

**Mississauga First Nation: Chief and Council  
Term 2017-2020  
Strategic Directions**



In August 2016, Chief and Council had a planning workshop with the program managers and developed the new eight (8) strategic directions and at the recent Orientation for the newly elected Chief and Council they supported and expanded the directions to include a 25 year Directions. The governance strategic directions is designed to reflect the aspirations of the MFN community and guide Council in its decision making approach towards meeting its Directions.

At the orientation session in January 2018, Chief and Council developed a new vision statement and value statements specific to their three year term.

**Newly Created Mission for Mississauga First Nation Chief and Council**

The leadership of the Mississauga Nation are advocates of growth focused on the protection and promotion of our rights to achieve a sustainable future grounded in Anishnaabe Values.

**Value Statements to Guide Chief and Council**

- Integrity – is mino Bimaadge living a good life following moral and ethical principles and Anishnaabe values.
- Accountability – To each other and the community – a commitment and willingness to accept responsibility and transparency to the community.
- Vision – to move the Nation forward to a self-determining future
- Communication – As leasers we will ensure that all information shared amongst ourselves, staff and community is using the most appropriate form of communication.
- The Seven Grandfather Teachings – Bravery, Honesty, Courage, Truth, Respect, Wisdom and Humility.

In the summer of 2018, a planning session will be held with community to discuss these strategic directions and provide their input into further development.

Priority #

To provide  
and ceremony

## Priority # 1 Health and Well Being

To provide personal, spiritual, confidential non-judgmental services through Anishinaabe and Western counselling and ceremony to nurture healthy individuals, families and community.

### Strategic Directions:

- 2 Year Direction: To provide fulltime counselling awareness services to all community members. To provide counselling/education awareness services grounded in traditional healing
- 25 Year Direction: Our own wellness centre with Western Doctors and Traditional healers staffed with OPT, Mental Health Counsellors and specialists
- All Children will be born in our community
- Diabetes under control.

### COMITTEES

- Health and Social Services
- Recreation

### COUNCIL MEMBER:

Joan Daybutch  
Chief Reg Niganobe

## Priority #2 Economic Development

To foster activities and direction to grow sustainable economic opportunities for the community to prosper. Bring significant businesses to the FN that have sustainability and meets the skill set of the community

### Strategic Directions

- 2 Year Direction: Foster four band member businesses that have sustainability and meet the skill sets of the community. Develop a branding position for MFN to build community awareness of MFN. Further develop meaningful relationships with MFN Economic Development Officer`s Collective to foster significant sustainable economic actives.
- 25 Year Direction: A Self-sufficient Nation with a regulated economy that covers the costs of program with zero dependency on federal and provincial governments.

### Committees:

#### Economic Development

- Chiblow Lake Lodge
- MFN Beautification
- Gaming Committee
- Aquaculture Committee
- Cannabis Committee

#### COUNCIL MEMBER:

- Laura Mayer,
- Ryne Denis, Brent Niganobe, Frank Gionette, Janey Morningstar and Joey Morningstar

### Priority #3 Protecting the Nation

To protect our inherent and treaty rights in our traditional territory; especially practicing our own laws, exercising our rights, claiming our jurisdiction, and working together with all Mississauga's to rebuild our Nation for the next seven generations.

#### Strategic Directions

2 Year Direction: unification with Mississauga's and protecting our land and environment.

#### COMITTEES

Police Advisory Committee  
Constitution Committee  
Membership Committee

#### COUNCIL MEMBER:

Brent Niganobe  
Joan Daybutch  
Evelyn Niganobe

## Priority # 4 Leadership/ Government (lobby, funding)

- To build healthy long lasting relationships and partnerships with Canadian government and other external organizations to support our strategic direction based on Nation to Nation building
- To ensure that the leadership of Mississauga First Nation commits to continually strengthening their role as the Governance body to ensure the best direction for administration services to the membership

### Leadership

- 2 Year Direction: Practising our culture protocols. To complete the governance Strategic and Action plans.
- 25 Year Direction: Govern and protect our self-determining Nation through our own laws based on the needs of the Nation and Anishnaabe values.

