

To: Saugeen First Nation – Community Members
From: Chief and Council
Date: March 27th, 2023
Re: Infant Fatality

It is with profound sadness that we share in the community's grief and offer our sincerest and heartfelt condolences to the family during this difficult time.

This situation creates ripples of grief for a community already faced with many complex and intersecting challenges and we ask Creator to extend strength, compassion, and love to our community.

As we share in mourning, we extend respect to Mother Earth for having provided nourishment to Spirit and welcome Creator to escort Spirit as it ascends mountains to the high clouds where loved ones await.

There remain many questions, and we must provide opportunity for family and friends to mourn, while also supporting an ongoing investigation.

We will provide as much information as is possible while maintaining the integrity of the investigative process.

Further information updates will be provided as appropriate.

Free counselling is provided by Grey Bruce Health Services and is available at the Wellness Centre. Please contact the Wellness Centre at: 226-379-8045 to schedule an appointment with either: **Keri Aitken-Toby** (Registered Nurse), **Katelyn Avey** (Registered Social Worker) or **Ian Heft** (Registered Psychotherapist).