



News Release

The Algonquins of Ontario office will be closed on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, for National Indigenous Peoples Day

National Indigenous Peoples Day is an occasion for all Canadians to discover the histories, cultures, and contributions of Canada's Metis, Inuit, and First Nations, as well as a special day of celebration for Indigenous Peoples across the country.

"I think it is an important day," said Chief Randy Malcolm Snimikobi Algonquin First Nation

"Certainly, it has a part in our path toward Truth and Reconciliation, but it's important just as a day of celebration as well. And it's a good reminder of why we are working toward our modern treaty.

All members of the Algonquins of Ontario communities are sharing the National Indigenous Peoples Day with all Indigenous Peoples across Canada.

Communities throughout the Algonquins of Ontario's traditional territory will be hosting events on Tuesday.

The Summer Solstice Indigenous Festival in Ottawa kicks off on June 21 with a National Indigenous Peoples Day celebration at Madahoki Farm. The event will feature live performances, Ojibwe Spirit Horses, and a screening of the film *Run Woman Run*.

The City of Pembroke also has several activities planned for the occasion, all of which will take place at either Rotary Park or Waka-ehi Lodge. Events scheduled for Waka-ehi Lodge include building a sweat under the guidance of indigenous Elders and knowledge keepers.

"I hope everyone – including all the Algonquins of Ontario community members – get out to enjoy the festivities in their area on Tuesday," said Chief Wendy Jocko of the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation.

"The events are always a lot of fun. And a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the cultures and traditions of Indigenous Peoples."

The Algonquins of Ontario extend their best wishes to all its community members and to all Indigenous Peoples across Canada for a joyful National Indigenous Peoples Day.

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