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GRAND COUNCIL CHIEF ACTIVITY REPORT

October 2009 – February 2010

It has been very busy these past five months. I have participated in activities surrounding assertion of Treaty Rights, H1N1, advocacy with individual Chief issues, urban interaction with Ontario Federation of Friendship Centre, Youth & Child Welfare Law Development and attending First Nation related activities and conferences.

I can categorize the timeframe under seven (7) categories:

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| 1) Ministerial Contacts | 2) HST |
| 3) Child Welfare | 4) Governance |
| 5) Energy | 6) Economics |
| 7) UN Declaration on Indigenous Rights | |

1) Ministerial Contact:

Federal:

- i) INAC, Chuck Strahl, Bilateral Table re: HST, Addition to Reserve, Self Government, Economic Development, Treaty Implementation and War on Drugs.
- ii) ADM Dave McCarthy – deficit to Child Care agencies, Dilico and Band Representative Funding.

Provincial:

- i) MNR Minister Cansfield – renew relationship, forestry management, CORDA, repair UOI/MNR processes
- ii) Minister Laura Burton – sustainability Commission, Agency designation, Child Welfare Law, 1965 Welfare Agreement, Youth Issues, Agency deficit, Dilico
- iii) Minister Duguid, MAA – HST, Comprehensive Self Government, Treaty Resources Benefit Sharing, Treaty Commission, Resource Issues, Procurement, War on Drugs

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Provincial:

- iv) Minister Dwight Duncan – HST
 - v) Minister John Wilkinson – HST
 - vi) Minister Gravelle – HST, Child Care (Dilico), Child Agency Funding, Forestry, Resource Benefit Sharing
 - vii) Minister Linda Jeffery – new MNR Minister, HST, Forestry
 - viii) Minister Chris Bentley, HST, Forestry, Child Care, Justice.
- 2) HST – continued efforts to fight HST with various Ministers. Staff have been excellent coordinating file. Ongoing Officials meetings to keep up fight.
 - 3) Child Care – advocacy on agency deficits, successful in Dilico receiving 1.4 million, advocacy for new designation, Child Welfare Law Development
 - 4) Governance – continued work of Chiefs Committee on Governance, Constitution Convention, ROJ processes
 - 5) Energy – assisting on advocacy of energy file, various meetings with Industry and Government
 - 6) Economics – attended conferences to promote economic blueprint, networking, resource issues, procurement
 - 7) UN Declaration on Indigenous Rights – Chief Day, Deputy Grand Chief and myself promoted issues with Provincial NDP leader Andrea Horwath to introduce issue at Provincial Legislation. Met with MAA Brad Duguid to promote UN Declaration. Premier introduced issues to Provincial Legislation to support, urged feds to support. Federal Throne Speech – Harper moving to acknowledge UN Declaration.

I am looking forward to next round of Regional meetings, implementation of regional priorities follow-up and the upcoming Grand Council. Deputy Grand Chief and I will give priority to attend community Pow Wow's we did not get to last season and look forward to working hard to fight the HST and other First Nation issues on your behalf.



Patrick Wedaseh Madahbee
Grand Council Chief
Anishinabek Nation



GCC ACTIVITY EVENTS SCHEDULE

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| Oct 1 | Attended Serpent River First Nation event on asserting Treaty Right by setting nets in Elliot Lake |
| Oct 2 | Meeting with Weengsuhk Film Manager |
| Oct 6 – 8 | Attended Nog da win da min Child Welfare Conference, Kewadin Conference Centre |
| Oct 8 | Addressed students at Shingwauk Kinoomaage Gamig – historical chronology – rights based, SSM |
| Oct 13 & 14 | PC Meeting Toronto |
| Oct 15 & 16 | UOI Nipissing Office |
| Oct 19 | Lake Huron Chiefs meeting Sudbury Ontario |
| Oct 20 | War Room Discussions , Sudbury, Ontario - Immediate News Release: Anishinabek expect tax exemption to be honoured |
| Oct 22 | Speaking engagement at Shingwauk Kinoomaage Gamig followed by meeting at the North Shore Tribal Council |
| Oct 23 | Economic Forum meeting |
| Oct 24 | Attended 40 th Annual Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centres – Fort Erie |
| Oct 24 | Ted Noland Foundation Closing Remarks and Dinner |
| Oct 26 | Child Welfare Teleconference Depart to Pic Mobert |
| Oct 27 | Meeting with Chief Desmoulin – UOI orientation to Pic Mobert First Nation Council Meeting with Chief Buckell – various issues – Michipicoten First Nation Meeting with Chief Bisailon, Thessalon First Nation |
| Oct 28 | Meeting in Thessalon |
| Oct 29 | Dreamcatcher Gala |
| Oct 30 | Travel Day |
| Nov 2 | UOI – Nipissing Office |
| Nov 3 | UOI Directors Retreat Travel to Toronto |
| Nov 4 | Economic Summit – Niagara-on-the-lake Meetings with Minister Duguid |
| Nov 5 | Travel to Toronto meeting with Stephen White |
| Nov 6 | Southeast Chiefs Meeting – Georgina Island |

