

Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic

Overview of Services

Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic provides legal advice and assistance to residents of the District of Thunder Bay, particularly Indigenous people, who need assistance with poverty law issues. We help people get income maintenance benefits and maintain access to housing.

We offer our services at no cost to people with low incomes who meet our financial eligibility guidelines.

The main areas that we deal with are income maintenance – Ontario Works, Ontario Disability Support Program, CPP Disability, Employment Insurance, Canada Child Benefit – and preventing evictions.

In addition to casework, our staff are involved in community development projects, public legal education workshops, outreach activities, and law reform initiatives.

Our main office is in Thunder Bay and we have full-time branch offices in Geraldton and Marathon. Legal workers travel regularly to various towns and First Nation communities throughout the District of Thunder Bay. We also have toll-free numbers that can be dialed from anywhere in the District, and we accept collect calls. Our regular office hours are Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., closed for lunch between 12 noon and 1 p.m.

Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic is an independent, non-profit corporation overseen by an all-Indigenous Board of Directors. We are funded by Legal Aid Ontario.



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Office Expansion & Open House

In March 2024, we expanded our Thunder Bay office space to include half of the upper level at 86 S. Cumberland Street, in addition to our existing space on the entire lower level.

We are planning an Open House to welcome our members, clients, friends, community, and colleagues, on **Friday, July 25, 2025, 1:30 – 4 p.m.** Please drop by for refreshments and a tour!

Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic's 47th Anniversary

Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic first opened its doors on July 31, 1978. We will have coffee and donuts available in each of our three offices (Geraldton, Marathon, and Thunder Bay) on Thursday, July 31, to commemorate our anniversary.

Indigenous Cultural Coordinator Update

By Ann McGuire



Since July 2024, we started reading the Calls for Justice from the Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls at our weekly staff meeting. In our clinic system, we are knowledgeable about the crisis of MMIWG and support Families in raising awareness of the issue. For the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (Red Dress Day) we made our community Red Dresses at our Staff Training Session in March which was on display at our clinics on May 5, 2025. It is a time to educate, reflect, and remember those who are missing and honor those who have passed on into the spirit world.

New Directions Speakers' School

New Directions Speakers' School provides a free, 14-week course twice a year, teaching public speaking and leadership skills in an environment of peer support. The training consists of exercises on effective communication, public speaking and group facilitation, combined with discussions on social justice issues and other related topics. Guest speakers present on a variety of issues relating to disability, poverty, and unemployment.



The school's main purpose is to develop public speaking and leadership skills and to raise awareness of social justice issues.

The school is open to anyone who is an injured worker, living in poverty or facing other economic challenges. The school attempts to address and overcome barriers to participation and promotes an atmosphere of peer support and mutual aid.

The City of Thunder Bay discontinued funding for Speakers' School in 2023 and other funding sources have dwindled. The Board of NDSS is looking at partnerships in the community to continue this popular and valuable program.

If you would like additional information on New Directions Speakers' School or would like to learn how you can participate or volunteer, please email at: speakersschool@gmail.com

Good Food Box



Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic is a host site for the Good Food Box program in Thunder Bay.

The Good Food Box is a non-profit program for families and individuals who want to purchase quality, fresh, local produce at a lower price than shopping at grocery stores.

You can purchase a box for \$22. Boxes are ordered and paid for by the first Thursday of each month. Food is available for pick up at the legal clinic on the 2nd last Thursday of the month.

This means food is accessible at a time when some have less money available for buying food. There are many other host sites throughout the city, to make it easier for people to pick up their food. To find the host site closest to you, call (807) 345-7819.

To order and pick up a Good Food Box through the legal clinic's office at 86 S. Cumberland Street, please call (807) 344-2478 for more information.

Update on Thunder Bay's Temporary Shelter Village Initiative

By Claire Littleton

The City of Thunder Bay has developed a human rights-based Encampment response action plan. This 10-part plan was approved by Thunder Bay City Council in October 2024. One of the key components of the plan is the development of a temporary shelter, known as "the Village". According to the City of Thunder Bay, the Village will provide access to warm, secure shelter as well as connection to mental health, addiction and housing supports that help residents move toward permanent, safe, and affordable housing. The expectation is also that the Village will help reduce strain on emergency and social services.

