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Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Linda Debassige addresses Chiefs and other First Nations delegates at the Chiefs-in-Assembly held in London, Ontario, June 2 - 4, 2025. A vote carried out for the Anishinabek Nation Declaration on E'Dbendaagzijig (Those Who Belong) received unanimous support. The Anishinabek Nation Declaration on E'Dbendaagzijig recognizes First Nations' sovereignty and inherent right to determine who belongs in their communities and not Canada through the *Indian Act*. Photo by Kirk Titmuss

ANISHINABEK NATION CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY SUPPORT E'DBENDAAGZIJIG DECLARATION

By Kirk Titmuss

LONDON, ONTARIO - The Anishinabek Nation Chiefs-in-Assembly have declared inherent jurisdiction to decide who belongs on First Nations' citizenship and membership registries.

The June 4, 2025, consensus on the approval of the Anishinabek Nation Declaration on E'Dbendaagzijig (Those who belong) sends a strong message to the federal government that its continued efforts to govern Anishinabek people through the *Indian Act* registration regulations or any proposed legislative options will be met with strong opposition in favour of Anishinaabe law and jurisdiction.

"Our Anishinabek Nation Declaration on E'Dbendaagzijig is a political position that asserts sovereignty and, in effect, is the foundational document that expresses our inherent right to decide who belongs in our communities, according to our own Anishinaabe laws," said Dr. Jeannette Corbiere Lavell, Anishinabek Nation E-niigaanwidood E'Dbendaagzijig (Citizenship Commissioner).

"The determination of citizenship is foundational to the identity of the Anishinaabe."

The Anishinabek Nation Declaration on E'Dbendaagzijig will serve as the written source of authority for the

E'Dbendaagzijig Naaknigewin (Citizenship Law) 2009, and for First Nations' Citizenship Laws. The Anishinabek Nation E'Dbendaagzijig Naaknigewin, 2009, is based on the "One-Parent Rule" to assert First Nation control over citizenship and to recognize those who belong, regardless of Indian status. The Anishinabek Nation Declaration on E'Dbendaagzijig emphasizes Anishinaabe laws, governance, language, territory, and identity to strengthen Anishinabek First Nations.

"The law on E'Dbendaagzijig that we adopted in 2009 is the Anishinabek Nation's response to the 'Second-Generation Cut-Off,'" adds

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CEO'S CORNER

Leslie McGregor | B'Maakonigan E-niigaanziikidaaged

Aanii kina wiiya,

As we reflect on the past months, I'm proud to share the momentum B'Maakonigan has built in advancing the *Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement* (ANGA). Our work has been marked by meaningful collaboration, operational growth, and renewed commitment to our shared vision of self-governance.

One of our most significant achievements was the successful implementation of the amended First Nations Approval Process (FNAP), which took effect on December 1, 2023. We have supported First Nations in navigating this new pathway, with one community completing the process and another just beginning. These efforts were made possible through the partnership between the Anishinabek Nation, B'Maakonigan, and our Implementation and Operations Committee (IOC), a collaborative body that includes a representative from B'Maakonigan, member First Nations, and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC).

Internally, our team has continued to grow. A key highlight this summer was the addition of two new roles that deepen our commitment to culture, ceremony, and inclusive governance. We welcomed Mindy Goulais, our Cultural

Engagement and Knowledge Advisor, whose guidance ensures that our activities are rooted in spirit and ceremony, and that culture and Anishinaabemowin remain the foundation of all our work. This position brings a vital lens to our governance efforts, helping us stay aligned with Anishinabek values and ways of knowing.

We also introduced a Cultural Policy Advisor, Echo McLeod-Shabogesic, who is leading the review and development of internal policies to ensure they reflect our Anishinabek worldview, cultural protocols, and inclusive practices. This role will also focus on shaping a Dispute Resolution framework and Appeals process - critical components of a governance system that is fair, culturally grounded, and community-led.

In addition to these developments, we've begun work on the Management and Operations Law pillar. This law is not being developed in isolation; we are actively engaging our member communities to help shape its content. Their insights and lived experiences are essential to ensuring that the law reflects our collective values, priorities, and governance. This collaborative approach ensures that our operational framework is not only effective, but also rooted in the spirit and

intent of Anishinabek self-governance collaboration across sectors remains a central component of our approach. We continue to work closely with partners in education [(Kinooamaadziwin Education Body (KEB))] and child well-being (Koganaawsawin) and have formalized these relationships in ceremony.

