Moving forward



CATHERINE HOLLOWELL, DIRECTOR, UNIT II

A sincere congratulations to our new chairman, Aaron Payment! As Aaron assumes the chief leadership role within the tribe, I am confident that he will find our tribal nation on relatively sound financial footing, and well positioned to move forward in a good way. I am also confident he will find a governing board and a tribal workforce ready and willing to work cooperatively toward forging solutions to some of our more challenging issues.

Chi Miigwech to Joe Eitrem on his tenure as chairman. It was an honor to serve with you, Joe, and I appreciate the respect you showed to each and every member of this tribe. You are a class act and I wish you and your family the very best.

And, a big congratulations to Director Lana Causley, who carried the election by a resounding 60 percent of the Unit 2 vote. Clearly, the people continue to have confidence in your leadership because you do indeed listen to their hopes, dreams and needs; and work tirelessly to serve our people. I'm honored to serve along side you.

Welcome to our new board members Darcy Morrow, Jennifer McLeod and Bridgett Sorenson. And congratulations to returning board reps Cathy Abramson and Denny McKelvie. I am looking forward to working with each and every one of you.

Since forever in time, we Anishinaabe have come home to the 'Gathering Place' at this time of year, so that we can celebrate and honor the gifts of the Creator. And my prayers are dedicated to all our relations that we may find peace and enjoy the honor that the Creator has given to each individual and all living things.

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