governments of the Francophonie.
Artists can apply to participate in one of four disciplines:

- painting,
- photography,
- song or
- literature (short story).

The competition is open to artists aged 18 to 35, from all cultural backgrounds, regardless of their language preference.

How to Apply

For more information, visit the Government of New Brunswick's arts and culture page.
https://www.gnb.ca/en/topic/culture-heritage/arts-culture.html

The deadline for submissions is April 30.

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