

Ahnee to our Community,

Meegwetch, I'm very happy with my new role in the Community. I get satisfaction from seeing the day-to-day accomplishments of our staff and Community initiatives from the Band and our members, especially during this COVID time. We will strive to assist where we can.

Most of my time is spent reading, prioritizing correspondence, agreements and reports as they cross my screen. I'm grateful for the good staff we have to handle specific items.

COVID-19 has been a difficult time for everybody; we have moved back to rotating work schedules and continue to urge you to be vigilant with your protocols. We've been fortunate not to have any cases reported in our community. You're doing good.

We are advancing partnerships with our neighbours; meetings are scheduled in the New Year to identify projects suitable for us. I'll provide updates as approvals (joint applications to funding programs) and plans progress. It should be a good year for developments.



Chief Bob Chiblow

I came on just as the CNSC licensing hearing and intervention was being prepared. Our team of Peyton Pitawanakwat, Laura Mayer, Brent Niganobe and Kerrie Blaise did a good presentation to the CNSC, who will digest and decide on the licensing result early in the New Year.

Getting acquainted with our programs and committees is still ongoing. I've been observing a few committee meetings and I'm encouraged by the participation from our community members. I've met outside PTO's and other agencies in an introductory manner and anticipate more substantive meetings in the new year. Mamaweswen, Anishinabek Nation, Chiefs of Ontario. and Nogdawindamin are just some of the organizations I expect to work closely with. Every day I get correspondence from various organizations and governments and am continually evaluating those potential relationships. The Mississauga Nation is going to play a significant role for our community. We are developing committees on economic development, language, and housing. I was encouraged to see how far this relationship has come. I was involved in the initial Nation Rebuilding meeting in Mississauga a few years ago.

Not long after entering office, literally, 10 minutes, I received a few calls and emails of community members requesting help. In one instance, I wrote a letter of support for our member which provided her with some comfort and, I believe, may have resulted in the desired outcome. I will do whatever I can to help you.

Again, I say meegwetch for putting your trust in me. I trust you to stay safe and be vigilant in your COVID-19 protocols. I realize Xmas is coming and you want to spend time with family, do so, but, be careful.

Baamaapii & Seasons Greetings, Bob.