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2026 CORBEIL GATHERING UPDATE

Community, Legal and Governance Update

NOTICE OF AUGUST 10, 2026 COMMUNITY MEETING

Date:

AUGUST 7, 2026

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2026 Corbeil Gathering Update and Notice of August 10 Community Meeting

August 7, 2026

To our NANA families, Elders, Grandmothers, Knowledge Holders, allies, friends and supporters:

Miigwetch to everyone who joined us for our second gathering at Corbeil. The gathering was a success and gave us another important opportunity to come together in ceremony, share our history, receive legal and community updates, ask questions, share some laughs, and give thanks for the work that continues to grow around us.

Grandmother Brenda opened and closed the gathering with a beautiful ceremony, and a sacred fire was maintained as part of the day. Grandmother Jane Lagasse gave a presentation on sacred medicines, and we were grateful for the knowledge and teachings she shared. We also held an open question period, shared food and refreshments, and continued our discussion of the ongoing harvesting matter. Miigwetch to our NANA Executive for coordinating the gathering, to everyone who helped prepare the space, tended the fire, brought food and refreshments, and to all participants who joined us and contributed in a good way.

Ogima (Gimma) Stacy Amikwabi shared historical accounts and led discussion concerning Amikwa history, continuity and original title. These discussions remain central to the work before us: preserving the historical record, strengthening our family and kinship connections, and ensuring that our own history and governance are not reduced to outside administrative classifications.

Legal and court updates

Michael Swinwood provided several legal updates. The Brenda Roberts injunction matter has been amended and re-served and remains ongoing. Counsel is engaged, opposing counsel is participating, and the matter continues to move forward through the legal process.

Michael also discussed the Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg / Jean-Guy Whiteduck proceeding. NANA is preparing to discuss an application for leave to intervene. The position under consideration is a focused one: the existing plaintiffs may pursue their Rule 12.08 process, but any authorization obtained in that proceeding cannot be treated as representing, surrendering, or determining NANA's distinct interests. NANA maintains that its asserted interests remain unceded and must be addressed on their own evidence, history and authority.

The Petawawa matter is also ongoing. The next case conference is presently scheduled for September 17, 2026. We continue to work through the constitutional, procedural and evidentiary issues with counsel as that matter proceeds.

Statutory declarations and family lineages

Our statutory-declaration work continues steadily and we are now approaching 190 declarations. New family lineages are also coming forward. The LaRonde lineage is now well documented, and we have been approached by members of the Solomon family in the Henvey Inlet area who have expressed an interest in participating. Each new declaration and family record adds to the larger body of evidence concerning kinship, continuity, history and community.

August 10 meeting - harvesting plan and Kitigan Zibi intervention

We invite everyone to join us on Monday, August 10, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom using our usual NANA meeting link. The meeting will focus primarily on two matters: further discussion of the proposed Kitigan Zibi intervention and the harvesting plan and protocol that we want firmly discussed, understood and put in place as we move toward September. Anyone who is interested in participating in the harvesting plan is particularly encouraged to attend, ask questions and take part in the discussion.

Miigwetch to our donors and supporters

We also want to offer a sincere Miigwetch to everyone who contributed donations. Those donations helped provide the food and refreshments that made the Corbeil gathering possible, and they also help us meet ongoing legal expenses. We are deeply grateful for every contribution, large or small.

Managing legal fees and retainers remains our primary financial concern. We also have year-end accounting and administrative expenses that must be met. At the same time, our trust-account arrangements and financial administration continue to develop, and we have been working carefully to remain current with legal fees and retainers while keeping the work moving forward.

The Corbeil gathering reminded us again that this work is strongest when it is carried together - through ceremony, historical research, legal work, family participation, open discussion and community responsibility. Miigwetch to Grandmother Brenda, Grandmother Jane, Gimma Stacy, Michael, our NANA Executive for coordinating the gathering, our helpers, donors, families, participants and everyone who attended or continues to support the work.

We look forward to seeing everyone on August 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Miigwetch,

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