



**Deshkan Ziibiing
Anishinaabe Aki
Chi-Inaakonigewin**



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Niigaanaajimowin

Preamble

Niinwe Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki, Anishinaabek, ndo m'shkowi m'jigonaanaa Anishinaabe zhitwaawin miinwaa geh gwanda kchi-nshinaabek gaa bi-biitamowad, eko-nsing noogshkaang eshinkaadek; Ndanwendaaswinaanik gwanda kchi-nshinaabek miidash gwa maampii dbendaagoziyaang;

Whereas, we, the Peoples of Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki uphold our relationship to our Anishinaabe Creation Story and to our Ancestors who migrated to what we know is the third stopping place; We are the descendants and we call this territory our home;

Niinwe Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki, Anishinaabek na mzoo-gaabweyaad, Nsi-Shkoden ezhi-waawiisjik, ndebendaagozimi Ojibway (Genwendagik zhitwaawin), Pottawatomie (Genwendagik Shkode) miinwaa Odawa (Genwendagik Meshtoongewin);

Whereas, we, the Peoples of Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki belong to the Three Fires Confederacy, Ojibway (Keepers of the Faith), Pottawatomie (Keepers of the Fire), and Odawa (Keepers of the Trade);

Niinwe Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki Anishinaabek, pane nbi-dabendaagozimi M'shiikeh M'nising, niinwe maanda ndo akiimnaa, ndo nbiishminaa, ndo zhi-bmaadziwninaa. Niinwe dash gwa ndinendaagozimi wii ginowenmangid maaba shkakamik kwe gwanda nji niigaan waa ni-bmaadazijik;

Whereas, we, the Peoples of Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki have inherent rights to our land, our water, our culture, our language, our traditions and the responsibility to preserve our inherent rights for future generations;

Niinwe Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki Anishinaabek ndo noojagitoonaa iyaawayaang ezhi nakaaziyaang aki, nbiish miinwaa gwa kina ezhi-bmaadaziyaang, enweyaang miinwaa enaagadadowaang;

Whereas, we, the Peoples of Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki grow our identity through nurturing our relationship with land, water and through the respect we hold for our culture, language, and traditions;

Niinwe Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki Anishinaabek kaawiin wiikaa ngii bagidnaziinaa'aa do akiimwaa miinwaa waazhi maakonidzowang maage gwa waazhi makonidiyaang nwiji Anishinaabenaanik;

Whereas, we, the Peoples of Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki have never surrendered our overignty or our inherent right to govern ourselves or the authority to enter into agreements with other Nations;

Niinwe Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki Anishinaabek, bezhik gwanaa ndaawami ezhi wiizod Anishinaabe, ndo maakonidzami zhanda nakiiwin etek, nwewin eyaamang, m'shko zhitwaawin miinwaa aapji ewenjishing zha'iyawin pane bi-yaamaang jigwaa dagoshing ewaabshkiiyed;

Whereas, we, the Peoples of Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki, as part of the Anishinaabeg Nation, maintain a self-sufficient government with a sustainable economy, distinctive language, powerful spirituality, and a rich culture that pre-dates settler contact;

Niinwe Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki Anishinaabek nisadownaanaa bizhi-maa'aas-hiikadaagowang maampii Canada, gooji'ind wii zhaaganaashii bmaadazid Anishinaabe Nandwendaanaa wii mino ginoowaabading miinwaa wii minaadending, kina Anishinaabek, Canada, Ontario miinwaa gwa gaataa'iing egimaawajik;

Whereas, we, the Peoples of Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki recognize the injustices flowing from Canada's attempts to colonize our lands and people, we wish to forge healthy, respectful relationships with other Nations, Canada, Ontario, and local governments;

Niinwe Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki Anishinaabek neyaap ndo daa'aanaa Anishinaabe ge'ii ezhi- kinoomaaged, do kinomaadwenan miinwaa gaa miingowaang geniinwe ezhi-nsastamaang bmaadaziwin;

Whereas, we, the Peoples of Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki retain our right to establish educational systems in a manner appropriate to our cultural methods of teaching and learning;

Niinwe Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki Anishinaabek ndo minaadendaanaa kchi-nshinaabek do mshkowewziwaa, naagadogewin miinwaa inaadaziwin wii naabado'amaang Mino Bimaadaziwin;

Whereas, we, the Peoples of Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki honour our Ancestors strength, guidance and inspiration to connect with Mino Bimaadaziwin;

Miidash awi, Niinwe Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki Anishinaabek do gaandinaanaa'aa mino daapanidwin, bezhigonang wii zhi-gnowaambading miinwaa wii mino daapaniding.

