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To: All Members of Ojibway Nation of Saugeen

Re: **Unlawful Assertions by Ronald Machimity, Betty Necan, Darlene Necan, Desiree Jacko, Joyce Medicine, Causing Breakdown in Mediation**

The purpose of this letter is to bring you up to date on what has recently happened, in our efforts to work to bring forward a new Custom Governance Code to help ONS transition to new leadership. We have been working diligently on this historic project to benefit all members of our community. ONS started this project on its own, and through court assisted mediation, a Working Group was tasked with reporting its progress regularly to the community, so that all were aware of this historic project to develop the practical details of how future leaders would be chosen.

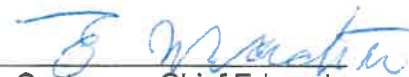
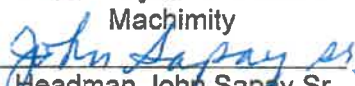
Unfortunately, actions taken on January 8, 2021 and January 27, 2021, by Ronald Machimity, Betty Necan, Darlene Necan, Desiree Jacko, Joyce Medicine, have led to a breakdown in this joint Working Group process. These individuals have attempted to seize control of ONS housing assets and bank accounts by issuing a number of letters, in some cases with an alleged BCR, to ONS staff, our lender, Canada, and others. These letters were improperly on ONS letterhead and they purported to speak as the duly appointed Chief and Headmen of ONS. Some of these letters have been posted on social media sites.

Please be aware, there was no change in the duly appointed government of Ojibway Nation of Saugeen on June 21, 2019, or otherwise. We have been engaged in legal proceedings to address these unfounded assertions. The legal proceedings were put on hold while the Working Group carried out its mandate. It is very unfortunate that the recent actions taken by Ronald Machimity, Betty Necan, Darlene Necan, Desiree Jacko, Joyce Medicine have caused the collaborative process to end.

We will be in touch with the community shortly on re-engaging a NEW Working Group to move forward with the development of a Custom Governance Code to benefit all members of our community. We want to continue this vital project, with input from all our Members who are interested in working respectfully together for the benefit of all now and into the future.

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Customary Chief Edward
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