

Report prepared for Gakijiwanong Dec 2023

#### **Healing Camps**

Gakijiwanong Anishinaabe Nation has allocated funds for paying treatment facilities directly to avoid wait times for community members. Since September, four individuals have made use of this expedited service.

Gakijiwanong Anishinaabe Nation government is aware of the need for aftercare services close to home, and is in the financial costing stage to build transitional housing on reserve.



#### **Healing Streets**

Gakijiwanong Anishinaabe Nation has funded two outreach workers to visit major towns and cities from Kenora to Toronto. Support is being offered to community members in conjunction with local indigenous community centres.







# Healing Workshops

With support from Grand Council Treaty #3, Gakijiwanong Anishinaabe Nation has provided transportation, meals, and accomodations for 9 members to attend:

- Addictions Awareness Summit in Rainy River First Nation
- Youth Gathering Confidence and Harm Reduction Workshop in Winnipeg

Traditional Grief Workshop in Rainy River



# Waatebagaa-giizis (Leaves Turning Moon)





Over 40 members processed 800 pounds of wild rice over 3 days.



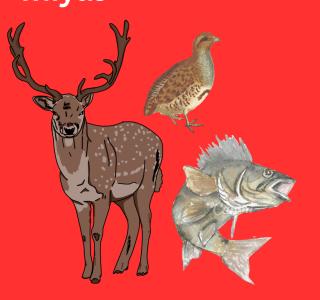


## Binaakwe-giizis (Falling Leaves Moon)



Adults and elders smoked deer meat in shacks and fried partridge and walleye over open fire with the children watching.

Akiinaawiya ogiigizizo'on bine'ug, ogaa, waaskeshi wiiyas





Binaakwe-giizis (Falling Leaves Moon)

ogii'ozhidoonawo agojiina Aakwiinowin madoodiswan akinaawiyag









Sweat lodge ceremonies begin taking place in the sweat lodge built by Gakijiwanong Anishinaabe Nation members outside the Aakwinowiin building.



## Gashkadino-Giizis (Freezing Over Moon)

abinoojii'ug gaakinomindo giibiizhaawag chi'ozhidoowat makwa bimide







All grades of the Zhiingwaako Zaaga'iganiing school came to participate in bear grease rendering.

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