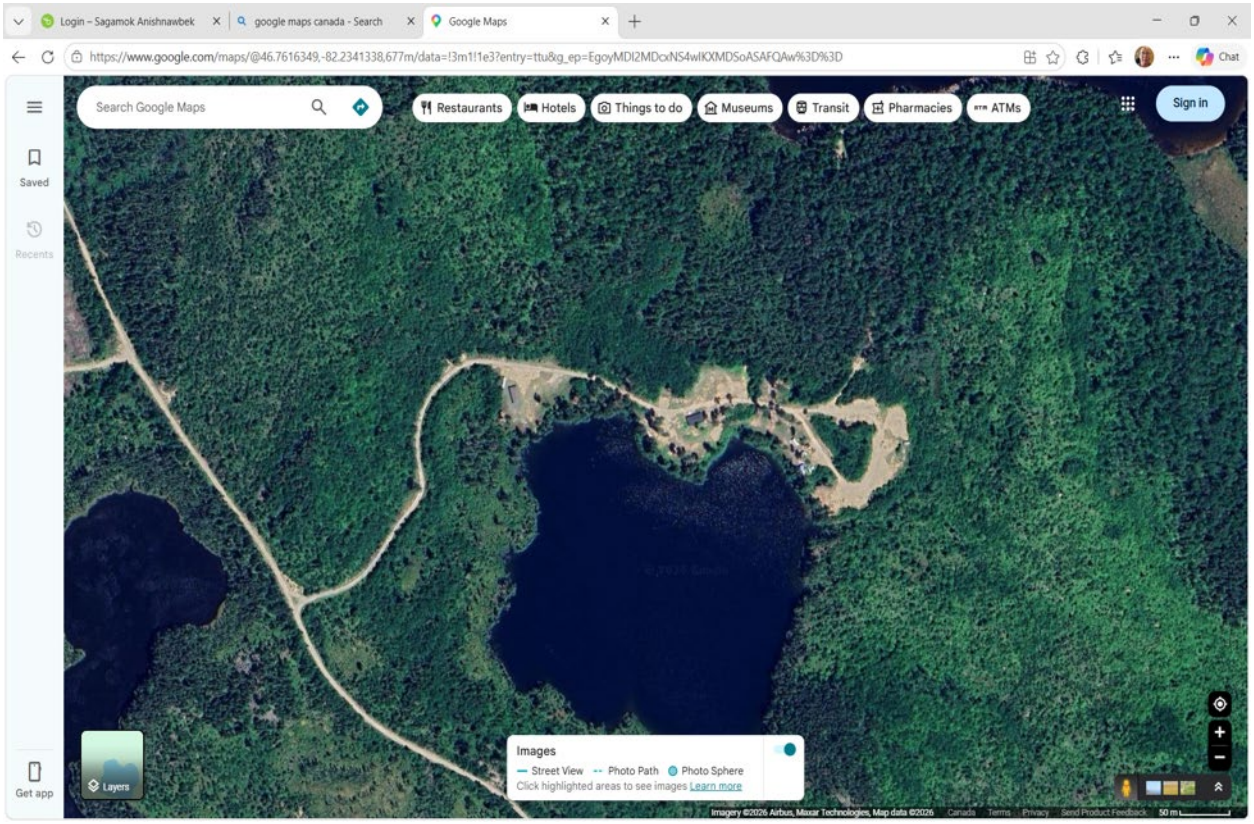
Draft 2026 Fall Harvest Safety Plan

1. Camp Information

- Camp name: D’gwaagik Z’gaknigeng
- Location (GPS coordinates and address if available): 46.762057, -82.235624
- Fall Harvest Dates: October 5-9, 2026
- Fall Harvest leader: Samantha Keysis
- Number of participants: 250-300
- Emergency contact list:



2. Emergency Contacts

Include:

- Local emergency services (911 where available) use of Starlink, satellite phone
- Nearest hospital – Espanola Hospital
- Local police – OPP or APS (1-888-310-1122)
- Barry Petahtegoose, Community Safety and By-Law Coordinator 705-863-0620, on site as well
- Lindsey Cada, By-Law 705-863-0145, on site as well
- Post these contacts where everyone can see them.

