



Anishinabek

## GRAND COUNCIL CHIEF

### ACTIVITY REPORT

March 2014 – May 2014

Chiefs/Councils of Anishinabek First Nations,

Over the past three months the Anishinabek Nation has attempted to correspond with the Prime Minister of Canada and the Minister of Indian Affairs regarding legislation and policies. First Nations continue to be frustrated by government policies that impact our citizens and intrude on our jurisdictions. The Ontario government continues to pursue First Nation public relations and meetings with very little tangible results on First Nation economies, Resource Revenue Sharing, policing and other files. As a result, the Anishinabek political office has coordinated our efforts with key staff to develop an economic growth plan and discuss strategies going forward.

#### Algonquin

#### Ojibwa

#### Chippewa

#### Delaware

#### Mississauga

#### Odawa

#### Potawatomi

The various bills introduced in the House of Commons and the Senate will have a negative impact on First Nations' inherent and treaty rights, and have not included a proper process of consultation and accommodation. Bill C-10, the Contraband Tobacco Act and Bill C33, the First Nations Control of First Nations Education Act (FNCFNEA) has been our primary focus as we advocate and protect First Nation jurisdiction and education.

The Prime Minister also refuses to deal with the issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women in Canada. The Anishinabek Nation Women's Council has kept this issue as a top priority and we have joined the efforts of other First Nation and women's organizations across the country.

March 2014

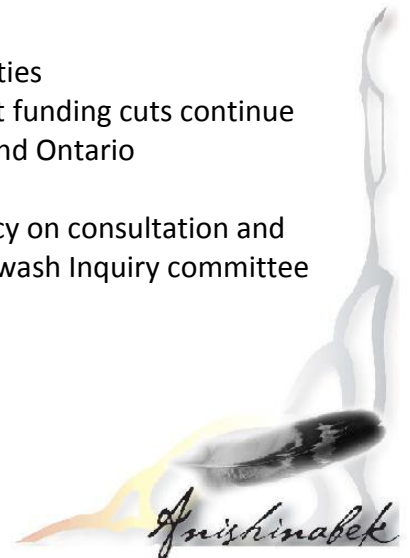
Attended meetings in Nipissing, Sudbury, Wikwemikong and Toronto

Priorities and strategies discussed included the following:

- Employment and Training in Nipissing
- Chiefs of Ontario (COO) Political Confederacy (PC) priorities
- First Nation Health sector and challenges as government funding cuts continue
- Child Welfare Symposium with First Nation leadership and Ontario representatives
- COO Justice file overview including the need for advocacy on consultation and accommodation, and specific issues regarding the Ipperwash Inquiry committee tables and policing
- Met with the Ministry of Child and Youth Services
- Leadership Council

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April 2014

Attended meetings in Nipissing, Toronto, Sudbury, Fort William, Little Current, North Bay, Mississauga First Nation, and Curve Lake FN

Although we continued to engage in discussions around Child Welfare, Health and Policing matters, much of April was focused on the education file as the Federal Government re-introduced the First Nations Education Act as Bill C-33 (FNCFEA)

May 2014

Attended meetings in Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Toronto, Munsee Delaware Nation, North Bay, Thunder Bay, and Rama First Nation

In May we spent a lot of time on strategic development, unifying political priorities and political advocacy.

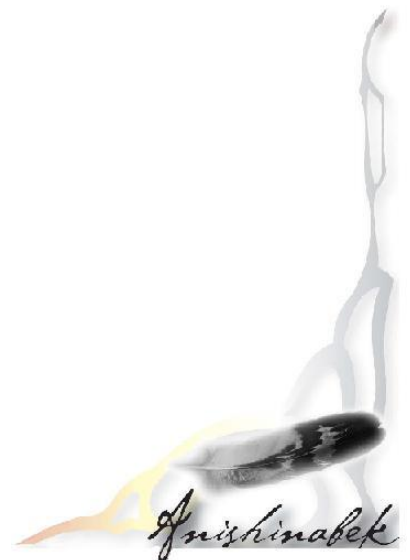
Politics played a major role in May 2014 as our National Organization the Assembly of First Nations was just as much of a focus as federal legislation. With the resignation of the National Chief, First Nations directed the AFN Executive to reject the FNCFNEA and the Anishinabek Nation took the lead in activities opposing the federal bill.