According to Rilee Willianen, City of Thunder Bay Drug Strategy Specialist, "This initiative supports the well-being of the entire community. We know from research that providing safer shelter options helps individuals stabilize and access services and reduces encampments. The Village represents a smart investment in both compassion and community resilience."

The current plan is that the Village will have capacity for up to 100 units, along with hygiene and laundry facilities, an office and indoor common space, an outdoor gathering area, and staff parking. The current target is to have 80 units built by the end of 2025.

Thunder Bay City Council had considered several locations for the Village. After consulting with various stakeholders, including people with lived experience, service providers, business owners, and other local residents, a report was presented to Council on April 28, 2025. Following ratification on May 5, 2025, the City of Thunder Bay will now move forward with establishing a temporary shelter village for unhoused individuals at the Kam River Heritage Park. Construction is to begin in July, and occupancy will be phased-in prior to winter.

The City of Thunder Bay's website at www.thunderbay.ca has more information about this initiative.



One of several conceptual drawings showing what the proposed temporary village at Kam River Heritage Park might look like (City of Thunder Bay)

Tenants Win When They Work Together

By Matthew Jollineau

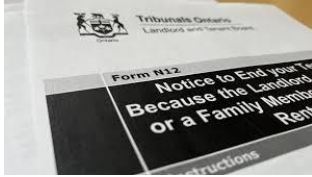
Often, tenants can feel alone when they are struggling to deal with a landlord who refuses to do repairs or who is harassing them, but, tenants can work together to assert their rights. Tenants can reach out to their neighbours and work together in a Tenants' Association.

In a Tenants' Association, tenants can work together to advocate for shared needs, to urge their landlord to do repairs and stop harassing tenants, and to share information about how they can take legal action to assert their rights. Together, tenants can push back against illegal rent increases, and pressure landlords to follow the law. When they work together in an Association, tenants do not have to face their landlord alone.

Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic can provide tenants with information and resources about how they can work with their neighbours to form a Tenants' Association and how to take action.



4 Form N12 Eviction Notices (*Notice to End Your Tenancy Because the Landlord, a Purchaser, or a Family Member Requires the Rental Unit*) *By Kelly King*



We are receiving more calls for intake from tenants who are being served with a Form N12. As housing costs soar, landlords in Ontario are increasingly using “own-use” evictions to reclaim rental units, leaving tenants scrambling to find new homes. Tenants are left to find another unit in a housing market that is difficult and expensive. This becomes a problem for those who are receiving limited incomes and trying to secure accommodation. Some landlords are using the Form N12, which allows them to end a tenancy for the landlord’s own use, to evict tenants and then re-rent the unit at a higher price. This form allows a landlord to end a tenancy if they or an immediate family member such as a parent, child, or spouse requires the rental unit for residential use. Although the immediate family member is to reside in the unit for a year, in some cases the family member/s never end up occupying the unit. The eviction becomes a farce in the sense that the landlord has served the tenant a notice in “bad faith”. The landlord’s motive in serving the N12 is not in line with the intention of the notice.



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Clients who contact our office are provided with summary advice about the notice and an explanation as to what constitutes as a “bad faith” notice. Clients are provided the tools and guidance as to how to handle the landlord and the circumstances for the N12 to prevent them from being evicted for the sole purpose of a landlord wanting to make more money. Clients are made aware of their rights and in turn are more apt to challenge the notice and landlord. A majority of tenants who have been served an N12 have an inkling when a notice has been served in “bad faith”. Kinna-aweya provides them with the confidence they need to stand up against wrongly being evicted and preserve tenancies.

Boarding Homes Class Action

By Melanie MacKenzie

The settlement provides compensation to Indigenous people who were removed from their communities as children and placed in private homes to attend primary or secondary school between September 1, 1951, and June 30, 1992. People placed after June 30, 1992, are also included if Canada was responsible for their placement.

There are two claim forms. The first is for all people who were part of the Indian Boarding Homes Program. All claimants must complete that form. The second is for those who suffered abuse while at the private homes.

People who were placed in private homes, but died on or after July 24, 2016, may also be eligible, and their **Estate** can apply on their behalf.

