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# Wabauskang First Nation Newsletter

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Wabauskang First Nation is proud to inform its community members that we have been developing processes in the following areas:

- Band Membership Code
- New Relationship Update
- Resource Committee
- Resource Priority List
- Conda
- Casino Rama funding

We will be conducting workshops and focus groups to address concerns you may have and to seek your input which is most valuable to us. The first workshop outside of the community will be Thunder

Bay on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011

The Winnipeg workshop will take place on February 26<sup>th</sup> at Canad Inns Club Regent.

Workshops for Kenora and Red Lake are pending but we are arranging them for a week day evening in February 2011

### Band Membership Code

Coordinator - Barney Anderson

Portfolio Holder- Councillor Petiquan

A community driven initiative to update and ensure our Membership Code as we have nothing written at this time. This is funded by Indian Affairs Governance in Toronto Ontario.

What are the elements of a Band Membership Code such as property, rights, band transfers, housing, education etc.

We reiterate there is nothing written so what is the process. A person wanting to transfer to Wabauskang First Nation sends a letter to the administration stating their request to transfer into Wabauskang First Nation. They present themselves to the community at a band meeting. We then request the person to attend 3 band meeting and the one they present themselves is their first meeting. They attend two more and their own leisure or when they get around to it. On the third meeting they present themselves to those who attend the meeting and they are voted on to see if they will transfer into our registry6 group.

Things to consider when we are seeking your input but your ideas should not be limited to the following:

- A criminal check

- References

- Housing

- Education

## Hunting and Fishing

Whatever else you can imagine we should need in a membership code that is written and endorsed by the community. What are the questions? What do you think? This is our membership code not Barney's and not Jo-Anne's we need your help

## New Relationship

The Department of Aboriginal Affairs funded since 2009. We have also secured funding with a 4 year mandate to determine the resources for the community and how we will conduct business with outside organizations and governments. We need direction from YOU as to what how we achieve this. We do not want the process Council Driven. We are requesting the people to drive the boat or spearhead the management of Resources -Land.

## Resource Committee

Technician - Jo-Anne Petiquan-Moore  
Portfolio Holder- Councillor Petiquan

## Members of the Committee

Barney Petiquan - Chair

Joanne Bacon - Vice Chair

John Moore - Secretary

Reggie Bacon - youth

We have posted for the 5<sup>th</sup> member to sit on the  
Resource Committee

Prior List that the Committee has identified to date is  
as follows:

Goldcorp

Rubicon

Laurentian

Ministry of Natural Resources

Develop position paper

Hydro Development on Trout Lake River  
Determine if there are rights issues

Northern Development Mines and Forestry  
Develop position paper

Maps review maps from last year, decide if additional maps  
needed

LacSuel Protocol agreement

Grassy Narrows agreement

White Dog agreement

Develop proposal to fund process

CORDA

Meeting with membership ongoing

Forestry

Nuclear Waste Storage Ear Falls

Horizon Hydro Inc

Land Claims

Wabauskang First Nation jurisdiction and consultation --  
Draft letter

Impact Benefits -

Define Traditional lands

Wabauskang history  
Wild Rice Licenses, Commercial fishing license

Wabauskang Lake fish depletion

Cottage leasing

Water Issues

Ear Falls Partnership

Develop Wabauskang First Nation Resource Law

Economic Development Strategy

Fibre Optics

Union Gas

Water source water protection plan

Water shed management plan

All of the above priorities have to be prioritized by the membership although we have been forced to make mining and Ministry of Natural Resources a priority at this time but none of the issues are less important.

CORDA - Canada Ontario Resource Development Agreement

Project Approved - Domestic Use of Hunting and Fishing in Wabauskang First Nation

Concept to examine how hunting and fishing was done in the past. What did they hunt and fish? How has that changed?

The purpose of CORDA is for Wabauskang First Nation to get the background as what is missing. What did we have that we do not have now? What did lose?

Once the survey is completed by band members (\$50/survey) we will compile the data and we hope it is the foundation of asserting our rights and seeking compensation for the resources we lost.

### Casino-Rama funding

### To all band members – Casino Rama – Meeting Notice

There will be a meeting held at Wabauskang First Nation Community Hall on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011 @ 11:00am to discuss the allocations and planning of our Casino-Rama funds. Please share this notice with any band member you may know who is interested in attending.

If you are unable to attend you may still submit your inquiries and

suggestions to Wabauskang FN@hotmail.com subject Casino Rama or mail to Wabauskang First Nation, box 339 Ear Falls POV 1T0.

Please ensure this information reaches us before March 4<sup>th</sup> 2011.

Don Morrison, Governance Advisor from Bimose Tribal Council will be facilitating the discussion. LUNCH will be served

We will be updating this news letter as we get further into the process but again we ask for your help.

Thanks

Wabauskang First Nation Chief and Council

