



Saugeen First Nation #29

Saugeen Band Chief and Council

Monday, May 25, 2026

Meeting Highlights

Department Updates

Governance & Strategic Initiatives

Landfill Feasibility Study / Landfill Consolidation Update

Council reviewed a briefing note regarding the Solid Waste Feasibility Study and landfill consolidation project. Dillon Consulting Limited has been retained to carry out the study, including technical assessments, stakeholder engagement, planning activities, and reporting. The study is funded by Indigenous Services Canada (ISC). To ensure efficient project administration and avoid delays in processing payments, Council was asked to authorize the Finance Department to pay invoices submitted by Dillon Consulting Limited for completed work under the approved project scope and budget without requiring additional Council approval for each invoice, provided total expenditures remain within the approved funding amount.

This was carried.

Amphitheatre Phase 2

Council reviewed a proposal to proceed with Phase 2 of the Amphitheatre Restoration Project. The project is part of a three-year Skills and Partnership Training initiative funded through the Bruce Power Community Development Fund, which provides training opportunities for six Saugeen members while completing community infrastructure projects. Phase 1, which included the church demolition, Amphitheatre gardens, and grand staircase, has been completed. For Phase 2, which focuses on the Amphitheatre trail system and additional site improvements, the community development funding allocation was reduced from the originally anticipated amount, creating a funding shortfall. Proposed work includes restoration of the trail system, parking lot improvements, signage, landscaping, electrical and lighting infrastructure, completion of a wedding pavilion, and other upper-site enhancements intended to create a more functional, accessible, and intentional public space.

This was carried.

Lot Allocation

Council reviewed a briefing note regarding a lot allocation dispute involving the Food Hub project and Zaag'idiwin. In 2025, Chief and Council approved the allocation of three lots to Zaag'idiwin for child and family facilities and allowed temporary use of the adjacent Food Hub lot as a staging area while Zaag'idiwin developed its own facilities. Administration later

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determined that one of the lots allocated to Zaag'idiwin had originally been designated as part of the Food Hub site and was never intended to be permanently transferred. Concerns were raised that Zaag'idiwin may have understood the lot to be permanently allocated and had begun planning for permanent infrastructure, including a structure and septic system, on the site. The briefing note emphasized that the Food Hub remains a priority project within Saugeen First Nation's five-year strategic plan and is central to ongoing food security and agricultural initiatives. With a Capital Planning Study and Land Use Plan currently underway, administration recommended pausing all permanent development on the Food Hub lot until lot allocations could be reviewed and clarified. Administration and relevant departments were instructed to review and reallocate appropriate lots for Zaag'idiwin based on the findings of the Capital Planning Study and to return to Council with updated lot allocation recommendations, maps, timelines, and implementation plans before any further permanent development proceeds. **This was carried.**

Housing

Lack of Community Housing

Council reviewed a briefing note regarding an urgent housing situation involving a community member. Council members acknowledged the broader challenge of responding to emergency housing situations in the community.

Committee Minutes

Beach Advisory Committee

The Saugeen Beach Advisory Committee met on May 13, 2026. The committee put forward two recommendations. The first recommendation was that a tender process be completed for a porta-potty services for the 2026 beach season to ensure competitive pricing. The committee hopes that permanent washroom improvements will be completed before the end of the summer, reducing future reliance on portable facilities. The second recommendation was that the appropriate department be directed to clean up the Frenchman's Bay Beach area, which committee members had identified as needing attention. The Band Administrator advised that he had already been working the appropriate people on beach-related matters, including washrooms, garbage collection, gates, and cleanup efforts. He reported that plans were underway to have the beach open within approximately three weeks and that he was reviewing service quotes from the previous year.

Both recommendations were acknowledged and the minutes were accepted.

Travel Acknowledgements

- A. Lester to travel for the IFN Quarterly June 7-10th
- B. Lester to travel for the COO from June 15-18th
- C. Letitia to travel on Friday for a TC Energy Meeting