



Saugeen First Nation #29

Saugeen Band Chief and Council Meeting

Monday, April 13, 2026

Meeting Highlights

Family Violence Food Basket

Through our Family Violence program, we provided 350 food hampers in the community. Each hamper included information regarding important contacts in case of an emergency related to family violence. Year-end dollars for this programming supported this initiative.

This was carried.

Healthy Babies Healthy Children

With remaining dollars from the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children program they would like to purchase a van to help alleviate transportation issues for families wanting to attend programming.

This was carried.

Housing Department

Emergency Housing

Band member is requiring emergency housing due to environmental and safety concerns in current living conditions.

Authorization for payment for installation of septic tanks to new living quarters have been requested with funds coming from Ontario Works.

This was carried.

Authorization for payment for installation preparation for new trailer has been requested with funds coming from Ontario Works.

This was carried.

Authorization for installation for the base of the trailer has been requested with funds coming from Ontario Works.

This was carried.

Housing Renovation

Band member is requiring new roofing, through the Ontario Works Housing Budget this work can be carried out. Approval of this renovation is requested.

This was carried.

Elders Grant

Approval of two elders grants to be dispersed to two band members for renovations.

This was carried.

Community Security Cameras

To utilize remaining dollars there will be security upgrades to some buildings including, Weegwaus Complex, Singles Complex, and the Saugeen Fire Hall.

This was carried.

Heavy Equipment Training

Proposing heavy equipment training for five employees in the Works Department. They received two quotes—one from ROBAR Canada and another from Canada Heavy Equipment Training College—but prefer the college because it offers a detailed program, trains beginners, and provides certification with long-term record keeping.

This was carried.

GPS Tracking

GPS tracking to be installed in all Saugeen Band vehicles.

This was carried.

Committee Minutes

Beach Advisory Committee

Accepting committee recommendation #1 to award tender for demolition of structures at 150 Lakeshore Boulevard.

This was carried.

Economic Development Committee

Accepting two committee members to attend the Tecumseh Development Corporation workshop in London April 23-24.

This was carried.

Pow wow Committee

Seeking two more committee members and acknowledgement to seek fundraising for powwow.

Health & Wellness Committee

Recommendations for solutions to multiple staffing turn over and postings, administration to follow up on these recommendations and report back to council on progress.

Education & Early Years Committee

Accepting of committee recommendation #1 to approve all priority #1 students from PSSSP funding.

This was carried.

Accepting of committee recommendation #2 to approve all priority #5 students from PSSSP funding.

This was carried.

Accepting of committee recommendation #3 to approve the funding of students 6 & 7 from Rama dollars.

This was carried.

Accepting of committee recommendation #4 to approve the funding of students 8 & 9 from PSSSP funding.

This was carried.

Accepting of committee recommendation #5 to accept and approve the special transportation contract with First Nations Transportation for September 2026 to June 2028.

This was carried.

Saugeen Fire Department

Requesting formal recognition of the Saugeen First Nation Office of Emergency Management and the Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC) role. They emphasize that an emergency management plan is essential for protecting lives, infrastructure, and community resilience, and note this has been identified as a priority by Chief and Council.

This was carried

Water Agreement with the Town of Saugeen Shores

A proposal to renew Saugeen First Nation's water services agreement with Saugeen Shores, which is set to expire soon. A new 20-year agreement (to 2046) has been negotiated, with key improvements. The main change is a revised payment structure that aligns Saugeen's water rates with those of Saugeen Shores residents, replacing the previous system. This is expected to reduce costs by about 20% in the short term. Another major addition is a five-year review framework, allowing both parties to reassess water usage, infrastructure needs, and future planning collaboratively.

This was carried.

Cigarette Quota Applicants for Saugeen

Council accepted that the ten (10) retailers receive an equal share of the funds Saugeen First Nation receive for the Tobacco Retailer Agreement Quota Allocation.

This was carried.

Fisheries

To begin making purchases in relation to the Saugeen First Nation Aquaculture Project.

This was carried.

Daycare Update

The project, expected to finish by the end of the month, includes building upgrades, landscaping, safer parking, improved security, fire safety systems, and updated technology. The renovation is funded through multiple sources (IFN, IELCC, and ACER) and remains within budget, though some unexpected costs arose.

Additional plans include expanding programming for children (ages 0–12), such as before/after school care, summer camps, parent workshops, transportation (two vans), cultural programming, and outdoor learning spaces like gardens and play areas. Funds will also be used to update equipment and furnishings.

This was carried.

Little NHL

Unused dollars from the 2025/2026 budget are being requested to be used for securing hotels rooms for the 2026/2027 tournament.

This was carried.

Unused dollars from the 2025/2026 budget are being requested to be used to host a year-end banquet to celebrate the 2025/2026 tournament, championship rings for the U13 Girls Team and plaques for sponsors.

This was carried.

Travel acknowledgements

- a. Randal, Letitia and Chief travel to Ottawa April 27-29
- b. Chief & Theresa will be travelling to IFN next week
- c. Chief to travel to Manitoulin for Treaty signing gathering on May 19-20
- d. Lester to travel to Chiefs of Ontario June 16-18
- e. Chief to attend Sun Dance Ceremony from June 17 to July 2

With Chief's absent during his travels to Sun Dance Ceremony, acting Chief will need to be appointed to Councillor Randall Kahgee.

This was carried

