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Left: Dumas Timmins Facility Tour with Chief Jennifer Constant and Aki team
Right: Wendy DeBastos, Chelsea DeBastos, and Brandy DeBastos enjoying a moment together at the Mattagami Aki Golf Tournament.



Celebrating Community & Partnerships at the Golf Tournament

By: Trentin Thomas

The Mattagami Aki Golf Tournament brought together community members, partners, and guests for a day filled with fun, friendly competition.

The Golf Tournament is an annual highlight for Mattagami Aki, offering both sport and opportunity. Participants joined us on the course to celebrate our partnerships and to strengthen ties that continue to grow each year. Beyond the game itself, the event showcased how collaboration creates long-lasting benefits for the community. From the opening tee-off to the final hole, teams enjoyed a day of laughter, networking, and support for future initiatives.

Prizes, shared meals, and conversation added to the atmosphere, ensuring that

everyone felt welcomed and included. Each participant, whether community member or business partner, contributed to a stronger foundation of trust and cooperation. We are proud of how the tournament has become a place for dialogue and unity.

Looking ahead, the lessons from this event inspire us to keep building momentum. Mattagami Aki is committed to investing in opportunities that uplift the Nation and empower our youth. The tournament was not just about golf—it was about celebrating our land, our people, and our future.

The success of the tournament reflects the vision of Mattagami First Nation: creating spaces where partnerships thrive, opportunities expand, and community pride shines.



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Mattagami Aki Bursary Recipients Announced

By: Trentin Thomas

Mattagami Aki celebrates student success with bursaries made possible through our partner SGS.

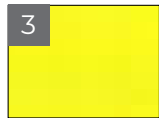
Mattagami Aki is proud to recognize the achievements of this year's bursary recipients, made possible through the generous support of SGS Canada. These bursaries highlight the importance of education, community involvement, and leadership for our youth. Each recipient has shown commitment to their studies and a vision for the future, demonstrating the values that guide our Nation forward.



Stone Rivers



Nakia McKay



Aleah Miller



Leon Prince



Education continues to be one of the strongest pathways for community growth. By supporting our students with bursaries, Mattagami Aki ensures that young people have the tools they need to succeed in their chosen fields. The recipients represent a wide range of interests—from business and science to trades and leadership—showing how diverse skills contribute to the Nation's future. Through this support, we invest in both individual dreams and collective progress.

Partnerships make this possible, and we thank SGS Canada for standing with Mattagami Aki in empowering youth.



Investing in youth education strengthens our Nation today, and prepares the leaders of tomorrow.



This program reflects Mattagami Aki's broader mission: to create capacity, build leadership, and nurture pride in our community. By lifting up students now, we are planting the seeds of future innovation and resilience. Each bursary recipient brings new ideas and energy that will support long-term development for Mattagami First Nation.

With every award, we are reminded that education is not only about textbooks—it is about opportunity, self-determination, and the power of believing in the next generation.

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Dumas Welcomes Mattagami Aki for Site Tour

By: Trentin Thomas

The Mattagami Aki team, along with Chief Jennifer Constant, joined Dumas and Galleon Gold for a guided tour of their Timmins Maintenance Facility.

The visit highlighted the strength of our new partnership and provided valuable insight into underground mining operations. Team members saw firsthand the advanced equipment and safety systems that support Dumas' work. The tour also offered opportunities for dialogue on future projects and how this partnership will continue to build capacity for Mattagami First Nation.

By opening their doors, Dumas demonstrated a strong commitment to transparency, collaboration, and meaningful relationship-building. For Mattagami Aki, the tour reinforced the importance of partnerships that are not only business-driven, but also rooted in respect and community benefit.



Amik & Dumas: Building Capacity Through Partnership

By: Trentin Thomas



Photo courtesy of Dumas Contracting Ltd.

Mattagami Aki proudly celebrates two major partnerships that expand opportunities and strengthen community involvement.

Amik Construction, created through partnership with G.R. Roy Construction, represents a new venture that will deliver construction capacity while ensuring majority ownership remains with the Nation. At the same time, Aki has partnered with Dumas Contracting to form an underground mine contracting partnership, further increasing our capacity in the resource sector.



