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A digital magazine to inform and engage

MINWAAJIMO (*Telling Good Stories*) is a Peguis Communications project focused on introducing our youth into the areas of digital communications, photography, graphic design, journalism, finance and business management through this publication.

Our goal is to inform members with important news, events, health information, education, employment, training, traditional language, sports, member profiles and updates including Peguis First Nation ventures and projects. As a digital magazine, there is no printing fees. Only a few copies are printed each issue for our Elders at the Peguis Personal Care Home.

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CHIEF DR. STAN BIRD

Honest, Integrity and Hope for the rebuilding of our community!

Greetings Elders, youth, ladies, and gentlemen. I have so many people to thank. I want to thank my wife Christine and my children, without their understanding I would not be here today. I want to thank my brothers and sisters for supporting me from day one. They encouraged me a lot. I also want to thank my mother, who was my greatest supporter; my mother is not here, but I felt her presence. I also want to thank those who contributed to the food and my food coordinator, Carl Bird; and also Sharon and Phyllis for their cooking, for their time and energy at each of the gatherings. I want to thank also “*Silent No More, 269*” for raising awareness to our community and putting their livelihood on the line. I want to thank the Elders, the matriarchs, Mrs. Manningway, Mavis Stevenson, Gloria Sinclair, and Val Sinclair. Seven of us started two years ago. They decided we will not be silent no more. Last, but not least, I want to thank you, the people.

My heart is overwhelmed, and I am filled with positive energy today. What a wonderful day this is, change is here.

We have done it; You have done it! Our members in Selkirk, in Peguis and in Winnipeg, and all across Turtle Island, we have done it!

We make this statement, “*Our community will be involved in the decisions that affect them.*” I have given it a lot of thought, as the role of Chief for our nation, the responsibilities that come with it; but I am saying it now, I am ready! I will be your voice! I will be guided by your message that you have stated here today. Our children matter. We matter! You will see in the coming months, we will start to rebuild, to ensure the best interests of our people, are the priority. We will begin to plan for the next seven generations. I have said, time and time again, I have no doubt when it comes to our people. I have faith in our people, like the faith you have placed in me. I have every confidence that it will be our community, the people of Peguis First Nation, that will lead us from this darkness and from all this confusion.

We have a lot of work in front of us. We must overcome many obstacles, but we will not relent. We will not give

in. Our ancestors fought many battles to ensure our survival. And we as a people, are ready for this one. And in doing so, we will walk with honor, not the high road or a low road, but a road of honor. And we will leave this place of darkness. Our people are the light. Our people are “*the hope*”. Together, through hard work, we will build a better place for our community. We will create the foundations of a good life. The events of today have already set this in motion. I believe it is prayer, that belongs in this place.

At one time, as Indigenous people, we were prevented from moving freely in this country. We needed permission to even leave our reserve. Now the oppressive policies and practices that were imposed on us by the government are now being implemented by our own people. We can’t move freely in our community. Well, that changes today! The band office does not belong to the Chief and Council, it belongs to the people. Our people’s access has been restricted, and under the leadership of the people, this stops today! My first act, as your Chief, through discussions

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with membership, is to remove the desk that sits at the front door of the band office.

During the last six weeks, I visited with many people. One visit was with a single mother, and she reminded my why this work is so important. You see her son has challenges. But she isn't concerned with what she doesn't have, and she is not asking for anything. All she wants is for her son to lead a productive and meaningful life. And as she grows older, she worries about her own mortality. She worries about her child. And she said to me, *"Who will take care of my son when I am gone? What support or services will be available for him, when I can no longer take care of him, or he cannot take care of me."* Her concerns are no different from any other parent. The needs may be different, but her concerns are the same. These concerns become our concerns because these children are our children. These families are our families. And we need to draw upon the people, to ensure that these things are in place for our people. Because no one else will care for our people, like we do. And as I said before, if you're interested in putting your needs before others, ahead of the community, than there is no place for you here. Like this mother, who puts the needs of her son ahead of her own. We need to concern ourselves for the collective well-being of our community. And not motivated by self-interest. And in our teachings, we are reminded, that if we are not careful, when we are not vigilant, we allow something into our community. We see these things today because we have not paid attention. Today, there is separation, there is isolation, even amongst families. There is opposition between what we call off reserve and on reserve because there is never enough to address the needs of our people. There is suspicion and mistrust because the people are never involved in any kind of decision making. Than there is the anger, the blame and the shame, and the instilling of fear. Our people have come to the brink of losing hope. And allowing the dark to overshadow our lives. When this

happens, when there is division, when there is never enough to go around, when there is anger, blame and suspicion, fear and doubt. We accept whatever is thrown our way, like a gas purchase order, because we have no control over our lives. And we resign ourselves, to feeling *"what is the use"*.