AN continues to press the Harper government for a Public Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, and INAC announces that the FNCFNEA will be put on hold

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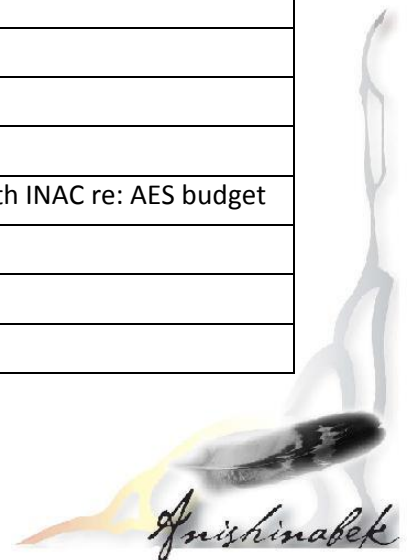


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## GCC ACTIVITY EVENTS SCHEDULE

Mar 3	Nipissing - UOI Head Office – Staff meetings, COO Conference call
Mar 4	Aundeck Omni Kaning - Noojmowin Teg
Mar 5	Sudbury – Shkagamik-Kwe Health Centre
Mar 6	Toronto – Child Welfare Symposium
Mar 7	Toronto – Justice of Peace Advocacy
Mar 9-14	Mississauga – Little NHL, attend various meetings
Mar 17	North Bay – UOI Head Office
Mar 18	Wikwemikong – Child Care Agreement Signing Ceremony Toronto (evening) – PC Meeting
Mar 19-20	Toronto – Non-Insured Health Benefits Mtg (AFN)
Mar 21	Nipissing – UOI Head Office
Mar 24	Toronto – Min. Gravelle (MNDM) meeting
Mar 25	Toronto – COO Office mtg with ORC Beardy
Mar 26	Toronto – Min of Children & Youth Services mtg
Mar 27	Nipissing – UO Head Office – Leadership Mtg
Mar 31	Toronto – Policing Negotiations
Apr 1	Nipissing – UOI Head Office
Apr 2	Sudbury – AES Mtg for First Nations with On-Reserve Schools Fly to Thunder Bay
Apr 3	Fort William Chief and Council Mtg Fly back to Sudbury
Apr 4	Little Current – Speaking Engagement Tourism Conference
Apr 8 -9	Nipissing – UOI Head Office
Apr 9	North Bay - Northern Policy Institute; Speaking Engagement at Meet & Greet
Apr 11	PC Conference Call
Apr 14	Nipissing – UOI Head Office
Apr 15	Toronto – Mtg with Ontario Health Minister Deb Mathews
Apr 16-17	Sudbury – Lake Huron Chiefs
Apr 22	Nipissing – UOI Head Office
Apr 23-24	Nipissing – Education Symposium
Apr 25	Mississauga – attend funerals
Apr 28	Ottawa – Attend Press Conference – Education Bill, mtg with INAC re: AES budget
Apr 30	Curve Lake – Southeast Chiefs Mtg
May 1	Nipissing – UOI Head Office – Staff Strategy Session
May 2	North Bay – Post Partum Press Conference



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May 6	Toronto – COO – NNADAP mtg
May 7	Niagara Falls – Speaking Engagement – Bill C-27
May 8	Thunder Bay – COO Board Mtg
May 8-9	Thunder Bay – COO Education Summit
May 12	Nipissing – UOI Head Office – Governance Mtg with Legal and Walter
May 14-15	Ottawa – Confederacy of Nations Mtg (working groups)
May 16	Sudbury - Mnidoo Mising Annual Mtg
May 20	Rama - First Nations Schools Mtg
May 23	Muncey – Mtg with Chief and Council – Orientation
May 27	Ottawa – AFN Special Assembly
May 28	Toronto – COO – Chiefs Committee on Health Mtg
May 30	Little Current – Waubetek Development Corporation Speaking Engagement

