

ANNISHINAABE BAPTISTE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

Mission Statement:

To provide effective leadership for the benefit of the Algonquin people of the Madaouskarini Band of the Algonquin Nation Kijicho Manito which consists of in and around the traditional territory of Bancroft / Baptiste Lake.

To determine credible and consistent leadership, by setting clear standards and policies to be respected by all members of the band council. To make critical decisions on a timely basis and to set consistent examples as “Role Models” for our community as well as for the overall Algonquin First Nation of Ontario, both internally and externally.

Vision Statement:

Along the path to our future we shall strive to bring our community together as a united group of Algonquin / Nippissing people. Our vision is to become a strong united community by unifying our vales as we strive for harmony with the overall Nation and its other communities. We will achieve this by securing our identity, by having faith in our children and by unifying our families for our future generations to follow. For the waters of the Madawaskarini and Shawashgon Rivers we must give thanks. These rivers and their tributaries are the veins of Mother Earth. A river has the ability to cleanse itself. Together rivers are able to reach their common destination bringing with them new life to meet the flood requirements of downstream. Yet each river is able to maintain its own identity and uniqueness. Never does a river leave once it joins another. It's this peace and harmony that is so achievable if teachings of the river are followed. We are like the rivers, as we flow through life we gather along the way to strengthen our profile with togetherness and uniqueness. The Algonquin Nation Kijicho Manito is our ambassador, carving a route for future generations to follow.

Elements of our Vision:

- Living in harmony with cultural values
- Fostering pride in our identity
- Being proud of our culture
- Being accountable to our people
- Enjoying full security and control over our lands
- Jurisdiction over our rights as we protect them
- Self determination
- Enjoying the resources, waters and land as a value
- Being responsible and respectful of Mother Earth

The above shall be accomplished with: **Honesty, Humility, Respect, Courage, Wisdom, Love and Truth.**

These values will allow us to maintain a strong focus on preserving family and kinship.