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SFN Governance Law Ratification Process

Over the next 6-7 months, SFN will begin the ratification process regarding our Governance Law.

Our Governance Committee will be meeting regularly to ensure continuity to address both past and present challenges and priorities. Over the next 6-7 months, SFN will begin the process of ratifying our *Governance Law* through many organized and timely community engagement discussions. Currently, the purpose of our Governance Law is:

“The purpose of the *Governance Law* is to ensure a respectful, harmonious and mutually beneficial relationship between Chief and Council and all Saugeen First Nation Members.

The *Governance Law* describes the political, functional and legal roles and responsibilities of the Chief and Council and the Band Administrator, and defines the operational procedures to promote and ensure good governance.

The Chief and Council of the Saugeen First Nation desire to serve the people fairly and efficiently. Accordingly, the Chief and Council are determined to establish an effective working relationship with one another and all Saugeen First Nation Members.

Through the *Governance Law* the Chief and Council hereby affirms the separation of politics and administration while acknowledging they will overlap from time to time.

The Chief and Council are responsible for the strategic planning and visionary leadership of the Saugeen First Nation. The Band Administrator is responsible for the day-to-day activities of staff and overall operations of the Administration.

The responsibility of the Chief and Council in relation to the Saugeen First Nation owned corporations, Trusts and other entities will be set out in other laws, policies and corporate constitutional documents.” **(SAUGEEN FIRST NATION GOVERNANCE LAW DRAFT (v. 1 – August 2015))**

Also, in combination with these Governance Law community engagement sessions, we will be reviewing, discussing, and finalizing the following:

- 1.) SFN Residency Code;
- 2.) SFN Trespassing Bylaw;
- 3.) SFN Cannabis Control Law;

Finally, we hope that by going through the above process(s), we will make our SFN a safe, healthy, and vibrant community.

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