



ANISHINABEK NATION

# FALL GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

**2025 Resolutions Package**



# Ajijaak Doodem

(CRANE CLAN)

**POLITICAL**





## ANISHINABEK GIMAAG-MAAWNJIIDIWAAD

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### NAAKNIGAN - #2025 - 18

#### Debaachigaadeg

(Subject)

Anishinabek Nation Housing and Infrastructure Planning – Asset Management Advocacy

#### E-gaandinang

(Mover)

Chief Kelly LaRocca, Mississaugas of Scugog First Nation

#### E-ko-niizhing e-gaandinang

(Seconder)

Chief Joe Miskokomon, Chippewas of the Thames First Nation

#### Be-minidag

(Status)

Carried

#### Niigaan bebemkaan enakiing

(Lead Department)

Political

#### Naadamaage bebemkaan enakiing

(Support Department)

Infrastructure

#### Nendowendizig

(Opposed)

None

#### Gegoo e-kidsig

(Abstained)

None

#### MANOO-DA-KIDOOMGAD:

(LET IT BE SAID)

1. The Anishinabek Nation acknowledges the long-standing need to improve housing and infrastructure conditions across its member First Nations. The ongoing misalignment of Federal programs continues to contribute to unsafe, unsuitable and unsustainable delivery approaches to meet community housing needs;
2. As the Anishinabek Nation continues to secure dedicated funding from Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and other relevant federal and provincial partners and other potential funding sources to support the development of the Infrastructure Working Group, efforts to access dedicated funds for the Anishinabek Nation Infrastructure Working Group (ANIWG) has been limited to date;
3. The *Build Canada Homes* project focuses to build and finance an effort to double housing construction, restore affordable housing to reduce homelessness across Canada. Unless all the Anishinabek Nation member communities are to collectively build/finance 300 housing units, access to this program may be limited to address community housing needs; and
4. With the anticipated 2025 Federal funding reductions to First Nation community housing and infrastructure programs, continued access to the ISC Asset Management program will be a crucial planning tool for on-reserve development.



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(LET IT BE ACTED UPON THAT WE, THE ANISHINABEK CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY):

1. Direct that the Anishinabek Nation member communities be supported in developing and integrating Land Use Plans, Environmental Assessment and Community Readiness Studies (EACRS), and Asset Management Plan as foundational tools that equip community leadership to guide, prioritize and advance sustainable community development;
2. Direct the Anishinabek Nation work with the Grand Council Chief to advocate the continued availability of the ISC – Asset Management Program that will support the sustainable management of Anishinabek Nation community infrastructure and improve operations and maintenance through proactive efforts; and
3. Direct that the Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief continue to develop the comprehensive infrastructure and housing advocacy strategy as identified in *Naaknigan #2025-09 Establishment of Anishinabek Nation Infrastructure Working Group and Strategic Realignment of Housing Advocacy Efforts*.



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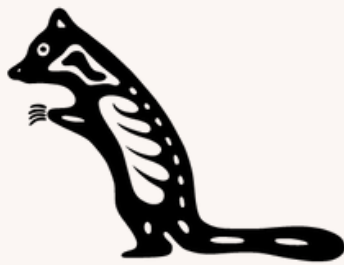
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Grand Council Chief



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Deputy Grand Council Chief





# Waabizheshii Doodem

(MARTEN CLAN)

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



## ANISHINABEK GIMAAG-MAAWNJIIDIWAAD

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### NAAKNIGAN - #2025 - 19

#### Debaachigaadeg

(Subject)

Formal Adoption of the Anishinabek Nation Strategic Action Framework in Response to Bill 5 and C-5

#### E-gaandinang

(Mover)

Chief Taynar Simpson, Alderville First Nation

#### E-ko-niizhing e-gaandinang

(Seconder)

Chief Chad Edgar, Michipicoten First Nation

#### Be-minidag

(Status)

Carried

#### Niigaan bebemkaan enakiing

(Lead Department)

Economic Development

#### Naadamaage bebemkaan enakiing

(Support Department)

Political

#### Nendowendizig

(Opposed)

