KBIC 2015 PRIMARY ELECTIONS HELD

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community held the Primary Election on Saturday, October 31, 2015.

Baraga District results:
- Don Messer, Jr. (Inc.) 42 votes;
- Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr. (Inc.) 124 votes;
- Thomas E. Chosa, Jr. 21 votes;
- Dan Connor 57 votes;
- Fred Dakota 102 votes;
- Sue Ellen Elmblad 83 votes;
- Bill Jondreau 29 votes;
- Hope E. Laramore 49 votes;
- Charlotte Loonsfoot 9 votes;
- Jerry Magnant 38 votes;
- Debi Williamson 17 votes.

L’Anse District results:
- Susan J. LaFernier (Inc.) 92 votes;
- Jennifer Misegan (Inc.) 82 votes;
- Lyndon Ekdahl 17 votes;
- Tracy L. Emery 44 votes;
- Jesse Forcia 29 votes;
- Jeremy T. Hebert 11 votes;
- Jean Jokinen 13 votes;
- Kevin Perrault 33 votes;
- JoAnne Racette 11 votes.

Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr., Fred Dakota, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Dan Connor, Susan J. LaFernier, Jennifer Misegan, Tracy L. Emery, and Kevin Perrault have secured the required number of votes to be placed on the General Election Ballot.

At the General Election, voters will cast their ballots for two seats in both districts, and one position for Chief Tribal Judge. The General Election will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2015, with the following ballot:

Baraga District Council Seat:
- Dan Connor;
- Fred Dakota;
- Sue Ellen Elmblad;
- Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr. (Inc.),

L’Anse District Council Seat:
- Tracy L. Emery;
- Susan J. LaFernier (Inc.).

HONORING OUR LOCAL VETERANS

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community held an Honor Program for local Veterans followed by a luncheon on Veteran’s Day, November 11, 2015. Veterans received their soup and salad lunch free of charge with visitors donating $5.00 for their meal. Proceeds were donated to the local U.S. Marine Corps “Toys For Tots.”

Vice President Jennifer Misegan gave the opening address. “We’re here today to honor our service members and to remember sacrifices they have made and the courage it takes to defend honor, duty, and country. We are here to remember our fallen heroes and honor the memory of great leaders and to pay homage to those who are still with us.”

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:
- KBIC 2015 Primary Election
- KBIC Honors Veterans
- KBIC Youth Halloween Parties Held
- KBIC’s First Woman Tribal Chair Walks On
- KBIC To Hold General Election
- KBIC To Prepare Elder Wills
- Ojibwa Senior Citizens News
- Deepest Sympathy

NOVEMBER 7, 2015 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Saturday Tribal Council Meeting was held on November 7, 2015, at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room in Baraga, Michi- gan. President Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr. presided over the meeting with Jennifer Misegan, Toni Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Doreen Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Randall Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr. and Don Messer, Jr. present. Not present: Donald Shalifoe, Sr.

President Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr. shared numerous Thank You and For Your Information items addressed to Council. Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr. gave the President’s Report (page five), Toni Minton gave the Secretary’s Report (page four), Doreen Blaker gave the Treasurer’s Report (page three), and Larry Denomie III gave the CEO’s Report (page nine). Council passed Department Head Reports for September 2015. Motion by Eddy Edwards to table the October 1, 3, 8, 15, 20, 22, and 29, 2015 meeting minutes until Monday’s meeting, supported by Michael F. LaFernier, Sr. Ten supported (Misegan, Minton, S. LaFernier, Blaker, Curtis, Edwards, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot, Messer), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Shalifoe), motion carried.

Under Recognized Scheduled Delegation/Individuals: Corraline Everett Ekdhall and K-9 Officer Edy gave a K-9 Presentation. Edy is a German Sheppard from Snohomish County Sheriff’s Office. Corraline said, “Edy is like a child yet. He was 16-months old when he arrived at KBIC. He is fully trained, and we’ve had a couple of finds already within his young career. Edy does searches and tracks well; missing persons or escapees. It is me who is still learning him; his mannerisms when he’s working or if he’s on to something. He is excellent at article search. I really concentrate with Edy on narcotics, but we do a lot with bite work as well. When I give him the command, he knows at the end there is going to be something… his re- ward. When rewarded, he will hear me scream like a girl and bounce a tennis ball around. I go into the schools for the STEM Programs where do teach; but I also conduct K-9 demonstrations with them.”

