



Youth directed by Rhonda Couchie, count how many stand behind Chief Shining Turtle of Whitefish River First Nation, left, and Glen Hare of M'Chigeeng First Nation, right, during the Traditional stand-up election for Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief on June 6, 2018 in Fort William First Nation. —Photo by Marci Becking

Glen Hare new Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief

FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION – Glen Hare has been elected as the new Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief by Anishinabek Nation Chiefs following a Traditional Stand-Up Election in Fort William First Nation.

“I’m looking forward to it,” says Grand Council Chief Hare. “I love what I do.”

Candidates Chief Shining Turtle and former Anishinabek Nation Deputy Grand Council Chief Glen Hare participated in a stand-up election today at Grand Council Assembly in Fort William First Nation. Anishinabek Nation Chiefs elected the new Grand Council Chief. Chief Shining Turtle had 10 votes to Glen Hare’s 30.

“Let’s start with synchronized elections as the previous Grand Chief has pushed for – I support that,” noted Grand Council Chief Hare during his speech to the Chiefs. “Let’s get away from this two-year, three-year all over the place, all over the map. Let’s work that out. We’ll be so much stronger. We have elections coming up tomorrow in this province, we have to stand together whichever way it goes. I will travel night and day for you Chiefs, for your communities and your citizens.”

Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Glen Hare recently completed his

fourth term as the Anishinabek Nation Deputy Grand Council Chief. Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Glen Hare brings a wealth of political knowledge and experience having been involved in Anishinabek politics for 33 years.

“I want to make all of you Chiefs proud, this is my 18th election,” says Grand Council Chief Hare, as he refers to participating in 18 elections throughout his political career. “I will honour the direction that you take, your community.”

In previous terms, there has been one Deputy Grand Council Chief position; however, in this election and moving forward, there will be four Regional Deputy Grand Council Chiefs. The increase in Regional Deputy Grand Council Chiefs will allow for greater capacity and political representation at the regional level. The four regions are: Northern Superior, Southwest, Southeast, and Lake Huron.

The newly elected Regional Deputy Grand Council Chiefs are:

Northern Superior Region – Chief Edward Wawia, Red Rock Indian Band

Southwest Region – Joe Miskokomon (acclaimed), Chippewas of the Thames First Nation



Outgoing Grand Council Chief Patrick Madahbee recently served three consecutive terms and once in the 1980s as Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief. He will now serve as a board member for the Ontario First Nations Limited Partnership and the Sovereign Wealth Board. He continues to also be a board member for Cancer Care Ontario.

—Photo by Marci Becking

Southeast Region – Chief Jim Bob Marsden (acclaimed), Alderville First Nation

Lake Huron Region – Chief Scott McLeod (interim), Nipissing First Nation



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Flags at the end of the Grand Council Assembly in Fort William First Nation. For more on the assembly see pages 4 and 5.



Jordan's Principle Navigators form Ontario-wide system

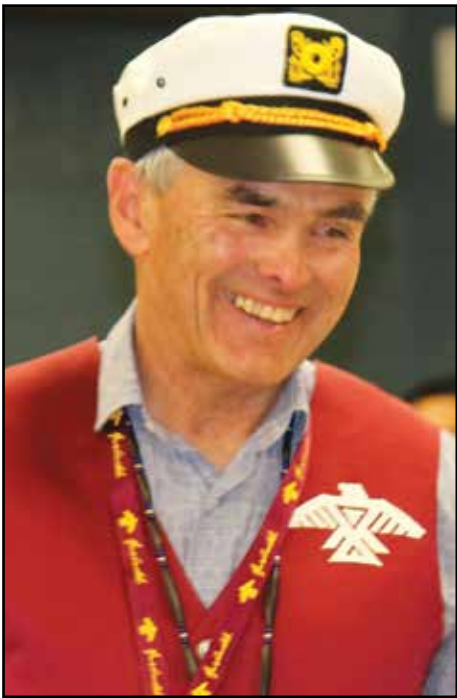
The Ontario Jordan's Principle Navigators participated in a conference in Gatineau, QC from May 8-1. Among the matters discussed were issues and obstructions in the application and approval process, capacity building, increasing awareness of the program, and formulating an Ontario-wide system that would take all unique community and cultural differences into account. Much progress was made and Jordan's Principle continues to grow in scope throughout the province. Back from left: Christian Hebert and Tyler Waddilove. Front from left: Olivia Schilthuis, Leeann Shimoda, April Sawanas, Rachel Copenace-Carey, Fawn McDougall and Trudy Jacobs.

