



## GRAND COUNCIL CHIEF

### ACTIVITY REPORT

December 2013 – February 2014

Chiefs/Councils of Anishinabek First Nations,

December 2013 attended annual assembly of International Union of Engineers, advocating hiring of First nation citizens for heavy equipment and crane operators, they have signed an MOU with Assembly of First nations and are looking to do same with Chiefs of Ontario to promote job opportunities. I attended the Education Rally opposing FNEA at the INAC offices in Toronto. During a meeting with Frank McAuley of RBC, discussions surrounding the Economic blueprint, investments and venture capital occurred. The AN 7<sup>th</sup> Generation meeting was held at which time First Nation grant request applications were reviewed along with presentation of previous and ongoing fund raising activities. There was a Northern Leaders Meeting held in Timmins, Premier Wynne, Minister Gravelle and other Ministers attended. Main discussions were on Northern Growth Plan, Economic Development. This was an opportunity to meet with Mayors of the larger Northern Cities there were discussions with First Nation leadership on develop in Northern Ontario. During the AFN Assembly in Ottawa there were a number of side meetings including Health Workshops regarding common funding agreement with INAC, Health Canada. AFN Chiefs Committee on Health presentation on behalf of the COO health committee to AFN Assembly. Non-Insured Health Benefit was the major issue. UOI hosted their annual staff Christmas celebrations. Attended to a Chief and Council meeting at the request by Chief Williams Curve Lake First Nation, meeting was in regards to health concerns as well as other various issues. There was also a Political Confederacy meeting held in Toronto. The year ended with a meeting with Angela Recollet at the Shkawgamik-Kwe Health Centre in Sudbury.

January 2014 was welcomed with many meetings once again. Health issues continually require ongoing meetings early January I attended a meeting in Toronto. Had a meeting to welcome the newly elected Chief of Sheguiandah First Nation, presented Chief Shawanda with an orientation package. A strategic planning session was coordinated in Toronto where the members of the Treasury Board, Leadership Council and Economic Committee met to work on priority areas. Challenges trying

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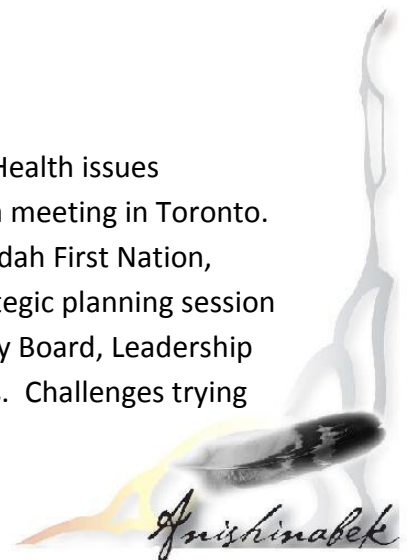
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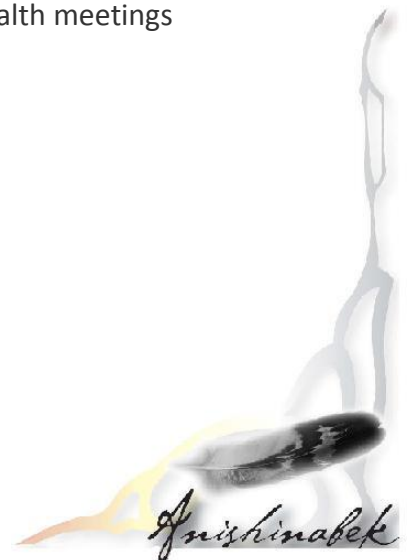
to deal with COO PC still ongoing – lack of participating by Treaty 3 and NAN but become obstacles when meeting with Government. Attended the AOFRC Board dinner in North Bay to say farewell to long-time Board member Jim Greyson. As a follow-up from the Northern Leaders meeting in Timmins, I was invited to a meeting with Sudbury Mayor Matichuk, the main focus of the meeting was to provide an orientation on First Nation Political Landscape. Regrettably I took some bereavement leave upon the loss of my 39 year old niece who was hit by a car in Toronto and the following week my 35 year old nephew passed away in his sleep from internal hemorrhaging, it was very difficult on the family to lose young people. Deputy Grand Chief covered for me at the COO PC meeting during the loss of my nephew. Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute located in M`Chigeeng First Nation hosted an Education Teach-in, I was one of the speakers and also participated on a panel, the teach-in was web-casted.

