

## Chiefs Report

October 14, 2025

This is our second to last Council meeting tonight. Over the past few weeks I have attended the following;

September 25 – Nogdawindamin, AGM. Nogdawindamin recently hired long time employee Karen Kennedy as their new CEO – congratulations to Karen. Organization continuity is very important in achieving success.

That evening I also attended a SRFN LP meeting. Discussion revolved around the LP strategic planning and cohesiveness between the LP and The FN.

September 29, Toronto with LMC

September 30, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation held at the Spanish Marina. Around 200 people came and went throughout the day. The Chief Coroners Office, who is assisting Niisoonag gave a short presentation.

Originally there were 426 children with whom we had no explanation. Of those children 329 now have an explanation. However new research indicates that an additional 272 children are now added onto the list of those with no explanation as of this time. Bringing us back up to 369 children still being searched for through various records. The children found were named at the ceremony held on that day.

October 01 – Talking Circle Sault Ste Marie

October 02 – Talking Circle Sudbury

October 03 – Toronto LMC

October 06 – Quarterly Engagement, departments displayed their work and members had an opportunity to speak directly with various staff to have questions answered.

October 07 – Finance Committee, discussion removal of signing authority.

- SRFN LP - Strategic Planning Session Council participation

October 08 – SRFN Strategic Planning, with N1 Strategies

October 09 – Ribbon Cutting Sulphur Circle, CMHC attending.

Upcoming meetings over the next 2 weeks –

October 15 – Waasmoowin Board of Directors, Birch Island

October 16 – Koogenaasewin Working Group, Sault Ste Marie

October 20 – Mamaweswen AGA and Board of Directors Meeting, SSM

October 21 – Mamawesyng, Board of Directors Meeting, SSM,

October 22,23 - RHW, Chief's Assembly, North Bay

October 23 – SRFN-LP Board of Directors Meeting.

The community has suffered many losses it seems weekly and monthly, which is something we aren't used too. It has been hard for many of us.

I would like to extend condolences to the Essex/ Day family and thank the Community for their kindness and support of our families and friends.

I would like to encourage those who feel overwhelmed or discouraged to reach out for support. Whether it is through mental health services, cultural support or just calling a trusted friend or family member. It is when we struggle that we most need supports to encourage us as we heal.

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