Therefore, we, the Anishinabeg of Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki, promoting traditions of liberty, justice and peace, do hereby adopt and establish this Chi-Inaakonigewin under the guidance of: Zaagidwin (Love); Mnaadenmowin (Respect); Nbwaakaawin (Wisdom); Aakode'ewin (Bravery); Debwewin (Truth); Gwekwaadziwin (Honesty); and Dbaadendiziwin (Humility).

Ntam debaadteg – Chi-Inaakonigewin

Article 1 – Supreme Law

1.1 Maanda Chi-Inaakonigewin, naagjigaade maanpii Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki.

This Chi-Inaakonigewin is the supreme law of Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki.

1.2 Maanda Chi-Inaakonigewin, maanpii Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki, dagwaszin Anishinaabe mazi-kammikwe-inaakonigewin miinwaa gete Anishinaabe izhitwaawin.

The supreme law of Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki includes Anishinaabe mazi-kammikwe-inaakonigewin miinwaa gete Anishinaabe izhitwaawin.

1.3 Giishpin maanaadseg gwegwendig gwa naaknigewan Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki, Chi-Inaakonigewin da ntam gaabwimgat.

In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between this Chi-Inaakonigewin and any law, by-law, policy, regulation or code enacted by Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki, Chi-Inaakonigewin shall prevail.

1.4 Kina gwa gego megwaa Enaagdoong Inaakonigewinan, Chi-Inaakonigewin ntam gaabwimgat.

All other Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki laws, by-laws, policies, regulations or codes are subject to this Chi-Inaakonigewin.

Ekwa niizhing debaateg – Nwewin miinwa Anishinaabe Aadzowin

Article 2 – Language and Culture

2.1 Niizhing ndinwemi maanpii Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki. Anishinaabemowin miinwa Zhaaganaashiimowin.

The official languages of Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki are Anishinaabemwin and English.

2.2 Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki da niigaan naanaa’aa mino-bmaadiziwin wii mshko-gaabwemgak, wii zhi maadzing, wii kinomaading, miinwaa wii mino Anishinabemowin miinwaa Anishinaabe Aadzowin.

Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki shall promote, advance and strengthen the philosophy of mino-bimaadiziwin: to live, to teach, and to embrace Anishinaabemwin and Anishinaabe aadzowin.

Ekwa n'sing debaateg – Chi-twa giizhgadoon

Article 3 – Official Commemorations

3.1 Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki da azhisidoonaa'aan waa manajitoowaajin Anishinaabe ge'ii do kchitwa giizhgadoon.

Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki may declare official days of traditional importance to commemorate and celebrate.

Ekwa niwing debaateg – Niigaanziwin

Article 4 – Government

4.1 Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki nisdoonoowaa'aan Doodemawan. Nisdoonaanaa'aa mii maanda ezhi mindzhaadizwad Anishinaabe niiganziwin miinwaa do naakonigewniwaa kina gegoo wii manabdek.

Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki recognizes the Dodomaag system of governance in its administration of government and the administration of a justice system.

Ogimaa gamig ezhi minzhaandming

Branches of Government

4.2 Anishinaabe Dabaakonigewin – nchike'aakogaabwemgad maanda Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki. Ogima gamgoong kshke'ewziwin maampii teh wii aandsidoong miinwaa wii aandaakonigeng ezhiwaabdaming Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki Chi-naakonigewning, wii naagadoong, Anishinaabe naakonigewin miinwaa Anishinaabe aadziwin.

Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki shall be comprised of the following three branches:

- (a) **Council**, the elected governing body, enact Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki laws, develop public policy, and carry out political responsibilities for Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki;
- (b) **Administration**, administer the day to day operations of Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki in accordance with law and policy;
- (c) **Justice System**, is an independent branch of Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki government and shall have the power of judicial review and the jurisdiction to interpret and construe the laws, ordinances, regulations and actions of the other branches of government under Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki Chi-Inaakonigewin in accordance with the rule of law and Anishinaabe tradition.

4.3 Kaawiin maamdaa ji-aandjtoowaapa bepkaan enakijig Ogima gamgoong maandaa Chi-Inaakonigewin, gishpin goh eta Chi-Inaakonigewining zhibiigaadek.

A branch of Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki must not exercise any power allocated by this Chi-Inaakonigewin to another branch of Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki except as specifically authorized in this Chi-Inaakonigewin.

4.4 Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki e-naagamigaasjig giididoo-aniniwok miinwaa kwewog da toonaa’aan naakonigewnan waa naagadoong wii bmibadetoong Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki.

The Council of Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki shall enact rules of procedure to govern Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki.