Baraga County Chamber of Commerce – Silver River Partnership gave a Donation Presentation to KBIC for assistance with the continuation of the Stream Gage located on the Silver River. Kit LaFer- nier, Jennifer Johnston of the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Natural Resource Department gave background on the project. The Stream Gage was originally in- stalled in 2002 for collecting data such as height and discharge. Through- out the years, it has collected other pyramids, and there has been a study done for the entire watershed. It still is currently collecting dis- charge data. The Silver River Stream Gage data is viewable on-line and accessible to everyone. This location is also used for surface water moni- toring for the KBIC water program. The usefulness of this gage goes far beyond the water program at KBIC though. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service references it for fish stocking, sea lamprey control, climate change monitoring, recreation, and education. Other community members may also use this information for fishing or flood watch. This gage and another gage we have on the reservation have been jointly funded through the USGS, and the KBIC portion of it has specifically been through grants. In the last 10 years, two of the Silver River gages we have on the reservation have been shut down because we did not have the funding to support all three of them. This one on the Silver River has been very important and beyond the water program at KBIC though. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and USGS, and they have put something on the website that is an outreach to the community informing the public that we really want to keep this gage operating, but it is in danger of being shut down because of loss of funding. Edy Edwards, also uses this information for fishing or flood watch. This gage and another gage have been shut down because we did not have the funding to support all three of them. This one on the Silver River has been very important and beyond the water program at KBIC though. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and USGS, and they have put something on the website that is an outreach to the community informing the public that we really want to keep this gage operating, but it is in danger of being shut down because of loss of funding. Edy Edwards, also uses this information for fishing or flood watch.

Donald Shalifoe, Sr. ten supported (Misegan, Minton, S. LaFernier, Blaker, Curtis, Edwards, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot, Messer), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Shalifoe), motion carried.

James Provost, Marquette County Veterans Alliance, addressed the Council regarding a donation for the Vietnam Traveling Tribute (AKA as the Wall). “We are a Veteran’s organization that is composed of all the different service organizations. We have decided that we want to bring this Wall to Michigan because it is a healing thing for us. Those of us who served in Vietnam have had some rough times throughout the years because of what went down there. So it is a way to pay tribute to our fel- low Vietnam Veterans. Our budget is $21,550.00 to bring the Wall to Marquette for June 22-26, 2016,” Mr. Provost invited KBIC to help by making a donation in any amount which would be greatly appreciated. Motion by Jennifer Misegan to approve a donation of $5,000.00 for the Vietnam Traveling Tribute Wall. Ten supported (Misegan, Minton, S. LaFernier, Blaker, Curtis, Edwards, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot, Messer), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Shalifoe), motion carried.

Felix Fournier, Membership Committee of the Calumet Art Center, addressed Council on becoming a sponsorship member. Mr. Fournier ex- plained the Calumet Art Center’s Director is Ed Grey who teaches Life- style. There is a Life Style students who are upper classmen, and younger students from KBIC to join. Through the sponsorship and class fees the Calumet Art Center staff and volunteers can create a safe learning envi- ronment where art, culture, and history inspire and challenge people of all backgrounds and abilities to for all ages. Motion by Jennifer Misegan to donate $5,000.00 for tuition and materials for a 5-week Calumet Art Center’s Life Style class. Ten supported (Misegan, Minton, S. LaFernier, Blaker, Curtis, Edwards, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot, Messer), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Shalifoe), motion carried.

Eddy Edwards presented Darrell Kingbird’s request to Council for a Visitor’s Permit for Hunting/Fishing/Trapping/Gathering. Mr. Kingbird is employed for KBIC and is a part of this Community now and would like to provide for his family. Motion by Eddy Edwards to have the Council issue Darrell Kingbird an on-reservation visitor’s permit for this hunting season, so he can hunt, fish, trap, and gather, supported by Robert “RD” Curtis, Jr. Ten supported (Misegan, Minton, S. LaFernier, Blaker, Curtis, Edwards, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot, Messer), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Shalifoe), motion carried.

Robert RD Curtis, Jr., Ten supported (Misegan, Minton, S. LaFernier, Blaker, Curtis, Edwards, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot, Messer), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Shalifoe), motion car- ried.

Joining efforts in funding the Silver River Stream Gauge, left to right– L’Anse Village Manager Bob LaFave, KBNRD staff Kit Laux and Erin Johnston, KBIC Tribal President Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr., Baraga County Chamber of Commerce representative Debbie Stouffer, and Baraga County Convention and Visitor’s Bureau Director Tracey Barrett. Missing from picture is KBCCO President Debbie Parrish.

Eddy Edwards, identifies three grams of cocaine in the target purse.
stained, one absent (Shalifoe), motion carried.

Jennifer Misegan addressed Council in re-
gard to Tribal elders who were elected. We have several Tribal elders who are looking to get their wills put together. In the past, we had more staff available to help with that. Currently, having only the attorney presently, there is a lack of time to be able to do so. It is suggested to con-
tact a local attorney. They would like to have a certain day put aside to provide this service which would be advertised. There was a motion in 2010 by Council for this service to be provided to the Tribal elders. The Motion has been tabled.

Consensus of Council is to contract with Attor-
ney Brandon Richard to provide Tribal elders age related services. It was suggested Attorney Richard is unavailable to enter into a service agreement, Danielle Webb is to seek another consigliere.

