COMMUNITY UPDATE

SITANSISK KOLUSUWAKON

JUNE 16, 2026

Community Events

Sitansisk Powwow

June 19 to 21

St. Mary's Old Reserve, 534 Union St.

Friday:
Powwow Pitch and Social

Saturday:
Powwow Pitch
Grand Entry @ 1:00 PM

Sunday:
Grand Entry @ 12:00 PM

Over 75 artisans, information booths, and traditional and non-traditional food vendors!

Get ready for incredible dancing from Aiyana and Jaycen Burnstick, Scarlett Julian, Opichee "Baby Opichee," Day-Bedeau, and Two-Spirited Lead Dancer Melcolm Beaulieu. Host drums include The Muskrat Chanters, Little Bear Singers, and Battle Nation Singers, joined by invited groups Iron River Singers, Sipu Boys, Wabanaki Confederacy, and Northern Voice!

Community Announcements

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)!

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.

St. Mary's Veterans Memorial Health Centre — Updated Phone Numbers

The St. Mary's Veterans Memorial Health Centre phone numbers have been updated. Save the new numbers so you can easily reach the right team for appointments, inquiries, and services!

- **(506) 452-2760 — Doctor or Nurse**
  - Appointments & Inquiries

- **(506) 452-2750 — Nurse Practitioner & All Other Services**
  - Appointments and inquiries with the Nurse Practitioner
  - Bloodwork
  - Home Health Care
  - Mental Health & Addiction
  - Dental Clinic
  - Medical Transportation
  - Fresh Is Best
  - Gym Membership
  - Dinner & Movie
  - All other inquiries

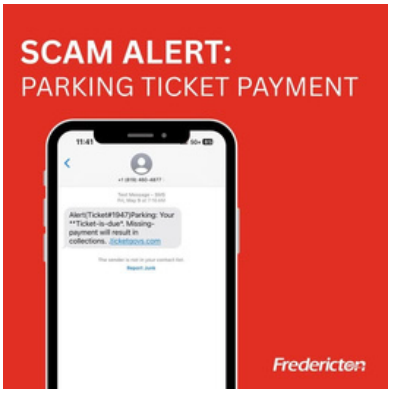
Community Announcements

Trail Safety: Be Cool. Follow the Rules.

Spring is here, and the City of Fredericton is reminding everyone to stay safe, friendly, and respectful on the city's trails.
Here are a few safety rules to keep in mind:

- No gas or diesel devices.
- Observe the 20 km/h speed limit. Respect is a two-way trail.
- Signal your presence with a bell. Trail safety is a team sport.
- Wear a helmet. Safety starts from the top, literally.
- Keep right except to pass. Trails are made to be shared.
- Stay alert and be considerate. Everyone's experience matters.
- Keep pets on a leash. Happy tails = happy trails.

SCAM ALERT: Fake Parking Ticket Texts



Fredericton Police Force is seeing an increase in calls regarding fraudulent texts claiming you owe money for a City of Fredericton parking ticket.

These messages are NOT from the City of Fredericton.
The City does not send parking ticket notices via text or social media.

What to do: • Do not click the link • Don't share personal info • Report to your cellphone provider and delete the message • Call FPF at 506-460-2300 if targeted

Legitimate tickets come via:
• Paper ticket on your vehicle
• Mailed notice to the registered owner

Please share this with friends, family, and seniors. If you've been targeted, please contact Fredericton Police at 506-460-2300.

Community Announcements

Application Period Now Open
University/College Entrance Preparation Program
2026-2027

UCEPP is a one-year liberal arts post-secondary program offered through SMFN Post-Secondary Education Department in partnership with St. Thomas University. It consists of eight university courses at the introductory level from various academic disciplines and a series of academic support workshops. The format is designed to provide students with a solid foundation of academic knowledge and skill sets to transition to an accredited post-secondary institution of their choice.

Benefits of UCEPP

UCEPP will be held in the community. Therefore the program has a smaller class size. Students are likely more comfortable to actively ask questions and actively participate in classroom discussions leading to a better understanding of course content and overall and an improved academic performance.

The program will also offer a series of workshops designed to provide students with essential university skills such as effective note taking, reading, academic writing and research, essay formats, citations, bibliographies, effective communication, study habits, and critical thinking. There will be various field trips to STU campus, the UNB library, and Provincial Archives.

Interested in UCEPP

If you are interested in applying for UCEPP, you must be a registered band member from any First Nation Community who has recently graduated from high school or an adult learner over the age of 21 with or without a high school diploma. The application for UCEPP involves two steps. All applicants must fill out an application with SMFN Post-Secondary Department (funding) as well as an online application to St. Thomas University. All applicants must meet St. Thomas University's entrance requirements. The deadline for applications is **June 25, 2026.**

If you require more information or require assistance with the application process, please reach out. We are here to help!

Annette Paul 506-458-5202 or via email annettepaul@smfn.ca
Donna Brooks 506-458-5398 or via email donnabrooks1919@gmail.com
Sally Brooks 506-452-9559 or via email sallybrooks@smfn.ca

Job Listings

Teaching Position:
Maliseet Language Instructor
Contract for Devon Middle School

The Director of St. Mary's First Nation Education Department is seeking a Maliseet speaker for the position of Maliseet Language Instructor with St. Mary's First Nation at the Devon Middle School location.

The successful candidate would be available to work Mondays to Fridays, throughout a middle school academic year.

Requirements:
- Minimum Grade 12 or High School Equivalent
- Proficient as a fluent or semi-fluent Maliseet speaker
- Native Language Immersion Teacher Training Certificate and / or St. Mary's First Nation Adult
- Immersion Certificate would be an asset
- Skillful in both reading and writing using the Maliseet language
- Bachelor of Education would be a definite asset

Duties:
In co-ordination with the other instructors, curriculum developer, and program assistant, the Maliseet instructor will be required to fulfill the following duties:
- Design and implement an environment where students have a chance to speak Maliseet.
- Instill a sense of pride in learning the Maliseet language.
- Help our students share with others the Maliseet language.
- Use technology to assist our students in practicing the Maliseet language.

Other Relevant Qualifications:
- Computer Skills including email and Microsoft Word
- Fluency of Maliseet language and knowledge of Maliseet culture and history
- Own vehicle would be an asset

How to Apply:
Please submit your resume, cover letter, and three references to:
St. Mary's First Nation Human Resources | 150 Cliffe Street (3rd Floor) Fredericton, N.B. E3A 0A1
humanresources@smfn.ca

Application Deadline: Friday June 26th, 2026 @ 12pm

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.

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