Photo courtesy of G.R. Roy Ltd.

<p>Amik Construction</p> <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> <p>Mattagami Aki G.R. Roy Construction</p>	<p>Aki Dumas</p> <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> <p>Mattagami Aki Dumas</p>
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Both partnerships highlight the Nation's leadership in creating long-term business opportunities that keep benefits close to home. These initiatives not only generate economic growth, but also ensure that future projects reflect the values and vision of Mattagami First Nation.



Annual General Assembly: A Strong Year of Growth

By: Trentin Thomas

Mattagami First Nation held its Annual General Assembly this quarter, bringing members together to review accomplishments, discuss future opportunities, and share in community dialogue.

Over the course of two days, members gathered to hear detailed updates on ongoing and upcoming economic development projects, new and existing partnerships, and a wide range of community programs designed to support both youth and families. Presentations highlighted progress made over the past year while also setting the stage for future initiatives, giving members a clear sense of direction for Mattagami First Nation's growth.

Beyond formal discussions, the AGA created opportunities for social connection and celebration. Evening entertainment brought people together in a relaxed atmosphere, balancing the business focus of the meetings with moments of cultural pride and community spirit. This combination of information sharing and fellowship underscored the importance of building relationships alongside economic progress.

Tim Harvey, CEO

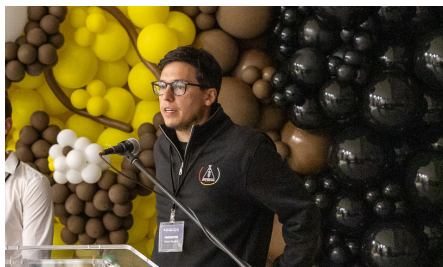


Aug 14

Tim Harvey Presents the Mattagami Aki Annual Report.

Tim outlined Aki's progress over the past year, focusing on accountability and transparency. He shared how clear planning and strong governance structures ensure that growth continues in a sustainable and responsible way.

Devin Naveau, CFO, Councillor



Aug 14

Devin Naveau Presents the Mattagami Aki Annual Report.

Devin spoke on the Nation's vision for ownership and capacity building. He emphasized that every new partnership with Aki is designed to bring long-term benefits to the community while maintaining majority Indigenous control.

Jim Butterworth, MNP Auditor



Aug 14

Jim Butterworth presents the audit for Mattagami Aki Annual Report.

The auditor presented a detailed financial review of Mattagami Aki. Their report confirmed that finances are being managed responsibly, reinforcing confidence in Aki's operations and assuring members of ongoing accountability.

Launch Canada Rocket Competition

By: Trentin Thomas



The Launch Canada Rocket Competition brought together universities for a showcase of creativity and engineering.

The Launch Canada Rocket Competition was an unforgettable experience for youth, students, and partners who came together to showcase innovation and teamwork. Teams from across Canada presented rockets designed with months of hard work and dedication. Each launch was a celebration of skill, collaboration, and the spirit of discovery. For Mattagami Aki, the event was an opportunity to highlight the importance of supporting Indigenous participation in science and technology. Through our sponsorship, students had access to resources that allowed them to compete on a national stage while building confidence in their abilities.



The competition was not only about rockets—it was about inspiring the next generation of leaders. Students gained valuable exposure to engineering and aerospace careers, while forming lasting friendships and networks with peers and mentors. The excitement of launch day reminded everyone present that innovation is driven by curiosity and courage. With every rocket that soared into the sky, there was a reminder that Indigenous youth belong in every space where the future is being built, including aerospace and engineering.



From the roar of a launch to the spark of imagination, this competition proves that no dream is out of reach for our youth.

