

September 2026 Update- Lester Anoquot

INDEPENDENT FIRST NATIONS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

IFN, now Incorporated, Executive Committee oversees Policy Development, Administrative and Financial oversight for the Independent First Nations. The Executive Committee provides recommendations for the IFN Chiefs for final decision. IFN Executive Committee usually meets Quarterly. The entire Board of Directors (Chiefs/Proxies) held a Strategic Planning session to develop a new service delivery plan for the next 5 years.

COUNCIL ORIENTATION

Throughout the month of September, members of Council attended formal orientation. Council was able to review the Organizational Structure, Policy and Procedures, Governance Policy and signed an "Oath of Office", declaration on September 10th.

ABORIGINAL LABOUR FORCE DEVELOPMENT CIRCLE

As a Board Member of ALFDC, we meet quarterly to provide oversight and decision for the LDMs. The Local Delivery Mechanisms provide support for employment and training. Training and education are provided to enable First Nations members to gain successful employment and careers. Our Local Delivery Mechanism is the Huronia Area Aboriginal Board, HAAMB.

HELP FOR HOPE CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

The annual charity tournament for mental health and addictions was held September 18th at Sauble Golf and Country Club. All funds raised go directly to Saugeen Mental Health and Addictions Treatment centre building fund. The tournament fills up fast, early registration is recommended.

NUCLEAR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The NAC is a Joint Council committee with a mandate to negotiate with Energy Proponents in Saugeen Ojibway Territory. Build Canada Strong Legislation is proposed to fast track energy projects in Canada, with some areas designated as Economic Zones, like ours, with Bruce Power in our back yard. We are working hard to ensure our rights are protected and Duty to Consult is adhered to. SON will not allow no new energy projects to be build without our consent.

JOINT COUNCIL

Nawash and Saugeen Councils meet monthly know as the Saugeen Ojibway Nation, SON. We deal with Land Claims, Fisheries, Energy Proponents, Industry and both Provincial/Federal government. Our mandate is protect the rights and interests of our Saugeen Ojibway citizens.

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS DAY SEPTEMBER 30TH

The Annual Bridge Ceremony was held on the Southampton bridge with the help of GC Huston Public School. This event provides a bridge to reconciliation with our neighbours, Saugeen Shores. This event was well attended with everyone wearing orange.