

GRAND COUNCIL CHIEF ACTIVITY REPORT

September 2014 – November 2014

Over the past few months the Anishinabek Nation political office has been busy with a number of priorities. While we continue with our daily duties, the majority of our activities have centered around jurisdiction, treaties, education and child welfare.

In the area of treaties, Regional Chief Day has been instrumental in leading the discussion through resolutions and meetings. Recently, First Nation leadership was invited to participate in round table discussions with various cabinet ministers from the Government of Ontario. From an Anishinabek perspective we continued to focus on the Anishinabek Action Plan that includes education, child welfare, economies and jurisdiction.

Ontario has promoted the idea that they are in partnership with First Nations and we have sought to define what their intention is around the idea of a 'partnership'. At the basis of any partnership with First Nations is a treaty relationship, and we have consistently advocated for treaty implementation. Jurisdiction also continues to be a contentious issue as both levels of government (federal and provincial) have made significant moves to assert their jurisdiction over tobacco.

Throughout the months of September and October the Anishinabek Nation has advocated on behalf of Anishinabek First Nations in the area of jurisdiction. We submitted our opposition on Bill C-10 (contraband tobacco) in a federal senate committee hearing, and also made a verbal presentation in the same hearing. At the Ontario level we are on record to opposing Ontario's Raw Leaf Tobacco policies based on Anishinabek jurisdiction.

In Child Welfare we continue to participate in discussions for an Ontario-wide change in policy and funding, but at the same time we are also advancing the Anishinabek Child Welfare law.

September 2014 Health and Tobacco

Health Mtg COO – Toronto Senate Committee on **Tobacco** UOI Staff Days OFNLP Mtgs

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October 2014 Strategic Planning, Child Welfare & Economies

UOI Restructuring Mtgs COO Chiefs Committee on Ontario Cabinet Meetings Worked with Pic Mobert FN re their energy project MAA Bilateral Meeting

November 2014 Education, Tobacco, RRS/Economies

SE Chiefs Mtg – Georgina Island INAC Mtg Re Education – Ottawa PC Mtg Re Cabinet Days – Toronto AFN Restructuing Task Force – Conf Call Assisting Fort William FN re Swing Bridge UOI AGA – Garden River FN Ontario Round Tables and Mtg with Premier – Toronto.

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GCC ACTIVITY EVENTS SCHEDULE

Sep 3-4	Manitoulin Island - Child Care Technical Table
Sept 8	Sault Ste. Marie – Annuities Mtg
Sept 9	Toronto – Chiefs Committee on Health
Sept 10-11	Chippewas of the Thames – CcoG
Sept 12	PC Conference Call
Sept 15	Chippewas of Rama – Mtg with Chief and Council
Sept 16	UOI Head Office – AN7GC Board Mtg
Sept 17-18-19	Cranbrook BC - First Nations Information Governance Centre 4th Annual General Assembly
Sept 22	UOI Head Office – Chief Operating Officer Interviews
Sept 23-24	UOI Head Office – Grand Council Chief Awards/Staff Days
Sept 25	Hwy 69 Community Visits, Rez91 Interview
Sept 26	Toronto – Mtg with Paul Martin
Sept 29-Oct 2	Toronto - OFNLP
Oct 2	AFN Executive Mtg
Oct 4	Manitoulin – Waubetek 25 th Anniversity
Oct 14	UOI Head Office – Mtg with Staff
Oct 15-16	UOI Head Office – Child Welfare Working Group
Oct 16	Chiefs of Ontario Conference Call
Oct 17	UOI Head Office – Mtg with Staff re upcoming Minister Mtgs
Oct 21	Rama – Mtg with Community, Chief and Council
Oct 22	Ottawa – Mtg with ASETS to the MPs
Oct 23	Toronto – Mtg Pic Mobert and Minister Murray
Oct 27-29	Calgary – Chiefs Committee on Health Mtgs
Nov 1	Refrew – Peace Ceremony – 3 missing boys
Nov 4	Georgina Island – Southeast Chiefs Mtg
Nov 5	Ottawa – Mtg with Min Valcourt
Nov 7	Whitefish River – Mtg with Ogimaa Shining Turtle
Nov 10	UOI Head Office – Staff Meetings
Nov 11	Nipissing First Nation – Remembrance Day event
Nov 12	Toronto – PC Mtg
Nov 13-14	Toronto – Chiefs Committee on Health
Nov 17-20	Garden River First Nation – UOI/AN Fall Assembly
Nov 24	Toronto – Mtg with Minister Hoskin
Nov 25-28	Toronto – Chiefs of Ontario Days of Legislation
Nov 29	Toronto – Mtg with Premier Wynne

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