- Submitted by Christian Hebert



Happy Trails!

Happy retirement to Patrick Madahbee! Hopefully we'll see you driving your Warpony around Anishinabek Nation territory. Miigwetch for your service. You will be missed by the Anishinabek Nation staff, Chiefs and citizens. – Photo courtesy of Ontario Regional Chief Isadore Day



First Mate Dokis

Elder Gord Waindubence gifted Anishinabek Nation Chief Executive Officer Gary Dokis with a captain's hat during the Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Assembly. Gary, as in previous years, conducted the election proceedings. He was First Mate on the Chief Commanda 2, and told us that his father before him was a Captain. "We both had a Master Minor Waters Certificate, which was valid to be a Master on inland waters not including the Great Lakes,"

says Dokis. "My Father, Lawrence, was the last Captain of the Chief Commanda 1 and the first Captain of the Chief Commanda 2. Prior to that he was the Captain of the Aletis, another vessel that sailed the French River and Lake Nipissing." "I started as a deck hand on the Chief Commanda 1 and I was a First Mate on the Chief Commanda 2. I was never the Captain, but the Master Minor Waters Certificate was required to be a First Mate as well."



Former Grand Council Chief Patrick Madahbee receives a bobblehead in his likeness from Lands and Resources director Jason Laronde at the Patrick Madahbee Comedy Roast held on the evening of June 6, 2018 at the Valhalla Inn, Thunder Bay.

Pat Madahbee comedy roast raises over \$15,000 for the Anishinabek Nation 7th Generation Charity

By Rick Garrick

THUNDER BAY – Regional Deputy Grand Council Chief Joe Miskokomon kicked off the Patrick Madahbee Comedy Roast with a round of jokes and comments about the former Grand Council Chief on the evening of June 6.

"I've known Pat Madahbee for 40 years or more," says Miskokomon, who was acclaimed as Regional Deputy Grand Council Chief that same day. "I've known him as the Grand Council Chief and him being the Chief of his community. So kind of a switch of the roles and now I'm back as a Regional Deputy Chief. We've known each other for a long time."

Miskokomon says the comedy roast, held at the Valhalla Inn in Thunder Bay, was good Anishinaabe humour.

"If you take yourself too seriously, you're not going to be in this business for very long," Miskokomon says. "I obviously wish

him all the best in whatever future plans he has and whatever direction that takes. I am certain that we will continue to cross paths as we go on the path of life."

The comedy roast also featured jokes and comments from other Chiefs and leaders from across Anishinabek Nation.

"We had a lot of laughter and a lot of fun," says Fort William comedian Moccasin Joe, who emceed the comedy roast. "The politics was all put aside. It was basically a good evening for everyone. This should happen more and more within our nation — it makes us feel good and our youth feel better. Humour is good medicine."

An Anishinabek Nation 7th Generation Charity bidding auction for a Reggie Leach hockey jersey was also featured during the comedy roast, with Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek Chief Mel Hardy outbidding Nishnawbe Aski Nation Deputy Grand Chief Derek Fox for the jersey. After the auction was over, Leach offered another jersey to

Fox for his last bid, which Fox accepted.

"In conversation with my council, we felt we would make a contribution back to the charity," Hardy says. "We also wanted to contribute to our community...and try to give back and inspire our kids to get back into that game and to support them. It was great to be here tonight and wish Pat Madahbee the best in his future endeavours."

The bidding auction and other fundraising initiatives raised about \$15,000-\$20,000 for the Anishinabek Nation 7th Generation Charity.

"I was super happy for Reggie Leach donating those two jerseys," says Jason Restoule, manager of the Anishinabek Nation 7th Generation Charity. "Reggie has been a great friend of the charity over the years. He's always there to raise some funds and help out in any way he can."

Leach, from Berens River First Nation in Manitoba, won the Stanley Cup with the Philadelphia Flyers in 1975 and scored 61

goals to lead the league during the 1975-76 season. He also won the Conn Smythe Trophy in 1976, as MVP for the playoffs, after setting a playoff record with 19 goals in 16 games.