None

#### Gegoo e-kidsig

(Abstained)

None

#### MANOO-DA-KIDOOMGAD:

(LET IT BE SAID)

1. The Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly have recognized the significant and immediate impacts that Ontario's Bill 5, *Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025*, and Canada's Bill C-5, *One Canadian Economy Act*, may have on the jurisdiction, rights, and economic interests of the 39 Anishinabek First Nations through the adoption of NAAKINIGAN-#2025-17, *Opposition to Bill 5 Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025*;
2. The Strategic Action Framework in Response to both Bill 5 and C-5 establishes a clear, coordinated, and principled Anishinabek Nation approach to these legislative changes;
3. The Framework is grounded in the Anishinabek Nation's inherent and Treaty rights, Anishinaabe governance principles, and a dual-pronged approach to both proactive and protective action which includes:
  - Prong 1: Proactive Nation-Building Framework, which supports development-ready communities seeking equitable participation, partnership, and co-design in projects; and
  - Prong 2: Assertive Rights-Based Response, which supports communities in asserting jurisdiction, monitoring consultation, and defending their rights where development proceeds without Free, Prior, Informed, and Consent;



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4. The Strategic Action Framework was approved in principle on July 16, 2025, to provide strategic guidance and coordinated direction for the Anishinabek Nation's collective response to the implementation of both Bill 5 and C-5;
5. The Strategic Action Framework was presented to Leadership and Anishinabek Nation First Nation representatives during the 2025 Fall Regional Meetings, and all have had the opportunity to review and provide input; and
6. The implementation of the Framework will strengthen the Nation's political advocacy, technical coordination, and community capacity in energy, infrastructure, and resource development across Anishinabek territories, while simultaneously protecting and respecting sites of cultural significance.

### **BIGIDNAMOG DASH GIINWI ANISHINAABE GIMAAG-MAAWANJIDIWAAD:**

(LET IT BE ACTED UPON THAT WE, THE ANISHINABEK CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY):

1. Formally adopt and approve the Strategic Action Framework in Response to both Bill 5 and C-5 as an official policy and implementation framework of the Anishinabek Nation;
2. Grant authority to the Chiefs Oversight Committee to approve necessary revisions to the Strategic Action Framework from this date onward;
3. Direct the Anishinabek Nation to collaboratively implement the Framework's Prong 1 and Prong 2 actions;
4. Direct the Grand Council Chief and Deputy Grand Council Chief to advance this Framework through the Anishinabek-Ontario and Anishinabek-Canada Bilateral Tables, seeking formal recognition, co-development commitments, and capacity funding to support implementation; and
5. Direct that semi-annual reports on implementation progress and outcomes be brought forward to the Chiefs-in-Assembly, starting with summer 2026 Grand Council Assembly.



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Linda Debassige  
Grand Council Chief



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Chris Plain  
Deputy Grand Council Chief





**Ajijaak Doodem**  
**(CRANE CLAN)**  
**GOVERNANCE DEPARTMENT**



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### NAAKNIGAN - #2025 - 20

#### Debaachigaadeg

(Subject)

Respecting and Honoring First Nations Governance Autonomy

#### E-gaandinang

(Mover)

Chief Rodney Nahwegahbow, Whitefish River First Nation

#### E-ko-niizhing e-gaandinang

(Seconder)

Chief Tracy Hendrick, Moose Deer Point First Nation

#### Be-minidag

(Status)

Carried

#### Niigaan bebemkaan enakiing

(Lead Department)

Governance

#### Naadamaage bebemkaan enakiing

(Support Department)

Political

#### Nendowendizig

(Opposed)

None

#### Gegoo e-kidsig

(Abstained)

None

#### MANOO-DA-KIDOOMGAD:

(LET IT BE SAID)

