

FROM THE CHIEF'S DESK

Another busy week has come and gone, and although there isn't too much to report this week, I'd like to share a few updates on what has been happening and what we have coming up.

SAUGEEN GAS BAR RE-OPENING

One of the things many Members have been waiting to hear about is the re-opening of the Saugeen Gas Bar. We recognize that it has been closed for far too long, and we are working toward a target re-opening date of **December 1, 2026.**

Repairs and renovations were originally planned to have the Gas Bar ready to re-open by July 31, 2026. However, with changes in Administration and new staff moving into positions, there have been delays in moving this work forward.

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GAS BAR CONTINUED

Chief and Council have been assured by the Band Administrator that re-opening the Gas Bar is a priority and that the necessary work will be completed as soon as possible, with the goal of being ready to open by December 1st.

Please keep an eye out for upcoming job postings as we work toward getting the Saugeen Gas Bar up and running again. We look forward to seeing this important community service return to operation.

JOINT COUNCIL MEETING

We will be holding a Joint Council meeting on Thursday, October 15, 2026, here in Saugeen. Among the items to be discussed will be the October 2nd court proceedings and the implications for our Treaty Claim.

It is important that we take the time to discuss next steps, consider possible outcomes, and hear and address community concerns surrounding the court case. These discussions will help ensure that we continue moving forward together with a clear understanding of the issues and the path ahead.

UPCOMING DEPUTATION DAY

Our next deputation day is scheduled for **October 21st**. All community Members are welcome and encouraged to attend to share their concerns, questions, and ideas with Chief and Council.

Hearing directly from our Members is an important part of understanding community priorities and working together to address them.

AFTERNOON COUNCIL MEETINGS

We held our first afternoon Council meeting on October 6th, and it went well. We were pleased to have a few observers attend, as this is exactly the intention behind introducing these meetings.

We recognize that many of our Members work during the day and may not have the opportunity to attend our regular Council meetings. By holding additional afternoon meetings, we hope to make Council meetings more accessible to those who would like to observe and stay informed about the work of Chief and Council.

Our next afternoon Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 20th, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** These meetings will take place every other Tuesday, in addition to our regular Monday meetings.

All Saugeen Band Members are welcome to attend!

SOCIAL, WELLNESS & HEALTH COMMITTEES

At our last Council meeting, we discussed the mandates for the Social, Wellness, and Health Committees. A final draft of the mandates will be ready soon, allowing us to reach out to our committee members and get these committees up and running.

We look forward to moving this work forward and having these committees begin addressing the important needs and priorities of our community.

CHIEF & COUNCIL WEBSITE PHOTOS

Chief and Council recently had our photos taken for the website. As much as I don't think any of us particularly enjoy getting our pictures taken, we got it done! You can look forward to seeing our updated photos on the website soon.

CLOSING

There isn't too much to report this week, as many of the ongoing issues and priorities we continue to work on have been covered in previous updates. We remain busy working behind the scenes and will continue to keep our Members informed as things progress.

I hope everyone enjoys the beautiful fall weather and stays healthy and safe!

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Chief Sonya Roote