Danielle Webb, Assistant Tribal Attorney, presented Archaeotek Technologies, Inc. Gaming Device Order Ojibwa Casino II. (Order con-
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President Swartz brought forth a recommen-
dation to renew Appellate Justice James Bittorf’s contract for the 13th, 14th, to October 2018. Motion by Toni Misegan to approve the gaming device order between Archaeotek Technologies, Inc. and the Community for Ojibwa Casino II of Marquette, subject to contingent upon approval of the Gaming Commission, sup-
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In October 2015, the Tribal Council held one Regular Council meeting and six Special Council meetings. Actions taken were:

**October 1, 2015 Special Council Meeting**
- Approved a Tier III Services Agreement with Superior Paving for blacktop at the Rez Stop for $32,285.00.
- Amended the Personnel Policies for the Government and Enterprises to waive the High School/GED requirement for applicants over 62 for positions that could be performed by these individuals.
- Approved two Services Agreements with Rebecca Panasiwicz for the Healing to Wellness Drug Court for the Positive Peer Group $12,000.00 and the Enablement Prevention Program $15,000.00.
- Requested Eddy Edwards and KBOHDC work with Tribal Member who is facing foreclosure.
- Approved Resolution KB-044-2015 Northern Natural Gas Permission to Survey and Appraise.
- Approved Resolution KB-045-2015 Ashley A. Denomie recreational lease.
- Approved Resolution KB-046-2015 Depart-ment of Health and Human Services grant application under the Indian Health Service FY2016 for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians in the amount of $148,670.00.
- Continued FY2016 Budget Review.

**October 3, 2015 Regular Council Meeting in Marquette**
- Approved the President and Secretary’s reports for August and September.
- Approved the Treasurer’s report for July, August, and September.
- Approved the July and August Department Head reports.
- Approved a one week extension of the Jiman-gash W addagkedag liquor license.
- Approved the list of candidates for the 2015 tribal elections.
- Approved a donation of $650.00 for Darrell Kingbird for fencing.
- Donated $800.00 to Isabelle Welsh to attend a Language Summit.

**October 8, 2015 Special Meeting**
- Approved the meeting minutes of August 20, and 27, 2015.
- Granted an on-reservation Hunting, Fishing, Trapping, and Gathering Visitors Permit to 444 on Fox River.
- Council consensus to move forward with planning a Michigan Indian Elders Association meeting at KBIC in 2017.
- Approved the Community Assistance Program, Burial Assistance Policy and Emergency Assistance using BIA funds.
- Consensus to form a Burial Assistance Task Force.
- Approved Consumers Mutual Insurance health insurance renewal.
- Held the 1st Reading Proposed Ordinance 2015-03 Introduction of Medical Marijuana Statutes and scheduled the 2nd Reading for November 7, 2015.
- Donated $100.00 to the Marc Pirkola and Teri Reasoner Benefit Dinner.
- Approved to provide a letter of support to the Village of Baraga for lowering the speed limit on US41 to 35mph.
- Approved lowering the speed limit to 45 MPH through the reservation boundaries from Irene’s Pizza to Morin’s Fireworks, Directed Public Works to erect signs and to have Tribal Police enforce it.
- Approved the FY2016 Budget.
- Approved the Cunningham Group Proposal and Agreement in the amount of $9,900.00 for providing Professional Services for a project in Marquette.
- Approved an additional $84,250.00 for the Anikoosing Bridge Loan.

**October 15, 2015 Special Council Meeting**
- Approved the meeting minutes of September 3, 8, 9, and 10, 2015.
- Approved the bid of Keweenaw Chevrolet for a 2016 Silverado in the amount of $39,376.26 for the Michigan Firefighter.
- Approved the bid of Keweenaw Chevrolet for the purchase of a 2015 Silverado with a plow in the amount of $36,600 for Marquette Commerce Maintenance.
- Approved Resolution KB-047-2015 – Glenn Tolonen Residential Lease.
- Approved Resolution KB-048-2015 – Laurie Campbell Recreational Lease.
- Approved Resolution KB-050-2015 – Forests For the Future Property and Monetary Donation Received.
- Approved Resolution KB-051-2015 – Estate of Lorraine Major Unconditional Fractional Interest Donation in the Christine Payshawquawdo-qua Allotment.
- Approved the Greenway Health Claim Scrubber Software Subscription purchase schedule agreement with Vitera Healthcare Solutions Master Agreement from 2014.
- Approved the Aristocrat Gaming Device order of 2 Britney Spears machines for the Baraga Casino.
- Approved the 906 Technologies mutual non-disclosure agreement.
- Approved the Legal Services Agreement Amendment with Short Cressman and Burgess.
- Approved the Alcoholic Beverage License and Food Service License of Ronald Edwards doing business as the Side Track Bar and Grill.
- Approved the Tier III Services Agreement with Diane Charron for traditional regalia, beading, sewing, quilting, and craft classes.
- Approved the amount of $2,100.00 for the 2015 Christmas Gift/Sovereignty Checks.
- Approved a 3% annual raise for FY2016.
- Appointed Clayton Ekdahl and Victoria Da-lonzo as Election Board Alternates.
- Agreed to offer the Tribal Attorney position to Peter Jensen.

