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# 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.



## New Logo and Updated Website

Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic approached Elder Helen Young to help us translate “Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic” into Anishnawbemowin. Elder Helen gifted us with the name “Kinna-aweya Inaakonigewigamig” and this was incorporated into a new logo, along with a French translation. The four traditional colours of the medicine wheel were also incorporated into the new logo.

We feasted and launched the new logo in 2025 and it looks amazing! We are transitioning the new logo into our printed materials and signage; we have a new sign on the exterior of our office in Thunder Bay and new signage is coming soon in our branch offices.

We also wanted our website to reflect our new logo and make the information available in Anishnawbemowin and French. We retained the services of Shout Media and the newly designed website is now live and can be viewed at <https://kalc.ca>.

## 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 most recent graduation was in March 2026, and seven students presented their graduation speeches.

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](mailto:speakersschool@gmail.com)

## New Directions Speakers' School – Graduation 2026

The spring Graduation was held at the OPSEU Building this year and the event went well with good food, speeches and prizes attended by over 70 people. Shaw/Rogers Media was on site. This year Jase Watford was the Facilitator, and classes were held at Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic on Monday evenings. A big thanks to OPSEU, Thunder Bay Injured Workers' Support Group, PSCA, The United Way and Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic for making this a success.

Co-Chair Ann McGuire



*Sandi Boucher with Speaker School Grads at Diversity Event, 2026*

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## Basic Income Pilot Class Action Update

*By Claire Littleton*

In 2017 the Ontario Government introduced the Basic Income Pilot in three communities across the province – Lindsay, Hamilton, and Thunder Bay and surrounding areas. The idea was to try out a basic income model in which participants agreed to receive a monthly basic income in exchange for sharing information about how the basic income affected their lives. Although this was supposed to be a long-term program, it was unfortunately cancelled by the newly elected provincial government on July 31, 2018 with final payments made on March 25, 2019.

A group of participants started a class action against the Province based on the principles of breach of contract. On March 4, 2024 the Ontario Superior Court certified the class action.

Everyone who was enrolled by the Province in the Basic Income Pilot Project as part of the Payment Group are included in the class. Those who meet this definition and wish to remain in the class don't need to do anything at this time; you are automatically included in the class unless you choose to opt out. The deadline for opting out is May 18, 2026.

If you are a class member, you can complete a form so that you will receive updates about the case. More information, including the form for signing up for updates about the case, is available here: <https://www.cavalluzzo.com/basicincomeclassaction>.

## Maytree Report: How Ontario's Social Assistance System Exacerbates Homelessness

*By Claire Littleton*

In January 2026, Maytree published a report called 'Designed to fail: How Ontario's income security policies create and perpetuate homelessness'. The report explains how Ontario's social assistance system exacerbates homelessness through inadequate Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program rates and punitive overly burdensome shelter allowance rules. The report offers helpful insights into the intersections of our two primary areas of practice and is a great jumping off point for future law reform initiatives. For those interested in reading the report, it's available here:

<https://maytree.com/publications/designed-to-fail-how-ontarios-income-security-policies-create-and-perpetuate-homelessness/>



## 4 The Eviction Prevention Program (EPP)

*Sarah Racine - Housing Systems Navigator*

The Eviction Prevention Program (EPP) continues to operate on track and is meeting its intended goals. The program plays an important role in supporting individuals and families in Thunder Bay who are at risk of losing their housing, offering both early support and help during crisis situations.



One of the program's key strengths is the ability to step in early. Over \$106,000 in rental arrears support was provided, helping to prevent evictions and keep people housed. These financial supports are combined with ongoing guidance, advocacy, and help navigating systems, so clients are supported beyond just the immediate issue.

The program takes a client-focused approach, looking at the full range of needs a person may have. In addition to housing, staff assist with income supports, identification, cultural connections, and access to community services. This approach has been especially helpful for individuals facing multiple challenges such as health concerns, poverty, or isolation.



One example involved supporting a senior woman who had experienced repeated housing loss and was living outside. Through ongoing support and coordination with partner agencies, she was able to reconnect with family and move into a more stable living situation. This reflects the program's focus on practical, long-term solutions.

Partnerships continue to be an important part of the program's success. Working closely with other agencies allows staff to share information, coordinate support, and respond more effectively to complex situations.



The Eviction Prevention Program (EPP) continues to take an active role in community outreach to increase awareness of housing supports and connect with individuals early. This includes attending events such as the Dennis Franklin Cromarty High School career fair, working with Confederation College's Negahneewin Student Services, and participating in P.A.C.E. programming. We also make a point to engage in any additional opportunities that arise, whether through community events, partner agencies, or informal connections. These outreach efforts allow us to build relationships, share information in accessible ways, and ensure people know where to turn before their housing situation reaches a crisis point.

