



Wagmatcook

# MARCH 2025

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# NEWSLETTER



## **WELCOME TO THE FIRST EDITION OF OUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER!**

We're excited to launch this monthly newsletter as a way to highlight the incredible work happening across all departments in our community. Each edition will feature updates, stories, and photos that celebrate the dedication, collaboration, and positive impact made by employees, volunteers, and community members.

Whether it's behind-the-scenes efforts, special events, or new initiatives, this newsletter is a space to stay connected, informed, and inspired. Thank you for all you do to make our community stronger — we look forward to sharing your stories!

Have something to share? Submit your news or photos for next month's edition by emailing [communications@wagmatcook.com](mailto:communications@wagmatcook.com)

## Message from Chief Norman

I am proud to introduce the first edition of our monthly community newsletter — a new way to share and celebrate the great work happening across all departments. This newsletter is more than just updates — it's a reflection of the dedication, collaboration, and care that each of you brings to our community every day.

Our strength comes from the people who work together to serve our community, and this newsletter will highlight the positive impacts we're making — big and small. I encourage everyone to read, contribute, and take pride in the work we are doing together.

Thank you for your continued commitment. I look forward to seeing this newsletter grow as a tool to stay connected and informed.

# DEPARTMENTS

Department	Phone number	Hours of operation	
Wagmatcookewey School	902-295-3491		
Wagmatcook First Nation Band Office	902-295-2598	Monday-Friday	9:00am-4:00pm
Wagmatcook Early Development Childhood Centre	902-295-3491		
Wagmatcook Housing/Public Works	902-295-1281	Monday-Friday	8:00am-4:00pm
Wagmatcook Health Centre	902-295-2755	Monday-Friday	9:00am-4:00pm
Wagmatcook Cultural & Heritage Centre	902-295-2999	Monday-Friday 9:00am-12:00am	Saturday & Sunday 12:00pm-12:00am
CleanWave Restaurant	902-295-1542	Monday-Friday	11:00am-6:00pm
Wagmatcook Gaming	902-295-1295	Monday-Friday 10:00am-12:00am	Saturday & Sunday 12:00pm-12:00am
Wagmatcook Canada Post	902-295-1579	Monday-Friday	10:00am-4:00pm
Wagmatcook Fitness Centre	902-295-2999	Mon/Tues 9am-9pm, Wed 9am-6pm, Thurs/Friday 9am-9pm	Saturday 12pm-9pm, Sunday 12pm-6pm
Wagmatcook Fishery Office	902-295-1151		
Wagmatcook Ultramar	902-295-2122		7:00am-11:00pm
Wagmatcook Learning Centre/NSCC Satellite Campus	902-295-2598	Monday-Friday	9:00am-4:00pm
Wagmatcook Fire Department	902-294-0015		

# March

## AT A GLANCE

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# WAGMATCOOKEWEY SCHOOL



The primary students are beaming with excitement as they proudly showcase their beautiful new ribbon skirts and shirts. Their smiles reflect a deep sense of pride, as each piece represents a celebration of culture, tradition, and community.



902-295-3491



<https://wagmatcookeweyschool.ca/>



# WAGMATCOOKEWEY SCHOOL EXPANSION



The school expansion project is moving along beautifully and will be a much-needed addition to our growing community. This new space will create more opportunities for **learning, activities, and gatherings**, while providing our youth with a **safe, welcoming environment** to call their own as a community Youth Centre.

As our community continues to grow, this project reflects our commitment to supporting our young people and creating spaces where they can **learn, connect, and thrive**. Stay tuned for more updates as we look forward to the positive impact this expansion will bring!