**October 20, 2015 Special Council Meeting**
- A work session with Dan Leveque, Gund- lach Champion, and Sam Obelkew, Cun-ngingham Group, was held to review the options for the Baraga and Marquette Casinos design and building floor plan options.

**October 22, 2015 Special Council Meeting**
- Approved the meeting minutes of Septem- ber 24, and 27, 2015.
- Approved the Purchase and Procurement Policy Amendment for credit card and gift card purchases.
- Approved the CAP Heating Assistance Program to allow up to $1,200.00 for 8-12 full cords of wood which includes delivery.
- Amended the CAP Heating Assistance Pol- icy that the allowable heating assistance amounts will be determined each fiscal year in October.
- Amended the Tier III Services Agreement with Fischer Biological Consulting for the Natural Resources Department.
- Approved the Service Agreement with La-Court Bottled Gas setting the retail price at $1.20 per gallon for the heating season.
- Amended the effective date of the Diane Charron Service Agreement.
- Approved the Pressbox Entertainment Agreement for Hunks the Show.
- Approved the WIC Services Grant Agree- ment with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.
- Approved three Memorandum of Coopera- tion with the Inter-Tribal Council for the Tri-Valley Dog, Salmon Trout, and East Branch Salmon Trout Rivers.
- Approved the Employee Rates for the Health Insurance Renewal.

**October 27, 2015 Phone Poll**
- Appointed Heather Chapman as an Appel- late Justice for the KBIC Tribal Court.

**October 29, 2015 Special Council Meeting**
- Approved an amendment to the Engineering Agreement with UP Engineers and Archi- tects to allow a time extension on the Non-Motorized Trail Feasibility Study.
- Amended the Cell Phone Policy.
- Approved the bid from Keweenaw Chevrolet in the amount of $35,470.00 for a 2016 Sil- verado with a V Plow.
- Approved the Heath Chapman Appellate Justice Contract.
- Approved amendments to the Rosa Burns and Daniel Sky Alotments extending the timber sale logging time to 9/30/18.
- Respectfully Submitted,
  Toni J. Minton

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**2016 KBIC FORESTRY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE**

The KBIC Education Department announces the availability of the 2016 KBIC Forestry Scholar- ship application. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has a vital interest in the preserva- tion of the land and forests on and near the res- ervation. The Tribal Council has approved one scholarship for a college student pursuing a Forestry degree. The scholarship amount is $2,500 for the 2016 Winter/Spring semester. Applicants must meet the following criteria:
- Enrolled Tribal member
- Resident of Michigan, Wisconsin, or Minne- sota
- Attending an accredited college/university in Michigan, Wisconsin, or Minnesota
- Enrolled as a full-time student
- Pursuing a Bachelor’s degree in Forestry documented by their college

Eligible students must complete an application, submit an essay detailing their interest in their chosen field and submit a copy of their official transcripts (high school or college). For more information and to request an applica- tion, contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director at 906-353-6623, ext. 4117 or at amy@KBIC- nsn.gov. The application deadline is December 31, 2015, at 4 p.m.

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**NEWS FROM THE OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZENS**

**December:**
- December 2, 12:15 p.m. Senior Meeting. Karen Lahti will be present to finalize the January 10, 2016, Las Vegas Trip. All participants need to attend!

**January:**
- TBA— the January meeting date will be determined at the December meeting. Please watch newsletter for the date.
President’s Report—October 2015

The following are a list of activities that occurred in the Office of the President for the month of October 2015:

- Coordinated Consultation on the L’Anse Warden Plant Renewable operating permit.
- The Department of Environmental Quality is reviewing a renewable operating permit application for the L’Anse Warden plant. Based on our letter, the Department of Environmental Quality offered the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community consultation on this permit at whatever level we deemed appropriate. The Community chose to conduct consultation and had scheduled the meeting for October 30, 2015.
- Subsequently the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) post-posted the public hearing on the draft renewable operating permit for the L’Anse Warden Electric Company LLC. The meeting was cancelled because the plant informed the MDEQ that the company’s latest emissions testing indicated it may not be able to comply with air quality regulations. The MDEQ said they cannot move forward with the current draft renewable operating permit if a non-compliance issue exists. In addition, we were informed that the MDEQ will conduct further review of final emissions testing data and may need to develop a compliance plan.
- The MDEQ will notify us once the plant corrects the non-compliance issues, so we can conduct our government to government consultation.

I attended a constitutional meeting, and we discussed the process related to the upcoming secretarial election regarding Article IX – Judicial Branch. The purpose of the article is to provide a separate branch of government free from political interference and conflicts of interest for the development and enhancement for the fair administration of justice.

- We also discussed the importance of educating our Tribal members regarding the change to the constitution.
- A discussion took place regarding individual constitutional rights. Council directed to have the committee separate this from the amendment related to the Judicial Branch.
- I attended a ceremony at Michigan Technological University (MTU). The purpose of the ceremony was to dedicate three boulders that were cooking on the rock. The event was well attended.