1. Whereas the Anishinabek Nation Declaration of 1980 affirmed that “We have the inherent right to self-determination, sovereignty, our own forms of government, and determining our own citizens”;
2. Whereas by Resolution #95/25, the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly directed the Union of Ontario Indians to enter self-government negotiations with the federal government in all areas including governance, education, lands, resources, justice, and social services;
3. Whereas the Anishinabek Nation has proclaimed and is guided by the Ngo Dwe Waangizid Anishinaabe — that we are One Anishinaabe Family — and by subsequent declarations and laws that affirm Anishinabek sovereignty, unity, and way of life, including the Anishinabek Nation E'Dbendaagzijig Naaknigewin (2009), Ngo Dwe Waangizid Anishinaabe (2011), the Anishinabek Nation Chi-Naaknigewin (2012), the Anishinaabe Giizhigad declaration (2021), and the Anishinabek Nation Declaration on E'Dbendaagzijig (2025);



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4. Whereas through the collaborative work of B'Maakonigan and the Anishinabek Nation, the ANGA was amended on December 1, 2023, to recognize traditional and customary community decision-making as a valid means of approving the Agreement; and
5. Whereas consistent with Anishinabek principles of self-determination and political autonomy, each Anishinabek First Nation retains the inherent right to determine its participation in collective governance initiatives, including the ANGA.

### **BIGIDNAMOG DASH GIINWI ANISHINAABE GIMAAG-MAAWANJIDIWAAD:**

(LET IT BE ACTED UPON THAT WE, THE ANISHINABEK CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY):

1. Reaffirm the commitment to the advancement, development, and implementation of the Anishinabek Nation Chi-Naaknigewin, and the principles of Ngo Dwe Waangizid Anishinaabe;
2. Encourage Anishinabek First Nations to become informed concerning the ANGA and the implementation work of B'Maakonigan;
3. Remind Anishinabek First Nations that traditional and customary decision-making processes can be used to approve and implement the ANGA; and
4. Affirm that the Anishinabek Nation and B'Maakonigan will honour and respect the political autonomy of any member First Nation that signals its intent to withdraw from the ANGA, while continuing to advance and strengthen the collective governance path forward.



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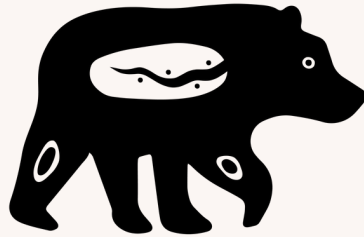
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# Mukwaa Doodem

(BEAR CLAN)

**HEALTH SECRETARIAT**



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### NAAKNIGAN - #2025 - 21

**Debaachigaadeg**  
(Subject) Development of a Relationship Protocol with Health Sciences  
North Research Institute

**E-gaandinang**  
(Mover) Chief Cathy Stevens, Nipissing First Nation

**E-ko-niizhing e-gaandinang**  
(Secondar) Ogimaa Tim Ominika, Wikwemkoong Unceded Territory

**Be-minidag**  
(Status) Carried

**Niigaan bebemkaan enakiing**  
(Lead Department) Health

**Naadamaage bebemkaan enakiing**  
(Support Department) Administration

**Nendowendizig**  
(Opposed) None

**Gegoo e-kidsig**  
(Abstained) None

### MANOO-DA-KIDOOMGAD: (LET IT BE SAID)

1. For many years there have been discussion at Anishinabek Leadership tables regarding Data Sovereignty and Research Protocol development within Anishinabek First Nations. Anishinabek First Nation asserts their right to determine how the data is collected, assessed, used and shared;
2. The First Nation principles of ownership, control, access, and possession are known as OCAP. The Research Protocols must be OCAP compliant and developed with the paramount direction of the First Nations themselves. The Research Protocols will respect the autonomy of each First Nations, including honoring their knowledge, customs, and practices to be respected and integrated into Research Protocols;
3. An opportunity has come forward to develop a Relationship Protocol with the Health Sciences North Research Institute (HSNRI) to develop Research Protocols with our First Nations as well as entering a research agreement such as the issue of Avian Influenza;
4. HSNRI supports collaborative research efforts amongst clinicians, researchers, learners, regional partners and industry to generate findings and solutions for the people of Northeastern Ontario, including First Nations;



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5. HSNRI's research priorities include but are not limited to Cancer Solutions, Cardiovascular Health, Healthy Aging and Indigenous Health. They represent the health challenges in Northeastern Ontario; thus, together in collaborative research efforts, HSNRI will strive to generate research that improves the health outcomes for the people in their region, including First Nations;
6. This opportunity to partner with HSNRI provides the Anishinabek Nation, and the 39 First Nations, the opportunity to develop meaningful advancements in critical areas of Research Protocols, Data Sovereignty, Cancer Care and others which could be identified as we move forward; and
7. At the direction of Anishinabek Nation Leadership, the Anishinabek Nation Health Secretariat has been working towards developing relationships with external organizations including the Anishinabek Nation/Ontario Health Relationship Protocol signed in January 2025.