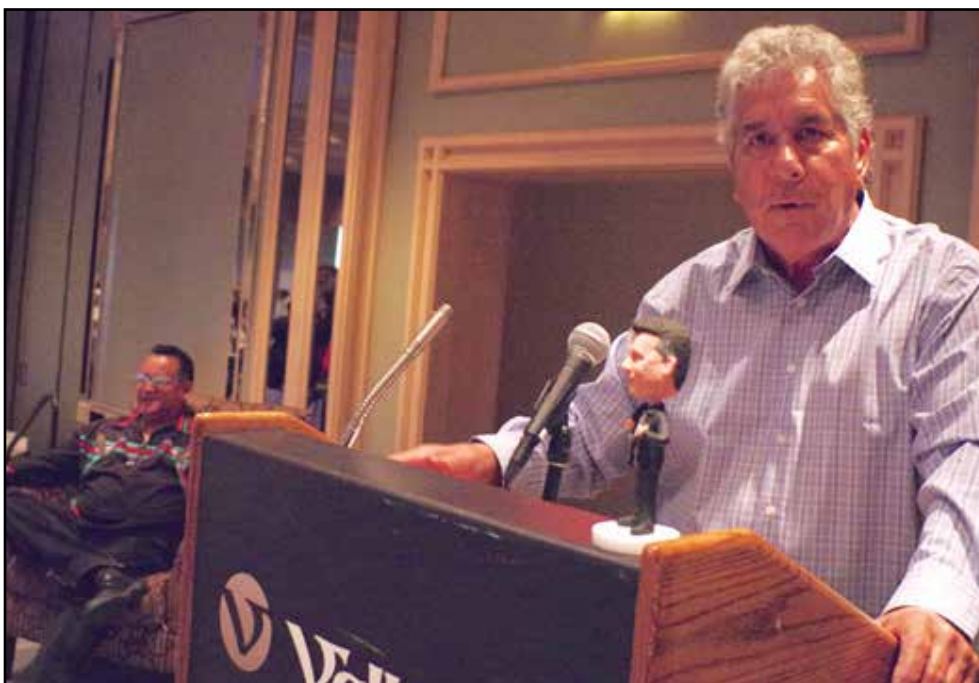
Gary Dokis, Chief Executive Officer of the Anishinabek Nation, says the comedy roast was a "great gathering".

"It's obvious that a lot of people respect the work that Grand Chief Madahbee has done over the years," Dokis says. "He knows a lot of people and I think it was an opportunity to show our respect for the work he has done for the Anishinabek Nation."

Dokis adds that everybody has many stories about Madahbee.

"It's going to be different without Grand Chief Madahbee around, but (we're) ready to work with Grand Council Chief Hare."

Other roasters were Chief Shining Turtle, Six Nations Chief Ava Hill, Ontario Regional Chief Isadore Day, Jamie Monastyrski and Val Monague.



Newly acclaimed Regional Deputy Grand Council Chief Joe Miskokomon told a variety of jokes and stories about former Grand Council Chief Patrick Madahbee (in chair) during the June 6 Patrick Madahbee Comedy Roast at the Valhalla Inn in Thunder Bay.



Nishnawbe Aski Nation Deputy Grand Chief Derek Fox, left, and Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek Chief Melvin Hardy, right, pose with Reggie Leach after the bidding auction for one of his hockey jerseys at the June 6 Patrick Madahbee Comedy Roast at the Valhalla Inn in Thunder Bay.



Chiefs in assembly listen to Chief Shining Turtle give his pitch for candidacy on June 6, 2018 in Fort William First Nation.

Newly elected Grand Council Chief Glen Hare continues path set by his predecessor Patrick Madahbee

By Rick Garrick

FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION— Newly elected Grand Council Chief Glen Hare plans to continue on with the path set forward by previous Grand Council Chief Patrick Madahbee.

"I'm not coming in to change anything big — we've got lots to finish," Hare says after being selected as Grand Council Chief in a traditional stand up election process on June 6 in Fort William First Nation. "The big one I would like to see, and I asked the chiefs to work with me, is the child well-being law."

Hare also wants to work with the Chiefs on the constitution process.

"We have to have a constitution," Hare says. "We've got to have that so nobody interferes with our business at home."

Hare wants to work towards synchronized elections for Chiefs and Councils.

"Let's get away from this two-year, three-year all over the place, all over the map," Hare says. "Let's work that out. We'll be so much stronger."