### GOV.

- 2 Year Direction: strive to build four partnerships or relationships ( Blind River, INAC, ATR, Mississauga's , 3 First Nations( Sagamok, Serpent River and MFN) - Four new funding Sources (TRC)
- 25 Year Direction: Our laws and jurisdictions are enforced by our community.
- 50% Female representation in our Government.

- COUNCIL MEMBERS: Chief Reg Niganobe, Joey Morningstar and Brent Niganobe

## Priority #5 Housing and Infrastructure

- To work together with Economic Development to create a prosperous community by providing adequate, safe, healthy and affordable housing and infrastructure leading to self-sustaining investments for the future.

### Strategic Directions

- 2 yr plan : to identify specific needs ( how, much, how many) – build relationship with economic development – work on developing the land (run hydro/waterlines- plan in place) - review and revise housing lists.
- To continue to rebuild our nation through the creation, revision and enactment of laws that reflect our Anishnaabe legal and governance traditions
- 2 Year Direction: Move forward with initiatives on governance and dispute resolution.
- 2 Year Focus: Finishing community ratification code- researching with community what they want their governance system to look like (include dispute resolution system)

25 Year Direction: All infrastructure meets the needs of our growing community; for housing, economic development , and travel.

#### COMITTEES

Housing Committee  
Infrastructure Committee

#### COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Laura Mayer  
Ryne Denis

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### Priority #6 Youth and Elders

- To promote a nurtured, healthy, respectful relationship between our youth and Elders so that mutual knowledge, culture and traditions are shared.
- Caring for Elders in all aspects.
- To encourage, promote and develop our youth.

- Youth Direction: to have a focus group established with a 25 yr plan for both youth and elders
- Elders Direction: Feasibility and Business Plan for Home and Community Care (palliative and respite care)
- 25 Year Direction: A respectful and healthy bond between Elders and Youth; sharing knowledge through culture. Traditional and western lifelong learning systems that nurtures proud MFN members who are spiritually, mentally, physically and emotionally balanced and who contribute to the Nation.
- Responsible for the Elders Activity Planning
- Responsible for the Youth Activity Planning

### Traditional Councils

Chief and Council recognize the valuable resources within the community represented by our Elders and our Youth and know that our strength is our Youth and our knowledge is our Elders. It is important to have these two groups as Advisory to the governing work being done through the elected officials.

### COMMITTEES

Elders Advisory Council

Youth Advisory Council

### COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Karissa Ferrigan

Frank Gionette

## Priority #7 Language and Culture

- Aambe maajada wii naakaasing maanda aamingwing nookmaasuk miiniwa mishomisuk aamingwing Anishnaabemowin pane!!
- (Translation): Let us start using this, our language and culture given to us by our grandmothers and grandfathers, aunties and uncles and ancestors! Anishnaabemowin forever!!

### Strategic Direction

- 2 Year Direction: Visibility in the community/workplace (i.e label doors, windows, items, stop signs, etc.) - to have basic introduction of self at all functions ( meetings, voice mails, etc)
- 25 Year Direction: All community meetings will be conducted in Anishinaabemowin and will include ceremony. Everyone knows their clan and their role in the community.

### COMITTEES

Education  
Pow Wow Committee  
Recreation

### COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Janey Morningstar  
Ryne Denis



### Priority #8 Environment & Lands

- To protection our Traditional Territory for future generations from environmental harm remembering our natural laws from Mother Earth, our waters and all of creation
- Quote, “ Man does not weave his web of life. He is merely a strand in it. Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself.”

#### Strategic Direction

- 2 Year Direction: mapping of traditional territory – (land occupancy study) – begin identifying natural laws.
- 25 Year Direction: Establish renewal and sustainable clean energy while protecting the environment. Finding, building and developing better technology. Sustainable hunting and fishing practices.

#### COMITTEES

Lands and Resource Committee

#### COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Ryne Denis  
Karissa Ferrigan