Claimants must submit claims before the **deadline of Monday, February 22, 2027**.

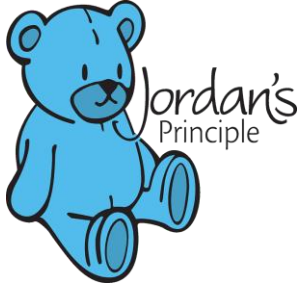
Forms are available at Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic. If you need assistance completing a form, please call our office.

Information, forms, or updates can be found here: <https://boardinghomesclassaction.com/>.



The Breakdown of Jordan's Principle

By Sarah Racine – Housing Systems Navigator, Eviction Prevention Program



Jordan's Principle is a child-first principle that ensures First Nations children in Canada have access to public services and benefits on the same terms as other children. It was named after Jordan River Anderson, a First Nations boy who died in 2005 while governments fought over who should pay for his medical care. The principle mandates that First Nations children receive essential services—such as health care, education, and social services—without delays or discrimination due to jurisdictional disputes. Jordan's Principle involves ensuring that governments, at all levels, must act quickly to provide necessary services, and any disputes about financial responsibility must not delay a child's care.

The breakdown of Jordan's Principle has had a particularly harmful impact on Indigenous families in terms of housing. While the principle was designed to ensure that First Nations children have access to essential services, including healthcare, education, and housing, jurisdictional disputes between federal and provincial governments often delay or deny necessary housing support. As a result, Indigenous families may face prolonged waits or inadequate housing solutions, leaving them in unsafe or at risk living conditions. These delays not only affect the physical well-being of children but also add stress to families already struggling with systemic inequities. The lack of consistent, timely application of Jordan's Principle in housing means many families are left without the safe, adequate living conditions they deserve, perpetuating a cycle of poverty and instability.

At Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic, the Eviction Prevention Program has utilized Jordan's Principle to assist those we serve by helping to pay rental arrears, supplement rental payments, and pay utilities to preserve and maintain current housing. However, delays and loss of access to this service have negatively impacted our work, hindering our ability to support families effectively and exacerbating housing instability. Without consistent application of Jordan's Principle, families are at greater risk of eviction and further housing insecurity, which perpetuates the ongoing challenges faced by Indigenous communities.

Support for Canadians with Disabilities

By Kim Facca

The Canada Disability Benefit will be a new income-tested benefit providing low and modest-income working-age persons with disabilities up to \$200 per month in financial support. The first month of eligibility for the benefit will be June 2025, and it is expected that payments will begin in July 2025.

We do not know whether the Canada Disability Benefit will be considered income and deducted from Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support payments yet however the benefit is likely to impact the calculation of rent for anyone who has a rent geared to income rent subsidy.

To be eligible for the benefit, individuals need to be aged 18 to 64 and have been approved for the Disability Tax Credit. They also need to have filed their income tax return, as does their spouse or common-law partner if they have one.

The application process for the Canada Disability Benefit is not yet open. More details will be available on the [Canada Disability Benefit application page](#) in the coming months, including information on when, where and how to apply.

If you are interested in applying for the Canada Disability Benefit and you are not approved for the Disability Tax Credit yet, you should apply for the Disability Tax Credit right away: [learn how to apply for the DTC](#) and submit an application for the Disability Tax Credit to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).



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Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program

By Chantal Walterson

The Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program is a government-funded dental care program. It provides free, routine dental services for low-income seniors who are 65 years of age or older who meet specific income criteria. **To qualify, a single senior must earn less than \$22,200 per year, or a couple must have a combined income of \$37,100 or less, without other dental benefits.** Seniors can access these services through Public Health Units, Community Health Centres, and Aboriginal Health Access Centres across Ontario.

The program covers various dental services, including;

- Check-ups, including scaling, fluoride and polishing
- Repairing broken teeth and cavities
- X-rays
- Removing teeth or abnormal tissue (oral surgery)
- Anesthesia
- Treating infection and pain (endodontic services)
- Treating gum conditions and diseases (periodontal services)

Certain dental procedures under the OSDCP have limits based on scientific and clinical criteria. A senior/elder OSDCP dental provider can provide more information based on the person's situation.

