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## GIIGOONH: New Aquaculture Act

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Aquaculture is the farming of aquatic organisms in fresh or saltwater and is a key agrifood sector. A new Aquaculture Act is being developed by the Federal government. The objective is to create a modern Aquaculture Act that respects federal, provincial and territorial jurisdictions and creates long-term conditions for the development of a thriving, environmentally sustainable, and competitive aquaculture sector that benefits the economic development of coastal communities and Indigenous peoples.

From January to April 2022, the Assembly of First Nations has been holding a series of virtual sessions on a proposed Federal Aquaculture Act. Workshops were held in collaboration with Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) to get First Nations input on co-developing and co-designing an Aquaculture Act that reflects First Nations perspectives and supports reconciliation. The AFN is currently working to produce a summary of what was heard which will be submitted to Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

The AFN is mandated by Resolution 33/2017, Aquaculture Legislative and Policy Reviews, to engage with DFO to provide the financial resources to the National Aquaculture Working Group (NAWG) that will address existing policy and regulatory reforms and call on DFO to implement an engagement and consultation process with First Nations to assess the need for an Aquaculture Act.

This is the first time that DFO is working with First Nations to co-draft legislation.

The NAWG has previously recommended that the Aquaculture Act and its development must recognize that First Nations are self-determining, self-governing and increasingly self-sufficient, and that the proposed act must be in line with DFO's Indigenous Reconciliation Strategy. Since then, the following has occurred:

- **February 2017:** Working Group of Ministers announced to review laws, policies and operational practices as a step towards reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.
- **June 2017:** Council of Fisheries

and Aquaculture Ministers (CCFAM) asked federal and provincial officials to study existing legislation.

- **December 2018:** CCFA directed officials to develop federal legislation that respects federal, provincial and territorial jurisdictions while providing greater clarity to the industry.
- **December 2019:** Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canada Coast Guard directed to work with the province of BC and Indigenous communities to create a plan to transition from open-pen salmon farming in coastal BC by 2025 and start work to introduce an Aquaculture Act.

A federal discussion paper on the Aquaculture Act has been developed and is available at the following link: <https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/aquaculture/act-loi/discussion-eng.l?msclid=750a9051c24311ec94f2638fb15da92e>

To obtain more information on the AFN sessions download the sessions at <https://www.afn.lkld=84cc4bd8c24411ecbc892147940218c7>



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# RESOURCES: Agriculture Programs

## STRATEGIC AGRIFOOD PROCESSING FUND

The Strategic Agri-Food Processing Fund Program helps enhance processing capacity in Ontario through investments in major expansions and modernization of food processing facilities. The Program supports high-impact Projects in businesses looking to expand existing operations/facilities, or Projects creating Net New Processing Capacity with exceptional economic opportunities. <https://www.ontario.ca/page/strategic-agri-food-processing-fund>

**JOBS AND GROWTH FUND** The Jobs and Growth Fund provides funding to businesses and organizations to help create jobs and position local economies for long-term growth. Eligible applicants include businesses, co-operatives, not for profit organizations and community economic development partners. FedNor may contribute up to 100% of eligible project costs for projects with Indigenous clients. <https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/icgc.nsf/eng/07737.html>

## RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The program has two project categories:

1. The Strategic Economic Infrastructure stream provides up to 30 per cent in cost-shared funding for minor capital projects that advance economic development and investment opportunities.
2. The Economic Diversification and Competitiveness stream provides up to 50 per cent in cost-shared funding for projects that remove barriers to business and job growth, attract investment, attract or retain a skilled workforce, strengthen sector and regional partnerships and diversify regional economies.