February 2014 – I attended the Ontario Parliamentary Committee session on the Impending Review of the Local Health System Integration Act in Sudbury and provided a presentation with problems currently in the LHINS process. Provided opening and welcoming remarks at the Family Violence workshop in Sault Ste. Marie. COO Chiefs Committee on Health met in Toronto which was immediately followed by a Cancer Care Strategy session. I provided a review of the Restoration of Jurisdiction program to the students of an Indigenous Studies class at Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute. I attended a fundraiser for Chris Pheasant who is a liver transplant patient. A Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs (MAA) Bilateral meeting was held, the proposal for Anishinabek Economic Recovery and Growth Proposal was presented, and additional items of discussion included Resource Revenue Sharing, Economic Structure, Child Care and Education. The AEI program is offering a Government Relations course I was invited to speak to the students regarding the current Political landscape for the Anishinabek Nation. Chiefs of Ontario hosted the 8th Annual Chiefs Of Ontario 'Our Health during the last week of February, once again one of the highlights of the forum was on Non-Insured Health Benefits, this forum was an opportunity to prepare for the upcoming AFN Health meetings scheduled for March.

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Patrick Wedaseh Madahbee  
Grand Council Chief  
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## GCC ACTIVITY EVENTS SCHEDULE

Dec 3	Oakville - Canadian Operating Engineers Joint Apprenticeship Council (COJATC) meeting
Dec 4	Toronto – mtg with Frank McAuley's RBC
Dec 5	Nipissing – AN7GC mtg UOI Head Office
Dec 6	Timmins – Northern Leaders Forum
Dec 7	M'Chigeeng – KTEI Christmas Gala
Dec 9 – 12	Ottawa – AFN SCA and CCoH Mtgs
Dec 13	North Bay – UOI Head Office Christmas Dinner
Dec 18	Curve Lake – Mtg with Chief and Council
Dec 19	Toronto – PC Mtg
Jan 7 - 9	Nipissing UOI Head Office – Staff mtgs and CCoG
Jan 14-15	Toronto – Leadership Council and Chiefs Committee on Economy mtg
Jan 18	North Bay – A/ORFRC Retirement Dinner
Jan 21	Sudbury – Treaty Training Sudbury Mayor and Counsellors
Jan 23-24	Bereavement
Jan 28	M'Chigeeng – KTEI Teach-in Session
Jan 29	Toronto – PC Mtg
Jan 30-31	Bereavement
Feb 4	Sudbury - Ontario Parliamentary Committee session on the Impending Review of the Local Health System Integration Act
Feb 5	Sault Ste. Marie – Social Conference
Feb 6	Toronto – Chiefs Committee on Health
Feb 7	Toronto – Cancer Care Joint Working Group
Feb 8	Whitefish River – meeting Chief Ogimaa Shining Turtle
Feb 11	M'Chigeeng – KTEI guest lecture Implications of Aboriginal Peoplehood
Feb 12	Toronto – MAA Leadership Mtg
Feb 13	Sudbury - Shkawgamik-Kwe Health Centre mtg Little Current – Fundraiser Dinner – Chris Pheasant
Feb 18-19	Nipissing Head Office – Internal preparation mtgs for MAA Bilateral Leadership Meeting
Feb 20	North Bay - Child Welfare engagement sessions
Feb 21	Toronto – MAA Leadership Bi-lateral Toronto - INAC Bilateral OPS Meeting.
Feb 24	Nipissing Head Office – Speaking engagement – AEI class
Feb 25-27	Toronto – Chiefs of Ontario Health Forum