Dentures

Dental prosthetics (prosthodontic services), including dentures, will be partially covered. Thunder Bay District Health Unit, 999 Balmoral Street, Thunder Bay P7B 6E7, 625-5900 can be contacted for more information.

Coverage period

- Once a senior/elder enrolls in the program, coverage period is for up to one year.
- Coverage will end on July 31st every year, no matter when the senior/elder enrolled.

Eligibility

- 65 years of age or older
- are a resident of Ontario
- meet the income requirements:
 - a) an annual net income of \$25,000 or less for a single senior
 - b) a combined annual net income of \$41,500 or less for a couple
- have no other form of dental benefits, apart from the Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP), including private insurance or dental coverage under another government program such as:
 - a) Ontario Works
 - b) Ontario Disability Support Program
 - c) Non-Insured Health Benefits

A Senior/Elder may qualify for the CDCP and may still be eligible for the OSDCP provided he/she meets the eligibility criteria. Income amounts will be verified using the person's Social Insurance Number provided on their application to the program. The SIN will be used to verify annual income from filed tax returns.

Applying by mail

- Application form can be downloaded and printed from internet from <https://forms.mgcs.gov.on.ca/en/dataset/014-5125-20> or obtained in person from any Public Health Units in Ontario.
- Application forms are to be mailed to; Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program Station P, P.O. Box 159, Toronto, Ontario M5S 2S7

Applying for the program when a Senior/Elder does not have a Social Insurance Number and/or did not file a personal tax return in the previous year.

If an applicant does not have a SIN or did not file taxes in the previous year, an application for the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program application can be completed through the guarantor form.

<https://forms.mgcs.gov.on.ca/dataset/014-5126-20>

A guarantor is someone who can confirm the identity, age and residency of the individual or couple applying to the program. The guarantor must be: • a Canadian citizen and at least 18 years of age

If more than one person in your household is applying, you only need one guarantor per household.

Canadian Dental Care Plan expands to include millions of new eligible Canadians

All remaining eligible Canadians aged 18 to 64 years-old will be able to apply for the CDCP in May 2025; with coverage starting as early as June 1, 2025.

Applications will open by age group:

- May 1: 55 to 64 years old
- May 15: 18 to 34 years old
- May 29: 35 to 54 years old

To qualify for the CDCP, applicants must:

- Not have access to dental insurance.
- Have filed their individual 2024 tax return in Canada (and their spouse's or common-law partner's, if applicable)
- Have an adjusted family net income of less than \$90,000
- Be a Canadian resident for tax purposes

As with previous cohorts, eligible Canadians will be able to apply online, by phone, or by visiting a Service Canada Centre.

Beginning of renewal process

From March 2025 onward, current CDCP members must take action to renew their coverage. CDCP members must have filed their 2024 tax return and received their 2024 Notice of Assessment from the Canada Revenue Agency before applying for renewal at canada.ca/dental, in [My Service Canada Account \(MSCA\)](#) or by telephone.

CDCP members must submit their renewal applications by June 1, 2025, to ensure uninterrupted coverage. Coverage for those who do not renew will end on June 30, 2025 and any oral health care services received during a gap in coverage will not be eligible for reimbursement.

For more information, visit Canada.ca/dental.

Changes at the Marathon Branch Office

By Brandi DeJonge

After 26 years of service, Miriam McCutcheon has retired from her role as Community Legal Worker, and we wish her all the best in this new chapter.

I'd like to introduce myself, Brandi DeJonge, as the new Community Legal Worker in Marathon. It means a great deal to me to serve in a role that supports the well-being and rights of people in this community. I look forward to continuing to build relationships, provide legal support, and work toward improving access to justice for those who need it most.

I am also pleased to welcome back Julia Michano as our Administrative Assistant. Julia brings a wealth of experience and a warm, familiar presence that many clients will recognize and appreciate. Together, we're committed to strengthening community partnerships, increasing public legal education, and expanding outreach across the region.

Please feel free to reach out or stop by—we look forward to connecting with you!

8 Canada Child Benefit

The Canada Child Benefit has become a very significant part of low-income families' income. Our clinic has been retained by parents whose benefits are being reviewed by Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).

