



Sheguiandah First Nation

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Community Engagement Address (Opening Comments) Ogimaa Kwe, Pearl Waindubence

Boozhoo kina wiiyaa. Miigwetch for being here tonight. We want our membership to know that this administration has listened to the comments, questions and concerns raised by community members regarding the Robinson Huron Treaty Settlement and Manitoulin Project Claim.

We want each of you to know that this Council is fully committed to being open, transparent, and accountable. To accomplish this, we want to ensure

- (1) that we have correct and reliable information,
 - (2) that you have access to information,
 - (3) that Council makes informed decisions in keeping with our legal duties and obligations, and
 - (4) that these decisions are open and visible.
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(1) Regarding the first point, **Correct and Reliable Information** – When this current Council came on board, we learned that there hadn't been proper record-keeping for a number of years, and Charlotte had been working closely with our auditor, Tony McGregor of Freeland Caldwell Reilly, to figure out what went on and to create a proper record. Tony will speak to this in more detail at this meeting.

(2) Regarding the second point, **Ensuring Access to Information** – We have been strengthening our communications approach by updating the website to improve how information is shared. These efforts are intended to create a clearer, more effective communications framework that better supports the community and our organizational goals.

I am also happy to report that our Members' Portal went live just yesterday. This will enable us to get information out to members quickly and securely.



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If you have any input on how we can get information to you, please speak to Matthew Owl, our Communications Officer.

- (3) Regarding the third point, **Making Informed Decisions with our Legal Obligations in Mind** – Council wants to make sure that we are making informed decisions and discharging our legal obligations to our members. Our lawyer, Nicole Woodward from Miller Thomson, is here today to answer any questions on that.
- (4) Regarding the fourth point, **Decisions being Open and Visible** – Council will ensure that decisions are properly recorded on BCRs for all members to see.

There is a lot of misinformation out there. If you hear something and you aren't sure whether it's true, talk to me or to another member of Council or Charlotte.

We understand some people have questions about the PCD Form. We will be distributing a document that goes through it paragraph by paragraph. If you still have questions, we are holding a session this Saturday from 12:00 – 3:00, where members can come speak with one of our advisors one-on-one, and get their questions answered; or meet with someone over zoom during that time.

Council and the Administration are taking communications very seriously, but we need to make sure we are communicating accurate information. We are working on this and it is taking time. We appreciate your patience as we continue with this work.

We want each of you to know, this council is committed to building trust and keeping communication open with all of you.

We encourage community members to ask questions, provide feedback, as your input is valuable in shaping this initiative.

Without further delay, I would like to open the floor to questions for the trustees.

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Chief Pearl Waindubence

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