### **BIGIDNAMOG DASH GIINWI ANISHINAABE GIMAAG-MAAWANJIDIWAAD:**

(LET IT BE ACTED UPON THAT WE, THE ANISHINABEK CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY):

1. Direct the Anishinabek Nation to develop a Relationship Protocol with HSNRI to develop Research Protocol Agreements with Anishinabek First Nations;
2. The Relationship Protocol will outline the role of the HSNRI as a partnering organization that will provide an advisory role in the development of Research Protocol Agreements with Anishinabek First Nations; and
3. Direct that the completed Draft Relationship Protocol is brought forward for review by Leadership Council prior to signature by Grand Council Chief.

Linda Debassige  
Grand Council Chief

Chris Plain  
Deputy Grand Council Chief





# Giigoonh Doodemenhs

(FISH CLAN)

**LANDS & RESOURCES**



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### NAAKNIGAN - #2025 - 22

#### Debaachigaadeg

(Subject)

First Nation-Led Lake Nipigon Stewardship Council

#### E-gaandinang

(Mover)

Chief Gladys Thompson, Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek

#### E-ko-niizhing e-gaandinang

(Seconder)

Chief Chad Edgar, Michipicoten First Nation

#### Be-minidag

(Status)

Carried

#### Niigaan bebemkaan enakiing

(Lead Department)

Lands and Resources

#### Naadamaage bebemkaan enakiing

(Support Department)

Legal

#### Nendowendizig

(Opposed)

None

#### Gegoo e-kidsig

(Abstained)

None

#### MANOO-DA-KIDOOMGAD:

(LET IT BE SAID)

1. The Anishinabek First Nations have an inherent right and sacred responsibility to the Creator to be the caretakers of the gifts provided to us, and have never relinquished the responsibility of protecting, managing, and caring for all creation;
2. Many Anishinabek First Nations have deep ancestral ties to the Great Lakes and its Basin. The Great Lakes and its basin are an integral part of the Anishinabek Nation's cultural, spiritual, and economic well-being, and protecting and preserving their ecological integrity is a significant priority for many of the Anishinabek First Nations; and
3. A Lake Stewardship Council is a definition or term that works to protect and improve the health of a lake or watershed. Due to the number of challenges and opportunities within the Lake Nipigon Watershed, the Anishinabek First Nations have discussed and recommended to establish a First Nation-Led Lake Nipigon Watershed Stewardship Council.



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### BIGIDNAMOG DASH GIINWI ANISHINAABE GIMAAG-MAAWANJIDIWAAD:

(LET IT BE ACTED UPON THAT WE, THE ANISHINABEK CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY):

1. Direct the Anishinabek Nation Lands and Resources Department to support the Anishinabek First Nations within the Lake Nipigon Watershed to establish a First Nation-Led Lake Nipigon Stewardship Council.
2. Direct the Anishinabek Nation Lands and Resources Department to support engagement and dialogue by facilitating meetings between the Anishinabek Nation, Anishinabek First Nations and the other First Nations that are located within the Lake Nipigon Watershed, to discuss an Indigenous-led model for Lake Nipigon Watershed and the supporting functions that may be established that can include environmental monitoring, stewardship projects such as habitat restoration, fisheries assessments, as well as education, outreach and community engagement and collaboration; and
3. Direct the Grand Council Chief to support the relationship building and collaboration with both the Anishinabek First Nations and other First Nations outside the Anishinabek Nation that are located within the Lake Nipigon Watershed.