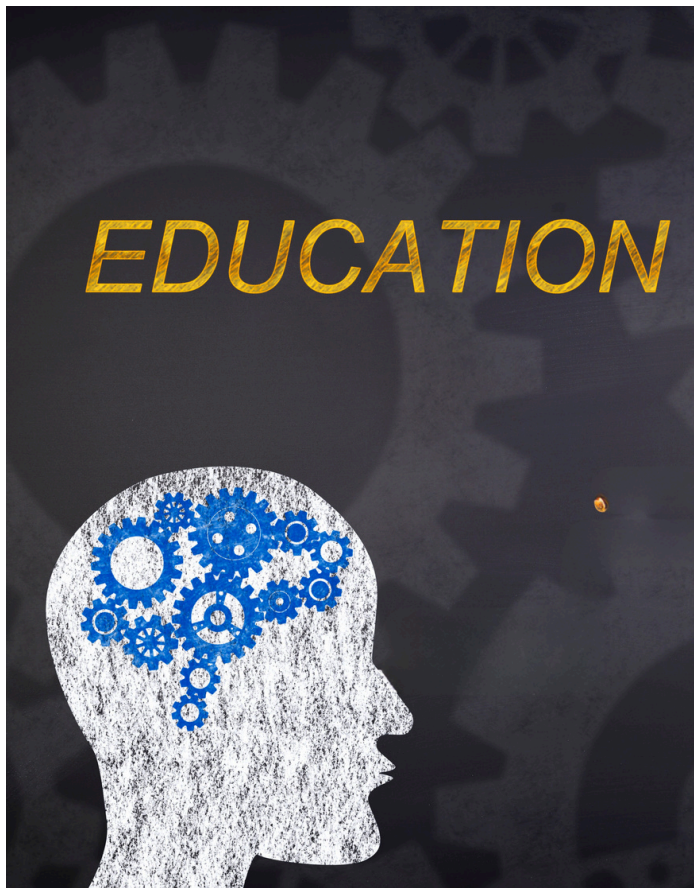
# WAGMATCOOK HEALTH CENTRE

## Important Updates for Our Community Members

- **Appointment Waitlist:** We currently have a waitlist of 10-14 days for available medical appointments. We appreciate your patience during this time!
- **Cancellation Policy:** If you need to cancel your medical appointment (including x-rays, specialist ultrasounds, etc.), please give us a call. Your cancellation will help us open up a walk-in appointment for someone else in need.
- **Snack Bags Available:** Starting in March, we will offer small snack bags on Wednesdays, available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **Health Card Reminder:** Please ensure that your health card is up to date to avoid any delays during your visit.
- **Urgent Treatment Care:** For urgent care needs in Baddeck, call to make an appointment at 902-295-2983. Please have your health card ready.
- **Medical Travel Schedule:** Please note that all medical travel is submitted on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays each week.

We're here to support your health and well-being.





# POST SECONDARY EDUCATION (PSE)

## **Engagement Session Announcement**

We are excited to share that Wagmatcook with Waycobah will be hosting a friendly Engagement Session with CBU on April 2nd, 2025 at the NSCC building! This is a wonderful opportunity for our community members to express their interests in new courses or programs that you would like to see offered in our community.

To make the most of this session, we have a form that you can fill out in advance. If you'd like to receive a form via email, please reach out to Christina Pierro. Alternatively, you can pick up a form directly at the Band Office.

## **Post-Secondary Funding Applications Now Open!**

The 2025-2026 Post-Secondary Funding Application is now available for band members **pursuing or returning** to University or College.

Fill out the form here: <https://forms.gle/4apVU7UVX86Yee5x6>





# HOUSING & PUBLIC WORKS

## FRIENDLY REMINDERS:

- Don't forget to **keep a clear path to your oil tank!** The delivery driver won't be able to fill your tank if the area isn't shovelled and accessible.
- Our Public Works crew **is unable to pick up black garbage bags** because Victoria County Solid Waste doesn't accept them. Please use clear garbage bags to help keep things running smoothly. Thank you for doing your part!
- During garbage days (Tuesdays and Fridays, unless otherwise posted), please have your garbage to the road **by no later than 8am.** This will ensure that no one gets missed.



# CONSTRUCTION OF ELDERS COMPLEXES

If you've passed by **Beach Road** recently, you may have noticed construction is well underway on an exciting new project! Work has officially begun on four new Elder's complexes, offering much-needed housing in a beautiful, peaceful location along the water.

This development will provide safe, comfortable and accessible homes for our Elders, allowing them to enjoy their surroundings in a quiet, scenic part of the community. Units are anticipated to be completed by May 2025. We look forward to seeing this project come to life and the positive impact it will have for our Elders and their families. Stay tuned for more details on the application process and eligibility requirements.



# MI'KMAQ WORD OF THE MONTH

**Poqji pekijikiskik**  
**“the days are longer”**

**Hello, Longer Days!**

**March is here, bringing longer days and a hint of spring on the horizon. As the sun begins to linger a little longer each evening, it's a welcome reminder that brighter days are ahead. Whether you're enjoying more time outdoors or simply appreciating the extra daylight, this time of year brings renewed energy and optimism for the season to come.**

**Let's embrace the change and look forward to everything this new season has to offer!**



Scan the QR Code to hear it read aloud!  
Special thanks to Marjorie for being our voice.