Looking ahead, our priorities include welcoming more First Nations into ANGA, formalizing the FNAP with clear templates and guidelines, and continuing to implement our strategic plan. We've initiated discussions with the KEB on fiscal harmonization, and we're preparing to update our governance law and implement a data management strategy. We're also organizing a think tank to explore the concept of E'Dbendaazijig.

As summer turns to fall, B'Maakonigan remains deeply committed to supporting First Nations in their pursuit of sovereignty and self-determination. The principles of respect, accountability, and cultural integrity guide every step we take.

Miigwech for your continued trust and support as we grow and work together.

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ANISHINAABE CULTURE BUILDS B'MAAKONIGAN POLICIES

By Echo McLeod-Shabogesic
Cultural Policy Advisor

B'Maakonigan is continuing to develop its Cultural Policy to guide the way it carries out its work. This policy will ensure Anishinaabe values, teachings, and traditions remain at the heart of B'Maakonigan's governance, services, and responsibilities to communities and families. The goal is not simply to create a policy, but to establish a good way of doing the work that reflects who we are as Anishinaabe people and how we choose to govern ourselves in a good way.

Over the past several months, we have engaged with Elders, Knowledge Keepers, and community members to learn about the priorities that must shape this work. Great emphasis has been placed on the importance of language revitalization, ceremony, and land-based practices. We are also focusing on dispute resolution, ensuring that our approaches are grounded in Anishinaabe ways.

The development of Sharing Circles for communities is an important part of this work, offering spaces where voices can be heard, teachings can be shared, and challenges can

be resolved in a respectful and inclusive way.

The next step in this process is to prepare a draft Cultural Policy that B'Maakonigan will bring back to Elders and communities for reflection and guidance. This draft will highlight the principles and responsibilities that ground our work, while also outlining culturally guided approaches to conflict resolution and decision-making. Through this initiative, we are affirming that our culture is not an addition to our governance—it is the heart of it, guiding us today and into the future.

“The Creator gave us sovereignty to govern ourselves.”

Former Anishinabek Nation Head Getzit Gordon Waindubence-baa

Dr. Corbiere Lavell.

Anishinabek Nation Southeast Regional Chief Marsha Smoke holds the portfolio on Citizenship. She advises that Anishinabek must work from a place of inclusion, not exclusion.

“By adopting the One-Parent Rule, among other criteria, in our First Nation’s citizenship laws or membership codes, we will move the Anishinabek Nation forward as a self-determining nation of people as described in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. We know who our people are. I was taught that we must never leave anyone behind.”

Canada’s current Collaborative Process on the Second-Generation Cut-Off and the Section 10 Voting Thresholds will soon resume the community consultation phase with expectations to introduce solutions to these problematic issues in the existing Indian registration system. Canada’s agenda is to introduce legislative options or solutions in 2027, as a step toward its overall goal to do away with the *Indian Act* altogether, according to its Action Plan – First Nation Priorities.

“The Anishinabek Nation rejects the imposition of authority of a foreign government over our right to determine our citizens through

administrative measures designed to advance the assimilation of First Nations in Canada, such as the Indian Registration Policy. It is of strategic and national importance that we are unified in our responses to Canada within the Collaborative Process,” states Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Linda Debassige.

“With the Anishinabek Nation Declaration on E’Dbendaagzijig as the foundation of our laws on citizenship and belonging, we are asserting our inherent rights, as the Anishinabek Nation, as well as relying on our Treaties that are based on that nationhood.”

INTERGOVERNMENTAL FORUM UPDATE

By Shaelyn Wabegijig
Governance Relations Coordinator

The Anishinabek have always had international relations with other Indigenous Nations and settlers. Following the signing of the *Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement* (ANGA), the need for continued discussions on key governance issues at the highest levels of government remains. The Intergovernmental Forum is an annual meeting to maintain and strengthen the nation-to-nation relationship between B'Maakonigan and Canada and support our First Nations’ inherent right to self-governance.