The CRA requests extensive information and sometimes it can be very difficult and at times costly to get this information. If parents are not able to provide this information, their benefits are cut off. Once this happens, overpayments, often totaling tens of thousands of dollars, are declared against them.

We are able to provide assistance for Canada Child Benefit matters. In addition, the Federal Members of Parliament (MPs) can assist: Patty Hajdu Constituency Office: 3 – 705 Red River Road, 766-2090, toll free at 1-888-266-8004 and Marcus Powlowski Constituency Office: 1 - 905 E. Victoria Ave., 625-1160, toll free at 1-800-667-6186.



Community Volunteer Income Tax Program

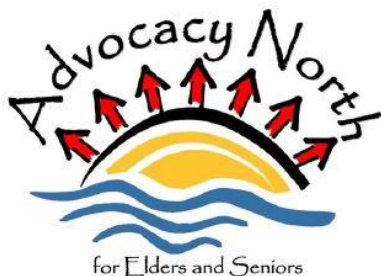
The Community Volunteer Income Tax Program is a partnership between the Canada Revenue Agency and various organizations and volunteers. The program is designed to assist financially eligible people who are unable to prepare their own income tax return. This free program assists people who cannot afford to pay to have their taxes completed and as a result, obtain income they would not otherwise receive. Completing a tax return is needed in order to qualify for many government funded programs, including the Canada Child Benefit, GST, and Ontario Trillium Benefit.

Our Geraldton and Marathon branch offices assist people in their communities who have low income and simple tax situations. In Thunder Bay, clients are referred to the Lakehead Social Planning Council, who have a team of CVITP volunteers who provide this service.

Advocacy North for Elders and Seniors

By Megan Stuckey

The Advocacy North staff lawyer, Megan Stuckey, will be returning this spring and fall to provide legal presentations and services to seniors:



- June 2-16 – Terrace Bay, Red Rock, Nipigon, Thunder Bay, Armstrong, and Marathon
- November 3-12 – Geraldton, Marathon, and Thunder Bay.

Webinars for Seniors resume in November with sessions on Consumer Protection and Senior Scams: November 19, December 3, and December 17.

Comings and Goings

By Beth Ponka

- Miriam McCutcheon has officially retired from Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic! Miriam's last day was Friday, March 7. An Open House was held in Marathon and a retirement dinner was held in Thunder Bay, to send Miriam off with our well wishes. Thank you Miriam for your years of service, and best wishes to you in your retirement!
- Brandi DeJonge was the successful applicant to replace Miriam as the Marathon Community Legal Worker. Brandi was the Administrative Assistant in the Marathon office since 2022 and is very familiar with our services and clients. She is committed to our clients and the communities we serve and is eager to foster new relationships and connections. Congratulations, Brandi!
- We are thrilled to welcome back Julia Michano, to the position of Admin Assistant in the Marathon office. Julia and Brandi are a great team. They work well together and they will do a fantastic job providing legal services to our clients and communities in the Marathon area.
- Our two Pro Bono Students Canada law students, Renee and Raj, volunteered in our office on a weekly basis during the academic year, finishing at the end of March. The primary project they worked on was creating a spreadsheet and cataloguing the documents in our ID Bank. Best wishes to Renee and Raj as they continue in their studies at the Bora Laskin Faculty of Law.
- Allister McGillivray finished his contract as a staff lawyer with us on Friday, May 2, and Molly MacDonald has returned from her maternity leave on Monday, May 5.
- Jessica Barry and Ann McGuire have taken on additional responsibilities to work with Sarah Racine in the Eviction Prevention Program providing supports to clients and continuing our participation in various community development projects and partnerships.
- Jenni Chapman was our law placement student in the fall term (September to December 2024). Jenni travelled to several of our communities in September for our Area Community Meetings, and got to meet many of our members and clients. We wish her the best of luck in her final term of law school. Congratulations, Jenni!
- Neebin Scanlon Wabasse, a law student at the Bora Laskin Faculty of Law, will be joining us for the summer on a Law Foundation of Ontario grant. Neebin will also be our law placement student January to April, 2026. Welcome aboard, Neebin!
- Since our last newsletter, we've also had some changes on our Board of Directors. Terrence Franck was elected to the Board of Directors at our Thunder Bay Area Community Meeting and Mark Celeiro was elected to the Board of Directors at our Geraldton Area Community Meeting. Terrence replaced Robyn Medicine and Mark replaced Andrea O'Nabigon. A warm welcome to Terrence and Mark, and sincere thanks and appreciation to Andrea and Robyn for their time volunteering on our Board of Directors. Chi Miigwech!