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### NAAKNIGAN - #2025 - 23

**Debaachigaadeg**  
(Subject) Nuclear Waste Transportation and Burial in Anishinabek Nation Lands

**E-gaandinang**  
(Mover) Chief Michele Solomon, Fort Williams First Nation

**E-ko-niizhing e-gaandinang**  
(Secondar) Chief Patsy Corbiere, Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation

**Be-minidag**  
(Status) **Carried**

**Niigaan bebemkaan enakiing**  
(Lead Department) Lands and Resources

**Naadamaage bebemkaan enakiing**  
(Support Department) None

**Nendowendizig**  
(Opposed) None

**Gegoo e-kidsig**  
(Abstained) None

### MANOO-DA-KIDOOMGAD:

(LET IT BE SAID)

1. The peoples of Anishinabek Nation have occupied their territories since time immemorial and exercise responsibility and authority for the protection of the land, water and inhabitants of their territories;
2. Anishinabek Nation has collectively, and as individual First Nations, repeatedly expressed their opposition to the transportation and burial of nuclear waste in their territories over many years, including in a 2017 Joint Declaration between the Anishinabek Nation and the Iroquois Caucus on the transport and abandonment of radioactive waste;
3. In 2024 the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) announced that it had selected the Revell site between Ignace and Dryden in northwestern Ontario as the site for a deep geological repository to store all of Canada's nuclear fuel waste;
4. In their Reconciliation Policy the NWMO commits to "seeking free, prior, and informed consent of impacted Indigenous peoples before proceeding with development of a deep geological repository" but are proceeding without having sought or received the consent of Anishinabek First Nations;



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5. Neither the NWMO nor the Crown have sought or received the consent of the First Nations of Anishinabek Nation along the transportation route for the shipment of radioactive waste through their territory;
6. In their 2021 Deep Geological Repository Transportation System Conceptual Design Report Crystalline/Sedimentary Rock, the NWMO estimated 2-3 shipments per day for a period of fifty (50) years transporting the high-level nuclear waste by truck from the 5 nuclear reactor stations and the Chalk River nuclear laboratory;
7. The average distance between the current location of the waste and the proposed Revell site is 1,700 km and the transportation route will put the territories of Anishinabek Nation at serious risk;
8. The transportation risks include low level emissions of radiation from each transportation shipment under “normal” conditions, higher levels of exposure to radiation from the transportation packages when bystanders, passengers in other vehicles or workers are in proximity to the shipments for longer periods of time (such as delays due to traffic congestion, or stoppages due to road construction, road accidents, or road closures due to events such as fire or flooding), the risk of significant radiation exposure if a container is breached during an accident;
9. A Federal Impact Assessment Process and a licensing process under the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission is expected to commence in 2026, through which the NWMO will be seeking approval for their project
10. Since 2005, the NWMO has described transportation as being part of their nuclear waste project, including in the NWMO’s 2005 Choosing a Way Forward report, which set out their recommendations to the federal government for the long term management of nuclear fuel waste, as per the Nuclear Fuel Waste Act numerous reports, statements and publications issued by the NWMO between 2005 and 2025;
11. Despite NWMO’s consistent position that transportation is part of the nuclear waste project, in August 2025, the NWMO went on record during a public webinar, announcing their intention to exclude transportation from the upcoming impact assessment process;
12. The NWMO’s attempt to exclude transportation from the impact assessment process contradicts its own position which it has held and publicly shared for the past 20 years;
13. Transportation is a key concern for the First Nations of Anishinabek Nation and other First Nations and communities along the transportation route; and



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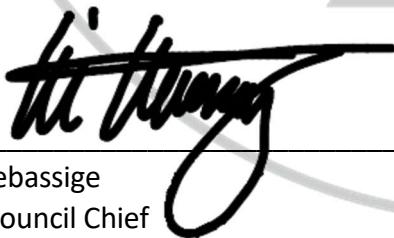
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14. The project could not be carried out at the NWMO's selected location without transporting the wastes an average of 1,700 kilometers from the reactor stations to the selected location.