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| Nov 8 | Attended Alderville First Nation - Commemorative Day/Remembrance Day Celebrations |
| Nov 9 - 11 | Out of Office |
| Nov 11 | News Release – “Status issue symptom of gender discrimination: Madahbee” |
| Nov 12 | Attended Waubetek Business Development Awards – Rama |
| Nov 13 | Economic Summit Teleconference |
| Nov 14 | Speaking Engagement – Sergeant Walter T. Corbiere Retirement |
| Nov 15 | Travel to Toronto |
| Nov 16 | Child Welfare Meetings - Minister Broten |
| Nov 16 | Press Release: “First Nations children at risk: Madahbee” |
| Nov 17 | Various meetings in Toronto - John KimBell - Ron Ross - PC Teleconference |
| Nov 18 | Chief Welfare Law Development Ministry of Natural Resources Meeting |
| Nov 19 | Meetings: - Chiefs of Ontario Third Tripartite Roundtable |
| Nov 20 | Out of Office |
| Nov 23 | Travel to SSM – UOI Fall Assembly |
| Nov 24-25 | UOI Fall Assembly Garden River |
| Nov 29 | Travel to Toronto |
| Nov 30 | Chiefs Committee on Governance |
| Dec 1-3 | Chief of Ontario Fall Assembly Toronto |
| Dec 4 | Meetings with Kenjgewin Teg and Weengushk |
| Dec 5 | Speaking Engagement – Kenjgewin Teg Christmas Gala |
| Dec 6 | AFN Executive Meeting |
| Dec 7 | UOI-INAC Protocol – Prep Meetings |
| Dec 8 | UOI-INAC Protocol: Leadership meeting |
| Dec 8-10 | AFN Special Chiefs Assembly |
| Dec 11 | UOI Staff meetings and staff dinner |
| Dec 16 | Disposition of Aboriginal Human Remains Mtg Simcoe County Museum |
| Dec 17 | PC Meeting |

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| Dec 18 | OFNEF Update |
| Dec 21-22 | Lake Huron Chiefs Meeting - Sudbury |
| Dec 23 - Jan 5 | Christmas Holidays |
| Jan 6 | Health Conference Sudbury |
| Jan 7 | Meeting at Whitefish River First Nation |
| Jan 11 | In Office |
| Jan 12 | Governance Working Group – Sault Ste Marie |
| Jan 13 | Leadership Council Meeting – Thunder Bay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting with Dilico - Economic Update Meeting - Chief Frank/Chief Collins/CAO Meeting |
| Jan 14 | Ontario First Nation Economic Forum – Thunder Bay |
| Jan 18 | National Day of Protest Launch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youtube Video recording - CTV interview |
| Jan 20 | In Office |
| Jan 21 | Travel to Toronto |
| Jan 22 | Ontario Electricity Finance Commission Meeting |
| Jan 27 | Hydro One Meeting Sudbury |
| Jan 28 | LH Chiefs Transmission Line Meeting |
| Feb 1 | UCCM Meeting |
| Feb 2 | Attend Indigenous Education Summit – University of Sudbury |
| Feb 3 | Round Table Discussions Sagamok Anishinabek |
| Feb 4 | Attend Whitefish River First Nation meeting with local Chiefs & National Chief Shawn Atleo Fly to Thunder Bay |
| Feb 5 | Meeting with Chief Collins – Thunder Bay Meeting with Dilico – Thunder Bay |
| Feb 8 | In Office – meetings with COO representative, HST, vehicle maintenance |
| Feb 9-10 | Our Relations Conference – Whitefish River First Nation |
| Feb 11 | Meeting with Minister Gravelle – Thunder Bay |
| Feb 12 | Meeting at Ryerson University – Toronto |
| Feb 17-18 | Education Symposium – Sault Ste. Marie |
| Feb 19 | Traditional Election Session – Sudbury |
| Feb 20 | Attend Sheguiandah First Nation Winter Carnival |

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| Feb 21-24 | Attended 24 th Annual Reservation Economic Summit, Las Vegas |
| Feb 25 | Meeting with Minister Linda Jeffery – Toronto |
| Feb 28 | Attended Sweat and Chiefs Committee on Governance – Garden River First Nation |