



Saugeen First Nation #29

Saugeen Band Chief and Council Meeting Monday February 9, 2026 Meeting Highlights

Department Highlights

Strategic Planning-Governance Coordinator

Melissa provided Council with an update on progress made toward the five-year strategic plan, highlighting key successes from 2025, ongoing projects, and planned initiatives for 2026. She also invited Council to identify priorities they would like to focus on moving forward. Key updates included the revitalization of the Active Corporation, with a recent strategic session completed and a one- to three-year strategic plan currently being developed by the Board.

Melissa reported the Amphitheatre project is approximately 90% complete, with crews finalizing the dry-stone wall. Remaining fundraising dollars will be used to complete the upper parking lot, a wedding venue space, landscaping, and grand opening preparations. Following completion of the Amphitheatre, crews will shift focus to the nature trail system, which is expected to continue through the end of next season.

When asked about timelines for the amphitheatre, Melissa said crews are aiming for substantial completion by May, including landscaping and final site work, with a grand opening tentatively planned for May 24. The site is expected to be accessible to the community, while trail work would continue into the fall. In response to questions about the daycare renovations, Melissa noted work is progressing well and renovations are hoped to be complete by March, though some exterior work may still be required.

This was an information update.

Committee Minutes

Heath & Wellness Committee

Committee recommends moving forward with the screening and interviewing the individual who applied for the Mobile Crisis Worker instead of reposting it.

Committee recommends proceeding with the setting up a hyper care.

Committee recommends ordering the portable AEDA for the Wellness Centre.

Committee recommends that Julia create a proposal for the training she would like the team to have and bring it back to the committee.

Governance Committee

Chief and Council accept recommendation #1 to extend the Governance Committee members to stay on until August 2026.

This was carried.

Committee recommends advertising for one additional committee member.

Acknowledgement was made for the committee meeting on January 20, 2026.

Travel Acknowledgements

- a. Chief Conrad Ritchie to attend TC Energy meeting on Thursday and Friday
- b. Councillor Letitia Thompson to attend TC Energy meeting on Thursday and Friday.

