



Resource Development Advisor Open House

On Saturday March 27, 2010, from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm, there will be an “open house information session” for all band members regarding the Little Jackfish Hydro Development Project. This will also be an excellent opportunity for band members to come and fill out the Employment and Skills Inventory Survey’s. It is very important for band member’s to participate in this process because so many great education and training opportunities will be soon coming up.

Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek

There will be a laptop giveaway for attending this open house. To be eligible, members must complete the survey during the open house. If you have already mailed your survey in, your name will be added to the draw. All surveys will be kept strictly confidential and put into a data base to compile all the members’ skills.

Where: Victoria Inn
555 W. Arthur Street

When: 1pm—3:00pm

Lunch is provided at 12:00pm

Draws: laptop and every 20 minutes a name will be called for a gift certificate.

For more information, please contact Mike Lesperance, RDA, at the band office 807-623-2724.



Resource Development Advisor Update

As you are most likely aware, the Ontario Power Generation Corp. (OPG) is proposing to develop two "power generating stations" on the "Little Jackfish River" located on the northeast shores of Lake Nipigon. As a result, our community, Bingwi Neyaashi has signed an agreement with OPG to be actively engaged to participate in a three year Environmental Assessments study within the proposed site.

As part of the overall process, a number of benefits will accompany the project. In order for us to successfully capitalize on these opportunities we will need members to complete a skills inventory. I strongly encourage Band members to fill out a "skills inventory" form, with this, our people will be given every opportunity to further their education, to prosper and to live a good healthy life through education and training which will lead to meaningful long-term employment. To date, Bingwi Neyaashi has sent out over 220 forms receiving 34 in return.

We are currently developing a 10 year education work plan with Confederation College and negotiating with various funding agencies that could be available for the next decade. All levels of education will be available to our membership; starting with GED/ACE, post secondary courses. For students that qualify, they could roll right into an apprenticeship program of their choice.