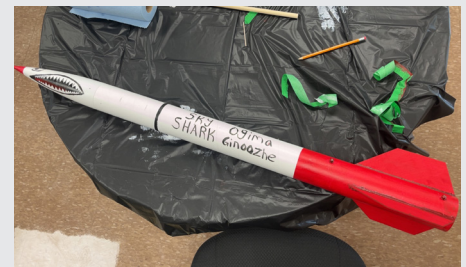
Looking ahead, Mattagami Aki remains committed to supporting initiatives that open doors for young people. The Rocket Competition demonstrated how investment in education and opportunity can uplift entire communities. By connecting students to new skills and pathways, we help create a brighter future rooted in knowledge and determination.

Inspiring the Next Generation

By Trentin Thomas



Launch Canada hosted a Youth Rocket Workshop to bring hands-on learning directly to our community. The workshop introduced students to the basics of rocketry, covering safety, design, and the excitement of launch day. Guided by mentors, youth worked together to build and test their own small rockets, gaining both technical skills and confidence in teamwork. The energy of the room showed how powerful it is when youth are given the tools and encouragement to explore science in action.



1. Hands-On Learning



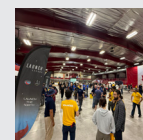
Youth built and launched their own rockets, gaining real experience in science and teamwork.

2. STEP Pathways



The workshop introduced students to aerospace and engineering careers.

3. Youth Leadership

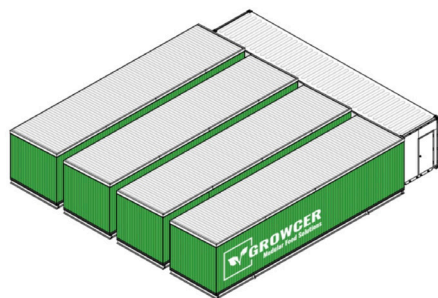


By working together, participants strengthened confidence, creativity, and problem-solving skills.

Hydroponic Farms Delivered to Support Food Sovereignty

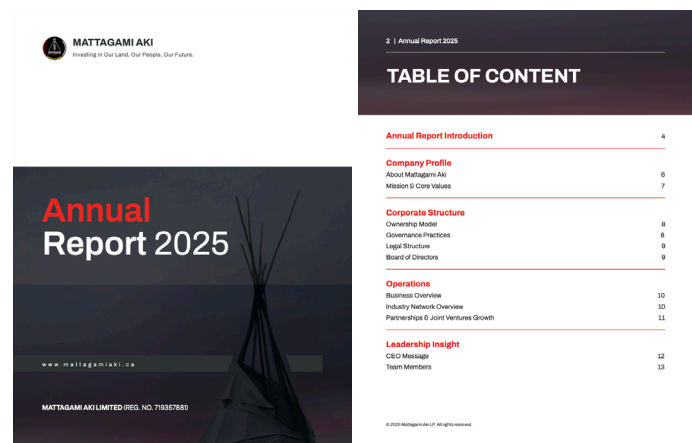
By: Ava Rentelis

On September 18–19, the Miikogi Food Sovereignty Project received the delivery of hydroponic farm units.



These systems will provide year-round access to fresh vegetables while reducing reliance on outside suppliers. The arrival of the farms represents a major step forward in food security and community sustainability. Youth and adults alike will benefit from training opportunities connected to the project, gaining valuable skills in agriculture and technology.

This is a module hydroponic farm that will consist of two hydroponic units, one dry food storage unit and one cooler and freezer unit. For more information on the farm, please visit: www.thegrowcer.ca or e-mail ava.rentelis@mattagami.com



