



Chief's Update

July 2017

Two months have quickly passed us by since our April 22nd election, I'd like to take the time to thank the membership for your patience and support as we continue to move forward-**TOGETHER.**

As a community, we have many new and exciting initiatives underway as we work together moving Magnetawan First Nation on our path towards self governance and self sufficiency. With summer months upon us, there have been many meetings I have attended and this update will provide some insight and updates.

May 2-5,

- Chiefs of Ontario Special Assembly Gatineau-strong focus on Environment, Energy, Housing & Infrastructure
- Sent letters to Minister for more financial support for Infrastructure needs plus Operations & Maintenance for our aging water plant
- Good news-received confirmation of enhanced Operations & Maintenance for water/wastewater system.

May 15-19

- Lands Advisory Board, B.C.-as a fully participating Land Code active First Nation, updates on funding and board selection
- The Lands Department has been very busy as this file has taken priority with the Henvey Transmission Line, land code amendments, development of Land Use Plan and Environment Protection Law Draft for Land Registry
- Committee has been meeting twice a week as this file is changing rapidly.

June 5-8

- Anishinabek Grand Council Annual General Meeting-all resolutions passed are available here at the office if you would like to see them.

June 13-15

- Chiefs of Ontario Annual General Meeting-Lac Seul First Nation hosted
- Strong focus on Nation to Nation relations and Political Accord, Chiefs Of Ontario restructuring, Health, Education, Community Safety/Security
- All resolutions are available here at the office

June 22-23

- MTO negotiations are on-going, still waiting on formal offer (paper) on Hwy 645
- Chief and Council have been meeting regularly on preparing community package, as this will be a membership approval process, not Chief and Council.

As much as there is going on politically, there is just as much going on at the community level. Magnetawan First Nation Administration and Health Staff are working hard on the delivery of programs and services to the membership. There has been some big improvements in areas of Housing-3 pre-fab homes going up, Ec.Dev.-Tims/ESSO. Species at Risk-expanding and continued funding for additional 3 years. Lands Department-in starting the Land Use Plan Study, Henvey Transmission lease, Land Code changes, Land Registry to be formed. I cannot express how important it is to have membership feedback and I am asking the membership to fully participate as all these exciting changes will be decided by the membership both on and off reserve.

Magnetawan First Nation membership has spoken loud and clear by passing its own Constitution, passing the Land Code, saying yes to the Anishnabek Education System. We have taken huge steps forward and there is a lot of work that needs to be done yet and we are doing so.

One of the biggest things I'm hearing is communication between membership and the Council,; I welcome and invite all members to come sit with me if you have questions and would like to talk. The Chief's door is always open for you. I have also attached my email address and cell phone number as well.

In Unity, respectfully



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