



Saugeen First Nation #29

Administration

February 25, 2019

Open Letter to Community

RE: Media Reports of Saugeen First Nation and Cannabis Deal

Dear Members,

Some of you may have read recently that the Saugeen First Nation has entered into a deal to develop a cannabis production facility within our Community. This is not true. We have not entered into any deal and Chief and Council would never enter such a deal with coming to you first with all the details to seek your support. Let me give you the facts.

On February 24, 2019, it was reported in the Owen Sound Sun Times that the Saugeen First Nation entered into an agreement with Wiisag Corporation for the development of a "cannabis industrial park" within our Community. Originally, the article said it was a done deal. The first article was retracted and a new article made some clarifications that the deal was not yet finalized, but was still being considered. Here are the facts. There is no deal. The Wiisag Corporation has approached Chief and Council to propose a deal whereby Saugeen lands could be used to grow cannabis to be sold in the now legal cannabis market. Chief and Council are only now beginning to consider the proposal. There are still many unanswered questions, most importantly, would the Saugeen Community accept such a deal, and is this even a good investment for our Community?

We are still doing the work to understand the deal and ask all the hard questions. If Chief and Council thinks the deal is good enough to consider, we will bring it to the Community for your consideration.

This is how we have always worked for important decisions and how we will continue to work.

It is unfortunate that this media report went out and set out false information, but we can't control that. Just rest assured that your Chief and Council will never make an agreement like this without coming to you first.

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Sincerely,

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