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### **EPP/Caseworker Thunder Bay PLE**

*By Caycie Soke*

There is a large residential complex in which rents to many seniors and people with disabilities. Over the past year there have been a number of news articles concerning serious maintenance and repair issues in the building, brought forth by the residents. Two staff lawyers, along with the Eviction Prevention Project team, held and facilitated a tenant rights workshop on January 9, 2026 for the residents. We provided information on their rights and responsibilities as tenants and how to assert these rights within the Residential Tenancies Act framework. We will be scheduling a second session shortly to provide support to tenants who may want to organize or complete their own tenant applications.

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## Upcoming Walk-in Birth Certificate Clinics in Thunder Bay!

By Brittany Bocoock, Social Work Placement Student

Free walk-in birth certificate clinics are being offered this summer at NorWest Community Health Centres and Roots Community Food Centre. These sessions provide one-on-one support to help you complete your application at no cost.

### **Birth Certificate Clinic Locations & Dates**

**NorWest Community Health Centres** 525 Simpson St (Kam Room), Thunder Bay, ON, P7C 3J6  
Mondays 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM



- June 8, 2026
- July 13, 2026
- August 10, 2026

**Contact:** 807-626-7870 | balbert@norwestchc.org

**Roots Community Food Centre** 450 Fort William Rd, Thunder Bay, ON, P7B 2Z6

Thursdays 10:30AM-4:30PM

- May 21, 2026
- June 18, 2026
- July 23, 2026
- August 27, 2026

**Contact:** 807-707-4906 | katie@rootscfc.org

If available, please bring details such as your date and place of birth, legal name at birth and any name changes, as well as parental information (names, dates and places of birth, and marital status). Guarantor information is also recommended. This should be an adult who has known you for at least two years and meets eligibility requirements such as a member of certain professions or practicing members in good standing of a provincial regulatory body.

## ONTARIO DISABILITY SUPPORT PROGRAM (ODSP) OVERPAYMENTS

By Melanie MacKenzie

Over the past two years, our office has seen a significant increase in the number of ODSP recipients being issued overpayments related to federal benefits, such as the Canada Pension Plan (CPP). In some cases, these overpayments exceed \$100,000 and date back more than ten years.

Under ODSP legislation, benefits received from sources such as the Canada Pension Plan (CPP), Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB), or Old Age Security (OAS) must be deducted dollar-for-dollar from a recipient's ODSP entitlement.

### INTERNAL REVIEWS

Internal review requests for ODSP recipients—in cases where files have been suspended or overpayments issued—are no longer being processed by our local office.

As a result, many internal reviews are not completed within the legislated timelines, leading to a growing backlog. For example, one client submitted a request for an internal review in December. Although the matter has proceeded to appeal and a hearing is scheduled for the end of June, the Ministry has yet to complete the internal review.

## Exploring the Potential for an Indigenous Friendship Centre in Marathon

*By Brandi DeJonge*

Over the past few years, our office has heard from community members and clients, both individually and through our Area Community Meeting (ACM) and Annual General Meeting (AGM) about gaps in local services and a desire for more culturally grounded supports, pointing to interest in exploring additional resources in Marathon.

In response, we hosted a public meeting on February 6, 2026, to gauge community interest in establishing an Indigenous Friendship Centre. Attendees shared their thoughts, ideas, and concerns, highlighting the need for culturally appropriate programming, accessible services, and a welcoming space that reflects and supports the Indigenous community.

Following the meeting, we connected with the Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres (OFIFC) to understand the requirements and considerations involved. Potential pathways include building on an existing Indigenous organization, creating a new incorporated entity, or developing a satellite of an existing Friendship Centre. Key considerations include funding, governance, programming, demonstrated community need, and support from existing centres.

While still in the exploratory stage, engagement to date confirms meaningful interest in continuing the conversation. Next steps include sharing this information with the community, gathering further input, and assessing whether there is sufficient support and capacity from community members to move forward.