**BIGIDNAMOG DASH GIINWI ANISHINAABE GIMAAG-MAAWANJIDIWAAD:**

(LET IT BE ACTED UPON THAT WE, THE ANISHINABEK CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY):

1. Restate our opposition to the transportation and burial of radioactive wastes including the transportation of high-level nuclear fuel waste through our territories;
2. Direct the Grand Council Chief to call upon the federal Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, the federal Minister of Energy and Mines and the Impact Assessment Agency to ensure that the transfer, transportation, and processing of nuclear fuel waste – which is integral and incidental to the NWMO's nuclear waste project – is fully described and examined as part of the federal Impact Assessment Process; and
3. Support the Anishinabek Nation to call upon the federal crown, and its agents, including the Impact Assessment Agency, to ensure that Anishinabek Nation and the 39 First Nations are adequately resourced and supported to participate in all stages of the Impact Assessment and licensing processes, with sufficient technical and administrative capacity to engage its membership, technical experts, and the Crown and its agencies.



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Grand Council Chief



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Chris Plain  
Deputy Grand Council Chief





# Waawaashkesh Doodem

(DEER CLAN)

**SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT  
AND  
KOGANAASAWIN**



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### NAAKNIGAN - #2025 - 24

<b>Debaachigaadeg</b> (Subject)	Terms of Reference for the Anishinabek Nation Child Well-Being Working Group
<b>E-gaandinang</b> (Mover)	Chief Kimberly Bressette, Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point First Nation
<b>E-ko-niizhing e-gaandinang</b> (Seconder)	Chief Tracy Hendrick, Moose Deer Point First Nation
<b>Be-minidag</b> (Status)	Carried
<b>Niigaan bebemkaan enakiing</b> (Lead Department)	Social Development
<b>Naadamaage bebemkaan enakiing</b> (Support Department)	None
<b>Nendowendizig</b> (Opposed)	None
<b>Gegoo e-kidsig</b> (Abstained)	None

### MANOO-DA-KIDOOMGAD:

(LET IT BE SAID)

1. The Anishinabek Nation affirms that Anishinabek First Nations hold inherent jurisdiction over child and family well-being and that the Anishinabek Nation Child Well-Being Law serves as the guiding framework for advancing this jurisdiction;
2. The Child Well-Being Working Group (CWBWG) was established to support coordinated implementation efforts among the Anishinabek Nation, Anishinabek First Nations, and Indigenous Child Well-Being Agencies to advance the development of the Anishinabek Nation Child Well-Being System;
3. The Terms of Reference of the Child Well-Being Working Group outlines its purpose, membership, responsibilities, and processes, with emphasis on ensuring collaborative coordination and meaningful participation of all Anishinabek Nation regions, First Nations, and the Indigenous Child Well-Being Agencies that serve them; and
4. The Terms of Reference was reviewed and refined with feedback from participants of the Child Well-Being Working Group, and four Regional Chiefs meetings ensuring it reflects the evolving needs and priorities of the Working Group, participating First Nations, and the agencies that serve them.



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### BIGIDNAMOG DASH GIINWI ANISHINAABE GIMAAG-MAAWANJIDIWAAD:

(LET IT BE ACTED UPON THAT WE, THE ANISHINABEK CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY):

1. Support and adopt the Terms of Reference for the Anishinabek Nation Child Well-Being Working Group (CWBWG) as presented; and
2. Direct the Anishinabek Nation Social Development Department and Koganaawsawin to proceed with the ongoing coordination, facilitation, and support of the Child Well-Being Working Group in accordance with the approved Terms of Reference, including annual review and updates as needed.



