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**Community Notice**  
**Development of Ojibway Nation of Saugeen Governance Code**  
**to Supplement ONS Convention**

Dear Ojibway Nation of Saugeen Members,

Chief and Headmen of Ojibway Nation of Saugeen have spoken to many community members and have determined there is wide support for ONS developing its own **Governance Code** that will set out in more detail the **process and procedures** through which our Chief and Headmen are appointed and removed from office.

**A Governance Code will not replace our Convention. It will be designed to be read harmoniously with our Convention.**

We want to make sure our people, and future generations of leaders, have the right governance directions and tools to aid in effective governance. We also want to make sure no future government experiences the current level of disrespect and abuse that our government is currently being subjected to, by a small minority of our population.

By now, all our members will be aware that we had to go to court to stop the continuing harmful actions taken by this small group. These people have improperly asserted that they are the new Chief and Headmen, which is not true. These people have attempted to interfere with our lawyers, our funding agencies, and our partners. They have attempted to interfere with recent interviewing for jobs and SLAAMB training opportunities. Every week, we discover a new way this small group are attempting to undermine your government and tear our community apart. It is a very sad situation, and we continue to look for ways to protect the interests of all our people.

In spite of the actions taken by a vocal and determined few, we continue to be committed to reaching out to all our people and building a better future for all our members and the next generations. We continue to develop and announce new funding programs, new employment opportunities, new HR Policies, and new economic development initiatives, to better the lives of our people. We will be reaching out further on the Governance Code initiative shortly, but wanted you to be aware that this important initiative is already underway.

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Chief Edward Machimity

