



# Newsletter



## Spring Update

As we welcome the spring season, Mnaasged is experiencing an exciting period of growth! We are currently in the active process of interviewing and hiring for key supervisor-level positions. These new leaders will undergo comprehensive training and integration into the organization throughout the upcoming summer months, ensuring a smooth transition and strong support for our staff.

In addition to building our leadership team, we are also gearing up to expand our dedicated staff on the ground. We are beginning the process of recruiting new frontline workers to continue delivering essential services and care to our community.

## Upcoming Dates

April 3	Good Friday (Closed)
April 6	Easter (Closed)
April 22	Earth Day

- Suckerfish Moon (Namebine-giizis)
- Planting Moon (Latiy^thos)
- The Grass and Geese Moon (Wusiixaskwal waak Waapsowihlewi Niipaahum)

## Member Nations

Mnaasged is proud to have partnership  
with our communities  
"Working together, we can move forward"



## Director of Corporate Services

We are excited to welcome Lori Clark, Director of Corporate Services to our team!

Lori brings exceptional leadership experience in organizational development, strategic planning, and operational management. Before joining us, she successfully spearheaded initiatives that significantly improved cross-departmental efficiency and employee engagement at her previous organization.

In her new role, Lori will be taking the helm of our administrative operations, optimizing our internal processes, and working closely with the executive team to support our strategic growth goals. Her proven track record of fostering collaborative, high-performing work environments makes her an invaluable addition to our organization as we continue to scale.

Please join us in giving Lori a warm welcome!

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## A message from Executive Director

This is an exciting time of growth for Mnaasged. Fueled by our recent funding additions, we are deeply focused on agency progress and the strategic expansion of our capabilities. A major part of this momentum involves actively growing our team so we can successfully advance the Stage C designation process. As we prepare to integrate new leadership and frontline staff, we look forward to sharing these new career opportunities with you throughout the month.

We are incredibly honored to continue this journey of growth and transformation. Above all, we remain steadfast in our commitment to working alongside our Member Nations, ensuring that our progress directly supports and uplifts the communities we serve. Thank you,

*Melissa Patriguin*

## Jordan's Principle Update

### A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Jordan's Principle Team

As of March 31st, Mnaasged's Jordan's Principle unit has officially come to a close. We want to take this opportunity to extend our deepest gratitude to our entire Jordan's Principle Team. Your unwavering dedication, compassion, and hard work have made a profound impact, and we are incredibly thankful for the invaluable support you have provided in serving our community.

We also want to share a very special thank you to Suzanne Riley. Suzanne graciously stepped in to guide the team and ensure the successful completion of the program through to the end of the term. Her leadership, adaptability, and commitment during this period were truly exceptional.

**To all the Mnaasged Jordan's Principle workers:** Thank you for your tireless advocacy and care. The positive legacy of your work and the families you've helped will continue to be felt throughout our community.



## Federal Government Announces \$1.4 Billion for Indigenous Health and Urban Support

The federal government has officially announced a nearly \$1.4 billion investment aimed at strengthening health, wellness, and community services for Indigenous populations across the country. Unveiled by Indigenous Services Minister Mandy Gull-Masty, this funding is designed to provide stable, culturally grounded support for both urban Indigenous populations and on-reserve communities.

### Where the Funding is Going:

**Urban Programming (\$168 Million):** Over five years, this will support the National Association of Friendship Centres and affiliated local centers. This ensures they can continue delivering essential everyday services to over 1 million Indigenous people in urban areas.

**Mental Wellness & Trauma Support (\$630 Million):** Over two years, these funds will renew the Trauma-Informed Health and Cultural Support program, supporting community-led mental wellness teams, opioid therapy programs, and vital crisis lines for survivors and families.

**Assisted Living Services (\$592.4 Million):** Committed through 2034, this will provide non-medical social support (such as in-home and long-term care) for low-income individuals living on-reserve, ensuring seniors and people with disabilities can maintain their independence while remaining close to their home communities.

**The Big Picture:** This significant investment answers the call from Indigenous leaders to maintain essential services that were previously set to expire, reinforcing a commitment to community-driven, culturally rooted care for generations to come.

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### Additional Questions?

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