In Memoriam

We were shocked and saddened by the passing of our former Board member, Robyn Medicine. Robyn served on our Board of Directors while working at the Thunder Bay Public Library. She was a fierce advocate in the community and developed programs at the library that supported Indigenous authors and storytellers. She created the SOAR program – Stories of Anishinaabe Resilience, an amazing program to increase awareness and commemorate the history and legacy of St. Joseph's Residential School.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Gilbert Deschamps, a long-time member of Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic. Gilbert was a member from Lake Helen First Nation and attended many Area Community Meetings and our AGM several times. Gilbert worked as our Tenant Duty Counsel advice lawyer many years ago.

Our sincere condolences to the friends and family of Robyn and Gilbert. May they rest in peace.

COMING SOON! Legal Advice on Sexual Harassment in the Workplace

- We will be hiring a part-time legal worker to provide legal advice on Sexual Harassment in the Workplace. Funding is being provided by the federal government through a project grant administered by the Northumberland legal clinic. The project is funded through to March 31, 2027. We hope to have someone in place by June 2025.

Board of Directors 2024/25

Alta Fenton	President	Thunder Bay
Candace Davies	Vice-President	Nipigon
Cindy Whittington	Secretary/Treasurer	Thunder Bay
Theresa Ray	Director	Marathon
Angela Nodin	Director	Armstrong
Terrence Franck	Director	Thunder Bay
Mark Celeiro	Director	Geraldton

Staff Members

Geraldton Office:

Chantal Walterson
Pam Leblanc
Community Legal Worker/Licensed Paralegal
Administrative Assistant

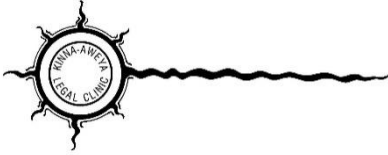
Marathon Office:

Brandi DeJonge
Julia Michano
Community Legal Worker
Administrative Assistant

Thunder Bay Office:

Jessica Barry
Kim Facca
Teri Hofer
Cindy Johnson
Matthew Jollineau
Kelly King
Tracey Lawrence
Claire Littleton
Molly MacDonald
Melanie MacKenzie
Ann McGuire
Beth Ponka
Sarah Racine
Caycie Soke
Terri Zeleny
Administrative Assistant
Community Legal Worker/Registered Social Worker
Executive Assistant
Executive Assistant
Staff Lawyer (Term Contract)
Community Legal Worker/Intake Worker
Community Legal Worker/Licensed Paralegal
Staff Lawyer/Coordinator of Legal Services
Staff Lawyer
Community Legal Worker/Licensed Paralegal
Cultural Coordinator
Director of Administration
Housing Systems Navigator – Eviction Prevention Project
Staff Lawyer (On Leave)
Administrative Assistant/Receptionist





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The clinic's main office is in Thunder Bay and there are two branch offices in Geraldton and Marathon. Each branch office is staffed by a full-time legal worker and a full-time administrative assistant and the legal workers are supervised by lawyers in the Thunder Bay office.

The branch office legal workers travel to the following First Nation communities: Pays Plat, Biigtigong Nishnaabeg, Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg, Long Lake 58, Ginoogaming, Aroland, Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek, Lake Helen, and Animiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek. In addition, they travel to the following non-reserve communities: Manitouwadge, Terrace Bay, Schreiber, Nakina, Jellicoe, Longlac, Beardmore, Caramat, and Nipigon.

Geraldton and Area

404 Main Street, Unit A
P.O. Box 1090
Geraldton, ON P0T 1M0
Phone: (807)854-1278
Fax: (807)854-1542
Toll Free: 1-866-875-4952

Marathon and Area

#101 – 52 Peninsula Square
P.O. Box 658
Marathon, ON P0T 2E0
Phone: (807)229-2290
Fax: (807)229-0486
Toll Free: 1-866-389-1477

Important Dates to Remember:

Area Community Meetings are held every year in Armstrong, Geraldton, Marathon, Nipigon, and Thunder Bay. These meetings provide members with an update of the legal clinic's activities over the past year.