Several nights ago, I was called evil because of my beliefs. Because of this eagle feather. I want to thank my parents for allowing me to make decisions about my personal faith. My mother read the bible and attended church frequently, she never denied others the right to choose. She never passed judgement. My grandfather's read the bible and they knew scriptures by heart. My cousin would phone me almost every morning, to read a scripture to me. I have many friends that are Christians, some of who I have joined in prayer, and I have accepted this whole heartedly and without judgement because we all need prayer. Our community needs prayer. I don't pass judgement on people for the faith they follow. They have a right to choose. They have a choice. Just like I have a right and a choice.

And when we talk of changes, not only changes for our financial situation, but changes for the way we live our lives, and our acceptance of others and how they live their lives. And as a people, we have more commonalities than differences. When we lose someone, we feel the same pain, we feel the same sadness, we cry the same tears. While we pray in different ways, our commonalities are something called faith and hope. We want something better for our families, something better for our community. But when our people are oppressed, we experience the same isolation, the loss of our voice, and any hope that things would get better. We experience the ugliness that is not ours. We turn feelings of unworthiness inside, and begin to self-destroy. We become silent, and we develop addictions, and we accept whatever is thrown our way, with gratitude. In fact, our oppressors even expect us to be grateful for what

little we get. But not today. Today, we stand together, and we are sending the message 'never again'. Like an infant, we have found our voice. Like an infant, we are no longer sitting by, while the world passes us by. We will create a community, where the people will always have the power, regardless of who is in position. Never again will we feel the helplessness and the isolation that has gripped our lives because you the people have a voice. I will be your voice. They, the Council, will be your voice. Under the people's leadership, we will stand up, and our community will rise from the despair that has overshadowed our lives. It will come through hard work, commitment, and concern for our community.

And in closing, I stand here, and I am truly humbled by the trust you have placed in me. And as we start this journey, I want you to continue to ask questions because you will be given a forum, a place to ask these questions. I want you to always expect more. Today, you are saying you want something more. Together, we will create a home we can be proud of. We will create the spaces we need to nurture relationships and to reconnect with our community. Reconnect with each other. Our efforts will be inclusive, it will include everyone. It will involve all members, regardless of where you live, in Peguis, in Selkirk, Winnipeg, or some other place on Turtle Island because the policies that we develop with the people will guide our actions. And if you have the numbers 269 in the beginning of your status card, you are a member of this nation. 269 signifies that you belong, and you cannot not or will not be ignored because of your last name, or place of residence. You will be given an equal opportunity, equal consideration, and together we will build a stronger, healthier community where our children know where they come from. So, 269 we have a lot of work in front of us, let us see what we can do.

Miigwetch!

Chief Dr. Stand Bird

PEGUIS FIRST NATION

2023 CHIEF AND COUNCIL ELECTION

STATEMENT OF ELECTED CANDIDATES

APRIL 6, 2023

TO THE OFFICE OF CHIEF
BIRD, STANLEY
TO THE OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR
BEAR, MARY TYLER
CAMERON, DENNIS (DENNO)
SINCLAIR, LINDA (CHICK)
SINCLAIR, TERRANCE (GYN)
SUTHERLAND, DONNA LEE
WILSON, KELVIN C.

This election, and all of its regulatory processes and requirements, were diligently conducted in accordance with the *First Nations Elections Act* – the elected Candidates assume Office immediately and effective April 7, 2023.



ELECTORAL OFFICER – LAWRENCE LEWIS
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Detailed Chief Count

Election Night Vote Totals	
Name of Chief Candidate	Total Votes Received
Bird, Stanley	936
Favel, Martin (Marty)	418
Hudson, Glenn A.	496
Spence, Cynthia D. (Cindy)	122
Spence-Meeches, M. Annette (Nettie)	230

Election Night Vote Totals	
Name of Councillor Candidate	Total Votes Received
Anderson, William	114
Bear (Stevenson), Angela Yvonne	116
Bear, Dale	432
Bear, Dawn	326
Bear, Mary Tyler	664
Bird Sr., William	425
Cameron, Dennis (Denno)	626
Cochrane Sr., Jesse	295
Favel, James	320
Flett, Jonathon	546
Mcpherson, Jules	202
Prince, Ken	118
Sinclair, Linda (Chick)	724
Sinclair, Terrance (Gyn)	610
Spence, Curtis Dwayne	220
Spence, Dysin	128
Stevenson, Iris Charlene	447
Sutherland, Donna Lee	601
Sutherland, Glenis	439
Sutherland, Hal	327
Sutherland, Jordan	90
Sutherland, Wade	373
Wilson, Destiny D.	43
Wilson, Kelvin C.	765
Woodhouse, Tyler	583



INAUGURATION OF PEGUIS CHIEF AND COUNCIL 2023

The Inauguration of Peguis Chief & Council 2023 was held on Friday, April 14, 2023, at the Peguis Multiplex. The ceremonial event was hosted by Carl Bird and Betty-Ann McIvor.