I received an update from our Assistant Tribal Attorney Danielle Webb. She informed me the KBIC is a class member in the BIA CSC Settlement claim. The settled claims are for alleged under-payments of contract support costs by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and/or the Office of Self-Governance under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. The Community is entitled to share in the net settlement amount.

- I met with Elise from Senator Gary Peters’ office. She was in town and stopped by to introduce herself and let us know that the Senator’s office is available and willing to assist.
- I had a number of meetings and conversations with representatives from the Eagle Mine. In summary I said, “Native American communities attempt to project their decisions well into the future. A fundamental premise of the Keweenaw Bay Indians is that tribal decisions should be determined with the wellbeing of seven generations in mind; not will this mining job pay me well or will my Return on Investment (ROI) be high.” This short term thinking exacerbates a race to the bottom where resources have been converted to personal wealth leaving future generations without being able to meet their needs. The Indigenous approach is to take only what you need. The notion is that mining takes as much as it can, as fast as it can, is the very definition of boom and bust. This is not acceptable to a people who have a homeland and do not just move on to the next job or clean place to live. I made them aware of the importance of clean water to the Community.

- I attended a Healing To Wellness Graduation. The guest of honor was Joe Francois. Hearing Joe tell his story was truly inspiring. Joe has a good set of tools on him to deal with his addictions. It was an honor to participate in the graduation ceremonies for Joe.

- Jennifer Misegan, Larry Denome, Vicki Dompier, and I met to discuss the request by HUD to return some grant monies given to housing. Housing was able to take all of the money and convert to CD’s and draw down when needed. Since housing was turned into a depository I asked them if the fund under HUD they are requesting the money back because it was given to OHA. Anderson and Tackman are working with us to determine how much money to give back. This is an ongoing issue that will be resolved soon.
- Update: The grant monies were returned in the amount of 1.4 million dollars.
- The grant will be returned to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community because Ojibwa Housing Authority was dissolved.

I attended a Food Sovereignty Program held at the Zeba Hall on October 22, 2015. It was quite eye opening to see the old cooking techniques. I was impressed with the cooking on the rock. The event was well attended.

- Council approved the appointment of Heather Chapman as an Appellate Judge of the Appellate Division of the Tribal Court. Heather has worked as Tribal Attorney for the Community in the past and is very familiar with the Communities’ judicial processes.

- This month is Native American Heritage Month. There will be a Veteran’s Day event held on November 11, 2015, which includes a flag raising ceremony and a luncheon.

Respectfully submitted,
Warren C. Swartz

KBIC Youth Halloween Party Held In Harvey

The Halloween party in Harvey was a blast this year! Over 30 residents of Harvey show up to participate in the activities provided by the KBIC Youth Club. Prizes were available for every age group as well as a gift card for each winner in the 1-3rd category. A cake walk, musical chairs, Simon Says, and the Pumpkin Patch were available to play for prizes. Jets Pizza was served and candy gift bags were distributed. There was also a guessing game in which the kids guessed the correct amount of candy in the jar and whoever chose the correct amount won the candy. The children had a lot of fun and enjoyed it immensely.

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- Subsequently the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) post-posted the public hearing on the draft renewable operating permit for the L’Anse Warden Electric Company LLC. The meeting was cancelled because the plant informed the MDEQ that the company’s latest emissions testing indicated it may not be able to comply with air quality regulations. The MDEQ said they cannot move forward with the current draft renewable operating permit if a non-compliance issue exists. In addition, we were informed that the MDEQ will conduct further review of final emissions testing data and may need to develop a compliance plan.
- The MDEQ will notify us once the plant corrects the non-compliance issues, so we can conduct our government to government consultation.

I attended a constitutional meeting, and we discussed the process related to the upcoming secretarial election regarding Article IX – Judicial Branch. The purpose of the article is to provide a separate branch of government free from political interference and conflicts of interest for the development and enhancement for the fair administration of justice.

- We also discussed the importance of educating our Tribal members regarding the change to the constitution.
- A discussion took place regarding individual constitutional rights. Council directed to have the committee separate this from the amendment related to the Judicial Branch.
- I attended a ceremony at Michigan Technological University (MTU). The purpose of the ceremony was to dedicate three boulders that were cooking on the rock. The event was well attended.

I received an update from our Assistant Tribal Attorney Danielle Webb. She informed me the KBIC is a class member in the BIA CSC Settlement claim. The settled claims are for alleged under-payments of contract support costs by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and/or the Office of Self-Governance under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. The Community is entitled to share in the net settlement amount.

- I met with Elise from Senator Gary Peters’ office. She was in town and stopped by to introduce herself and let us know that the Senator’s office is available and willing to assist.
- I had a number of meetings and conversations with representatives from the Eagle Mine. In summary I said, “Native American communities attempt to project their decisions well into the future. A fundamental premise of the Keweenaw Bay Indians is that tribal decisions should be determined with the wellbeing of seven generations in mind; not will this mining job pay me well or will my Return on Investment (ROI) be high.” This short term thinking exacerbates a race to the bottom where resources have been converted to personal wealth leaving future generations without being able to meet their needs. The Indigenous approach is to take only what you need. The notion is that mining takes as much as it can, as fast as it can, is the very definition of boom and bust. This is not acceptable to a people who have a homeland and do not just move on to the next job or clean place to live. I made them aware of the importance of clean water to the Community.