Annual Report 2025 Booklet

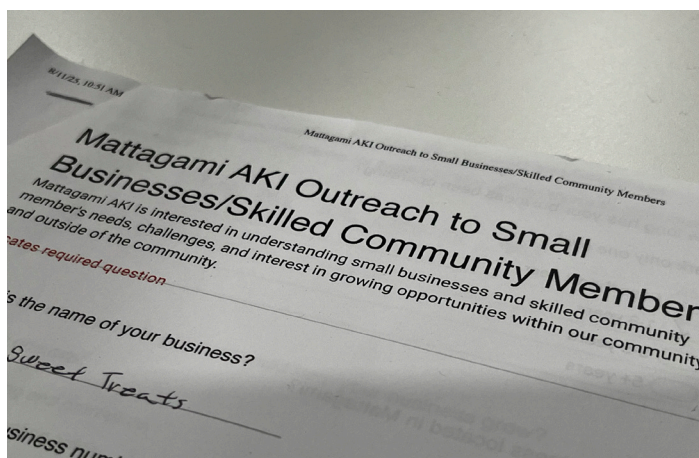
By: Trentin Thomas

This year's Annual Report Booklet highlights a season of growth, new partnerships, and community investment. It provides members with a clear view of how Aki's projects are building economic strength while creating opportunities at home. An electronic copy can be found on our website, mattagamiaki.ca.

Mattagami Aki Outreach to Local Businesses

By: Trentin Thomas

Mattagami Aki launched a new outreach initiative to connect directly with local businesses. Members are encouraged to complete the Business Registry Form, ensuring their enterprises are recognized and included in upcoming opportunities. This registry is an important step toward strengthening our Nation's business network.





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Ask Mattagami Aki

Q&A

At Mattagami Aki, we often receive thoughtful questions from partners, businesses, and community members who want to better understand our work. These questions reflect a shared curiosity about who we are, what we do, and how we move forward together. From our role as the economic development arm of Mattagami First Nation, to the projects we lead and the values that shape our decisions, these conversations help strengthen relationships and build trust.

What is Mattagami Aki's role in economic development?

Mattagami Aki is the business arm of Mattagami First Nation. We manage partnerships, create opportunities, and ensure that development benefits flow back to the community while keeping ownership and decision-making rooted in the Nation.

How does Aki support local businesses?

Through initiatives like the Business Registry Form, we connect member-owned businesses with contracts, training, and partnership opportunities. Our goal is to grow a strong local economy while building capacity within the Nation.

Mattagami First Nation while still creating meaningful collaboration with industry leaders.

Why invest in community projects like hydroponic farms?

Projects like the Miikogi Food Sovereignty hydroponic farms create long-term sustainability. They provide access to fresh produce, create local training opportunities, and demonstrate how innovation can support health and self-sufficiency.

How does Aki contribute to youth development?

We sponsor training, bursaries, and events like the MFN Youth Council and the Launch Canada Rocket Competition. By investing in youth education and leadership, we prepare the next generation.



What makes Aki's partnerships unique?

All Aki partnerships are structured to maintain majority Indigenous ownership. This ensures that revenues, jobs, and decision-making power remain with

What can partners expect when working with Aki?

Transparency, accountability, and long-term vision. We work closely with partners to ensure projects deliver measurable results while respecting our community



Every partnership we build is rooted in community benefit, ensuring that growth today creates opportunity for generations to come.

values and advancing reconciliation through business.

Where is Aki headed next?

We continue to expand partnerships, invest in capacity, and support initiatives like the Youth Recreation Centre. Our focus remains on balancing economic growth with community wellbeing—building a strong, sustainable future for the Nation.

How does Aki measure success?

Success is measured not only in financial growth, but also in the number of jobs created, training opportunities delivered, and long-term benefits returned to the community. For us, success means capacity built at home.

How does Aki ensure accountability?

Accountability is built into every project we undertake. Through transparent reporting, regular community updates, and open dialogue with partners, we make sure that progress is measurable and that benefits remain aligned with the Nation's priorities.

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Reflections from the CEO

By Tim Harvey, Chief Executive Officer

This past quarter has been a season of growth for Mattagami Aki. We strengthened partnerships, delivered new opportunities, and invested in projects that reflect our commitment to the Nation. Each initiative—whether bursaries for youth, sustainable food projects, or capacity-building in industry—moves us closer to our long-term vision of self-sufficiency and prosperity.

Our work is about more than business; it is about building trust, creating pathways, and ensuring that development today creates benefits for generations to come. I am proud of the dedication shown by our team, the support of our partners, and the engagement of our community. Together, we are investing in our land, our people, and our future.



As we move into the next quarter, I am excited to explore new projects, continue to succeed at our current projects, and bring

educational and capacity building opportunities into our community. Chi-Miigwetch