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Saugeen Ojibway Nation Treaty and Title Claim

Chief and leaders from Neyaashiinigiing and Saugeen have been attending the SON* appeal in the Treaty and Title Litigation (Treaty 72) that began on Monday, May 8th at Osgoode Hall, 130 Queen St. W, Courtroom One in Toronto, ON and will continue until May 18th, 2023.

Brief Background:

Treaty 45 ½ which was entered into in 1836 where SON* gave up 1.5 million acres of their land south of Owen Sound to make way for settlements with a promise from the Crown to protect encroachment on the Saugeen (Bruce) Peninsula. However, in 1854, the Crown forced SON to surrender the Peninsula in Treaty 72, declaring the Crown would not protect the Peninsula from settlement.

On the morning of Thursday, May 18th, 2023, the Joint Council is planning on having “All Nations Jr. Drum’ sing an Honour Song outside the courthouse to raise Voice and Prayers to G’Zhemidoo and our Ancestors who entrusted the Land and the waters to us for generations to come.

Here is the Zoom Information to observe the SON appeal May 8-18.

When: 08/May/2023 to 11/May/2023 AND 15/May/2023 to 18/May/2023 at 10:00 AM in Courtroom One (Please Note: The parties are encouraged to sign-in 30 minutes prior to the start time of the appeal).

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The following is a note from the Court.

“Hearing participants and observers are reminded that, unless permission is given by the Court, it is an offence under s. 136 of the Courts of Justice Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.43, punishable by a fine of not more than \$25,000 or imprisonment of up to six months, or both, to record any part of a hearing, including by way of screenshot/capture and photograph, as well as to publish, broadcast, reproduce or disseminate any such recording.”

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More updates will follow.

Chief and Council

*Saugeen First Nation and Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation and Saugeen First Nation are collectively referred to as Saugeen Ojibway Nation or SON.

About Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation:

Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation is located 30 km north east of Wiarton, Ontario, in beautiful Neyaashiinigmiing. Registered membership is comprised of 3000 individuals; over 700 live on the main reserve. Chief Veronica Smith and 9 Council members have been in their respective positions since the summer of 2021. Known for their hospitality, protection of the environment within their Traditional Territory and Neyaashiinigmiing, the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation have a long tradition of Indigenous commercial fishing and make up half of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation.

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