This year, the meetings are scheduled as follows:

Nipigon:	Wednesday, September 10, 2025 Location: <i>TBD</i>	Noon
Marathon:	Monday, September 15, 2025 Biigtigong Nishnaabeg Community Hall 78 Pic River Road, Heron Bay, ON	5:30 p.m.
Geraldton:	Tuesday, September 16, 2025 Location: <i>TBD</i>	5:00 p.m.
Armstrong:	Wednesday, September 24, 2025 Whitesand Health Centre, Board Room Whitesand First Nation	6:00 p.m.
Thunder Bay:	Friday, September 26, 2025 Prince Arthur Hotel, Bertrand Room 17 N. Cumberland St., Thunder Bay	Noon

The following Board member terms are expiring at these meetings:

Alta Fenton (Thunder Bay), Candace Davies (Nipigon), and Theresa Ray (Marathon).

Annual General Meeting: Saturday, October 25, 2025, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Thunder Bay, Location *TBD*

Membership in the legal clinic is open to people 18 years of age and older who reside in the District of Thunder Bay. New members are welcome!



KINNA-AWEYA LEGAL CLINIC Membership Application

NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

(Street and Post Office Box Number if applicable)

(City/Town)

(Postal Code)

CELL PHONE _____ HOME _____

DATE OF BIRTH* _____ EMAIL _____

(DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

*to confirm that member is at least 18 years of age

Full Membership in the Legal Clinic shall be open to any person of Indigenous ancestry who is a resident in the District of Thunder Bay in the Province of Ontario and who is eighteen years of age or older.

Associate Membership shall be open to any interested persons.

Honorary Membership shall be open to any person who, in the opinion of the Board of Directors of the Legal Clinic or that of the Full Members at an Annual General Meeting of the Legal Clinic, merits such special consideration.

Only Full Members of the Legal Clinic shall be entitled to hold office in the Legal Clinic, to sit on the Board of Directors of the Legal Clinic, to be elected as delegates at General Meetings and to vote at any meetings of the Legal Clinic.

Persons applying for membership in the Legal Clinic shall be added to its membership register upon receipt of their application. The Board reserves the right to terminate membership for good and proper reason. The Directors may set membership dues and fees, if any, by By-law. Currently there are no dues/fees.

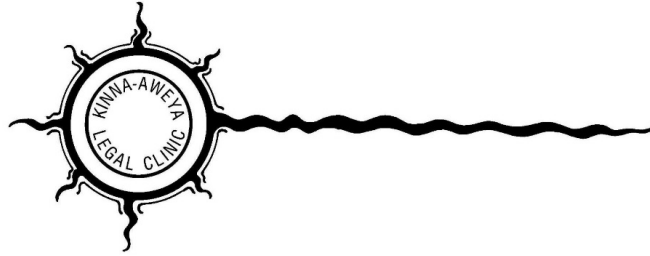
TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP FULL _____ I am a person with Indigenous ancestry
 ASSOCIATE _____ HONORARY _____ (Approved by the Board)

I am applying to become a member of Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic. I understand that my personal information will be kept on a Membership Register and my name and address can be shared with other members of the legal clinic for businesses purposes related to Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic, in accordance with the *Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act*.

SIGNATURE

DATE

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Benefits of being a member of the legal clinic include:

- Access to information about the programs and services offered by Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic
- Information about poverty law issues such as social assistance, tenant rights, community development, and law reform
- Supporting the clinic in providing vital services in our community
- Annual newsletter
- Invitation to attend Annual Community Meetings held in each of our five main communities (Armstrong, Geraldton, Marathon, Nipigon and Thunder Bay) every September.
- Opportunity to attend Annual General Meeting in Thunder Bay October. Travel expenses and accommodations are paid for delegates coming from the outlying communities.
- Ability to become a member of the Board of Directors

Please return your completed Membership Application to:

Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic
86 S. Cumberland Street
Thunder Bay, ON P7B 2V3

Or by email to kinna.noreply@kinna.clcj.ca

Or by fax to 807-345-2842