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Joan Simon, Director
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This past February, Lee Ann Grattan (Manager of Operations) and I had the privilege of marking our first anniversary with the Weeneebayko Foundation - a year that has been both rewarding and informative. Visits to Moosonee and Moose Factory provided invaluable opportunities to connect with staff and community members who are deeply committed to delivering care within their communities. It is our hope that we will be able to visit the coastal sites in the future.

The Foundation has taken steps in building its infrastructure and outreach. This includes the development of a quarterly newsletter, refresh of the website, increase of Facebook presence and the development of a donor database will provide the foundational the necessary tools that will support future growth, engagement, and long-term sustainability.

I would be remiss if I did not extend my sincere thanks to the leadership team led by WAHA's & the Weeneebayko Foundation's CEO, Lynne Innes for their guidance and support in helping us establish a growing presence within the organization, and the communities we serve.

We remain committed to supporting the Weeneebayko Area Health Authority (WAHA) as it advances towards the Redevelopment Project, and we look forward to contributing to this significant initiative in the years ahead.

We wish everyone a joyous spring and may the return of the sun bring warmth to your spirit and balance to your life.



2026 ORNGE AIR AMBULANCE GOLF CLASSIC

The 6th Annual Ornge Air Ambulance Golf Classic has officially sold out, with more than 144 participants registered to hit the greens on June 15th.



Each year, this popular fundraiser grows in excitement and support, becoming one of the most anticipated events of the season. The tournament raises vital funds for the Weeneebayko Area Health Authority's Redevelopment Project, making every swing count toward a great cause.

Could it be the scenic setting of Nobleton Lakes Golf Club, or the fun-filled day of friendly competition that makes this event such a draw? Perhaps it's both — a perfect blend of community spirit, cause-driven purpose, and summertime enjoyment.

Either way, this year's sold-out event is shaping up to be another unforgettable success.

DONOR SPOTLIGHTS

NORTHERN STORE

The Weeneebayko Foundation is proud to recognize the continued generosity of the Northern Store in Moosonee, whose longstanding support has made a meaningful impact on the Weeneebayko Area Health Authority (WAHA).

Recently, the store generously donated a \$300 gift card in support of the Foundation's 1st staff Christmas draws, an initiative created to celebrate and give back to WAHA staff during the holiday season. This thoughtful contribution helped bring added joy and appreciation to staff members whose dedication and hard work are vital to the communities WAHA serves.

Thank you, Northern Store, for being a valued partner in care.



Picture (L-R): Filling in for Northern Store Manager, Richard Thomas is Michele Hernandez accepting a thank you recognition plaque from Joan Simon, Director of the Weeneebayko Foundation.

WORLD WIDE TRAVEL ONE'S ONGOING SUPPORT ASSISTS IN MAKING WAHA & THE WEENEEBAYKO'S FISHING TRIP A PREMIER PRIZE

Words cannot fully express the gratitude that WAHA and the Weeneebayko Foundation feel for World Wide Travel One's generous support of the Fishing Trip Prize at this year's Ornge Air Ambulance Golf Classic. For the second consecutive year, World Wide Travel One has graciously donated airfare for a group of four, helping them reach Timmins, ON, the first leg of their journey. We extend our sincerest thanks to World Wide Travel One's outstanding and on going support.



This year's Fishing Trip Prize was planned as a three-day fishing trip for four to Kesagami Lake Wilderness Lodge. Unfortunately, it was recently discovered that the lodge's roof had collapsed under the weight of heavy accumulated snow. The Weeneebayko is deeply saddened by this unfortunate event, and the proprietors of the lodge have advised that plans are underway to rebuild. The Weeneebayko Foundation is currently working on a solution for the golf prize.

DONATE NOW BUTTON NOW ACTIVATED ON THE WEENEEBAYKO FOUNDATION WEBSITE

We've made it easier than ever to support WAHA. In December 2025, the Weeneebayko Foundation launched its new "Donate Now" feature, providing a secure and convenient way for donors to contribute directly online. Supporters can choose to make either a one-time gift or set up monthly donations, with an official receipt issued immediately after each contribution.




Your generosity helps make a meaningful difference in the communities we serve. We invite you to visit www.wahafoundation.ca and join others in creating lasting impact.

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