Ogimaa miinwaa giigidoo-ninoog waa naagdoowad

Governing Principles

4.5 Ezhi ndowenmaad Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki wii zhi mindzhaandamonid do shkwanganwaa giigdoon-ninoon e-nagmaa’ aajin:

Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki expects the Council to:

- (a) Ji mzo-mshkogaabweyad miinwa ji-mzo giigadoowad;**
wield its authority as a whole and speak with one, unified voice;
- (b) Ji-mshkonaagadoowad niizhwaaswi kinomaadwenan: Zaagidwin, Mnaadenmowin, Nbwaakaawin, Aakode’ewin, Debwewin, Gwekwaadziwin, miinwaa Dbaadendiziwin;**
honour and abide by the Seven Grandfather teachings: Zaagidwin (Love), Mnaadenmowin (Respect), Nbwaakaawin (Wisdom), Aakode’ewin (Bravery), Debwewin (Truth), Gwekwaadziwin (Honesty), and Dbaadendiziwin (Humility);
- (c) Weweni ji-bmibadetoowad kina Anishinaabe naakongewnan, mazhisha miinwaa gwek ji-doodamoowad;**
conduct all matters within the First Nation laws of governance, transparency and accountability;
- (d) Ji-mnaadendamowad ndo Chi-inaakonigewninaa miinwaa ji-mshkonamwad biinjina;**
be loyal to Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki, and respect this Chi-Inaakonigewin;

- (e) **Ji-mjigonamwad miinwaa ji-gaandi-namwad bekaadendaagoziwin, mzogaabwewin miinwaa mino-bmaadziwin Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki;**
preserve and promote peace, unity and well-being of Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki;
- (f) **Ji-bmibadetoowad Anishinaabe ogimaa gamik nakaazwad wenjishing, weweni ji-zhichagewad mazhisha ji-nakiwwad miinwaa gwek ji-doodamoowad;**
provide good, effective, transparent and accountable First Nations government;
- (g) **Ji-mnowiijanakiindwad, ji-debwetaadwad miinwaa ji-mnaanendiwwad;**
cooperate with one another in mutual trust and good faith;
- (h) **Ji-minowiijanakiindwat pii azhinaagok miinwaa ji maamwe nakiitimowad wene enendagok;**
consult and inform one another on matters of common interest and coordinate actions with one another; and,
- (i) **Pane ji-mkwendamooowad Anishinaaben kwiinwening wii kwejmaa'aad enendamanid jibwa zhaababidetoowad gego waa mzhikaagonid.**
be committed to the inclusion of community in the direction of the Nation.

Ogimaakewin

Composition of Council

- 4.6 Bezhik Ogimaa miinwaa giigdooninook daa anagmigaazwag maanpii Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki debendaagozijig. Mazinigan Ogimaa keng enaagadong da nakaazam pii aanji gimaakeng.**
The Council of Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki shall consist of a Chief and Councillors democratically elected by the voters of Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki at elections in accordance with a Leadership Selection Code.
- 4.7 Ogimaa miinwaa giigdooninook aabadek wii dabendaagooziwak Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki wii bmibadetoowaad do kwiinwinwaa.**
The Council shall be the Governing Body of Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki, and all of whom must be members of Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki.

4.8 Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki minaa’aan giigidoo-ninooon wii nakaaznid mshkogaabwewin, mshkoziwin, miinwaa kshke’ewziwin wii nankiinid ezhi-dowendaagozinid.

Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki acts through its Council in exercising its rights, powers, and privileges and in carrying out its duties, functions, and obligations.

**Ekwa Naa’ning Debaad’tek – G’dakimnaa miinwa Ezhi minzhaandmiing
Article 5 – Jurisdiction and Authority**

5.1 Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki daanaa’aa kshke’ewziwen wii Miikodaadiziwad, wiinwaa gwa ji-zhiibaabadetoowad naakonigewnan zhanda dibashish ezhibiigaadegin:

Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki has inherent rights of self-determination and may pass laws in respect to the following areas:

- **Niigaanzii-naakonigewnan miinwa swe’ookiing waa miikagik Deshkan Ziibiing shkwanganing waa naagaanziikidangik;**
governance structures and the delegation of jurisdiction and authority;
- **Wii gnowendaming maanda aki, nbi, noodin miinwaa weweni wii mindzaandaming;**
the preservation and maintenance of our land, water, air and other natural resources;
- **Wesiiyag gnowendj’gaazowad;**
wildlife management;
- **Waazhi naagadowendaming maanda ndo a’kiimnaa pane wiini minoging miinwaa wii miinawang;**
preservation and conservation of the environment;
- **Nwewin, zha’yaawin, zhitwaawin miinwaa kina gaa ni-ngadmaa goyaang kchi-nshinaabek;**
language, culture, traditions, and heritage;
- **Kinoomaadwin;**
education;