[https://fednor.gc.ca/eic/site/fednor-fednor.nsf/eng/h\\_fn03899.html](https://fednor.gc.ca/eic/site/fednor-fednor.nsf/eng/h_fn03899.html)

**COMMUNITY INVESTMENT INITIATIVE FOR NORTHERN ONTARIO** Funding is available for small communities or First Nations to hire a qualified individual to help develop the local economy. This economic development professional will work to foster opportunities and partnerships in your region, and help implement strategies that seek to strengthen your community and create jobs. [https://fednor.gc.ca/eic/site/fednor-fednor.nsf/eng/h\\_fn03899.html](https://fednor.gc.ca/eic/site/fednor-fednor.nsf/eng/h_fn03899.html)

## SKILLS AND PARTNERSHIP FUND

- You must apply by May 9th, 2022
- You can apply for up to \$10 million per year
- The total request cannot exceed \$50 million per project
- Projects can last up to 60 months, and can not extend past March 31, 2028
- You need 25 % CASH OR IN KIND

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/skills-partnership.html?msclkid=084dd874c24f11ec9b80741d28e734c9>

## Local Food Infrastructure Fund (LFIF)

The LFIF supports community led projects that strengthen food systems and help to facilitate access to safe and nutritious food for at risk Canadians. It was created as part of the Government of Canada's Food Policy for a healthier and more sustainable food system in Canada. This phase is aimed at the establishment and/or expansion and/or completion of local food systems within rural communities, small cities or with Indigenous groups. It has been designed to create or foster connections within food systems by enabling organizations to partner with other communities and other organizations to collectively strengthen local food systems and address food insecurity in a

sustainable manner. Eligible applicants must be capable of entering into a legally-binding agreement and are:

- Indigenous groups in either urban centres or rural areas (e.g. Indigenous communities, Indigenous organizations); or,
- Located in rural communities (population under 1,000) or small cities/municipalities (population between 1,000 to 29,999).

These organizations must have a mission to reduce food insecurity by establishing and/or expanding and/or completing their local food system. Eligible Projects must:

- Create, expand or implement two or more new food system components. Projects must be infrastructure specific and be community-driven projects

dedicated to improving food access;

- Include funding requests for grants between \$100,000 and \$500,000;
- **Be completed by March 31, 2024**
- Please visit the LFIF website to review the Applicant Guide and learn about the requirements of this new intake.
- Please review Annexes A and B to understand what needs to be included in your Application Form.
- Please note that the application intake period will start June 1, 2022 and will end July 15, 2022. The application form will be available at that time.

Application link:

<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/agricultural-programs-and-services/local-food-infrastructure-fund/applicant-guide>

# Agriculture Economic Business

Is your community interested in developing an agriculture or food-related business?  
The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) can help.

The Agriculture Economic Development program and experts will work with you to help you develop your plan.  
Agricultural economic development entails three stages below.

## STAGE ONE

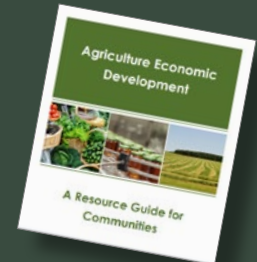
Prepares your community for the program by determining your community's readiness for the program. It involves using census data to create a snapshot of local agriculture to create a benchmark, and forming a leadership team to champion the program.

## STAGE TWO

You will get to know your local agricultural system so that you can create an action plan by reviewing statistics about your community's agricultural sector, identifying community assets, consulting with local partners, and analyzing trends, challenges and strengths.

## STAGE THREE

In this stage of the program you will develop goals, objectives and an action plan. You will identify activities your community wishes to deliver on and develop a way of monitoring your success.



The Agriculture Economic Development: A Resource Guide for communities is the step-by-step guide to assist you in this program. Downloaded the guide here: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/agriculture-economic-development-program>

If you are interested in this program and would like more information, please contact Lynn Moreau Email: [lynn.moreau@anishinabek.ca](mailto:lynn.moreau@anishinabek.ca)

# Explore Manitoulin

The Manitoulin Adventure Map is a tourism marketing app and innovative marketing strategy that is being developed that will allow tourists to plan their next adventure on Manitoulin Island. The app will feature local culinary tourism, food and beverage, accommodations, hiking trails, landmarks and attractions across Manitoulin Island. It is being developed with the encouragement and support of the Mnidoo Mnising/Manitoulin Island Food Tourism Regional Steering Committee, Destination Manitoulin Island, Destination Northern Ontario and Indigenous Tourism Ontario.