## Greenstone Harvest Centre

*By Chantal Walterson*

The Greenstone Harvest Centre is a Food Bank located in Geraldton. Since its inception in 2012, the Greenstone Harvest Centre has acted as a critical lifeline for the residents of Geraldton and surrounding communities, providing emergency nutrition and practical assistance to vulnerable individuals and families who rely on its consistent support during difficult times. The stability of the centre faced a significant threat in 2025 when its long-term facility was sold, forcing a series of difficult negotiations. To avoid a significant increase in rent, the centre negotiated with the new landlord and agreed to a reduction of space. The reduction of space would allow for the new landlord to cut the space in half and build a bachelor apartment on the other side. Unfortunately, the reduction of space left the centre with a much smaller space than it had negotiated for and also left the centre with no access to running water or to washroom facilities as those two vital services were in the other space that the centre no longer had access to. The centre continued to operate for a short period but as the space was no longer functional, especially without access to water or washroom facilities, the centre had to close. During this closure, individuals and families had to scramble to find alternative supports through various churches and charitable groups. During the 2 months closure, volunteers worked tirelessly to find alternative rental space. In early November, alternate space was found that would allow for the centre to operate again. With the help of many local volunteers, all of the centre's furnishings, food, etc. were moved to the new space and the centre was able to open on November 27, 2025. The new facility is significantly larger than the previous one, offering improved storage for bulk goods and providing a stable foundation for long-term service delivery. The centre anticipates being able to run its operations from the new space for many years to come.

## Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic was nominated for the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce's Not for Profit Excellence

This award is presented to a not-for-profit organization that exemplifies excellence and innovation in their programs, projects, and partnerships. Their commitment to growth and expanded programs, as well as service, community involvement, sustainable practices and/or job creation/development, demonstrates a dedicated focus on achieving their vision and mandate. A gala event was held on Thursday, May 14 and the award went to Our Kids Count. Congratulations! And Congratulations to all the nominees!

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*Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce*

**BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2026**

## NOMINEES – NOT FOR PROFIT

- 🌟 Centre for Research and Innovation in the Bio-Economy (CRIBE)
- 🌟 Evergreen A United Neighbourhood
- 🌟 Food Action Network of Northwestern Ontario
- 🌟 George Jeffrey Children's Foundation
- 🌟 Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic
- 🌟 Magnus Theatre
- 🌟 Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association
- 🌟 NorWest Community Health Centres
- 🌟 NOSM University
- 🌟 OSPCA Northwest Animal Centre
- 🌟 Our Kids Count
- 🌟 Thunder Bay Art Gallery

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## 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.



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## 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.

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## Filing Your 2025 Income Tax

*By Molly MacDonald*

April 30<sup>th</sup> was the tax filing deadline in Canada. If you receive social assistance or federal benefits, have children, or live in subsidized housing, failing to do your taxes can have big consequences down the road.



If you live in RGI housing or receive a housing subsidy, your household must complete an Annual Income Review every year, and all adults will need to provide their Notice of Assessment to maintain the rent subsidy. Falling behind on taxes could lead to a loss of subsidy, which could result in monthly rent jumping significantly. We often represent tenants at the Landlord and Tenant Board who have lost their rent subsidy and are facing eviction for rent arrears.

Falling behind on taxes can also mean losing out on government benefits such as the Canada Child Benefit, Trillium and GST rebates. Importantly, if you are expected to start receiving Old Age Security or the Guaranteed Income Supplement, they could be delayed if your taxes are not up to date.

If you are a low-income person living in Thunder Bay, contact the Lakehead Social Planning Council for assistance: [Income Tax Clinic | Lakehead Social Planning Council](#).

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# The Sexual Harassment in the Workplace (SHIW) Project

By Kristy Keough (she/her)  
SHIW Legal Advice Lawyer

The Sexual Harassment in the Workplace (SHIW) Project has entered an exciting new phase with renewed funding from the Department of Justice, allowing Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic to continue this important work for another two years. Through this initiative, part-time lawyer Kristy Keough now provides free, confidential legal advice to individuals across Ontario experiencing workplace sexual harassment via the SHAPE hotline. Over the past year, the project has focused on expanding outreach by building strong partnerships with community organizations and delivering public legal education sessions in Thunder Bay and the surrounding region. Efforts have also included radio campaigns, social media engagement, and in-person community visits to ensure more people are aware of their rights and available supports. This collaborative, province-wide initiative continues to strengthen access to justice and empower workers facing harassment in their workplaces.



## Comings and Goings

By Beth Ponka

- Caycie Soke returned in September following her maternity leave. Welcome back, Caycie!
- We've hired Matthew Jollineau as our newest, fourth lawyer. Matthew has been with us now for several years, starting first as a student through Pro Bono Students Canada in his first year of law school, then as a summer student and ID services coordinator, then Community Legal Worker, then contract staff lawyer – and now as a permanent member of the staff.
- Kristy Keough has joined the clinic as a legal advice lawyer for the Sexual Harassment in the Workplace Project.
- Julia Michano has left our Marathon branch office for other adventures, and we are in the process of finding an Administrative Assistant replacement.
- Neebin Scanlon-Wabasse was our IPC (law placement) student this past academic term and will be joining us for the summer. Neebin is now finished law school – congratulations Neebin!
- Brittany Bocoock has joined our office as a placement student through the HBSW program at Lakehead University.
- Our two Pro Bono Students Canada law students, Satbir and Safrin, volunteered in our office on a weekly basis during the academic year, finishing at the end of March. Best wishes to them as they continue their studies at the Bora Laskin Faculty of Law!