B'Maakonigan continues to engage our signatory First Nations’ Chiefs, Governance Commissioner Patrick Madahbee, Anishinaabe lawyer Martin Bayer, and the political leadership of the Anishinabek Nation to determine how these meetings should be shaped. Our leaders agree that guidance from our Elders and incorporating cultural protocols and ceremony into these gatherings will ground and support the work. In late May, B'Maakonigan met with Anishinabek Nation leadership to discuss our vision and strategy for these meetings. Grand Council Chief Linda Debassige reinforced the importance of staying grounded in the original

vision of unity that came from the original ANGA ceremonies. Our strategy for the Intergovernmental Forum reflects our strength in unity and the belief of Ngo Dwe Waangizid Anishinaabe - One Anishinaabe Family. Our Anishinaabe vision for this forum is taking shape. We are working with Canada to develop a document that outlines the purpose, scope, roles, and responsibilities of the Intergovernmental Forum. We expect to have a signing ceremony for this document in the coming weeks and to hold the first forum meeting in 2026.



COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE UPDATES

Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation

Update

By Sarah Blackwell, Policy Analyst

This summer, the Governance Committee at Aundeck Omni Kaning FN met four times virtually to complete their draft E'Dbendaagzjig Law, which will be presented to the community this fall.

The Committee has asked their B'Maakonigan Policy Analyst to develop an Impact Assessment research paper on the specific sections of the draft law regarding non-dual citizenship in AOK.

The paper is expected to be completed and presented to the committee in early October with encouragement and support from B'Maakonigan. The Governance Committee is currently tackling the more challenging sections of their law while also taking into consideration previous community consultations.

The committee is following the procedures of previous leadership in their consultative process as there is currently no formal written consultation plan. Nonetheless, they continue to consistently work together even through challenging times of grief and loss in

the community.

As they move forward, the Committee plans to review the Impact Assessment research paper and consider the results to adapt their law as necessary.

They would like to see a formal meeting between the Governance Committee and the Chief and Council to discuss the draft E'Dbendaagzjig Law.

Magnetawan First Nation Update

By Lily Farrell, Policy Analyst

Magnetawan First Nation is experiencing a period of transition with new leadership on Council and the search underway for a new Governance Director. In the meantime, work continues to move forward with ongoing committee meetings and progress made in key areas of governance.

The Committees on Leadership Selection and Citizenship remain active and engaged. These committees include a diverse group of

participants - community members, Elders, and youth - ensuring that multiple perspectives are reflected in discussions and decisions.

Members have raised thoughtful questions, including the need for clear policies within existing governance processes. Addressing these foundational policies will help provide a stronger base for finalizing work that is already underway in management and operations.

In addition, there is excitement about the return of cultural and language events within the community. After a period of pause, these activities are beginning to be reintroduced,

supporting both cultural revitalization and community connection.

Magnetawan First Nation has faced some challenges with changes in governance staffing over the past year. Despite this, momentum has been maintained, and community engagement remains strong. The partnership with B'Maakonigan has been valuable, as committee members continue to bring forward questions and seek support to guide their governance development.

Moose Deer Point First Nation Update

By Sarah Blackwell, Policy Analyst

Moose Deer Point First Nation (MDPFN) continues to develop its E'Dbendaagzjig Law with the support and encouragement of the Governance Development team at B'Maakonigan.

This summer, MDPFN held an election and welcomed newly elected Chief Tracy Hendrick (Williams) and Council members.

Though committee meetings were paused during the election period, the work of the

Governance Director continued in preparation for meetings restarting in early September. Prior to the elections, the committee held one meeting and one community consultation in partnership with B'Maakonigan.

They implemented a mini social media campaign designed by B'Maakonigan from ideas presented by the committee to encourage community participation.

After presenting the draft law to the community, key topics of discussion included: honorary citizenship, revocation of citizenship, citizenship law linkages with other laws, and

finally *Indian Act* members and their active participation in the Nation. Moving forward, the committee will continue to develop their E'Dbendaagzjig Law, keeping the voices of the community at the forefront of all discussions and decisions.

The committee plans to meet with Anishinabek Nation legal counsel, Fred Bellefeuille, and B'Maakonigan staff in October to finalize their draft law.

Finally, the committee is considering developing a Governance Bundle as they further develop their law.

Nipissing First Nation Update

By Lily Farrell, Policy Analyst

The governance team at Nipissing First Nation (NFN) is currently focused on the work needed around citizenship prior to any ratification of a Citizenship Law. Their research is centered on identifying the specific elements that must be in place once a law is ratified. For example, NFN's Governance Department is researching how the membership list will be transferred or managed,

what databases are required, and what a Membership Department would look like post-ratification. They are examining "what comes next" and what needs to be operational so the law can be supported effectively when approved.

Internally, the Social Department is developing an in-house data-collection program and has spoken with the Director of Administration, who will be taking on aspects of that work. They are

exploring as NFN-specific intake platform to align citizenship intake and the membership list.

