



Anishinabek

## GRAND COUNCIL CHIEF

### ACTIVITY REPORT

December 2014 – February 2015

Chiefs/Councils of Anishinabek First Nations,

We have been very busy over the last few months working on the priorities of the Anishinabek Nation.

The Anishinabek Nation has advocated extensively during the months of December, January, and February. 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 dealing with their community issues.

The Anishinabek Nation sent a letter to the Premier requesting an Anishinabek summit, but we have not received a response to date. We have heard from individual Ministers who are willing to meet with us. 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. The Anishinabek Ontario Action Plan has been developed, has been presented to the Premier, and is currently being updated by the Secretariat. We have also sent a letter to the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs requesting to schedule the next bi lateral meeting. We have met with the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, the Minister of Energy, and the Minister of Children and Youth Services during January and February.

I hold the Health Portfolio for the Chiefs of Ontario and I have actively participated in many important meeting and events in this position. The 2015 Health Forum was recently held in Toronto and was a success. First Nation Health personnel and leadership from across Ontario attended this annual event hosted by the Chiefs of Ontario Health Sector.

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, 2015 to further discuss the plan mandated by Ontario Chiefs.

**Algonquin**

**Ojibwa**

**Chippewa**

**Delaware**

**Mississauga**

**Odawa**

**Potawatomi**

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I have attended the following events recently:

- Non Insured Health Benefits – joint review. I am the co-chair with Deputy Minister Sonny Perron
- AFN Special Chiefs Assembly
- Chiefs Committee on Governance meetings
- Political Confederacy meetings
- Anishinabek Nation Mental Health
- Chiefs Committee on Health meetings
- Prescription Drug Use/Mis-Use Training
- Gathering for the Families of the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls
- Chiefs of Ontario health forum
- Regional Chiefs meetings
- Leadership Council meeting
- Anishinabek Nation 7th Generation Charity Board meeting
- Numerous meetings on behalf or with Anishinabek First Nation leadership

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Patrick Wedaseh Madahbee  
Grand Council Chief  
Anishinabek Nation

## GCC ACTIVITY EVENTS SCHEDULE

Dec 2	Barrie – Speaking Engagement Georgian College
Dec 3	Magnetawan - Rez 91 interview Sudbury mtg at Shkagamik-kwe Health Centre
Dec 4	Sheshegwaning – community visit
Dec 8-11	Winnipeg – AFN Assembly
Dec 12	Thunder Bay – UOI Christmas Dinner
Dec 15-16	UOI Head Office – Leadership Treasury Board Mtg
Dec 17	Shawanaga – Lake Huron Chiefs Mtg
Dec 18	Sudbury – Shkagamik-kwe Health Centre mtg North Bay – UOI Christmas Staff Dinner
Jan 7-8	Toronto – Murdered and Missing Women Mtgs
Jan 8-9	Toronto – Political Confederacy Retreat
Jan 12 - 13	Ottawa – NIHB Joint Review
Jan 14-15	Winnipeg – Health Council Mtg
Jan 16	Conference Calls – Political Confederacy (PC) and DM Richardson
Jan 19	M’Chigeeng – UCCMM Treaty Mtg
Jan 20	Sault Ste Marie – Opening Remarks AN Health Mtg Thessalon – community visit UOI Head Office – CCoG Mtg
Jan 21	UOI Head Office – CCoG Mtg
Jan 22-23	Toronto – Chiefs of Ontario Urban Engagement
Jan 26	UOI Head Office – Political Office Strategy Planning
Jan 28-29	Ottawa - CCoH
Jan 30	Tele-conference – Lake Huron Regional / RHT 1850 Little Current – mtg with staff
Feb 2	Conference Call – Child Welfare Issues
Feb 3	Sault Ste. Marie – Opening Remarks Prescription Drugs conference
Feb 4	Toronto – MCYS First Nation/Leadership Mtg
Feb 8-13	Thunder Bay – Murdered and Missing Women and Girls event Northern Superior Chiefs Mtg Meet and Greet Justin Trudeau Political Confederacy Mtg
Feb 18	UOI Head Office – AN7GC Mtg
Feb 19	Sault Ste.Marie – Giiwednong Health Link Mtg
Feb 23	Toronto – Voice for Rural and Northern Ontario Conference –

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	OGRA/ROMA
Feb 24-26	Toronto – Chiefs of Ontario Health Forum Aboriginal Education: The Urgency to Act – Paul Martin event
Feb 27 – Mar 1	Namaygoosisagagun First Nation – community visit