Hare called on the Chiefs to contact him

whenever they need assistance.

"I literally have the phone next to me in the bedroom," Hare says. "When it rings, I will answer it. I always have and I always will."

Hare also plans to continue meeting with community members and Chiefs whenever possible in his new position.

M'Chigeeng's Glen Hare, centre, received 30 votes while Whitefish River Chief Shining Turtle, left, received 10 votes during the Grand Council Chief traditional stand up selection process on June 6 in Fort William First Nation.

"The people want to see leadership," Hare says. "When our Anishinabek call, we've got to go. If not for our citizens in our communities, we wouldn't be here. They rely on us. I give you that commitment."

Hare completed four terms over 12 years as Deputy Grand Council Chief after being first selected during the Anishinabek Nation's first traditional stand up selection process in 2006.

"It was the first stand up traditional election we had and we've carried it on ever

since," Hare says. "It's so awesome and it's so strong that our Elder [Gordon Waindubence] ever since then has been asked to do the Chiefs of Ontario stand up election."

Grand Council Treaty #3 initiated the traditional stand up selection process in 1997 after Treaty #3 executive director Gary Allen's grandfather Jim Boskaykin had a dream about the process.

"The Chiefs endorsed it," says Allen, who is currently running for Ontario Regional Chief. "Ogichidaa Francis Kavanaugh, who is now the Ogichidaa in Grand Council Treaty #3, was the first one elected as Grand Council Chief through the traditional process."

Hare received 30 votes during the traditional stand up selection process while Whitefish River Chief Shining Turtle received 10 votes.

"It's been exciting and wonderful and very democratic," Turtle says. "Glen, congratulations. It's been fun, it's been respectful. We have a lot of work to do. I will continue to work hard and we'll do some wonderful things. Count on my support."

Red Rock Indian Band Chief Edward

Wawia was selected as Regional Deputy Grand Council Chief for the Northern Superior Region during the traditional stand up selection process.

Although four Regional Deputy Grand Council Chief positions were also up for election, only Red Rock Indian Band Chief Edward Wawia was elected through the traditional stand up election process for the Northern Superior Region. He received five votes while Fort William Chief Peter Collins received four votes.

"It's a great honour to be selected by the Chiefs of the Robinson Superior," Wawia says. "There's lots of work to do and I'm glad the people put their trust behind me. Now I have to show them I can do the work that they put their faith in."

Joe Miskokomon, from Chippewas of the Thames, was acclaimed for the Southwest Region and Alderville Chief Jim Bob Marsden was acclaimed for the Southeast Region.

Nipissing Chief Scott McLeod was chosen as the interim for the Lake Huron Region.



Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Glen Hare.



Southeast Regional Deputy Grand Council Chief Jim Bob Marsden.



Northern Superior Regional Deputy Grand Council Chief Ed Wawia.



Southwest Regional Deputy Grand Council Chief Joe Miskokomon.



Lake Huron interim Regional Grand Council Chief Scott McLeod.



Fort William First Nation Chief Peter Collins gave opening remarks at assembly.



The Anishinabek Nation Grand Council election was to take place on nearby Mount McKay, but was cancelled due to the weather.



In the Spring edition of the Anishinabek News, there was a photo of Elder Gord Waindubence's clan teachings. The sketch was turned into this beaded medallion which Grand Council Chief Glen Hare now wears. It includes the Creator, the Four Elements, the 7-pointed star, Sovereignty, the Anishinabek and the Big Circle - we are one anishinaabe family.



Ogimaa Duke Peltier, portfolio holder for the Social Services department, gives an update with Social Services Director Adrienne Pelletier and legal counsel Tracey O'Donnell. Social Services presented on Koganaawsawin and the Anishinabek Nation Child Well-Being Law. At the time of publication, 11 First Nations have adopted the Child Well-Being Law.



Anishinabek Nation Executive Services Coordinator Sarah St. Louis getting signatures on prints from Chippewas of the Thames Chief Henry and Proxy for Wasauksing Frist Nation Vince Cheechok.



Chief Peter Collins accepts a print with signatures from Grand Council Chief Hare. The other print will be housed as a momento of the assembly at the Anishinabek Nation head office. Artwork done by Donald Chretien from Nipissing First Nation (Pow-wow guide cover art).

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