NFN Governance Director Megan Goulais and her team are also working on identifying effective methods of enforcement in collaboration with the NFN Lands Department to ensure alignment with NFN's priorities.

Sheshegwaning First Nation Update

By Janet Esquimaux, Policy Analyst

Drew Patterson, Sheshegwaning First Nation (SFN)'s Governance Officer, has a robust plan to re-introduce the *Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement* (ANGA) to SFN citizens.

Engagement sessions will roll out in late September and early October 2025, with a mix

of in-person sessions for their youth, Elders and the general population with a Zoom session coordinated for their off-reserve citizens.

This information was launched and promoted by the SFN Governance team at the 2025 Sheshegwaning Pow-Wow.

The Sheshegwaning Leadership Selection law is currently with legal counsel along with

B'Maakonigan's draft template for a side-by-side review to build in synergy with the other ANGA signatory First Nations.

SFN's Citizenship Law is currently at a draft stage. There will be community engagement in the coming months to seek community input on both of these important laws.

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Wahnapiitae First Nation Update

By Hillary McGregor, Policy Analyst

Since Wahnapiitae First Nation (WFN)'s ratification of the *Anishinaabek Nation Governance Agreement* (ANGA) in February 2020, the governance team at Wahnapiitae and, more recently B'Maakonigan, have been focused on the development and implementation of Wahnapiitae's Information Management Law.

Over the past few months, important steps have been taken to move the law forward.

A first draft of an information management implementation plan was recently presented to leadership, outlining the key phases and activities needed to support implementation should the law be successfully ratified. This includes timelines for community engagement, policy development, and capacity building. The workplan reflects input gathered from previous

discussions and aims to ensure the process is thoughtful, inclusive, and well-organized.

Looking ahead, a second ratification vote is planned for early in the new year. This vote will give Wahnapiitae citizens another opportunity to review and formally support the direction of the law. More information about the vote, including dates and how to participate, will be shared by the WFN governance team in future updates.

Whitefish River First Nation Update

By Hillary McGregor, Policy Analyst

On May 24, 2025, Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) completed the First Nation Approval Process and successfully joined the *Anishinaabek Nation Governance Agreement* (ANGA) through a community vote. This marks a significant milestone in WRFN's journey toward self-governance.

Thanks to a robust community engagement process that included a series of in-person and

virtual community meetings, informational videos, mail-outs, and social media posts, as well as community meeting recordings uploaded to the WRFN Members portal, WRFN citizens voiced their support through their community vote. Since that vote, WRFN and B'Maakonigan have started the process to officially include Whitefish River in ANGA with the Government of Canada.

As of September 2, 2025, a new Governance Manager was welcomed to support the next phase of implementation. This role will be key in

supporting ongoing governance development with continuing support from B'Maakonigan. Moving forward, B'Maakonigan and WRFN will continue working together on a debrief of the ANGA ratification process. The goal is to reflect on what worked well, identify areas for improvement, and gather insights that can help strengthen future engagement efforts—for both WRFN and others preparing for the First Nation Approval Process.

Zhiibaahaasing First Nation Update

By Janet Esquimaux, Policy Analyst

Zhiibaahaasing First Nation (ZFN)'s Governance Team met with B'Maakonigan Governance Development Director, Dwayne Nashkawa, in late June at their new satellite office in Sudbury, Ontario, to discuss the community's governance priorities.

The meeting was an introduction of new staff on both teams and discussion of ZFN's current focus areas, such as final stages of E-Daapnigaaswaad and developing Ratification Naaknigewin. ZFN's team is utilizing B'Maakonigan templates developed with other First Nations and the Falls Law Group to strategically review which existing community

policies align with the four pillars of ANGA. They are exploring a Traditional Governance Model, integrating Anishinaabemowin, history, and ceremonies into their governance, and building long-term capacity through a roadmap and digital engagement strategy. Their team has identified about 20 foundational policies as priorities, with 10 in draft form. B'Maakonigan will conduct a policy gap analysis, and reviewing Zhiibaahaasing's current policies. The community's Chi-Naaknigewin was reviewed with possible amendments suggested, and B'Maakonigan encouraged approaching this work with ceremony and reflection, inviting spirit into the process.

