

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Organizational Changes

July 10, 2020 – Over the past few years, it has become clear that our nation has grown beyond our administration’s capacity to efficiently provide the best services while also capitalizing on opportunities for our members. The world has become increasingly complex and is stretching our nation’s capacity and resources in ways that we never imagined even 10 years ago.

COVID-19 is only the latest event to test our resiliency and we know that the path going forward is full of exciting opportunities and demanding challenges to take on. In order to continue moving towards realizing our vision of Nipissing Nation being a well-balanced, healthy, politically and economically independent, culturally strong and self-governing nation, Council has decided to split the responsibilities of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) position.

Council has reassigned our current CEO Dwayne Nashkawa to the position of Strategic Advisor and will advertise for a new CEO in the near future. The new CEO will manage day-to-day affairs and oversee the administration of our nation’s programs and services. The role of Strategic Advisor will be to focus exclusively on strategy, higher-level issues and opportunities, supporting the Chief in managing external relationships and acting as a political advisor to Council.

Once the new CEO is hired, Dwayne will support the transition and step away from the day-to-day management of operations to focus on this important new role. Council believes this change will strengthen the overall administration and governance of our nation by improving our capacity to deliver quality services to members, and by exploring new opportunities that support our nation’s growth to benefit our membership now and in future generations.

If you have any questions about these changes, please feel free to contact me at 705-753-2050 or by email to scottm@nfn.ca.

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