



ANISHINABEK NATION

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Magnetewan First Nation
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Re: Next Steps - Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement

Aanii Chief William Diabo,

I would first like to extend my congratulations to your First Nation's achievements in passing your Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement (ANGA). During these unprecedented times of a world pandemic, your First Nation took strategic steps to ensure the safety of your citizens while bringing the proposed Governance Agreement to your citizens for approval. Your vision and the tremendous consolidated efforts by you, key community spokespersons, and your administrative team have opened doors to new opportunities and benefits.

With the successful ratification vote by Aundeck Omni Kaning on Saturday, May 29, 2021, and pending the appeal process, we are happy to report that your First Nation is now among seven Anishinabek First Nations that have successfully ratified the ANGA to date. Munsee Delaware Nation and Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek will be voting in July and August, respectively. We have received Letters of Intent from several more Anishinabek First Nations to review and decide on holding a ratification vote in the Fall.

Now that you have achieved the approval of your Governance Agreement, it is now important to look at the exciting next steps for your First Nation's transition work. I am writing to confirm your First Nations attendance at a virtual Zoom event on **June 23, 2021, 9:00am – 3:00pm**, in order to discuss next steps in regards to your ratified ANGA. This meeting is specifically for the seven ratifying First Nation Chiefs and Councils and any technicians you wish to attend.

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The Agenda for this meeting will include:

- 1) Review of the ANGA next steps Timeline – Additional voting period, Legislation, Effective Date;
- 2) Review of the Pre-implementation Workplans and Implementation Plan (Transition Plans);
- 3) Review of the financial support for Transition Plans; and
- 4) Development of the collective body under your collective authority, called the “Anishinabek Nation Government”;
- 5) Intergovernmental Forum terms of reference

The ultimate goal of the ANGA is to have ratifying First Nations with effective laws in regards to a) leadership selection; b) citizenship; c) culture and language; d) management and operations of First Nation Government, and an operating second level of support by way of the collective body. There is a separate funding stream for the collective Anishinabek Nation Government body at a minimum of \$3 million annually.

To complete this goal there are Pre-implementation/Transition activities, which will support creating/drafting of the laws. Currently two of seven First Nations have started this process. The Implementation activities are primarily approving the laws.

On June 23rd we will be discussing the above agenda and in particular the ANG and what is necessary to get that into operation to provide that second level of support for the seven ratifying First Nations.

We will be reaching out to confirm your participation as well as any other supporting technicians for this meeting. We look forward to your First Nation’s participation.

Should you have any question about this correspondence or about the June 23rd meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me directly via my cell 705-498-2969.

Yours truly,

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