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# Clench Fraud Trust

## Winter 2014

### Recent Activities

#### **CALL FOR PROPOSALS ANNOUNCED FOR 2014**

Members and community groups can download an application to request funding support under purposes outlined under Benevolent. Deadline is March 31, 2014.

#### **STRATEGIC PLANNING**

The trust is in the process of developing a three year strategic plan focused on a:

**Youth Education strategy:** resources are being targeted for youth to address well-being and academic achievement. A work plan will be developed over coming months with band department staff, board of education and youth. Check website for details.

**Existing Sub-standard Housing strategy:** the trustees have decided to run the Pilot Housing Project again this year where members can submit renovation quotes for funding supports. Watch website for application and check the Clench Fraud Trust Facebook page for updates.

**New and Existing Entrepreneurship strategy:** partnerships are being sought to develop programs and grant supports for Chippewa entrepreneurs. Details to be announced soon.

#### **TRI-TRUST MEETING**

The Clench Fraud Trust trustees met with the Land Claim Trust and Big Bear Creek Trust on February 19, 2014. This is the first time trustees have come together to share expertise, effective practices as well as find ways to work together, such as, on communication to members.

#### **CFT AMENDMENT VOTE RESULTS**

On August 30, 2013, the CFT held a mail-in vote to make amendments to the original agreement. There were not enough votes to proceed with the changes. Of the 1400 packages mailed out to eligible voting members, we received 97 votes. A majority of eligible voters would have had to vote in favour of the changes. We will be holding another vote in December of 2014. Important changes are proposed to improve the agreement. **Please consider voting YES for agreement amendments on December 6, 2014, the next vote date. The amended agreement can be viewed on the website.**



# Up Coming Events

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## 1. Call for Proposals

DEADLINE DATE is March 31, 2014

Individual member beneficiaries and Groups are invited to submit applications for CFT funds for projects that fall under Benevolent Purposes

see [www.clenchfraudtrust.ca](http://www.clenchfraudtrust.ca) for more information

## 2. Annual General Meeting

MEETING DATE in May, 2014

Annual report for the Clench Fraud Trust 2013 year will be presented. Topics include audit, Trustee activity report and projects funded. DATE TBD.

## 3. Goodwill Gesture

APPLICATION DEADLINE DATE is Nov. 21, 2014

A new application form will be made available beginning October 1 to apply for this year's gesture.

## 4. Amendment Vote

VOTE DATE is December 6, 2014

Trust Agreement needs changing. Please vote yes in December. Vote for increased accountability, stability in yearly distribution resources and clearer and more effective practices for trust management.



# Meet the Trustees

This is the 6<sup>th</sup> term of Clench Fraud Trustees

## G. Clinton Albert

Clinton has served 4 terms on the CFT. He is an appointed trustee of council where he has served 3 terms on Chief and Council. Clint coaches the L'il NHL Chippewa Midget Girls hockey team who won the 'A' championship last year.

## Shane Fisher

Shane is serving his 4<sup>th</sup> term as a trustee of the CFT. Shane has been a volunteer firefighter for the past 12 years and is a member of the Chippewa Social Initiatives Committee (CSI), a community group that organizes monthly family events.

## Kristen Hendrick

Kristen has served 3 terms on the trust. Kristen is an elected trustee that currently works for the nation as a Social Services Worker. She volunteers for Chippewa Social Initiatives Committee (CSI) and served as a committee member for the Chippewa Competition Powwow for 9 years.

## Austin Henry

Austin has served 4 terms as a trustee. He is an elected trustee that volunteers as the Canoe Club organizer and volunteer for the Native Youth Olympics. He also serves as a board member on the Aboriginal Sports and Wellness Circle of Ontario and has 20+ years as a volunteer firefighter and 10 years as fire Chief for Chippewas of the Thames.

## Betsy Kecheogo

Betsy is serving her second consecutive term as a CFT trustee appointed by council. She is an active advocate for culture and language learning in our community. She played a key role in the adoption of the COTFN Language Declaration in 2010.

## Monty McGahey II

Monty is in his 2<sup>nd</sup> term as an elected trustee. He is currently working towards his teaching certification. He, along with Betsy, organize and teach at Anishinaabemowin language immersion camps, workshops, and weekly classes in the community. He also coaches Chippewa Peewee hockey.

## Leslee White-Eye

Leslee is in her 4<sup>th</sup> term as an elected trustee. She has volunteered as a member of the Culture, Language and Heritage committee for the nation as well as served on the Chippewa Competition Powwow committee for 20 years. She currently works as an Education Officer for the Ontario Ministry of Education.



# Supporting Community

## Fire Department Provides Much Needed Services to Chippewa

### ABOUT OUR FIRE DEPT.



60-90

Number of emergency calls received per year

19

Number of volunteer firefighters at COTFN 2014



1991

year the fire department was created

### Years of Service

4 with 20+ years

3 with 12-16 years

4 with 6-8 years

8 volunteers with 2 or less years



Austin Henry, Fire Chief, along with Dwayne Kechego, Terrance Riley and Mark Deleary are the longest serving volunteers of the volunteer fire dept.

**Chippewas of the Thames First Nation** – Chippewa's Fire Department was created in 1991 and has been responding to calls by a dedicated group of individuals since. The following year, in 1992, Chippewa's first fire truck was purchased and the first round of firefighter training took place.



The Clench Fraud Trust is pleased to have sponsored the fire dept. with a total of \$245,940 over the past 7 years. This helped cover off weekly training costs, materials for training, and safety equipment, such as, two self-contained breathing apparatuses, as well as, in 2011, a new fire truck was purchased. 6 firefighters have their ONFFS training, and one has their level one Fire Officer training, 13 firefighters have their Level 2 Firefighter certification, and 1 has his Trainer/Facilitator certification.



### 2014 Volunteer Fire Fighter Department

**Austin Henry-Fire Chief**

**R. Shane Fisher – Deputy Fire Chief**

**Mark Deleary**

**Chantel Fisher,**

**Cheri Fisher**

**Terri Fisher**

**Rawleigh Grosbeck Jr.**

**Gene Hendrick**

**Dalton Issac**

**Dwayne Kechego**

**Murray Kechego Jr.**

**Nelson Kechego**

**Tyler Kechego**

**Wyatt Kechego**

**Jimmy McConnell**

**Cameron Nelson**

**Lindsay Riley**

**Terrance Riley**

**Darcy Snake**