

Hoffman, Malloy thank tribal membership



**D.J. HOFFMAN,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

I would like to start this report by thanking the entire membership for the opportunity to once again serve as a member of the tribal board of directors. I would also like to thank DJ Malloy and Deb Pine for their service to the tribe. I am extremely grateful, and humbled, by the opportunity to move our tribe forward in a positive and productive manner.

It has been only two days since the official swearing in ceremony and the docket of meetings and orientation items for

new board members appears to be quite extensive. I am eager to get an in-depth look at the tribe's current financial picture and work with other members of the board of directors, as well as the chairman, to collectively work on avenues to increase revenues, generate new business opportunities, create employment opportunities and enhance services.

In the upcoming weeks I will be working on legislation on areas such as TERO, FOIA Act, Code of Ethics and Conduct, and Ensuring Tribal Buildings Compliance with the Uniform Accessibility standards. While the opening line of this paragraph states "I," it must be noted that this legislation will only succeed with input from and support from members of the board as well as the chairman.

This will likely be one of the shortest reports that I write to the membership. At this time I would like to yield the remainder of my report to DJ Malloy to say a few words.

Sincerely,
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I would like to begin by thanking Director Hoffman for allowing me space in his first unit report to say a few post election words to the members.

It was an honor and a privilege to serve the citizens of Sault Tribe for the last four years. I was

graced with meeting so many of you during my term, some face to face, some via telephone conversations, and some only via social media. But no matter the means in which we met and communicated, it was a pleasure to get to know all of you in such a short period of time. And to the directors and staff of our government and enterprises, keep up the great work! Your efforts and dedication

are the glue that holds us together! I will always be grateful for the support and encouragement you all shared with me.

As I walk away from this election, I look back knowing I kept my word and did my best to represent our people. My goal, and certainly my drive, was to always provide a voice for our people in their government. And I believe we accomplished that during the last four years. Going forward, I wish nothing but the best for our tribe, our citizens, and for the new board in their quest to get things moving in the right direction. To do this, they will need your input. They will also need your prayers for strength.

The job of representing our people is tougher than most realize and it requires the support and sacrifice of our families in order to do the work. Which brings me to... my family and friends. Thank you for holding me up and keeping me pointed in the right direction. Thank you for keeping me grounded so as to always remember who I am and where

They Were Chosen

It shall be a privilege to serve our people, an honor to be given the power to strengthen and uphold our traditional ways, to have the foresight to seek unity of other members for the "good" of the whole and not for purpose of self claim nor recognition and not to tear the base of the foundation, but to build a stronger base by protecting the old ways and extending open arms.

Embrace the ideas of our youth. For then our children will continue to learn from their leaders the power of unity through positive reinforcement

to allow them to flourish, to be brave, to be proud and learn to lead.

Our leaders were chosen for their insights to our future, their wisdom to learn from our past.

Help us to help them follow the right path. Keep them strong to conquer only our enemies and not our right to sovereignty.

Looking at my mother's poem above, I am reminded of the responsibility of a representative on the board of directors. I am grateful for the opportunity to once again serve the membership of this tribe.

—D.J. Hoffman

Malloy —

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I come from. Thank you for allowing me to put others before you on countless occasions while you took the back seat to what little available time was left over. With the election over and my term expired, my plan is to spend more time with my family and to savor it each and every day for I am nothing without them. I will, as always, remain active in the community. My roots are planted deep here and I hope to see you around in whatever adventure the Creator has planned for me!

Miigwech, miigwech!

DJ Malloy