

Engagement

- Weechi-it-te-win has met with all our First Nation Community partners to share information on Abinoojii Inakonigewin, and obtain guidance for reconstitution
- Strategic Planning Session was held with Board of Directors in October of 2021 for reaffirmation of commitment to implementation of abinoojii inakonigewin
- Declaration of Principles was signed with nine First Nation area Chiefs

Communication

- New website design will include a section in which will highlight Abinoojii Inakonigewin. This will include reports, newsletters, and available resources
- A Relationship protocol has been established for respecting reciprocity between First Nation Communities and WFS. A signing Ceremony will be held to honor the significance of the protocol



We have an obligation and sacred responsibility to be truly helpful to children and their families. To that end we must no longer remain static. It is time for our entire circle to work cooperatively and diligently not only for our children today but for future generations. Working harmoniously with various sectors as a collective will be paramount for a successful transition in reconstituting as an Anishinaabe Agency under Abinoojii Inakonigewin.

As we push toward implementation of Abinooji Inakonigewin we have been advised by our community partners that Weechi-it-te-win will continue to be a valuable resource throughout that process and moving forward.



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"Boozhoo, Binesiiikwe Nindigoo. Name Nindodem. I am humbled to be a part of the organization as they embark on the journey of reconstitution as an Anishinaabe Agency under Abinoojii Inakonigewin and engage with our First Nation Community partners on their aspirations in child welfare."

Weechi-it-te-win will always remember and acknowledge the two grandfathers that stood up and changed how child welfare services are delivered within our First Nation communities. Moses Tom and Joseph Big George believed in the original ways of customary and community care. They spoke of the fundamental importance for Anishinaabe children to be raised up within their family system and cared for in a customary manner by their community.



Weechi-it-te-win will continue to devolve and support the First Nations in caring for their own children through the customary ways of their communities.

Project Management

- Weechi-it-te-win has established an internal advisory group of:
 - Laurie Rose -Shannon Blight
 - Arlene Parker -Dean Wilson
 - Diane Kelly -Farah-Lynn Landry -Bill Morrison
- Bi-weekly meetings are held to maximize oversight, decision-making, and efficient progression for reconstitution under AI

Reconstitution of WFS

- Developing an internal readiness checklist which includes some of the following:
 - Cultural protocols -Quality Assurance
 - Strategic Plan -Governance Structure
 - Prevention Program -Policies & Procedures
 - Financial Management & Accountability
 - Roles & Responsibilities -By-Laws
 - Data Management -Case Management
 - Jurisdictional Protocols -Dispute Resolution Process
 - Funding Models -Determine Funding Needs