



Anishinabek

GRAND COUNCIL CHIEF

ACTIVITY REPORT

March 2015 – May 2015

Chiefs/Councils of Anishinabek First Nations,

We have arranged and conducted many meetings during the past three months while working on the priorities of the Anishinabek Nation.

This year marks the completion of the negotiations with Canada and the start of the First Nation decision-making process on those negotiated arrangements. I am pleased to report that fourteen (14) Anishinabek First Nations have passed Band Council Resolutions approving the initialling of the Anishinabek Nation Education Agreement and several more are expected shortly. Education is a top priority for the Anishinabek Nation and this is a significant step for the Nation.

We are pleased to report that three Anishinabek First Nations have ratified their community constitutions, while several other First Nations are actively working on their constitutions. The Anishinabek Nation has developed draft laws in consultation with Anishinabek First Nations in the areas of matrimonial real property and Anishinabek citizenship. I encourage the Anishinabek First Nations to review these draft laws and consider adopting these laws in consultation with your community. The education negotiations, the ratification of community constitutions, and the development of laws are excellent examples of how the Anishinabek Nation First Nations are asserting their jurisdiction.

The Anishinabek Nation has advocated extensively during the months of March, April, and May. We have provided support to several Anishinabek First Nations in relation to specific issues that have been encountered. The advocacy includes arranging and attending meetings with and on behalf of Anishinabek First Nations and/or writing letters to Federal and Provincial Ministers to support First Nations in resolving their community issues. We conducted a tour of the Northern Superior Region with Aboriginal Affairs Minister Zimmer on May 19, 20, 21.

The Anishinabek Nation sent a letter to the Premier requesting an Anishinabek summit, and we have been advised that the Anishinabek Summit will occur on July 27 in the Northern Superior Region. The Anishinabek Ontario Action Plan has been developed, has been presented to the Premier and has been reviewed in detail with the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs.

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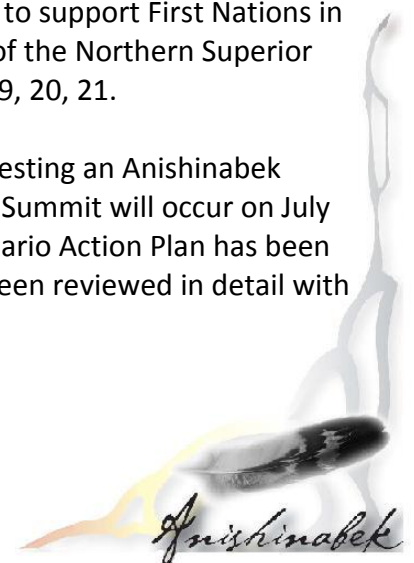
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We have met with the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and the Minister of Transportation during the month of May. There also meetings scheduled with the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry and the Minister of Northern Development and Mines. We have met with the Minister of Energy, and the Minister of Children and Youth Services earlier in the year.

I hold the Health Portfolio for the Chiefs of Ontario and I have actively participated in many important meetings and events in this position. I recently met with the Federal Health Minister to successfully advocate on an important health initiative. The Political Confederacy has been developing a work plan to develop a new relationship with the government of Ontario as well as develop a comprehensive communications strategy for priority issues. We have been extensively involved in developing this work plan. We met with the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs on February 25, April 30, and May 19 to further discuss the plan mandated by Ontario Chiefs. It is important for the Anishinabek Nation to pursue initiatives directly with the government of Ontario as well as to participate with the Political Confederacy. We have been travelling to many Anishinabek Nation communities. I enjoy visiting the communities, meeting community members, and working on community issues. I am pleased to report that we have visited all of the Anishinabek communities during the past year.