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### NAAKNIGAN - #2025 - 25

**Debaachigaadeg** (Subject) 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Aboriginal Veterans Monument, National Indigenous Day, and National Remembrance Day

**E-gaandinang** (Mover) Chief Joe Miskokomon, Chippewas of the Thames First Nation

**E-ko-niizhing e-gaandinang** (Seconder) Chief Taynar Simpson, Alderville First Nation

**Be-minidag** (Status) **Carried**

**Niigaan bebemkaan enakiing** (Lead Department) Governance

**Naadamaage bebemkaan enakiing** (Support Department) Political

**Nendowendizig** (Opposed) None

**Gegoo e-kidsig** (Abstained) None

### MANOO-DA-KIDOOMGAD:

(LET IT BE SAID)

1. National Indigenous Veterans Day is observed annually on November 8<sup>th</sup> to honour the significant contributions and sacrifices of First Nation people in military services and the systemic discrimination they faced both overseas and upon their return home.
2. The National Aboriginal Veterans Monument was unveiled in 2001 in Ottawa to acknowledge the courage and sacrifices made by Anishinabek veterans' men and women. The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Aboriginal Veterans Monument will be in 2026; and
3. To commemorate this anniversary, the Anishinabek Chief's Veterans committee has identified the importance for Anishinabek First Nation veterans to participate on November 8<sup>th</sup> through November 11<sup>th</sup> at national events.



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### BIGIDNAMOG DASH GIINWI ANISHINAABE GIMAAG-MAAWANJIDIWAAD:

(LET IT BE ACTED UPON THAT WE, THE ANISHINABEK CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY):

1. Support the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs Veterans committee to honor the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and to seek support from the Anishinabek Nation to take regional representatives from our Anishinabek First Nations to Ottawa from November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026; and
2. Direct the Anishinabek Nation to commence the coordination, facilitation, and financial support to have Regional Representatives from each of the Anishinabek First Nation attend the November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026, National Indigenous Veterans Day ceremonies and the National Remembrance Day ceremonies on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.



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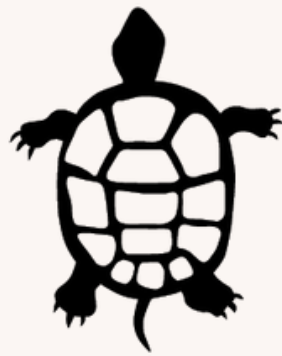
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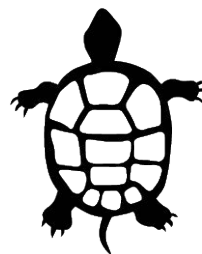




# Shiikenh Doodem

(TURTLE CLAN)

**LEGAL & JUSTICE**



## ANISHINABEK GIMAAG-MAAWNJIIDIWAAD

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**NAAKNIGAN - #2025 - 26**

**Debaachigaadeg**  
(Subject)

Support for First Nations Policing Services

**E-gaandinang**  
(Mover)

Chief Rodney Nahwegahbow, Whitefish River First Nation

**E-ko-niizhing e-gaandinang**  
(Seconder)

Chief Cathy Stevens, Nipissing First Nation

**Be-minidag**  
(Status)

**Carried**

**Niigaan bebemkaan enakiing**  
(Lead Department)

Legal

**Naadamaage bebemkaan enakiing**  
(Support Department)

Governance

**Nendowendizig**  
(Opposed)

None

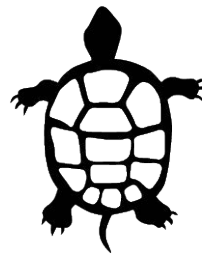
**Gegoo e-kidsig**  
(Abstained)

None

### **MANOO-DA-KIDOOMGAD:**

(LET IT BE SAID)

1. The Crown's fiduciary duty to protect First Nations and our reserve lands has been recognized by the courts as sui generis – unique;
2. This unique duty to protect includes adequate and culturally appropriate policing;
3. Disproportionately high crime rates on reserve and involvement of First Nation People are in some cases reported to be six time higher than similar sized non-First Nation communities;
4. Recent mandates that emphasize the need for improving First Nation Policing to address this challenge include the following police services resolutions:
  - a. Resolution #2022-13 *Advocacy for the Recognition of Policing as an Essential Service*;
  - b. Resolution #2023-04 *State of Emergency Declared: Lack of Adequate, Effective and Equitable Policing*;
  - c. Resolution #2023-16 *Support for IPCO Canadian Human Rights Complaint*;
  - d. Resolution #2023-31 *Legal Action to Advance First Nation Policing Enforcement*;
  - e. Resolution #2025-14 *Advocating for Essential Service Funding and First Nation Policing Legislation for the Various Anishinabek Police Services throughout Anishinabek Nation*;



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5. The problems that plague our police services include: designations as temporary “programs” and not essential services, funding agreements designed to disable negotiation based on merits, inferior pensions for officers that discourage retention and recruitment;
6. Public safety is at a crisis level in our communities as gangs and drug distribution become more organized, tightening their grip on our communities with violence becoming commonplace.