The Naaknigewin and policy hierarchy was discussed, clarifying the role of the Chi-

Naaknigewin (Constitution), Naaknigewin (Laws), Regulations, Policies, and Procedures. The upcoming Ratification Naaknigewin was highlighted as an opportunity to design a process unique to Zhiibaahaasing and not bound by standard procedures or ANGA thresholds. This is an opening for Zhiibaahaasing Gimaa and Council, along with E'Dbendaagzijig, to integrate language, cultural protocols, and how they look after one another within Naaknigewin, policies, and procedures. Looking ahead, the team also began early discussions on policy development, including a Citizenship Law that reflects the community's history, values, and beliefs.



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ANISHINABEK NATION AUGUST POW WOWS

August 2025 was pow wow month for many Anishinabek First Nations. Each event provided B'Maakonigan staff with an opportunity to meet and greet with citizens from each community and showcase B'Maakonigan's people, purpose, and products, while taking in the celebrations featuring traditional dancing, singing and food.



Policy Analyst Lily Farrell (left) and Echo McLeod-Shabogesic represent B'Maakonigan at Nipissing First Nation's 37th Annual Debwegigewaad Pow Wow held August 30 - 31, 2025, in Garden Village.



B'Maakonigan's information tent was a popular feature, set up amongst the trees at the Wahnapiate First Nation 30th Annual Traditional Pow Wow held August 16 - 17, 2025.



B'Maakonigan's Spring issue newsletter was just one of the many information products made available at Zhiibaahaasing First Nation's 29th Annual Pow Wow held August 22 - 24, 2025.



Sights from Zhiibaahaasing First Nation's 29th Annual Pow Wow, August 16-17, 2025 (L - R). Traditional drumming by drum group Chi-Geezis with Tayden Antoine, a post-storm rainbow provides a spectacular backdrop to the Zhiibaahaasing pow wow grounds. An aerial drone was used to snap the big picture view of the community's annual event.



OUT & ABOUT

B'Maakonigan staff took a trip to Zhiibaahaasing First Nation's remote office and had a chance to visit. Researcher and Administrative Assistant **Kaitlyn Sorbara**, Zhiibaahaasing First Nation Policy and Procedure Analyst **Lisa Wabange**, B'Maakonigan Governance Development Director **Dwayne Nashkawa**, Ehnnaagdaagdahwenjiget (Governance Director) **Julie Sabourin**, Administrative Clerk **Andrea Anderson** and B'Maakonigan Policy Analyst **Lily Farrell**.



B'MAAKONIGAN GOVERNANCE DEVELOPMENT DEPT. UPDATE

By Miskaankwaad, Dwayne Nashkawa
Governance Development Director

Building Stronger Governance Together

This summer and fall have been busy months for the Governance Development Team as we continue to support Nations on their path of self-government. Here are some highlights of what we've been working on together:

Management & Operations Session – August 7, 2025

Governance Directors from across the Nation came together on August 7, 2025, to focus on the Management and Operations pillar of the *Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement* (ANGA). This session allowed us to share practical approaches, align our work, and identify areas where we can support each other. As a follow-up, the Governance Development Team will launch a survey in September 2025, to gather feedback and identify next steps for continued collaboration.

Nation Spotlight: Aamjiwnaang First Nation

This season, we are proud to highlight the work of Aamjiwnaang First Nation as they move through the First Nation Approval Process (FNAP).

- Under the leadership of Governance Officer Kyle White, Aamjiwnaang has been actively

engaging in governance conversations that will prepare them for adhesion to the ANGA.

- Our Governance Development Team has been providing tailored support — from sharing resources and drafting materials to working alongside leadership through each step of the process.
- The commitment and leadership shown by Aamjiwnaang demonstrate the strength and determination within our Nations to reclaim governance in ways that reflect our values and priorities.
- We will be supporting the Aamjiwnaang community engagements through the fall months and look forward to providing updates along the way.

We look forward to continuing this journey with Kyle and the Aamjiwnaang leadership team and celebrating each milestone along the way.

Information Clearinghouse Development

One of the exciting initiatives underway is the development of an information clearinghouse for B'Maakonigan Nations. Led by Hillary McGregor and Shaelyn Wabegijig, this resource will allow easier access for Nations to research, tools, and examples to support governance development.

The clearinghouse will act as a central hub of

information — connecting Nations with resources on the four governance pillars, policy templates, training opportunities, and examples of best practices from across the Anishinabek Nation and beyond. This work is still in development, but it represents an important step in strengthening shared learning and collaboration across all B'Maakonigan Nations.