# VOTE TAKING PLACE FOR THE COMMUNITY NAME CHANGE

## **Purpose:**

As a result of the community poll which was in favour of a Community name change, Wagmatcook Council are conducting a community-wide vote to decide to officially change the name of our community from Wagmatcook to the traditional Mi'kmaq spelling - Waqmitkuk. This vote allows all registered members to have a say in honoring and preserving our Mi'kmaq heritage by using the authentic name of our land.

## **Voting Process and Eligibility:**

Team members will be visiting each home as part of this door-to-door campaign to collect votes directly from community members. You'll have an opportunity to review both options, ask questions if needed, and cast your vote. Ballots will also be mailed out to registered members who are living off-reserve. If you are missed during the door-to-door campaign, there will be a voting station held at the Cultural Centre.

To cast a vote in this process, all individuals must:

- be a registered Wagmatcook band member
- be 18 years of age and older
- must provide valid proof of identification in order to vote

# VOTING INFORMATION CONT..

**NOTE:** Anyone living off-reserve whose address has changed, they can update their address with Veronica Jeddore by calling the Band Office (902) 295-2598 or by email - [veronica.jeddore@wagmatcook.com](mailto:veronica.jeddore@wagmatcook.com)

## Voting Options:

Keep

OR

Change



Wagmatcook

Waqmitkuk



## SCHEDULED DOOR TO DOOR CAMPAIGN:

Tues., March 18th, 2025	10 am to 5 pm	Petok to Bernard's Lane
Wed., March 19th, 2025	10 am to 5 pm	Pe'kalonk/ Central Road/ Joe Gun Road
Fri., March 21st, 2025	10 am to 5 pm	Papke'k/ Fishery Road
March 25th, 2025	11 am to 5:30 pm	Wagmatcook Cultural and Heritage Center

**\*\*Note**, the day at the Cultural Centre is for those who were missed during the door-to-door campaign\*\*



# WAGMATCOOK EXPANDS ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES WITH SEAFOOD PARTNERSHIP!



We are thrilled to share some fantastic news about the ongoing growth in Wagmatcook First Nation! We have recently taken a big step forward by purchasing a 51% share in A&L Seafoods, which includes a crab processing plant in beautiful Louisbourg, NS.

This exciting partnership with Royal Greenland opens doors to new opportunities for our community. It strengthens our presence in the seafood industry and supports our commitment to long-term economic growth.

By investing in this vital sector, we are not just building a stronger future for Wagmatcook; we are ensuring greater prosperity for generations to come.

# COMMUNITY FLAG POLE



If you've passed by the Cultural Centre recently, you may have noticed a new **60 foot flagpole** standing proudly — **the tallest flagpole in a Mi'kmaq community**. This impressive addition is more than just a landmark — it represents unity, pride, and respect for our community.

The flagpole will serve as a powerful symbol of honour, with the flag **lowered to half-mast whenever we lose a community member** (starting the first day of the wake, and returning to full-mast the day after the funeral) — a gesture of remembrance and respect for those who have left us.

We are proud to have this meaningful addition to our community, reminding us to stand together in both times of celebration and remembrance.





# COMMUNITY NEEDS, SKILLS AND ASSETS



## Help Shape the Future of Our Community!

Our community has many skills and strengths. Share your details to help us plan for work training and volunteer opportunities.

Take a few minutes to complete our form and be a part of building a stronger, more connected community!

Scan the QR code or visit  
**<https://tinyurl.com/y68xc46r>**  
to fill out the survey



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# WE'RE HIRING!



**APPLY  
NOW!**

## HIRING POSITIONS:

**Band Office Cleaner (Closes March 7)**

**Cleanwave Restaurant Line Cook (Closes March 28)**

**Cleanwave Restaurant Server (Open until filled)**

*send your resume to us : [jobs@wagmatcook.com](mailto:jobs@wagmatcook.com)*

Did you know you can visit our website to read the full job description and apply with a click of a button?

Visit <https://wagmatcook.com/community/#Job Postings> when you see jobs posted to read more and apply now!





