

To the Chippewas of Nawash Membership:

On behalf of the Council and myself, we offer our sincere condolences to the family of the Late Amy Tobey Ingram, to her son Giizis, her husband Horold, her parents Norma & William Tobey, her sister Lena and family, and to the Nadjiwon family as a whole - we offer our love and prayers as the family, friends and colleagues come together for Amy's Celebration of Life. Amy-baa gave so much of herself to her family and our community, to Indigenous causes and culture both near and far; we Thank her and honour her for her strength, knowledge and commitment she gave during her short time with us. We acknowledge her work at the Nawash, working on our Election Code, in our Social Services department, for our Board of Education, for ONWAA (Ontario Native Welfare Administrators Association) and finally her work with NWMO - Nuclear Waste Management Organization which she facilitated partnerships with First Nations and business. We will miss her very much; her bright eyes, her beautiful smile and her infectious laughter. It has been comforting to read words of memories and see the many photos on Facebook from all her family and friends. We have received many words of Condolences from other organizations who share their condolences, as she touched the lives of so many people. We say "Thank You" to everyone for coming together to help family and one another get through this difficult time. Chi-Miigwetch!

May 1st we also say "Chi-Miigwech" & Happy First Responders Day! This day is dedicated to honouring our Police, Firefighters, Paramedics and Dispatchers for their Courage, Commitment, Skills and Compassion they utilize in their very important work they do every day to keep us safe and helping when we need emergency assistance. We See You! We Appreciate You! We Thank You!!

I am pleased to provide this brief update to you for the period covering April 20th to May 1st, and to let you know that the Council has been very busy meeting community needs, and attending to the many invitations we get from various organizations and partners in our Territory. I thank community members who also take part in these gatherings such as the Tree Marking event at Harrison Park last week which was attended by Councillor Janine Manning and community members, Charlene Winger-Jones and Patrick Lavalley, and there have been a few Bruce Power Dinners to acknowledge recipients of the Bruce Power Community Fund grants, which I was not able to attend as I was off to the IFN Climate Adaptation Conference with SON staff April 21st to 23rd in Niagara Falls. We have much work to care for Mother Earth and our Water and all living beings in the water and we all depend on safe drinking water. I do believe many people are cognizant of our need to reduce green house emissions, carbon gases, nuclear waste and reducing waste and pollution in general, and we have to actively practice conservation while advocating for the protection of our Territory.

We say "Thank You" also to the Community Members and staff who took part in Community Clean up on Earth Day as home is where we begin and work our way out to

places and spaces that are dear to us. The Council is currently working with the Ministry of Environment on clean-up matters in Hope Bay and I thank our Councillors Nick Saunders and Miptoon who are especially out and about walking the Territory to make sure things are safe and protected along with our Environment Office staff, Char Leonard and Dr. Robert Martin. Our current focus is keeping our eye on Ontario Premier Doug Ford who is relaxing all the environmental protections making it easier for developments to occur, but again - we have many watchful eyes and act immediately in our Territory with our relatives at Saugeen who we honour and work together with for our shared Territory.

This past week, several Councillors and SON staff attended the CNA2026 (Canadian Nuclear Conference) in Ottawa - this is a big annual event for networking and catching up on what's happening in the nuclear industry. While in Ottawa the SON Teams met with various Ministries: SON-CNSC Leadership Meeting to talk about the regulation of nuclear activities in SON Territory and impacts on our waters such as the gizzard shad mortality that occurred in 2025. This fish is important to the biology and health of Lake Huron. We met with the Federal Impact Assessment Program regarding work and community engagement for the planned Bruce C project which still has not received SON consent; we will be looking to the Nawash and Saugeen First Nations for a mandate once we have all the impact assessments completed. We also met with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans regarding SON's involvement as decision-makers in developments and implementation of mitigation measures and offsetting actions of Bruce Power's cooling of reactors and impacts on the waters. We met with AECL / CNL (Atomic Energy of Canada and the Canadian Nuclear Laboratories regarding the decommissioning of Douglas Point and the restoration of the land. We look forward to organizing a future ceremony for our people and the land & water in the near future. SON Chiefs and the SON Nuclear Team also met with Natural Resources Canada to address our Terms of Reference for engaging SON membership in near-future discussion on nuclear developments and nuclear waste. The Joint Council will be working diligently to prepare for community meetings and the Saugeen Ojibway Nations' rights that are protected under Section 35 of Canada's Constitution and backed by the United Nation Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous peoples. We have much work to do and limited time but we will work toward community meetings very soon. I'm very proud of our Leadership and SON Technical staff who are able to speak on behalf of our Nations on these very important issues that affect us and our SON Territory.

Again, we are working on the shut-down of the community centre to prepare for much needed renovations, so I am looking forward to June 5th - the Grand Opening of our New Arena where we will hold meetings until the Community Centre is back in order. I look forward to the opening of the Rink and the activities that we will have for our children, youth and membership!

An important change has been made for the Nochemowaning Ceremony - has been moved from May 23rd to June 20th due to necessary preparations for the Nochemowaning Ceremony.

I am also Thankful we have our Midweek Knowledge Keepers to guide this important work to honour our Ancestors, the land, water and all living beings - our Relations.

Upcoming News - I am away for a long awaited planned vacation and the Councillors have been very committed to keeping the Chief's office running smoothly while I am away. The Acting Chief's are Head Councillor Jessica Keeshig-Martin, Councillor Darren Johnston and Councillor Miptoon will be covering from May 6-17th. I will be back to work on May 18th for regular Council. Also later in May is the upcoming AFN Nuclear Conference where former Chief Greg Nadjiwon and Head Councillor Jessica Keeshig-Martin will be speaking - I'm sure we can catch this on AFN u-tube live!

I look forward to these fine spring days and the warm weather, flowers and outside events to be in the sun.

Take Care and Be well Everyone!