



ANNUAL REPORT - 2011

MANDATE

At the direction of the leadership, for the benefit/protection of the Citizens, Grand Council Treaty #3 protects, preserves and enhances inherent and Treaty rights.

This is achieved by advancing the exercise of:

- Inherent jurisdiction
- Sovereignty
- Nation-building and
- Traditional Governance
- With the aim to preserve and build the Anishinaabe Nation's goal of self-determination

GRAND CHIEF'S REPORT

It is my honour and privilege to serve as your Grand Chief for the Government of the Anishinaabe Nation in Treaty #3 since 2008. This is the first Annual Report presented in this format for the community that illustrates and highlights our achievements and growth in working together to protect, preserve and enhance our inherent and Treaty rights.

While preparing this report and reflecting back on our growth, I am overwhelmed with pride that we have accomplished so much as a Nation. Our Traditional Governance is a great strength and has set a high standard of accountability, engagement, strategic relationships and empowered our communities to achieve our goal of self-determination.

I continue to welcome your input and value your involvement as we continue our journey together to build a strong, healthy nation that honors our past, acknowledges our present and prepares for our future.

Ogichidaakwe
Diane M. Kelly, B.A., LL.B

STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIPS

- Memorandum of Understanding with Province of Manitoba
- Memorandum of Understanding with Ministry of Natural Resources and Ministry of Northern Development Mining and Forestry.
- Political Accord with Assembly of First Nations on Implementing Education
- Hosting a National Panel on Education
- Established a Health Council that result in a Government to Government relationship to address health issues



Chiefs Assembly in June 2011 in Ojichagwe' Babigo'ning at the Sturgeon Release Ceremony

GOVERNANCE MODEL

Shifted from an operational approach to a Governance Model whereby setting a high standard of decision making, accountability and roles and responsibilities that are collectively developed.

- National and Chiefs Assemblies are forums to set policy, regulations, strategic direction and recognize achievements
- Chiefs are supported to address issues directly affecting their communities
- Asserting our jurisdiction by setting up a Winnipeg sub-office

INVOLVEMENT

- Elders are our strength and provide guidance and support before, during and after each Assembly
- Youth are engaged and involved through opportunities to participate in Youth Forums
- Executive Women's Council is formally established
- National and Chiefs Assemblies are held in the spring and fall to continue receiving direction from Leadership

FISCAL GROWTH AND MANAGEMENT

- Increased operating budget
- Eliminated substantial cumulative deficit
- Increased staff and services



Former Grand Chiefs of GCT3 at Onigaming FN Sept 15&16
L to R; Tobasonakwut Kinew, Diane Kelly, Francis Kavanaugh, Eli Mandamin, Arnold Gardner & Fred Kelly