It is important that we continue the momentum that we have achieved in the Education negotiations, development of laws, and constitution development. I look forward to seeing you at Grand Council in Curve Lake First Nation. I have attended the following events recently:

- Chiefs of Ontario Education Conference
- Chiefs Committee on Governance meetings
- Political Confederacy meetings
- Chiefs Committee on Health meetings
- Regional Chiefs meetings
- Leadership Council meeting
- Child Welfare presentation – Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians
- Little NHL
- Anishinabek Nation Child Well-Being Conference
- Giiwednong Health Link meeting
- Anishinaabemowin Teg Language Conference
- Mississauga First Nation Constitution celebration
- Law Society of Upper Canada meeting
- Chiefs Committee on the Economy meeting
- Minister of Aboriginal Affairs Meeting
- Minister of Transportation Meeting

- Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry Meeting
- Minister of Northern Development and Mines Meeting
- Numerous meetings on behalf or with Anishinabek First Nation leadership

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Wedaseh Madahbee', written in a cursive style.

Patrick Wedaseh Madahbee
Grand Council Chief
Anishinabek Nation

GCC ACTIVITY EVENTS SCHEDULE

Mar 2	Rez 91 recordings
Mar 3	Toronto - Chiefs Committee on Governance
Mar 4	Toronto - Polishing the Chain mtgs at Chiefs of Ontario
Mar 5-6	Toronto – COO Education Conference
Mar 9-10	Garden River – Robinson Huron Chiefs mtg
Mar 11	Rama – Presentation of AN Child Well-Being Law and Implementation Plan to AIAI
Mar 12	PC Conference Call
Mar 13	CCoG Conference Call Placement Planning Conference call for a Atikameksheng Anishinawbek Citizen
Mar 15-19	Little NHL
Mar 20	Political Confederacy / Treaty Leaders: RE: Railways, Highways and Pipelines Infringing on Ancestral Lands
Mar 24	Sault Ste Marie – AN Child Welfare Conference
Mar 25	Ottawa – Giiwednong Health Link mtg with FNIHB
Mar 26	Thessalon - Community Visit Education Conference Call
Mar 27	Anishinabemowin Language Conference
Mar 28	Memorial Red Rock First Nation
Mar 30	Nipissing – Head Office Political Planning Session Sudbury - Welcoming home for Atikameksheng Anishinawbek citizen
Mar 31	Ottawa – Minister Ambrose mtg
Apr 1	Nipissing – Head Office – mtg with Upper Law Society delegates - Staff mtgs prep for MAA Leadership Mtg
Apr 2	Mississauga #8 – Constitution Celebration event
Apr 6-7	Rama – Aboriginal Business Conference
Apr 9	Thunder Bay – PC Mtg and conference call with Northern Mayors
Apr 13	Nipissing – Head Office – Internal meetings
Apr 15	Toronto - Mtg with DGC Fiddler
Apr 16-17	Toronto – Leadership/Treasury Board Mtg
Apr 20	Nipissing Head Office – Mtg with staff
Apr 22	Niagara Falls - AIAI - Health Presentation HSAB Chiefs Forum
Apr 24	PC Conference Call
Apr 25	Pic Mobert – Nuclear Waste Rally

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Apr 27	Travel to Ottawa – mtg with Bill McBain at UOI Head office
Apr 28-29	Ottawa – COO Chiefs Committee on Health
Apr 30	Toronto – Mtg with Minister Zimmer
May 4	Nipissing Head Office – Mtg with Representatives of Fire Service
May 5	Nipissing Head Office – Mtg with staff of Minister of Transportation
May 6-7	Nipissing Head Office – Chiefs Committee on Governance
May 7	Nipissing Head Office – MAA Leadership mtg
May 8	Sudbury – Mtg with Min Steven Del Duca Minister of Transportation
May 11-13	Thunder Bay/Pic River – Northern Superior Chiefs Mtg
May 14	Toronto – PC Mtg
May 19-21	Northern Superior Region – travelled and met with NS Region with Minister Zimmer
May 26	Toronto – Chiefs Committee on Economy
May 27	Toronto – Mtg with Min Mauro MNRF Leadership Forum
May 28	Toronto – Mtg with Min Gravelle MNDM