- I attended a Healing To Wellness Graduation. The guest of honor was Joe Francois. Hearing Joe tell his story was truly inspiring. Joe has a good set of tools on him to deal with his addictions. It was an honor to participate in the graduation ceremonies for Joe.

- Jennifer Misegan, Larry Denome, Vicki Dompier, and I met to discuss the request by HUD to return some grant monies given to housing. Housing was able to take all of the money and convert to CD’s and draw down when needed. Since housing was turned into a depository I asked them if the fund under HUD they are requesting the money back because it was given to OHA. Anderson and Tackman are working with us to determine how much money to give back. This is an ongoing issue that will be resolved soon.
- Update: The grant monies were returned in the amount of 1.4 million dollars.
- The grant will be returned to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community because Ojibwa Housing Authority was dissolved.

I attended a Food Sovereignty Program held at the Zeba Hall on October 22, 2015. It was quite eye opening to see the old cooking techniques. I was impressed with the cooking on the rock. The event was well attended.

- Council approved the appointment of Heather Chapman as an Appellate Judge of the Appellate Division of the Tribal Court. Heather has worked as Tribal Attorney for the Community in the past and is very familiar with the Communities’ judicial processes.

- This month is Native American Heritage Month. There will be a Veteran’s Day event held on November 11, 2015, which includes a flag raising ceremony and a luncheon.

Respectfully submitted,
Warren C. Swartz

KBIC Youth Halloween Party Held In Harvey

The Halloween party in Harvey was a blast this year! Over 30 residents of Harvey showed up to participate in the activities provided by the KBIC Youth Club. Prizes were available for every age group as well as a gift card for each winner in the 1-3rd category. A cake walk, musical chairs, Simon Says, and the Pumpkin Patch were available to play for prizes. Jets Pizza was served and candy gift bags were distributed. There was also a guessing game in which the kids guessed the correct amount of candy in the jar and whoever chose the correct amount won the candy. The children had a lot of fun and enjoyed it immensely.
Unfortunately, arrangements for the Marquette Youth Christmas Party were not available at time of Newsletter print. Please contact the Youth Director (906) 353-4543 or (906) 353-4544 for information on the party.

KBIC Youth Halloween Party Held In Baraga

The Halloween party in Baraga was held on Halloween afternoon, October 31, 2015, at the Niwin Akeaa Facility. There was a great turnout for the event, and youth and their families were able to participate in a number of activities provided by the KBIC Youth Club. Costume prizes were given for every age group. There was a cake walk, dart game, and guessing games where the youth were able to win some awesome prizes. Pizza was served from Pizza Hut, and there were fruit trays, veggie trays, cake, and desserts.

Birch Bark Crafts

December 14, 2015
5:00-6:30PM
Niwin Akeaa (Four Directions) Center, KBOCC, 111 Beartown Rd. Baraga

- Children 0-5 and siblings of all ages
- Make & Take crafts. Make a photo ornament, too, for each child!
- Each family takes home The Night Before Christmas book
- Family engagement—children must be supervised
- Snacks and eggnog provided!

Supplies are limited. Please register with Dawn! 353-4521

Sponsored by KBIC Family Spirit and Healthy Start Programs

Picture by Lauri Denomie

Costume winners ages 0-1, left to right, 1st place—Vada Veker, 2nd place—Ruby Alsup, 3rd place—Dekkar Denomie.

Picture by Lauri Denomie

Costume winners ages 2-3, left to right, 3rd place—Nathan Frisvall, 2nd place—Aaistyn Loonsfoot, 1st place—Zander Tammelin.
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“For me it’s my daughter, I want to show her a better way. I want to be here for her.”

get healthy for the people that depend on you.

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They were called to be part of something bigger that our young members: Tyler Rasanen, Gary Castillo, Jason Law, and Robert Davidson. Their actions mostly, the sacrifices and the commitments they made to serve our Country. My father-in-law lied about his age to join the Navy at a young age of 17. He left our little reservation, the only home he ever knew. My dad was drafted and served during the Vietnam War as a University student, who often return to a cost ratio of transition to civilian life. Lift up those who are feeling lost, those who are feeling unappreciated, and those who cannot accept the magnitude of their sacrifice.

Guide us, to minister to the sons and daughters of war and peace, not just on special occasions, but every day of our lives, in every way. Help us to support in gratitude for the veterans and their families. We ask for healing, Lord. Of wounds we can and cannot see, of memories that may never be resolved, and of the spiritual relationship that sometimes feels so lost.