## CAREER OPPORTUNITY

### Line Cook

Reports to: Kitchen Supervisor  
Location: Cleanwave Restaurant  
Category: Seasonal

Cleanwave Restaurant is seeking a seasonal line cook. Line cook responsibilities will include, but are not limited to:

- Ensuring food safety through proper handling and preparation.
- Maintaining a clean and safe kitchen environment.
- Preparing ingredients and aspects of different dishes on the menu.
- Setting up and restocking food station and kitchen items, as required.
- Following health and safety regulations and guidelines.
- Communicating and cooperating with the kitchen team.

#### Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Educational background in culinary arts, related field, or equivalent work experience, an asset.
- One (1) to two (2) years of previous experience, preferred.
- Food Handler Certification, an asset.
- Excellent communication and organizational skills.
- Accuracy and speed in executing multiple tasks.
- Familiarity with Nova Scotia's Food Safety Regulations.
- Ability to stand for long periods of time.

Interested candidates that possess some, but not all the above-listed knowledge, skills and abilities are encouraged to apply.

Wagmatcook First Nation offers a competitive compensation package that includes health and dental benefits, competitive salary bands, pension and paid time off.

Interested candidates can apply by submitting their cover letter and resume no later than 4:00 pm on Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, to [jobs@wagmatcook.com](mailto:jobs@wagmatcook.com) or to the Cleanwave Restaurant Monday through Friday between 9:00 am and 6:00 pm. Please reference "Line Cook" in the subject line. Wagmatcook First Nation appreciates all applications received, only those selected for interview will be contacted.

Under the *Aboriginal Employment Preference Policy*, the Wagmatcook First Nation will give preference to the indigenous applicant when two or more candidates are deemed to be equal in terms of "best qualified".



## JOB OPPORTUNITY SERVER

Reports to: Dining Room Supervisor  
Location: Cleanwave Restaurant  
Category: Fulltime or Parttime, Permanent  
Hours: Varied

Cleanwave Restaurant is seeking experienced servers. Applicants must be available to work Monday through Friday during the off-season (October – May) and Sunday through Saturday during the peak season (May – October). The successful candidate will be responsible for creating a positive dining experience and providing excellent customer service. The Cleanwave Server will possess a positive, outgoing personality and a sense of urgency.

Server responsibilities will include, but are not limited to:

- Greeting customers.
- Taking orders, promoting specials and providing recommendations.
- Serving meals.
- Assisting with take-out.
- Presenting bills and accept payments.
- Clearing tables.
- Maintaining a clean and safe environment for customers and colleagues.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Previous experience as a food and beverage server, preferred.
- Previous experience with customer service, an asset.
- Previous experience with a POS system will be considered an asset.
- Food Handler Certification will be considered an asset.
- Excellent communication and attention to detail skills.
- Ability to work as part of a team and contribute as a team member.
- Must be able to walk and stand for extended periods.
- Must be able to work a variety of shifts.
- Must be available for day shifts.
- Must be available for weekend shifts.

Interested candidates can apply in person by submitting their resume or application form to the Band Office or by emailing [jobs@wagmatcook.com](mailto:jobs@wagmatcook.com). This role will remain open until filled.

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# Pin Design WINNERS



**Chloe Knickle**



**Mary Bernard**



**Mary Bernard**

**Congratulations to Our  
Trading Pin Design Winners!**





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# *Congratulations Chief Norman!*



Pictured from L-R: MP Jaime Battiste , Grand Chief Norman Sylliboy, Chief Norman Bernard and Senator PJ Prosper

We are proud to celebrate Chief Norman as a recipient of the King Charles III Coronation Medal, awarded in recognition of exceptional dedication and service to the community. This prestigious honour celebrates individuals who have made a positive impact through their hard work and commitment. Thank you for making a difference!



# HAPPY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S MONTH



This month, we celebrate the incredible women in our community — their strength, passion, and dedication that make a difference every single day. Whether as grandmothers, mothers, daughters, leaders, or friends, the women in our community continue to inspire with their resilience and unwavering commitment.

While March is a special time to honour women's achievements, we believe that women should be celebrated every day for their vital role in shaping our community.

Let us continue to uplift, support, and empower one another — today, tomorrow, and always!

To all the amazing women in our community — we see you, we appreciate you, and we celebrate you!