### **BIGIDNAMOG DASH GIINWI ANISHINAABE GIMAAG-MAAWANJIDIWAAD:**

(LET IT BE ACTED UPON THAT WE, THE ANISHINABEK CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY):

1. Renew the 2023 declaration of a police services state of emergency across the Anishinabek Nation;
2. Call on the Government of Canada to stop delaying proceedings concerning the Human Rights Complaint on Police Services and/or to negotiate resolution with the IPCO;
3. Call on the Government of Ontario and Canada to recognize First Nation Policing as an essential service and overhaul the public service funding formula; and
4. Direct that the Anishinabek Nation develop an Anishinabek Nation Police Public Safety Strategy to support advocacy for First Nations Policing.

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Linda Debassige  
Grand Council Chief

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Chris Plain  
Deputy Grand Council Chief





# Ajijaak Doodem

(CRANE CLAN)

**POLITICAL**



## ANISHINABEK GIMAAG-MAAWNJIIDIWAAD

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### NAAKNIGAN - #2025 - 27

#### Debaachigaadeg

(Subject)

Support for the Law Society of Ontario to ensure lawyers complete a mandatory course to support First Nations

#### E-gaandinang

(Mover)

Chief Michele Solomon, Fort William First Nation

#### E-ko-niizhing e-gaandinang

(Seconder)

Chief Cathy Stevens, Nipissing First Nation

#### Be-minidag

(Status)

Carried

#### Niigaan bebemkaan enakiing

(Lead Department)

Political

#### Naadamaage bebemkaan enakiing

(Support Department)

Legal

#### Nendowendizig

(Opposed)

None

#### Gegoo e-kidsig

(Abstained)

None

#### MANOO-DA-KIDOOMGAD:

(LET IT BE SAID)

1. The Chiefs in Assembly acknowledge the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Calls to Action, specifically Action 27 to ensure that legal professionals in Canada receive appropriate education on Indigenous issues, particularly the history and legacy of residential schools, Indigenous laws, and intercultural competency;
2. The Chiefs in Assembly recognize the public commitment of the Law Society of Ontario to respond to the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC);
3. The Chiefs in Assembly acknowledge the efforts of the Law Society of Ontario to regulate Ontario's Lawyers and Paralegals and are mindful of their obligations, equally, and without discrimination when working with First Nation persons in their practices;
4. The Chiefs in Assembly acknowledge that Gladue principles require judges to consider the unique systemic and personal circumstances of Indigenous offenders; and
5. The Chiefs in Assembly recognize the importance of First Nation restorative justice approaches when determining sentencing that shift the focus of punishment to healing.



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### BIGIDNAMOG DASH GIINWI ANISHINAABE GIMAAG-MAAWANJIDIWAAD:

(LET IT BE ACTED UPON THAT WE, THE ANISHINABEK CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY):

1. Support the development of a mandatory legal professional course that will focus on:

- The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP);
- Treaties, Inherent and First Nation rights;
- Indigenous law and customs;
- Aboriginal–Crown relations; and

skill-based training in the areas of:

- Intercultural competency;
- Conflict resolution;
- Human rights; and
- Anti-racism.

2. Direct the Anishinabek Nation work with the Grand Council Chief to advocate with the Law Society of Ontario the development of a mandatory legal professional course to better support Indigenous peoples and contribute to reconciliation;
3. Direct that the Anishinabek Nation and Grand Council Chief advocate with the Law Society of Ontario for the delivery of the program by a First Nation individual; and
4. Support the foundational shift of further utilizing pre-sentencing Gladue documents that support Restorative Justice approaches that focus on community member healing and accountability.

Linda Debassige  
Grand Council Chief

Chris Plain  
Deputy Grand Council Chief