Let your grace pour down upon those who have served on the battlefield and at other times of conflict. They resided in Dearborn, MI, where she worked as a waitress. They moved back to L’Anse in 1972, and in 1974, she started working in the enrollment department for the KBIC. She was a political act in tribes and was the first woman Tribal Chair for the KBIC. Myrtle served on many boards including the Cultural Commit- tee, Indian Child Welfare, Education, and was a student at the Bay Mills Language Emerson. She was a two-time breast cancer survivor and a breast cancer advocate. Myrtle was a mem-

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During the month of October 2015, the CEO’s office issued the following:

- The sole source supplier agreement with LaCourt Bottle Gas is in place for the upcoming heating season. The negotiated rate is $2.10 per gallon, an increase of six cents per gallon over last year’s guaranteed rate. The program runs from Nov 1, 2015 - May 31, 2016.
- The annual Christmas/Sovereignty gift check was approved at $2,100. Eligible KBIC members will be able to pick their check up at the Tribal Center on November 23, between the hours of 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., and in Marquette at the Harvey Commission on November 24, between the hours of 12 noon - 6 p.m.
- The FY16 annual employee raise, approved at 3%, has been processed by the Housing Development Office. The raise is retroactive to the 1st of February.
- The casino enterprises are expected to be processed on the upcoming payroll of November 25.
- Amy St. Arnold, Education Director, is working on awarding the Natural Resources Scholarship. It provides $2,500 each semester to an enrolled KBIC member student seeking a bachelor’s degree in natural resources fields.
- Outstanding projects of the Tribe’s Economic Development team. The projects are not being tracked due to the position not being funded in the FY16 budget approvals. Assigned staff will be picking up where the projects were left with a staff change. The Planning and Development office remains open and provides offices for the Tribes Realty, Forestry, and Environmental departments.
- The State of MI is inching closer to approving increases in fuel taxes to fund their state road repair program. Both the Senate and House bills provide increases in the gasoline “road tax.” The impact, if approved, would be to our non-KBIC member customers. As well, the KBIC members would be exempt from the increased tax as they are now, when they use our membership cards at the stations.
- Tom Chosa, IT Director, is working with 906 Technologies Inc., to have swipe card systems installed at all of the Tribe’s gas stations. KBIC Members would use their membership cards as they currently do at the Pines and would no longer sign forms at the stations. Once implemented, the swipe system should also streamline the process for filing refund requests with the State of MI.
- The Rez Stop block topping project is nearly complete. As part of the project with Superior Paving, it was decided that it was best to install the base layer of asphalt this season and wait until spring to install the remaining asphalt layer for the sand base to completely settle, and any surface cracking from the heavy trucks to occur before installing the final layer. An amendment to Superior Paving’s contract is included on today’s agenda.
- As a follow up to issues brought forward at Cunningham Group’s fall session last month, Bruce LaPointe, Projects Manager, has taken care of the sanding and salting issues brought up by tenants within the housing units behind the casino.
- The Funeral Task Force, comprised of Rodney Loonsfoot, Debbie Williamson, Jennifer Mitchell, Aaron Gillis, and myself, met in October to discuss issues faced by members when dealing with planning and paying for deceased family members’ funerals. A number of issues were addressed and resulted in a list of tasks for members to work on. Rodney will be traveling to the Sault Tribe casino this week to address the contact there to better understand how they handle funerals from a traditional standpoint. His contact will also coordinate with the tribe for area funeral homes.
- The Rez Stop black topping project is nearly complete. Bruce LaPointe is also spearheading a county-wide road safety initiative. In developing a KBIC Road Safety Program, he is seeking to get involvement from the KBIC Tribal Police Department, Baraga Fire Department, Public Works, public care operations, and the area school districts.
- The Community Assistance Programs Office has two new BIAs approved to assist enrolled members of Federally Recognized Tribes or Alaska Village who reside in Baraga, Marquette, Houghton, Ontonagon, Iron, Gogebic, Keweenaw, or Dickinson Counties. In the absence of other resources and as a last resort, the Burial Assistance program provides up to $2,500 for basic burial services with payments being made directly to a funeral home or third party vendor. The Emergency Assistance program provides a maximum benefit of $1,000 per household in the absence of other immediate Federal, State, and local disaster resources, where a home or personal possessions are destroyed or damaged through forces of nature and their counterparts. Other eligibility requirements apply, and anyone needing these types of assistance should contact the CAP Office for more details.
- The Ojibwa Casinos’ General Manager and marketing staff have reviewed the costs and benefits associated with the two agencies currently being used to assist with marketing campaigns. The decision was made to utilize only one agency, Advertising Inc. The change is expected to aid in building a brand for the two casinos as well as minimize duplication of costs in some areas.
- Earlier this month, staff met with our health insurance broker to discuss the Tribe’s current renewal rates which take effect December 1. The initial renewal came in at 15% but was negotiated down to 12%. Earlier this week, we received notice from our broker that our carrier, Consumers Mutual Insurance of MI, will no longer be providing insurance coverage due to a change made by the Federal Government under the Affordable Care Act. The notice stated that all carriers will be financially unable to offer plans, and CMI is one of those carriers. CMI is in negotiation with the State of MI on when they will be able to close, so the likely closure for sure they will close by the end of 2016. It is possible that they may close earlier, as early as the end of March. The goals are to have more information next week; we expect to have more information next week. Our broker does have a confirmed option available for KBIC to move to regardless of when CMI closes, but we don’t know what that cost would be at this time. It’s important that employees understand that staff are working very closely with the parties involved, and there isn’t any reason to believe a lapse in coverage will occur. We have been assured that every effort will be made to provide as painless and seamless a transition to our new carrier as possible. As the time comes, I provided a memo to employees late this week, regarding this issue in an attempt to keep them informed. As we get new information, they will be provided updates.
- The Baraga and Marquette casino projects are progressing as planned. On October 20, 2015, the work session was held to gain input from Tribal Council, casino staff, and members who were able to attend the master planning for new properties at both locations. The session brought forward new ideas, moved the project forward, and provided six site master plan options for Baraga and three for Marquette. The plans are expected to be discussed in detail, and adjusted based on the group’s input. The discussion narrowed both the Baraga and Marquette options down to three. The options that have been developed by both Cunningham and Gundlach Champion, represented by Dan LaVeque, and now will be presented for Council review and discussion this coming Monday, November 9. The final budgets and conceptual designs for each site will be presented by Cunningham at Council’s November 12 meeting. A community meeting will be held later in the month to present plans, provide financial information, and answer questions. Voters will be asked if they approve of the projects during the December 12, 2015, general election.

