



**The Grand Traverse Band of
Ottawa and Chippewa Indians**

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Certification of Tribal Council Action
Regular Session of February 19, 2020

I hereby certify as the Tribal Council Secretary that the foregoing Motion was Approved and Adopted at the Regular Session of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians Tribal Council

Amended Tribal Council Goals and Objectives

Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Treasurer Rohl to amend Tribal Council Goals and Objectives.

5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Wilson); 0-ABSTAINING
Motion Carries

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CC: Sonya Zotigh, TMO

Mission Statement of the Tribal Council:

We, the Tribal Council of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians, a Sovereign Nation, honor our ancestors and the rights preserved for our Tribal Nation. We shall promote and protect the wellbeing of our present and future members through culture, sovereignty, treaty rights, natural resources, health, education, financial stability and housing.

CULTURE

Preserve, Revive and Practice our Anishnaabemowin & Traditions.

- Expand our collection and continue growth of cultural activities at Eyaawing.
- Language - Increase the frequency of Anishaabemowin being spoken in the communities and in the work place.
 - Saturday Language Class for families.
 - Create GTB Language Website.
 - Create scholarships to learn language.
- Catalog existing History- oral/video/written to museum and GTB library.
- Quarterly cultural activity - celebration of culture, opportunity to learn and share.

SOVEREIGNTY / TREATY RIGHTS

(Legislation)

Assertion and education of Tribal Sovereignty:

- Lobby for fulfillment of federal trust responsibilities.
- Continue advocacy for clean air, water - Green Initiative/renewable energy.
- Advocate for native life ways: (fishing, gathering, hunting, trapping)
- Protection of Natural Resources and the Great Lakes from invasive species.
- Protection of wild life- (wolves, bald eagle, moose, sturgeon).
- Land use plan/land trust/purchase of our ancestral land.
- Continue communication and increase awareness of government-to-government relationships (Tribal/State/Federal/Local).
- Collaborate on projects with other Three Fires Tribes.
- Review and update Tribal Codes.
- Agriculture and Food Sovereignty - Food sovereignty is the right GTB members for access to healthy and culturally appropriate food produced through ecologically sound and sustainable methods, and their right to define their own food and agriculture systems based upon the teachings and practices of the Tribe.

HEALTH

Provide quality health care services for eligible members in the six county service area:

- Increase consistent Health Care Accessibility in the six county service area.

- Increase health promotion/disease prevention through wellness, education in all areas of health.
- Promote Healthy Lifestyles.
- Timely Payment of medical bills.
- Aligning Benefits for members and employees.
- Become our own health provider.
- Behavioral Health - Development/promote healthy lifestyle initiatives.
- Provide human services for eligible Tribal members.

EDUCATION

Promote lifelong learning:

- Advocate for accurate Historical Reference of Native history.
- Provide employment opportunities for graduates.

Pre-School:

- Continue support of Head Start/ Early Head Start Program.

K – 12:

- Review possibility of Tribal Charter School.
- Maintain in school support.
- 100% Graduation Rate of all Tribal Members.
- Develop Tribal Leadership programs.
- Decrease absenteeism.

Adult Education:

- Continue GED/Adult Education program.
- Mentor Career/Education development.

Higher Education:

- Opportunity for career development – vocational education incentives through scholarships.
- Provide scholarship opportunities and informational resources in all career areas possible.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Committed to efficient governmental operations:

- Ongoing evaluation of the Banking Institutions and Investments.
- Continued oversight of Economic Entities of the Tribe.
- Financial transparency by providing Tribal Members continued access to Public Financial Statements.
- Governmental program efficiency analysis and reduction of duplication of services.
- Ensure that the Tribal Government is managed within the budget process and finances approved through ordinance, resolution, and motion by Tribal Council.

HOUSING

Create affordable, quality housing for Members of the Grand Traverse

Band in the six (6) county service area:

- Promote home ownership through Low-income housing tax credits, 184 loans, and Title 6 funding.
- Land purchase in the 6 county service area.
- Research supportive housing opportunities
- Review and update existing housing Policy and Procedures.
- Develop rental sites in the 6 county service area.
- Continued Development of infrastructure/homes in all reservation areas.