

Patient Education



First Nation Healing Centre

Hours of operation:

Available 24 hours a day, 7 days per week.

Noojimowin Bimaadziwin Gamik – The Healing Room

West Parry Sound Health Centre
6 Albert Street, Parry Sound, ON P2A 3A4

Location

On the first level of WPSHC right next to the Rehabilitation Reception area and main entrance to Lakeland Long Term Care.

The Healing Room – Noojimowin Bimaadziwin Gamik

Noojimowin Bimaadziwin Gamik = English translation from Ojibway: “Healing Life Room”. The following individuals were involved in the naming the First nation Healing Room:

- ▶ Ed Williams – Moose Deer Point First Nation
- ▶ Wanda Skead – Henvey Inlet First Nation
- ▶ Ken Pegahmagabow – Wasauksing First Nation
- ▶ Isabel Cada – Henvey Inlet First Nation
- ▶ Lila Jones – Shawanaga First Nation

Purpose

The Healing Room – Noojimowin Bimaadziwin Gamik – is a location for First Nation community members to come and meet with family, health care patients, and residents of Lakeland Long Term Care. It is also a place:

- To come and relax while waiting within the Health Centre.
- To perform smudging or other ceremonies for a patient or resident.
- That can be reserved for First Nation-related workshops, training sessions and seminars.
 - To book the room for an event, please contact the Chaplain at extension 3438 or pager 530.

WE CARE FOR PEOPLE

Compassion • Accountability • Rights & Responsibilities • Excellence

The information contained in this document are for information purposes only. They are not intended to be used as or replace medical advice given by a qualified health care provider.

- **If the situation is URGENT** and it is after regular office hours, please contact switchboard near the main floor entrance on the third level (or have a nurse contact/direct you to switchboard). From switchboard, security can give you access to the room.
- **Please note:** Call security at extension 3750 to notify that you have finished with the room so they can check and lock the entrance.

Features

- The room is designed with an entrance door in the East and an exterior door in the West.
- The room has a separate ventilation system and smoke detection system so ceremonial smudging practices can be provided without activating the entire safety systems within the Health Centre.
- The room is constructed to reflect the shape of a healing lodge – it has no right angles and was designed to be as circular as possible.
- The walls are sound proofed to reduce the sounds of drumming and singing that might be heard in other parts of the building.
- There is also an administration area and a small kitchenette.

WE CARE FOR PEOPLE

Compassion • Accountability • Rights & Responsibilities • Excellence

The information contained in this document are for information purposes only. They are not intended to be used as or replace medical advice given by a qualified health care provider.