

**PREPARED FOR:** Chief and Council 2020/2021 Annual General Meeting- Report to Membership

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**PORTFOLIO AND COMMITTEES:**

- Health & Social Services,
- Constitution,
- Finance & Administration

**INTERNAL COMMITTEES/Sub-Committees:**

- Health & Social Services,
- Drug Strategy,
- Constitution,
- Priority Employment Strategies for Hiring MFN members

**EXTERNAL COMMITTEES:**

- Nogdawindamin Family & Community Services (Secretary-Treasurer),
- OPP East Algoma Detachment and the Blind River (North Shore Health Network) Hospital committee

**Internal COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:**

Examining the re-establishment of the MFN crisis response team with revised Terms of Reference.

Revisiting the Terms of Reference and activities of the Health & Social Services Committee to be more inclusive of obtaining committee input into larger health and social service initiatives and innovative programs.

Implementing the recommendations within the Comprehensive Community Drug Strategy including exploring options for accessing funding for individuals to attend private treatment facilities for substance dependencies, addressing illicit drug trafficking within community, and supporting care and aftercare for individuals.

Continuing the work of draft laws and policies for next stages of development, including final community ratification or veto of law. This includes the Family Well-Being Law, the Safe Separation Law, the Residency Law, and revisions to the Membership Code.

Examining and implementing strategies for supporting the priority hiring of MFN band members, with understanding that strategies do not impact or jeopardize the employment status of current or future non-MFN band employees.

**External COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:**

Continuing to support community and council efforts of Nogdawindamin in terms of new and expanded services, capital projects, devolution of prevention services to First Nation, accountability and addressing the increasing number of children placed in out-of-home care.

Working in collaboration between Blind River hospital and the Ontario Provincial Police, Blind River Detachment, with the purpose of improving outcomes for individuals that have been apprehended by police officers under the Mental Health Act and subsequently accompanied to the nearest hospital emergency department for medical clearance, mental health assessment and care/referrals.

**AREAS OF FOCUS FOR NEXT YEAR:**

Review and Revisions to Laws and Manuals such as the Membership Code, Election Code, and Governance Manual.

Additional services and new creative supports for members living with substance dependencies and want to address their health and addiction issues.

Development and implementation of a 5- year strategic plan.

Improved communication, accountability and community membership engagement in Council and community wide initiatives and decision-making.