The Inauguration started with a drum song by Loud Eagle and introductions of Peguis First Nation Chief and Council.

The swearing in oath ceremony for leadership was witnessed by Lloyd Stevenson in front of a crowd of members that came to witness the event.

Leadership was presented with eagle feathers and gifts from Elders in the community as part of the ceremony. Chief Dr. Stan Bird did not receive his headdress as he informed members *"I want to earn a headdress."*

Following the Inauguration, Leadership was embraced by members as they headed upstairs to begin the community feast. Members were treated to an amazing buffet of food prepared by Della Spence.



NOTICE TO PEGUIS CITIZENS

Treaty One Joint Reserve Land Code Community Ratification Notice of Vote



TAKE NOTICE that a Ratification Vote shall be held in accordance with the Peguis First Nation Community Ratification Process in order to determine if Eligible Voters approve the *Treaty One Joint Reserve Land Code* for Peguis First Nation and the Individual Agreement. The *Land Code* and Individual Agreement shall be approved if a majority of participating Eligible Voters vote to approve them.

The Ratification Vote will include:

1. Electronic Voting from April 20, 2023 to April 27, 2023 (advance polls will be online only)
2. Mail-in-Voting from March 28, 2023 to April 27, 2023 (Ballots MUST BE received by APRIL 27)
3. In-person Voting in Peguis, Winnipeg, and Selkirk, on the Official Voting Day of April 27, 2023

PEGUIS FIRST NATION VOTERS WILL BE ASKED THE FOLLOWING QUESTION ON BALLOT:

"DO YOU APPROVE THE TREATY ONE JOINT RESERVE LAND CODE FOR PEGUIS FIRST NATION, DATED FOR REFERENCE AUGUST 8, 2022 AND THE INDIVIDUAL AGREEMENT WITH HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF CANADA RESPECTING THE TREATY ONE JOINT RESERVE LAND CODE"

☐ YES ☐ NO



IMPORTANT VOTING DATES.

APRIL 20, 2023 @ 9 am TO APRIL 27, 2023 @ 6 pm ONLINE VOTING OneFeather.ca	APRIL 27, 2023 9:00 am – 8:00 pm PEGUIS FIRST NATION Peguis Community Hall	APRIL 27, 2023 9:00 am – 6:00 pm WINNIPEG, MB 2nd Floor Boardroom 1075 Portage Avenue	APRIL 27, 2023 9:00 am – 6:00 pm SELKIRK, MB Selkirk Legion Branch 42 403 Eveline Street
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Electronic and paper copies of the Background Documents, Ratification Documents, and Ratification Process can be requested by all eligible voters. All information is available online at treaty1.ca, peguisfirstnation.ca, or OneFeather.ca; and from the Peguis First Nation Administration Office Front Desk, Peguis, MB, or from the Treaty One Development Corporation office at 103-1075 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that all eligible Peguis First Nation voters 18 years of age or older on the day of the Ratification Vote are eligible to vote, **PROVIDED THAT SUCH MEMBERS COMPLETE A VOTER DECLARATION FORM OR COMPLETE THE ELECTRONIC VOTING PROCESS.** Voter declaration forms are available from the community website, Treaty One website or Loretta J Pete Lambert, Ratification Officer at the address and telephone number appearing below

PLEASE NOTE: All Eligible Voters shall receive instructions on how to obtain a Mail-in Ballot package and instructions on how to vote electronically. If an Eligible Voter would like to vote by Mail-in Ballot, please contact the Ratification Officer for a mail-in package. Eligible Voters who wish to vote in person may attend the polls on Voting Days.

DATED at Province of Saskatchewan
28 day of March, 2023

Loretta Pete Lambert, Ratification Officer

For more information please contact:

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Saskatoon SK S7N 4K5

LAND BASED

On Lake Winnipeg with part of the Land Based team as they prepare to feed the community.





Fish Distribution to Members

We caught up with the Land Based class as they prepared to catch, clean and distribute fish to community members for free.

Starting at the Peguis School Board Camp, the Land Based class set nets in Lake Winnipeg. On Wednesday, April 13, 2023, we met part of the team on the ice as pulled the nets. The Land Based class would like to thank and acknowledge Corwin Sinclair, Moose Cochrane, Victor Sutherland, Brian Stevenson and Bernie McCorrister for helping.

In total, the team caught 8 tubs of pickerel and 2 tubs of white fish. The fish were then cleaned and packed for distribution with the help of Roland Sinclair and Vanessa Sinclair.