Respectfully submitted, Larry Denomie III, CEO

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Baraga Halloween Party continues with:

Costume winners ages 4-5, left to right, 3rd place—Vanessa Lamson, 2nd place—Brendon Frisvall, 1st place—Cara Connor.

Costume winners ages 6-8, left to right, 1st place—Kai Ragosta, 2nd place—Shayla Elmblad.
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*Each additional member $335*

**FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR)**

**NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS** *(Effective October 1, 2013)*

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Enjoy some family fun with the following Christmas activity ideas:

1. Have a “camp night” in the living room around the Christmas tree.
2. Make paper snowflakes (fold a square of paper in half two times – cut a design – unfold for a snowflake) or garlands out of construction paper (cut different color paper in strips, glue a strip in a circle, glue another strip in a circle around the first, and continue).
3. Have a bedroom door decorating contest.
4. Have a tree decorating party with the whole family including popcorn and hot chocolate or apple cider.
5. Play Christmas charades. (Ideas: Rudolph, Santa, stuffing stockings, making Christmas cookies, making a snow angel, building a snowman.)

~ NOTICE ~

TO ALL KBIC SENIORS 55 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, AND PERMANENTLY PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED-DISABLED PERSON:

SNOW PLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

Head of Household Name: ___________________________

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Member’s Enrollment #: ___________________________

Reside on the Reservation (Baraga County): Yes _____ No _____

Physical Address: ___________________________

L’Arse __________ Baraga

Proof of Age — Birth Date: ___________________________

Telephone Number: (906) ___________________________

Sign up at the front desk at the Tribal Center with proof (Enrollment Card, Driver’s License, and/or proof of disability) or mail the information to:

KBCI Tribal Center
ATTN: Front Desk Receptionist
19429 Bear Town Road
Baraga, MI 49908

The Tribal Council will consider plowing privileges for those permanent, physical disabilities within a “five” mile radius off the Reservation. Please submit a request and the above information.

FY 2016 LIHEAP SEASON BEGINS

LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) provides assistance to eligible low income households in meeting their home energy costs. Assistance depends on the availability of funds and is based on a 3rd come, 3rd serve basis. Please Note: Priority will be given to vulnerable populations: Elderly, Disabled, and households with children 6 years and under, are assisted first.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- The applicant/head of household must be a member of a Federally Recognized Tribe.
- Applicant/head of household must reside in the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Service area: Michigan: Baraga, Houghton, Dickinson, Suggin, Iron, Keweenaw, Marquette, and Ontonagon Counties.
- Household must meet LIHEAP income guidelines:
  - Household must have received LIHEAP assistance through DHS, or any other agency providing LIHEAP funds for fiscal year 2016.
  - Utility service MUST be on. Service that has been disconnected will not be eligible for LIHEAP. Applicants applying due to no prepay or no wood will be considered as service being disconnected.

HOW TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION:

- Visit the CAP Office at the KBIC Tribal Center in Baraga.
- Online: http://www kbicwa.com and click on the Community Assistance Office.

If you have any questions call: (906) 353-4162

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

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Keweenaw Bay extends holiday greetings to all! 

Being prepared doesn’t have to be hard or expensive. By doing one thing a month, you can make sure that you and the people who depend on you will be better prepared for whatever happens.
Baraga Halloween Party continues:

Costume winners ages 9-10, left to right, 1st place—Leigh Ann Cadeau, 2nd place—Starr Dunleavy, 3rd place—Rion Fontaine.

Costume winners ages 11 up, left to right, 1st place—Sam Sacnse, 2nd place—Justin Smith, 3rd place—Kayla Dakota.

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