

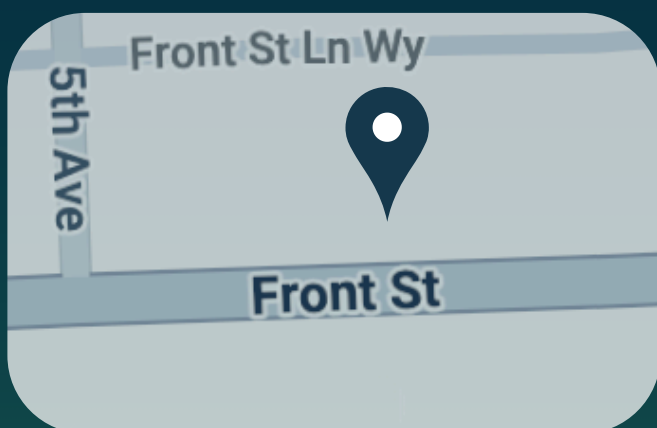


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IFNA'S SIOUX LOOKOUT OFFICE HAS MOVED



IFNA's Sioux Lookout office has officially moved to a new location at **60.5 Front Street, Sioux Lookout, ON P8T 1A3**. We look forward to welcoming you at our new location. Please update your records and use the new address for future visits and correspondence.

Our location has changed, but our commitment to the communities we serve remains the same.

MUSKRAT DAM YOUTH EXPLORE FIRE SERVICES

INTEGRATED EMERGENCY SERVICES

Youth in Muskrat Dam First Nation recently joined IFNA Regional Fire Rescue for hands-on fire services training on July 9th, 2026. Participants practiced using water pumps and nozzles while learning about emergency response. The session also built on interest sparked through IFNA Camp Molly, encouraging youth to explore careers in fire and emergency services.



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NEW 4X4 AMBULANCES SUPPORTS PARAMEDIC SERVICES FOR IFNA MEMBER NATIONS

INTEGRATED EMERGENCY SERVICES

During IFNA's quarterly Chiefs Meeting on August 19-20, leadership, Elders and staff had the opportunity to view two new 4x4 ambulances that will serve IFNA member nations, with the first ambulances going to Pikangikum First Nation with plans underway for other member Nations.

This marks a first in Ontario, and 4x4 ambulances are rare and specifically designed to travel on northern roads and through challenging conditions. The new ambulances will help strengthen paramedic services in Pikangikum First Nation. The new units will support paramedics in reaching residents safely and provide more reliable emergency care for the community. Their arrival marks an important step forward in supporting the health and safety in IFNA member Nations.



CONGRATULATIONS TO KI CHIEF AND COUNCIL



IFNA extends sincere congratulations to Chief Donny Morris on his re-election and to the newly elected Council of Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug.

We recognize the important responsibility that comes with serving the Nation and look forward to continuing to work alongside Chief and Council in support of the priorities, goals and well-being of KI.

We wish Chief Morris and Council continued strength and success throughout their term and look forward to building on our shared work toward a strong future for the Nation.



IFNA'S TEE OFF FOR TOMORROW CELEBRATES BIGGEST TOURNAMENT YET

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION

IFNA’s 5th Annual “Tee Off for Tomorrow” Student Fundraiser Golf Tournament, held on June 26th, was another incredible success, raising nearly \$30,000 to support First Nation students pursuing post-secondary education.

Through the generosity and support of everyone involved, Lakehead University, Confederation College and Oshki-Wenjack will each receive \$8,650 in bursary funding. These funds will help create more opportunities for First Nation students as they continue their education, build their skills and work toward their future goals.

Now in its fifth year, “Tee Off for Tomorrow” continues to bring people together for a meaningful cause. What started as a day on the golf course has grown into an important opportunity to invest in education and help reduce financial barriers for students.

Chi-miigwech to all of the sponsors, golfers, volunteers and partners who contributed to this year’s tournament. Your generosity and continued support helped make this our most successful year yet, and most importantly, will make a meaningful difference for First Nation students.



CELEBRATING SIOUX NORTH GRADUATES

EDUCATION

IFNA Education is proud to celebrate 11 students from Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug (KI) and Muskrat Dam First Nation who graduated from Sioux North High School this year.

To recognize this important milestone, graduates and their family members came together for a special graduation dinner. The evening was an opportunity to celebrate the students' hard work and accomplishments alongside the families who supported and encouraged them throughout their high school journey.

Congratulations to all 11 graduates on reaching this milestone. We wish each of you the very best as you take your next steps and begin a new chapter.

As we celebrate this year's graduates, IFNA Education is also excited to begin another school year. We are pleased to welcome new and returning students and look forward to supporting them as they settle in, continue their learning and work toward their goals throughout the year ahead.



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IFNA CAMP MOLLY INSPIRES YOUTH IN EMERGENCY SERVICES

INTEGRATED EMERGENCY SERVICES

From May 21–23, youth from IFNA’s five member Nations gathered in Lac Seul First Nation for the second IFNA Camp Molly. Girls aged 15–18 and non-binary youth took part in hands-on training designed to introduce them to careers in fire and emergency services.



Throughout the camp, participants gained practical experience in CPR, drone operations, wildland firefighting and vehicle extrication. The activities encouraged youth to try new skills, build confidence and learn more about the important work of emergency responders.

Camp Molly also provided a supportive space for participants to work together, make connections, build confidence, and explore future career opportunities in emergency services. IFNA IES is actively exploring opportunities for additional youth programs in all IFNA member Nations.



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