Newsletter



November Updates

On October 29th, we proudly gathered for our Annual General Assembly with our member First Nations, Board of Directors, Elders, staff, the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS), and community partners.

Together, we reflected on a transformative year of growth, change, and preparation. Most notably, we celebrated receiving Stage C approval from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, a historic transition phase that brings MCFS one step closer to operating at full capacity as a mandated Indigenous Child Wellbeing Agency.

Upcoming Dates

National Indigenous - Nov 8
Veterans Day

Remembrance Day - Nov 11

Rock Your Mocs 2026 - Nov 15

Tehutʌnuhela:túhe' - Giving Thanks

Gashkadino-giizis - Freezing Over Moon

Winigischuch / Netamee Koonee - First Snow Moon

Member Nations

Message from Executive Director

Reflecting on our gathering this past October, I am filled with immense pride in how far we have come as a community. Seeing our member First Nations, our dedicated Board, our guiding Elders, and our Ministry and community partners united in one room at the Annual General Assembly was a powerful reminder of the collective responsibility we share for the safety, health, and well-being of our children.

This year has been defined by monumental growth, culminating in MCFS achieving Stage C Designation from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services. In the provincial child welfare framework, Stage C represents the critical transition phase. It signifies that the Ministry officially recognizes our readiness to develop the full operational capacity required to become a mandated Indigenous Child Wellbeing Agency.

This approval means we are actively building the final framework to deliver services directly on behalf of our First Nations, ensuring those services are culturally grounded, trauma-informed, and community-led.



Melissa Patrignin

Executive Director

Mnaasged Child and Family Services

Annual General Assembly

October 29th, London, ON



On October 29th, Mnaasged Child and Family Services gathered with our member First Nations, Board of Directors, Elders, staff, community partners and the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS) at the Best Western Plus Stoneridge Inn & Conference Centre.

We opened the day in a good way with prayer, smudge and an honour song, then came together to reflect on a year of growth, change and preparation, including receiving Stage C approval, an important step toward full designation.



Highlights from the Day

Annual General Assembly 2026







Highlights of the day included:

- The 2025–2026 Auditor's Report and Financial Statements, presented by BDO Canada
- Approval of the 2025 AGA minutes
- Bylaw ratification
- A message from the Elders' Council
- The Executive Director's Report
- Appointment of the Auditor

Thank you to everyone who attended, presented and helped make the day a success. We are grateful to walk this path together.

Read our 2025–2026 Annual Report: canva.link/mnaasged-aga-2026-full-report-final

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Board Leadership Update



Ross Albert, Board President, Munsee-Delaware Nation

Mnaasged Child and Family Services is pleased to share an update on the leadership of our Board of Directors.

Ross Albert of Munsee-Delaware Nation has stepped into the role of Board President, succeeding Vince George.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Vince for his leadership, dedication and contributions during his time as President, including guiding the Board through an important period of growth for Mnaasged.

We warmly welcome Ross to his new role and look forward to working together under his leadership as we continue to advance Mnaasged's priorities and our journey toward full designation.

Remembrance Day

On November 11th, Mnaasged Child and Family Services pauses to honour all those who have served, and continue to serve, in times of war, conflict and peace.

We especially remember the many First Nations, Métis and Inuit veterans who stepped forward to serve, often at great personal cost. Many returned home to face inequality and a lack of recognition for their sacrifices. Their courage, strength and commitment to their families and communities continue to inspire us today. We also recognize National Indigenous Veterans Day on November 8th.

We invite our staff, families and communities to join us in a moment of silence at 11:00 a.m. on November 11th, and to take time to learn about and honour the veterans from our member Nations.



Questions?

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