



Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement

JUST THE FACTS

- The Governance Agreement is an agreement between First Nations and Canada and not an agreement with the Union of Ontario Indians (UOI).
- The UOI will not become the government.
- Nipissing First Nation's Chief and Council will continue to be accountable to our Debendaagziwaad.
- Nipissing First Nation will be removed from parts of the *Indian Act* that cover band lists, Chief and Council elections and the Indian Band Council Procedure Regulations.
- Nipissing First Nation will always be the sovereign governing body of our community... same as in the past, present and into the future.
- The Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement will recognize Nipissing First Nation as a legal government, with the same status and capacities of other governments. Under the *Indian Act*, there is no mention of legal status of First Nations (Indian Bands) and their capacity to enter into contracts and hold land in their own names.
- Nipissing First Nation will receive more funding for governance functions, including work that we are already doing.
- Nipissing First Nation will be able to determine who our Debendaagziwaad are and what rights and responsibilities come with citizenship.
- The agreement will in no way threaten or diminish inherent and treaty rights of Nipissing First Nation.

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