3. Communication Plan

- Every hunting party carries a reliable communication device (radio, satellite messenger, or cell phone where coverage exists).
- Establish scheduled check-in times.
- Identify a backup communication method if primary communication fails.
- Share maps showing camp, hunting zones, roads, trails, and emergency evacuation routes.
- Staff that are working carry two-way radios

4. Hunter Accountability (separate package for Hunters)

- No one hunts alone unless specifically authorized and equipped.
- Hunters notify family or friends or security personnel.
- Record:
    - Destination
    - Planned route
    - Hunting partner(s)
    - Expected return time
- Begin search procedures if someone misses a check-in or return time.

5. Firearm Safety

Everyone must:

- Treat every firearm as if it is loaded.
- Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
- Keep fingers off the trigger until ready to shoot.
- Identify the target and what is beyond it.
- Unload firearms before entering camp sites, vehicles, buildings or Recreational Trailers.
- Store firearms securely when not in use, ensure trigger lock or similar device is attached.
- Store ammunition separately when practical.

6. Personal Protective Equipment (Must, Hunters package)

Hunters Shall wear:

- Blaze orange or other legally required high-visibility clothing (must cover 400 square inches above the waist)
- Weather-appropriate clothing
- Waterproof boots
- Eye and hearing protection when shooting
- First aid supplies

7. First Aid and Medical

Maintain:

- Fully stocked first aid kit
- Trauma kit for severe bleeding
- Emergency blankets
- AED if available

Document:

- Medical conditions (voluntary)
- Allergies
- Medications
- CPR/first aid qualified personnel

8. Environmental Hazards

Review:

- Weather forecast daily.
- Heat, cold, and hypothermia risks.
- Lightning procedures.
- Ice safety (if applicable).
- Wildlife hazards.
- Water crossings.
- Tree stand safety.

9. Vehicle and ATV Safety

- Drivers must be legally authorized to operate ATV or UTV.
- Wear seat belts.
- Always wear helmets on ATVs and UTVs.

- Do not transport loaded firearms.
- Observe speed limits in the campsite – Maximum 10 km/hr
- Carry recovery equipment and emergency supplies.

10. Tree Stand Safety

- Inspect stands before use.
- Use a full-body fall-arrest harness.
- Maintain three points of contact while climbing.
- Use a haul line for firearms and equipment.
- Never climb with a loaded firearm.

11. Fire Safety

- Designate fire pit areas.
- Keep water and extinguishers nearby.
- Never leave fires unattended.
- Follow local fire restrictions.
- Ensure fires are completely extinguished before leaving.

12. Severe Weather

If severe weather approaches:

- Stop hunting.
- Return to camp or a safe shelter.
- Stay away from isolated trees during lightning.
- Monitor weather updates.

13. Injury Response

For minor injuries:

- Provide first aid.
- Record the incident.

For serious injuries:

- Ensure the scene is safe.
- Call emergency services.
- Control severe bleeding.
- Do not move the injured person unless necessary to avoid immediate danger.
- Guide responders to the location.

14. Missing Hunter Procedure

If a hunter is overdue:

- Attempt radio or phone contact.
- Contact hunting partners.
- Check the planned route.
- Notify authorities if the person cannot be located within the camp's predetermined response time or sooner if there is reason to believe they are in immediate danger.
- Preserve the person's last known information for responders.

15. Child Care

- Ensure children are always within view.
- When children are attending programs it’s important that a parent or guardian is still within camp site boundaries in case of emergencies.
- Children should not be left alone at the campsite.

16. Missing Child Procedure

- Report missing children to security personnel immediately.
- Obtain physical descriptors, clothing worn.
- Note of when the child was last observed.
- Gather volunteers to search the area, drone to be deployed to aid in the search.
- If efforts fail, Police to be notified for search and rescue support.

17. Daily Safety Meeting

Review:

- Weather
- Hunting zones
- Firearm safety reminders
- Communication procedures
- Expected return times
- Hazards identified for the day

18. Incident Reporting

Document:

- Date and time
- People involved

- Description of incident
- Injuries or damage
- Corrective actions taken
- Follow-up recommendations

19. Camp Rules

- Absolutely No alcohol or impairing drugs on site and before or during hunting or firearm handling.
- Follow all hunting laws and licensing requirements.
- Respect property boundaries.
- Always practice safe firearm handling.
- Leave camp cleaner than you found it.
- All pets must be on leash when out walking and they must be tied up at your trailer site or secured in your trailer.
- Waste management is the responsibility of each camper.

20. Muster station/Evacuation Site

- For emergencies the muster station (gathering place) will be the Main Building at Entrance/Exit.
- For emergency evacuations the gathering location will be Ritchie Falls Resort.