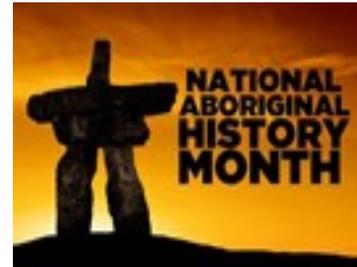




The Crisis/Support Line is available 24/7 to Women, Men and Youth who are seeking information or support for themselves, friends, family or neighbors. All calls are confidential.

National Indigenous History Month



June is National Indigenous History Month - a time for all Canadians - Indigenous, non-Indigenous and newcomers - to learn and reflect on the history, sacrifices, cultures, contributions, and strength of First Nations, Inuit and Metis people. It's important to keep in mind that First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples each have their own unique histories. And within each group, there are distinct histories.

The assimilation and segregation policies of the federal government, Indigenous Peoples were physically removed from their lands onto reserves or into settlements. The Indigenous people's relationship with their traditional lands was the foundation of who they are as People. The land holds their history. In addition to removing Indigenous peoples from their lands, everything that made them who they were - their distinct cultural practices, languages, spirituality - was outlawed, prohibited or erased. Educate yourself and your family about the history of Indigenous peoples.

This month, we can celebrate National Indigenous History Month to honour the history, heritage and diversity of Indigenous peoples in the Alderville Community and Canada.



National Indigenous Peoples Day

National Indigenous Peoples Day, June 21st, is an official day of celebration to recognize and honour the achievements, history and rich cultures of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples in Canada. Take this opportunity to celebrate your ancestors and the teachings they passed on to you. On this day applaud the strength your peoples and community holds. This special day is to inspire Canadians to learn about the "unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions" of Canada's First Nations groups, Inuit, and Metis. Indigenous Peoples Day gives many people the chance to learn more about Indigenous peoples, their contributions and outstanding achievements towards the country's development and progress.

Summer Solstice 2021
Celebrate the First Day of Summer, the longest day of light.

Sunday, June 20, 2021

AKG wanted to say Miigwetch for the Fundraiser donation organized by **Rob Craft BBQ Bottle Drive**. Your Support is greatly appreciated.

From the desk of the Executive Coordinator:

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of long term Board of Director Mary Jane King. She will be missed very much. In saying this, letters will be going out to Moose Deer Point, Scugog, Beausoleil and our neighbouring First Nation Curve Lake to recruit new Board Members. If you are from one of these First Nation and are interested in becoming a Board Member please approach your respected Chief and Council. Our Board meetings are being held virtually for now and meet quarterly. Anishinaabe Kwewag Gamig Inc. is a Regional Women's Shelter located in Alderville First Nation. On behalf of the Board of Directors I would also like to say thank you to a other long term Board Member/Treasurer Jackie Edgar-Tobin who has resigned her role as a Board Member for Scugog First Nation. Meegwetch!



Alderville Strong Women & Spirit Journal



Aaniin, AKG is asking for the community's help. This year to **honour the MMIWG** on October 4th, the shelter would like to create a journal booklet to **celebrate and honour the strong Indigenous women** in our lives. This is where we need your help. We are asking all **Alderville Community Members; Men, Women, and Children** if they would like to create a page for this journal, called Honouring Women and Spirit. Your submission could be a **poem, stories, teaching, pictures, sketches or letters to women**. You can sign your piece or keep it anonymous. There is **no age limit** and all entries will be Welcome. Please share this idea with family and friends.

**Submissions Due
August 31st**



Please submit your creation in PDF or Jpeg form to Sherry at akgcc@eagle.ca or call (905)352-3898 ext 3 to arrange pick up.

Each Submission will receive a copy of the Journal and a chance to win a prize.