

Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

Tribal Operations/Enrollment

December 6, 2024

Via Hand Delivery and Email

Chairman Matthew Gaulke Town of Lac du Flambeau 109 Old Abe Road P.O. Box 68 Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538 Idfclerk@frontier.com

Re: Meeting between the Town Board and Tribal Council

Dear Chairman Gaulke and Town Board Members.

On October 18, 2024, the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians (the "Tribe") provided notice to the Town of Lac du Flambeau (the "Town") regarding continued access to Annie Sun Lane, Center Sugarbush Lane, East Ross Allen Lake Lane, and Elsie Lake Lane (the "Four Roads").

On behalf of the Tribal Council, I extend an invitation to the entire Town Board to meet with us at 9:00 a.m. CST on Thursday, December 19, 2024, in the Tribal Council Meeting Room at the William Wildcat Sr. Community Center, 418 Little Pines Road, Lac du Flambeau, WI. This meeting is intended to foster positive and constructive dialogue and will include only members of the Tribal Council and Town Board, with no attorneys present.

Please confirm in writing by 5:00pm, Tuesday, December 10, 2024, whether you accept our meeting invitation.

John Johnson, Sr.

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President, Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

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December 9, 2024

Mr. John Johnson, Sr. President, Lac du Flambeau Band Lake Superior Chippewa Indians P.O. Box 67 Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538

RE: Letter Dated December 6, 2024

Dear President Johnson:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your letter dated December 6, 2024 which I received at my house by personal delivery from the Lac du Flambeau Tribal Police Department at 4:10 p.m. that day.

In that letter, you invited the Lac du Flambeau Town Board to meet with the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians Tribal Council in the Tribal Council Meeting Room on December 19, 2024. Regretfully, the Town Board will not have a quorum of its members available for such a meeting on that date. One of the Town Supervisors is out of the country on that date and another of the Town Supervisors has long-standing plans to be out of state on that date.

On behalf of the Town Board, we welcome such a meeting and look forward to engaging in positive dialogue with the Tribe in the future. Thank you for making the Tribal Council available on that date to engage in such discussion. It is truly unfortunate that a majority of the Town Board cannot attend such a meeting.

As always, the Town Board welcomes and encourages open conversations with the Tribal Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Town of Lac du Flambeau Matt Gaulke, Town Chairman

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Supervisor Dennis Pearson Chairman Matthew E. Gaulke Supervisor Robert Hanson

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January 3, 2025

John Johnson, Sr., President Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians P.O. Box 67 Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538

RE:

Letter dated December 6, 2024

Dear President Johnson:

This letter is written as a follow up to my letter to you dated December 9, 2024. In that letter, the Town Board responded that it could not meet with the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians Tribal Council on December 19, 2024 because of an inability to generate a quorum for that meeting.

The Town Board wishes to advise you that we have had the opportunity to review your letter further and discuss it at the Board level. The Board welcomes the opportunity to have further dialogue with the Tribal Council. However, at the present time, our legal counsel has advised us not to meet with the Tribal Council due to the sensitive nature of the pending litigation involving the Town.

At such time as the circumstances change and we are advised by our counsel that we will not be jeopardizing the Town's position in any such litigation, I will certainly contact you and request a meeting such as the one described in your letter of December 6, 2024.

Thank you for the offer making the Council available for further discussion. We look forward to meeting and talking in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Gaulke, Chairman Town of Lac du Flambeau

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