



Henvey Inlet First Nation 2023 Election

**Boozhoo indinawemaaganidog!
Hello all my Relations!**

**Gitch Miigwech to Sandra Andress
and Mareo Mancini for your
nominations.**

We were still dealing with the COVID situation for fiscal year 2021/2022 and opened all operations as of last April. Leadership and Administration continued to move forward behind the scenes during COVID. The following are a few of the initiatives this past term:

- Road replacement in the community, 4.6 kilometers total, 2.8 kilometers complete, remainder under construction, including road replacement, culverts, water main and pavement.
- Our new Waste Transfer Station has been up and running for approximately two years now. We also have a new roll off truck, compactors and fenced in 90' by 120' concrete pad. All waste and recyclables are shipped to McDougall Township waste site, Parry Sound.
- Housing 5 new homes to be constructed at Groundhog Road in Henvey, Residential lots are prepared, building materials purchased, construction will commence this spring 2023.
 - New Health Centre is earmarked for construction this spring 2023.
 - We have purchased 825 acres of land south of Britt for addition to reserve lands.
- Henvey has purchased Moose Lake Lodge which consists of 10 acres of waterfront property. This large lodge with 9 surrounding cabins all include heat, air, bathrooms and a large three bay garage. We want to share this facility with our neighboring First Nations as a drug and rehabilitation center. Although we are still in the early planning stages all communities are in full support.
- MTO, there is a controversy as a result of my acceptance of a contract as lead negotiator for a land transfer of 31.3 acres of reserve land and compensation package for the construction of the 400 series highway through our traditional territory. Which is fully funded by the government (MTO). It was the recommendation of legal and accepted by MTO, that as lead negotiator, I had negotiated the original deal for land exchange and compensation in 2014/15 which has evolved since then. If I had not accepted it at that current time, there would have been a third party representing the band as negotiator. The deal is very complex with many moving parts which is comprised of different Ministries; Ministry of Transportation, Natural Resources, Infrastructure Ontario, Indigenous Services Canada and legal representation of all

parties. The lands requested by the First Nation are of cultural and historical significance. Portage Lake, Grundy Lake Park Area, because we are a land code band, there must be a land exchange. 100 acres of Provincial lands for 31.3 acres of reserve land for surrender.

- Purchase of 80 acres of infrastructure Ontario lands, patented and unpatented shore allowance. Total compensation package \$14 Million. The deal with the government is subjected to consultation and ratification vote of the membership which I am also responsible for.
- The windfarm is running well; we experienced a rain and ice storm in early January which shut down the farm for a couple of weeks, resulting in a loss of revenues on the generation side.
- Leagues versus miles claim for Henvey #2 has been acknowledged by Canada and meets the test required for the claim.
- Henvey is approaching the claim for the Pickerel River landing, we will attempt to negotiate with Canadian Pacific Railroad first.
- New equipment purchased includes; fire truck, MTO spec plow truck with sander, Tractor with brush hog for brushing road shoulders, 20-foot adjustable grass cutter and snow blower with two stage augers.
- We have also increased staff, Human Resources, Maintenance, Water Treatment, Trailer Park, Cleaning services, Heavy equipment Operators and an Additional Community Health Nurse.
- We have also started a methadone clinic in the community Located at office number 1 in the O&M Budling.

Thank you to the membership for your continued support! I look forward to serving our membership moving forward.

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