



ANNUAL REPORT

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Anishinaabe Baptiste Community Organization

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TO OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS

2020-2021 was a time that COVID 19 restrictions and protocol were in place for the 2nd and 3rd wave of this illness. A 4th wave of a changing virus across Canada is expected to occur during this fall and over the winter. Many of our in-person events have been replaced with virtual platforms. However, our organization and our community continued to move forward with various initiatives, such as the Equinox Sunrise Ceremonies, a Celebration of Life event, and the continued partnership with North Hastings Children Services.

With more and more people being vaccinated including many within our younger generations, we continue to offer tobacco and send prayers to the Creator to bring an end to this pandemic. When this illness is over, we can return to the way of life that we had known, but with a greater appreciation of what the Creator has, and continues, to give to us during our journey on Mother Earth.

Strategic Highlights

The Anishinaabe Baptiste Community Organization (ABCO) 2021 yearly “Area of Concern” calendar featured Birds/Birds of Prey and included a page to outline the reasons for concern and to help promote safety concerns for these creatures that are at risk. The calendar contains much information on the pages within the calendar, Algonquin words, dates of a full moon, and more. The “Year in Review” page featured snapshots of the 100th Year Celebration of Life for Chief John Baptiste, that shows many of our community members were in attendance.

Due to COVID, it was decided that ABCO would not sponsor an annual birch bark canoe build in 2020 or 2021 if Covid protocols did not permit. ABCO agreed to sponsor the Elders of our community to hold a Raffle for an ATV, with proceeds going to the Elders for cultural teachings, and developing programs to engage the youth of our communities.

The cultural programming for the Algonquin Inòdewiziwin Early ON Child events through North Hastings Children Services (NHCS) continues to be offered with attendance being managed in accordance with COVID restrictions and protocol in place. These cultural programs and teachings have been a successful journey together for the many partners involved and for our community and all the participants.

Financial Highlights

Sponsors for the yearly “Areas of Concern” Calendar were once again very supportive of this initiative. The revenue for this project was utilized for various ABCO administration and operational costs to produce the calendar.

The quarterly AI Centre Funding payments have been received during 2020 as set out in Budget forecasts for the continued operational costs for the AI Centre, and regular invoicing has been received from the North Hastings Children Services to pay for the costs. The Van and trailer purchased in the name of ABCO and branded with the appropriate logos, continues to be utilized to provide the AI programs at the local Early On sites, as permitted.

Operating Highlights

Minimal overhead and operating costs continue to be kept to a minimum where possible.

Each year is a growing and rewarding experience. Your support and involvement are key to our organization and our community success.

Looking Ahead

Plans are already underway for the 2022 “Area of Concern” calendars. This year fur-bearing creatures will be featured as species at risk. Delivery of the calendars is expected to be completed by November 2021. The calendars will be available for personal pick up at the Land Claim Office, 24 Flint Ave, Bancroft, Ontario.

ABCO will continue to strongly support North Hastings Children Services in the delivery of the Algonquin Inodewizin Culture Programs, and to provide the administrative support required for the funding received as established in our contractual obligations.

The renewal of the Forest Management Plan under the Tax Incentive Plan, for the joint ownership of the 27 acre property with Stewart Smith was required to be renewed for a further 10 years, as of July 31, 2021. Michael Green as our community representative/liaison

with Stewart Smith has continued to be very instrumental in assisting Stewart to ensure the care of this land is compliant with the requirements of the Plan. Thank you to Micael for all that you do and have done.

ABCO will continue to provide support to our community Heads of Family and Elders, and we look forward to assisting them in any of their future initiatives, as well as the Kijicho Manito Madaouskarini corporation.

Dora Yateman
President and Chair of Board of Directors

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

ANNUAL AREA OF CONCERN CALENDAR:

The projects for ABCO; the area of concern calendar resulted in revenue for the administration account to fund our future calendar.

- We anticipate the expenses for printing costs of calendars to remain as quoted last year but are prepared for any increases due in paper and ink costs.
- We look forward to any pictures, feedback and suggestions from our community members for species of concern that can be presented in the calendar.

ALGONQUIN INÒDEWIZIWIN PROGRAM

Funding for the Alprogram is being received and managed under ABCO's Journey Together Indigenous Program savings and chequing bank accounts, and as set out in the approved budgets.

- 2020 Operational Funding were received and spend as set out in the approved budget. The first quarterly 2021 operational funding was received at the end of March 2021 and will be disbursed in accordance with North Hastings Children Services invoices and the approved administration costs incurred by ABCO to manage these funds.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In 2020, two new ABCO board members, Jo Ann Gould-Green and Diane Martin, that were nominated to the board in 2019 have participated at the board meetings that were held. We anticipate in the near future that there will be more vacancies on our board of directors, and we welcome the opportunity to receive nominations from community members to join this board. We are looking forward to establishing a new dynamic board to review and refresh our organization.

Current Directors as at March 31, 2021

Nicole Crawford
Gary Fennell
Joanne Gould-Green
Diane Hannah-Martin
Lesley Trimbee
Dora Yateman
Irvin Yateman

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