Collaborating with Leadership to Advance the ANGA

We continue to work closely with Commissioner on Governance Patrick Madahbee and the Governance Department at the Anishinabek Nation to support new First Nations interested in joining the ANGA. This collaboration is critical to ensuring that more Nations can move forward together on the path of self-determination.

Looking Ahead

- Continued support for Nations in developing and advancing their citizenship laws.
- Expanding the First Nation Approval Process to support prospective Nations like Aamjiwnaang.
- Ongoing opportunities to bring Elders, youth, academics, and leaders together to strengthen Anishinabek governance.



B'MAAKONIGAN UPDATE



The B'Maakonigan team continues to grow, building support capacity for B'Maakonigan First Nations and move governance forward (Niigaan Zhamin) for the Anishinabek Nation. Please welcome recent additions to our staff:

ECHO MCLEOD-SHABOGESIC MSKO-MEMENGWAANKWE, | CULTURAL POLICY ADVISOR



Echo McLeod-Shabogesic (Msko-Memengwaanhkwe) is an Anishinaabekwe whose work is rooted in cultural reclamation, governance, and community wellbeing. She draws on Anishinaabe traditional knowledge to guide policy development, governance processes, and community-based programming. Her approach is relational and grounded, always centering the voices of families, women, and children. She is currently completing a Master's in Indigenous Relations, where her thesis explores the leadership and influence of Anishinaabe women in the creation and enactment of Anishinaabe law. Echo also holds training in

Anishinaabe art therapy and incorporates creative, culturally relevant methods into her work with families and communities.

In her current role within Anishinaabe governance, Echo supports the inclusion of cultural knowledge and dispute resolution practices, including Sharing Circles, into governance frameworks. She remains committed to uplifting community voices and advancing approaches that honour Anishinaabe law, values, and traditions. Echo's vision is to continue contributing to the growth of vibrant, self-determined Anishinaabe communities through governance, culture, and healing.

MINDY GOULAIS | CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT & KNOWLEDGE ADVISOR



Mindy Goulais from Nipissing First Nation is the Cultural Engagement and Knowledge Advisor for B'Maakonigan. She has spent her career building pathways for cultural revitalization and engagement, with a skillset rooted in event planning, cultural programming, and the Anishnaabe way of life. Mindy holds extensive knowledge of Anishnaabemwin and has served her home Nation in multiple cultural capacities over six years, including roles as Cultural Events Planner, Culture and Language Manager, and

Cultural Advisor. Guided by the responsibility to uphold Anishnaabe values, she is committed to ensuring that the language, teachings, and way of life are carried forward for her children, grandchildren, and the next seven generations to come.

AOK & MOOSE DEER POINT FIRST NATIONS CELEBRATE ANISHINAABE GIIZHIGAD

June 6
PROUD TO BE ANISHINAABE

Anishinaabe Giizhigad, celebrated annually on **June 6** marks the annual national holiday honouring the Anishinaabe Chi-Naaknigewin (Constitution) and celebrating Anishinaabe people’s identity, culture, language, and history. Anishinabek communities are encouraged to celebrate the day with activities and events of their own creation. **Aundeck Omni Kaning (AOK)** and **Moose Deer Point** First Nations shared some images of their June 6th celebrations. AOK residents enjoyed a day of traditional food, artistry, games, and Clan Teachings (first six photos). In Moose Deer Point, about 100 residents attended a Bingo Night to celebrate Anishinaabe Giizhigad, which included learning numbers and vocabulary in Ojibwe. Photos supplied.



DOODEM TEACHINGS IN AAMJIWNAANG

Aamjiwnaang First Nation held a Doodem (Clan) Teachings gathering at the Maawn Doosh Gumig centre August 7, 2025. Anishinabek Nation Head Getzit Richard Assinewai (standing in first photo) and Doodem Teacher Chop Waindubence (red shirt first photo) shared the importance of the Doodemaag System and how it works in the lives of Anishinabek Nation people. 65 citizens took part on day one. Aamjiwnaang’s Chief and Council participated on day two. All expressed interest in having Elder Assinewai and Waindubence return to the community to share more information on the Doodemaag System and how it can assist leadership in their work and all citizens at a personal level. Photos supplied.



QR CODES TO B'MAAKONIGAN SOCIAL MEDIA

It’s vitally important that the Anishinabek Nation and others are able to contact us and keep up on what we’re doing. Social media is one of the most familiar and accessible routes to enable nearly everyone to do just that. So below we’ve created and provided the QR (Quick Response) codes that you can scan with your phone and get sent to our range of social media platforms. We hope you enjoy our content!

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