



Waganakising Odawak

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CITIZEN'S ONLY PORTAL COMMENT POLICY POL-EXE 091913-001-A

- I. **Purpose.** LTBB has a Citizen's Only portal that can be accessed through the Tribe's website. This portal shall have a comment section that allows Tribal Citizens to comment on pending legislation, policies, and governmental operations. In order to manage comments on the website, the Tribe has set forth the following policy to provide guidance and notice to the Tribal Citizens who post a comment on the website.
- II. **Definitions:**
 - A. **None.**
- III. **Limitations.** Comments must be respectful, courteous, and productive. Comments that are profane, obscene, offensive, sexually explicit, or otherwise in violation of any Waganakasing Odawak Statute or law shall not be allowed. If a comment is made on any crime that has been reported or unreported, a referral shall be made to the Tribal Police.
- IV. **Reserved Rights.** The Tribe reserves the right to reject or remove comments that are in violation of this Policy. It is within the Tribe's ability to determine in its sole discretion which submissions meet its qualifications for posting. This policy may be amended at any time and shall be posted on this website.
- V. **Required Name.** All posted comments must contain the person's first and last name.
- VI. **Ban and Removal.**
 - A. **Misuse of names.** Any person found to use multiple names or someone else's name shall be reported as threatening, harassing or stalking and shall be prosecuted to the extent of the law and banned from this site.
 - B. **Repeated Violations.** Any person who repeatedly violates the terms and conditions of this policy will be subject to restricted access, all out banning and/or prosecution.
 - C. **Moderating.** The Tribe will moderate the posting of comments during regular business hours Monday through Friday, or such other times as scheduled. Generally, comments submitted after hours or on weekends will be read and

posted as soon as reasonably possible.

D. Prohibitions. The following are prohibited for the web-site comments:

1. Promotion of services or products.
2. Comments and postings that are clearly "off topic," or "spam".
3. Making a reference to a Tribal employee by using their name(s).
4. Posting Social Security numbers, addresses, phone numbers or email addresses in the comments. This is to protect a person's own privacy and the privacy of others.

VII. Sovereign Immunity and Indemnification.

- A. The Tribe and any subordinate entities will not waive sovereign immunity and indemnifies any official or employees against any damages, losses, liabilities, judgments, causes of action, costs or expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs) arising out of any claim by a third party relating to any material posted on the Tribe's website.
- B. The Tribe acknowledges that any opinions posted in the comments belong to the individuals who expressed them and does not necessarily represent the views of the Tribe.

CERTIFICATION

As Chairperson, I certify that I approve this Citizen's Only Portal Comment Policy.

Date: 9/19/13



Fred Kiogima, Tribal Chairman