### Board of Directors

Since our last newsletter, we've also had some changes on our Board of Directors. Sandi Boucher, Jennifer Chapman, Eugene Nabigon, and Crystal Hill are all new to our Board of Directors. Candace Davies is now the Chair and President of the Board of Directors. We thank Alta Fenton, Cindy Whittington, Angela Nodin, and Theresa Ray for their service on our Board of Directors.

## Board of Directors 2025/26

Candace Davies  
 Terrence Franck  
 Sandi Boucher  
 Jenni Chapman  
 Mark Celeiro  
 Eugene Nabigon  
 Crystal Hill

President  
 Vice-President  
 Treasurer  
 Secretary  
 Director  
 Director  
 Director

Nipigon  
 Thunder Bay  
 Thunder Bay  
 Thunder Bay  
 Geraldton  
 Marathon  
 Armstrong

## Staff Members

### Geraldton Office:

Chantal Walterson  
 Pam Leblanc

Community Legal Worker/Licensed Paralegal  
 Administrative Assistant

### Marathon Office:

Brandi DeJonge  
 Madison Morgan

Community Legal Worker  
 Administrative Assistant

### Thunder Bay Office:

Jessica Barry  
 Teri Bushby  
 Cindy Johnson  
 Matthew Jollineau  
 Kelly King  
 Tracey Lawrence  
 Claire Littleton  
 Molly MacDonald  
 Melanie MacKenzie  
 Ann McGuire  
 Beth Ponka  
 Sarah Racine  
 Caycie Soke  
 Neebin Scanlon-Wabasse  
 Terri Zeleny  
 Helen Young-Brizard

Administrative Assistant  
 Executive Assistant  
 Executive Assistant  
 Staff Lawyer  
 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  
 Community Legal Worker  
 Administrative Assistant/Receptionist  
 Elder





**Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic**

Main office:  
 86 S. Cumberland St.  
 Thunder Bay, ON P7B 2V3  
**Phone:** 807-344-2478  
**Fax:** 807-345-2842  
**Toll Free:** 1-888-373-3309



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 Animbiigoo 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:

<b>Nipigon:</b>	Friday, September 25, 2026 Location: Resource Centre Lake Helen Reserve	Noon
<b>Marathon:</b>	Monday, September 14, 2026 Location: <i>TBD</i>	5:30 p.m.
<b>Geraldton:</b>	Tuesday, September 15, 2026 Location: Thunderbird Friendship Centre	5:00 p.m.
<b>Armstrong:</b>	Wednesday, September 23, 2026 Whitesand Health Centre, Board Room Whitesand First Nation	6:00 p.m.
<b>Thunder Bay:</b>	Friday, September 18, 2026 Prince Arthur Hotel, Bertrand Room 17 N. Cumberland St., Thunder Bay	Noon

The following Board member terms are expiring at these meetings:  
*Terrence Franck (Thunder Bay), Crystal Hill (Armstrong), and Mark Celeiro (Geraldton).*

Annual General Meeting: Saturday, October 24, 2026, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
 Thunder Bay, ON  
 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.

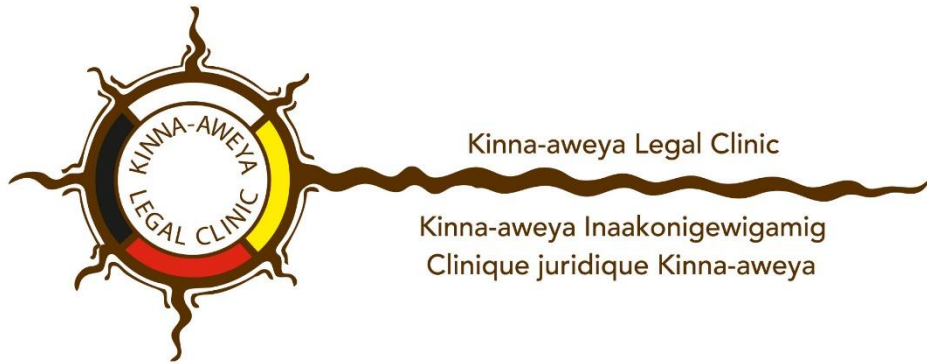
TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: FULL \_\_\_\_\_ I am a person with Indigenous ancestry  
ASSOCIATE \_\_\_\_\_ HONORARY \_\_\_\_\_(Approved by the Board)

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 business purposes related to Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic, in accordance with the *Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act*.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

Revised March 2025



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 the Annual General Meeting in Thunder Bay, held in 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](mailto:kinna.noreply@kinna.clcj.ca)

Or by fax to 807-345-2842