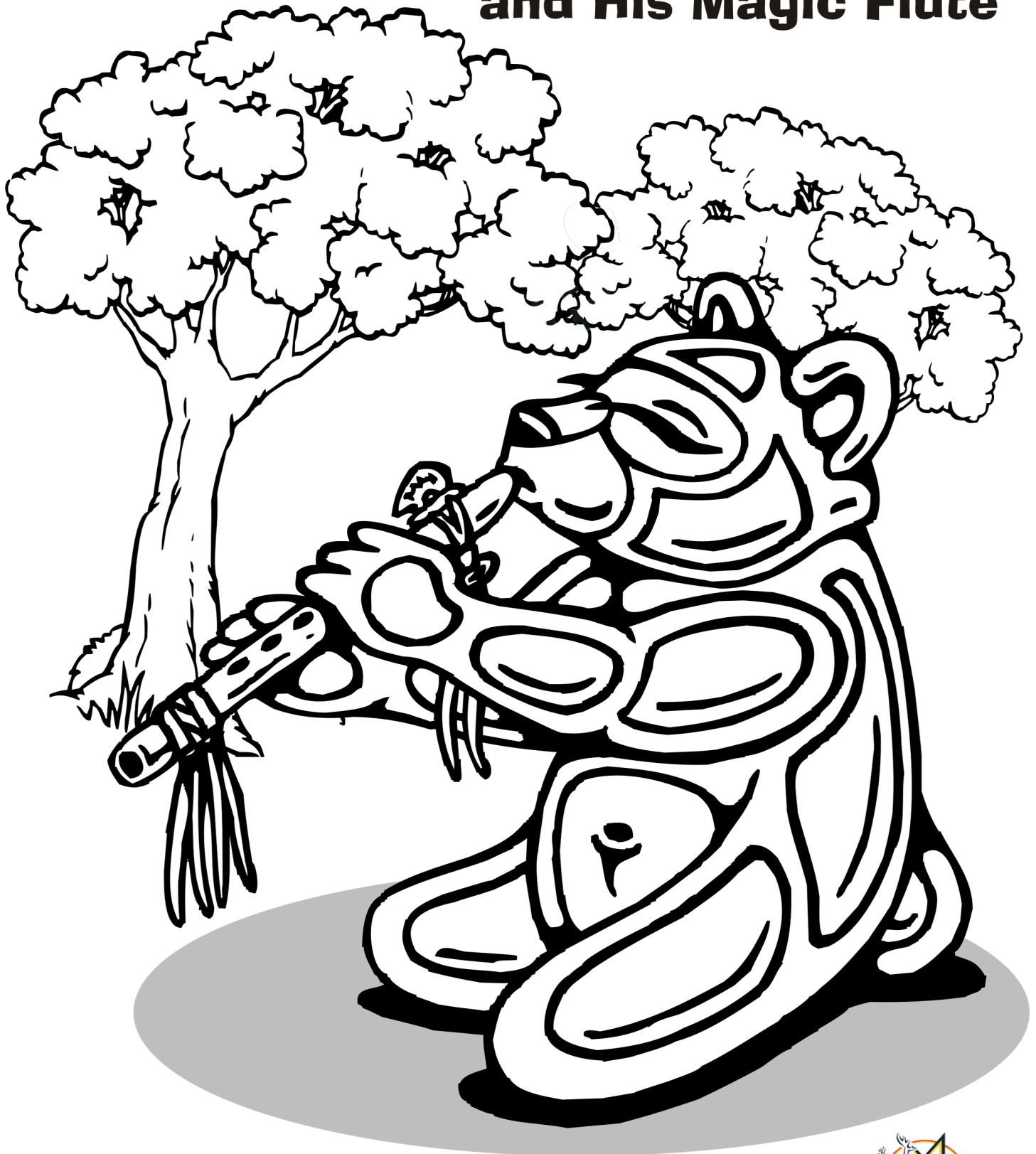
# ROADS OF WAGMATCOOK

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BERNARDSLANE	JOGUNROAD	SUGARBUSH
CENTRALROAD	KATIELANE	TWINSLANE
CHURCHLOOP	LEVISLANE	WALNEJIJK
CINDYLANE	MACLELLANSLOOP	WATERLANE
FISHERYROAD	OLDBALLFIELD	WESTSIDE
FORRESTLANE	OLDNYANZA	WHITNEYSLANE
HIGHWAY	PIERROSLANE	

# Lil' Toot

## and His Magic Flute



**by Gerald Gloade**