The app will use location-based marketing software to place participating businesses on a Google™ compatible map. Users earn points that can be redeemed for rewards.



Manitoulin Island businesses can sign up for the service by visiting this page:  
<https://www.manitoulinbrewing.co/manitoulin-adventure-map-registration>

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS MAY 5, 2022**

Contact Nishin Meawasige at Manitoulin Brewing Company. Email: [nishin@manitoulinbrewing.co](mailto:nishin@manitoulinbrewing.co)

# EVENTS

## HAUDENOSAUNEE SEEDKEEPER SCHOOL

Preference is given to Haudenosaunee citizens but all are welcome to apply.

Event by: Terrylynn Brant and Mohawk Seedkeepers Gardens, Ohsweken, Six Nations

Duration: 6 hr

Registration: 2022 Now Open until FULL

Renown Haudenosaunee Seedkeepers Terrylynn Brant and Archie Bomberry of Ohsweken, Janis Brant of Tyendinega, and Steve McComber of Kanawake are happy to offer their years of traditional agricultural knowledge and sustainable living to the FIRST COHORT of Haudenosaunee

Seedkeepers Mentees: Nurture your connections to knowledge, skills and insights involved with supporting Mother Earth's restoration, through sustainable indigenous agriculture and modern traditional lifestyles.

Tentative topics: food sovereignty, collective agriculture, living and planting in unison with traditional ceremonial and celestial knowledge, food sovereignty, collective agriculture, building local economies, drought resistant ag, seed saving development, cultural teachings, agroforestry, food forests, rotting wood gardens, perennial polyculture gardens, ecological restoration, soil building, food preservation and Indigenous Cuisine taught by Mohawk Chef Tawnya Brant, Owner of Yawekon Restaurant.

Tentative monthly dates and locations:

14 May Sat. @Ohsweken, 10-4; 11 June Sun. @ Ohsweken, 10-4; 9 July Sat. @Tyendinega, 10-4; 13 Aug. Sat. @Kanawake, 10-4; 10 Sept. Sat. @ Ohsweken, 10-4;

Cost: \$400.

Final Payment: April 15, 2022.

Contact: Terrylynn Brant 1-519-717-4077

Email: terrylynnbrant@live.ca to registration.

We are looking into securing \$200 scholarships for unsponsored indigenous mentees, if interested let us know.



**GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY**  
Hosted by Red Rock First Nation  
Northern Superior Region  
May 31st to June 2, 2022



If you have any comments or suggestions for things to be added to the website, feel free to contact Lynn Moreau, Program Coordinator.  
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# JOB OPPORTUNITIES

## SUDBURY SHARED HARVEST

Visit: <https://www.sudburysharedharvest.ca/join-our-team>

## GREEN THUMBS TORONTO

Indigenous Program Coordinator and Program Leader

Email: [jobs@greenthumbsto.org](mailto:jobs@greenthumbsto.org)

## SOLLIO AGRICULTURE-TEMISKAMING SHORES

Various positions available.

Visit: <https://sollio.ag/>



## WAAWAASKONE GIIZIS (FLOWER MOON) – MAY

The fifth moon of Creation is Flower Moon, where all plants display their Spirit sides for all the world to see. This life giving energy is one of the most powerful healing medicines on Mother Earth. During this moon we are encouraged to explore our Spiritual essences.

## KIIN MIINWAA ENDADIZIWINAN: LANDS & RESOURCES

The Lands and Resources Department was established within the Anishinabek Nation in the spring of 2007. Currently, there are four program areas with staffing capabilities. These include: Water Resources, Minerals and Mining, Trapping, and Canada Ontario Resource Development Agreement.



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