Distribution started to the community on Friday, April 14, 2023. Within 2 hours, the fish was all distributed to community members who picked up.

There was not enough fish to feed the community, but the Land Based class are planning to catch, clean and distribute fish to members that did not receive.

The Land Based class hopes members enjoyed the fish as much as they

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enjoyed seeing everyone at the distribution and thanks you's received from those picking up. A lot of members visited during the distribution with the team, asking questions and wanting to learn about fishing and cleaning the fish. It was smiles and laugh's all day during the distribution.

Peguis Land Based class would like to thank the Peguis School Board for sponsoring the class.

Miigwech to everyone and hope you all enjoy!

Next fish distribution will be announced once confirmed.



Roland Sinclair and Chester Cochrane happy to help Land Based clean the fish.



Elder Phyllis Nykoluk happy to receive her fish.

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Sandbag Workers

Child Care Providers & Custodians

Tree Planting

Instructor, Office Skills

Community Engagement Assistant

Medical Transportation Driver

DEADLINE

April 25, 2023

April 26, 2023

Register w/ Flood

May 5, 2023

May 5, 2023

May 5, 2023

April 21, 2023

Until Filled

May 1, 2023

May 15, 2023

Open Until Filled

Open Until Filled

Open Until Filled

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Planting End Date: May 29, 2023

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2023 KJHL CHAMPIONS

6th Consecutive Championship for Peguis

The Peguis Juniors have once again won the KJHL Finals.

Juniors faced off against the OCN Storm in the KJHL Finals, winning the series 4-1.

This title makes it the 6th consecutive championship for the Peguis Juniors, breaking a new record for consecutive wins in the KJHL. The previous record was 5 consecutive KJHL championship wins.

In total, the Peguis Juniors have won 9 KJHL Championships since joining the league.

The Peguis Juniors will now focus on preparing for the Central Canada Cup in Thunder Bay taking place April 20-23, 2023.

PEGUIS JUNIORS 2022/2023

TEAM ROSTER

Keanu Woodhouse	#26
Marcus Whitecloud	#1
Darion Sinclair	#16
Daylin Redsky	#16
Dyson Pelletier	#14
Nathaniel Murdock	#88
Lyle Murdock	#12
Glen Murdock	#23
Tyrone Meldrum	#18
Keenan McPherson	#15
Jayden McPherson	#21
Brodie McPherson	#8
Matthew McCorrister	#6
Jamie Matwayashing	#19
Aidan Marchand	#33
Ayden Manningway	#2
Jeremiah Jacques	#22
Jackson Jacques	#4
Dion Fontaine	#55
Armando Evans	#7

Sage Delaronde	#1
Ayden Daniels	#27
Preston Crate	#25
Marcus Crate	#97
Kyle Cochrane	#13
Dorion Cameron	#24
Tyrese Bear	#35

STAFF/PERSONNEL

GOVERNOR
Ryan McCorrister

HEAD COACH/GENERAL
MANAGER
Kevin Monkman

ASSISTANT COACH
Dale Bear

TRAINER
Clint Webb

ASSISTANT COACH
Darcy Pelletier



Peguis Juniors received some words of encouragement from Peguis Chief and Council today as they left the community for game 5.



SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 27, 2023

GENERAL MEETING

APRIL 27, 2023

Peguis Multiplex
Peguis First Nation, MB
1:00pm - 5:00pm

Peguis Chief and Council encourage all members to attend and participate. Leadership is excited to meet with members at their first Peguis First Nation General Meeting.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SAVE THE DATES

April 20-27, 2023 | Treaty One Joint Reserve Land Code Notice of Vote *POSTPONED*

April 27, 2023 | PFN General Meeting, Community Hall, 1-5pm

April 28, 2023 | Festival of the Arts, PCS

May 8, 2023 | Grid Metals, Community Info Meeting, 10-3pm
Selkirk Rec Complex, 180 Easton Drive, Selkirk

May 9, 2023 | Grid Metals, Community Info Meeting, 10-3pm
Victoria Inn, 1808 Wellington Ave, Winnipeg

May 10, 2023 | Grid Metals, Community Info Meeting, 10-3pm
Peguis Community Hall, Peguis First Nation

May 14, 2023 | Mother's Day

May 19, 2023 | Heritage Day, PCS

May 22, 2023 | Victoria Day

May 25, 2023 | Parent Day, PCS

June 18, 2023 | Father's Day

June 21, 2023 | National Indigenous Peoples Day

July 1, 2023 | Canada Day

July 15-23, 2023 | Annual Treaty Days & Pow Wow



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Peguis First Nation Annual
**TREATY DAYS
& POW WOW**

Annual Treaty Days
JULY 15-23, 2023

Competition Pow Wow
JULY 18-20, 2023

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