



Newsletter

A message from Executive Director

As we approach the end of another year, we want to extend our heartfelt wishes to you and your families. May this holiday season bring you peace, joy, and time to rest and reconnect with the ones you love.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication throughout the year. We are grateful for our community and all that we accomplish together.

Wishing you a safe, healthy, and happy holiday season, and all the very best in the New Year.

Thank you,

Melissa Patriguin

Upcoming Dates

December 21 - Winter Solstice

December 15 - Anniversary of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Final Report

Office Closed - Dec 25th, 26th



This Year in Review

When we take a look back into this year we can examine a year of change. During this time period Mnaasged has faced new challenges, and with the support of our Member Nations, our organization, and communities we were able to achieve our goal towards Stage C Designation.

This does not come without the hard work and dedication of our past staff members, Board of Directors, Elders, and community members advocating for Mnaasged. We want to take the time to say Yaw^ko, Anushiik, Miigwetch for your continued support.

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Member Nations

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



Mnaasged Fall Feast

Every year Mnaasged hosts a fall feast to take care of the sacred bundle, honor our ancestors, and show our gratitude for the year.

This past November we fulfilled that responsibility with our staff, and our Elders.



The Sacred Bundle itself is a living expression of the Natural Laws that have governed our people since the beginning.

Jordan's Principle Update

As we near the end of the year we want to say a huge thank you to **Elfreda Ireland** and all that you have done for our families, and Mnaasged!

Suzanne Riley has now stepped into the Jordan's Principle Role for Mnaasged and continue operations.

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Jordan's Principle Updates – Progress on 2025 CHRT 80 Long-Term Reform Workplan

The First Nations Child and Family Caring Society, working in close partnership with the National Children's Children's Chiefs Commission (NCCC), is actively advancing the long-term reform of Jordan's Principle as directed by the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal in 2025 CHRT 80.

Despite severely constrained funding, First Nations leaders, Jordan's Principle coordinators, community experts, and knowledge-keepers from coast to coast to coast have generously contributed their time and expertise throughout the fall of 2025.

Engagement materials were widely distributed through regional organizations, social media, QR codes, and direct presentations. A national webinar held in October attracted more than 200 participants and featured live facilitated Q&A with simultaneous Anishinaabemowin, Inuktitut, French, and English interpretation.



QR Code
Caring Society Update to the CHRT
November

Key milestones achieved to date:

- All engagement materials finalized and released by October 1, 2025
- Community and regional engagement sessions concluded on November 15, 2025
- Data analysis, led by an independent Indigenous scholar under the direction of the Caring Society and NCCC, is now well underway

Due to limited resources, many regions self-organized their own reform forums; the Caring Society was still able to attend and support 11 regional sessions since the last Tribunal update. The final consolidated Jordan's Principle long-term reform plan, incorporating the voices and priorities heard throughout this national engagement process, is on track for **submission to the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal by December 22, 2025.**



THE SEASON OF JOY

Happy Holidays

From our work family to yours!

Additional Questions?

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