



FROM THE CHIEF'S DESK

Another busy week has come and gone, and I'd like to share a few updates on some of the work, meetings, and activities that have taken place over the past week.

ZAAG'IDIWIN BOARD

The first Zaag'idiwin Board meeting of the new term took place this past week, including the appointment of the three new Council-appointed Board members: **Fay Roote, Trudy Jacobs, and myself.**

There will also be a call-out for **three additional Board members** in the near future. We look forward to bringing additional Members onto the Board and continuing the important work of Zaag'idiwin.

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

On September 30th, Chief and Council took part in the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation ceremony on the bridge in Southampton.

It was a very positive and meaningful day, and it is always so good to see our people come together for such an important event. It was an opportunity for our community to honour Survivors, remember those who never made it home, and reflect on the ongoing work of truth and reconciliation.

DULUTH DAY & TREATY CLAIM COURT HEARING

Duluth Day was held on October 2nd, and our community was treated to a fish fry, courtesy of our Fisheries Department. Unfortunately, Chief and Council were unable to attend the fish fry as we were in Toronto attending court, alongside Nawash Leadership and Saugeen Members.

The court hearing was to hear a motion brought forward by Canada, asking the Court to rule that land cannot be returned as part of the remedies available in our Treaty Claim.

As many of you may have heard by now, Leadership made the decision to walk out of the courtroom during the proceedings. This decision was made in response to what Leadership felt were disrespectful comments, actions, and body language from the judge. The walkout was our way of making it clear that we will not accept being treated with disrespect, particularly in proceedings concerning our Treaty Claim and our rights.

There will be a joint communique from Chief Smith and myself in the next couple of days providing more details and further information about the court proceedings and what took place.

INTEREST DISTRIBUTION

The Interest Distribution amount has been set and will be available to all registered Saugeen Band Members on **Tuesday, December 1, 2026**.

The distribution amount is **\$1,025.00 per registered Saugeen Band Member**. Based on the October 31st membership cut-off date, the estimated total membership is **2,051 Band Members**. The total amount required to fund the Interest Distribution is **\$2,102,275.00**.

The \$1,025.00 distribution is made up of the following:

- **\$450.00** — Honi/Bruce to Milton Line
- **\$246.00** — Medical Isotopes Line
- **\$98.00** — Ottawa Trust Interest Line
- **\$231.00** — Own Source Revenue (Cottage Lease Revenue)

This brings the total Interest Distribution to **\$1,025.00 per registered Saugeen Band Member**.

EVENING COUNCIL MEETINGS

This Tuesday, October 6th, marks our first bi-monthly evening Council meeting. In addition to our regular Monday Council meetings, Chief and Council will now meet **every other Tuesday from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

These additional evening meetings will provide further opportunities for Chief and Council to work through the many items and priorities that require our attention throughout the term.

SON COMMITTEE PORTFOLIO ASSIGNMENTS

Chief and Council have also assigned portfolio holders for the various Saugeen–Ojibway Nation (SON) committees and boards. The assignments are as follows:

Nuclear Advisory Committee

Chair: Lester Anoquot

Co-Chair: Randall Kahgee, Warren John, Trudy Jacobs, Letitia Thompson and Anthony Owl

BM2LP/SON FC Committee

Conrad Ritchie and Letitia Thompson

T.C Energy Committee

Conrad Ritchie, Randall Kahgee and Letitia Thompson

Medical Isotopes Committee

Lester Anoquot, Dwayne Nashkawa, Trudy Jacobs and Anthony Owl

Parks Committee

Anthony Owl and Conrad Ritchie

HAAMB Board

Lester Anoquot and Letitia Thompson

Territorial Resources Committee

Lester Anoquot and Anthony Owl

ALFDC

Lester Anoquot

TEEBO Committee

Warren John and Fay Roote

Burials Committee

Letitia Thompson and Conrad Ritchie

Land Claims Committee

Dwayne Nashkawa and Randall Kahgee

Renewable Energy

Randall Kahgee, Dwayne Nashawa and Anthony Owl

Joint Fisheries Committee

Anthony Owl and Randall Kahgee

These portfolio assignments will help ensure that Council representation is in place across the various SON committees and boards as we continue working together on matters that are important to Saugeen and our broader SON relationship.

I hope everyone is able to enjoy the beautiful fall weather and has a great October!

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Chief Sonya Roote