- **Zhigewin;**
housing;
- **Nakiitaming wii miikaming nakiiwin;**
economic system;
- **Zhoonyaa miikagaadek miinwaa naadowendamig;**
financial administration and management;
- **Ogimaakeng;**
elections;
- **Debendaagozjik miinwaa kwiinwining endaajik;**
membership and community residents;
- **Emindzhaandagik naakonigewnan miinwaa enaawchigejik;**
administration of justice and dispute resolution;
- **Kwiinwening enaadmaagejik;**
social services;
- **Binoojiinhyan ekowaamaajik;**
child welfare;
- **Enaandwechgejik;**
health;
- **Nakiiwin e'naangoondming;**
labour relations;
- **Naakiiwin miinwaa zhinoomaaageng waazhi nakiitaming dabendaaswin;**
employment and training;
- **Wiidageng miinwaa webaniding, wiidage dabendaaswin;**
marriage and divorce, matrimonial real property;

- **Miinzhaandaming miikinan bembizajik, bemwedaasjik, enji-noogkshkaang miinwaa kchi-miikinan;**
traffic, transportation, parking and highways;
- **Emindzhaandagik shkwanganing miiknan, nibi, bemi-zhijiwang, zhiigwebnigan bemi-zhijiwang;**
public works and infrastructure;
- **Kina mindzhaandaming dabendaaswin miinwaa zhoonyaa;**
public and capital assets;
- **Dabewgendaming, bagidamige mazinigan, miinwaa nagabajige mazinigan;**
regulation, licensing and prohibition of business;
- **Enchike-gaabwejik gegoo bmibadetoowad shkwanganing;**
corporations;
- **Nagadmaage mazinigan miinwaa kina debendaaswin;**
wills and estates;
- **Azhiitaang waa zhitchageng gegoo zhi kchi-zhwe'ebak ndo shkwanganing;**
public order, peace, safety and emergency preparedness;
- **Wesiiyag ezhi-gnowenmindwaa;**
animal control;
- **Pkengaadenik anishnaabek zhoonyaa ogimaanang waa zhaamgak;**
taxation;
- **Debendaagozskog Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki ezhi-naadamondowa;**
services to non-members on Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki lands;
- **Ndagkendaming miinwaa naagadoowendaming aki miinwaa kina gego etek akiing; miinwaa,**
environment protection and assessment; and,

- **Wene gwa iidek geyaabi Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki e'waambdamwad ji-miikaming.**
other areas approved by Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki members.

Naakonigewnan ezhi-zhitoong

Law-Making Process

- 5.2 Kina gwa Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki naakonigewnan ezhichigaadegin aabdek Ogimaa miinwaa giigidoo-ninook wii zhaabapidetoonaa'aan, waa'aach gwa anishinaabek gaa zhaabapidetooowad.**
All Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki laws must be officially signed by the Council, including those laws that require referendum by the Electors of Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki.
- 5.3 Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki zhitoonaa'aa waa naagajigaadek will dagogaabeyad shkwanganing debendaagozijik miinwaa wii kidwad wzhi-waambdamwad naakonigewnan zhitoong.**
Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki Council will establish rules to allow citizenship/ membership participation and consultation in its law-making process.
- 5.4 Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki da zhitoonaa'aa waa naagajigaadek miiyaa waani zhishchigeng miinwaa pii waa zhaapbidek Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki naakonigewin.**
Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki Council shall establish rules regarding the process and timelines for the enactment, coming into force, and publication of Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki laws.
- 5.5 Gwegwendik gwa naakonigewin megwaa etek da aanji gnowaambajiigaade pii maanda Chi-Inaakonigewin maajii naagadoong.**
Any law, by-law, code or policy in force at the time this Chi-Inaakonigewin comes into effect will be reviewed by Council to determine whether it is a law under Chi-Inaakonigewin.

Waa bimiikagik ndakiminaa miinwaa minjaandewin

Delegation of Jurisdiction and Authority

- 5.6 Giishpin Ogimaa miinwaa giigadoo-ninook bagidnaa'aad enakiitaagenjin maage gegoo waazhi bmibadek bemiikaagik, gegoo naakonigeyaad aabdek gwa Ogimaa miinwaa giigadoo-ninook wii zhiibaabadtoonaa'aa miinwa aabdek gwa mazinigan wii zhibiigaadek bagidani-gaadek awi waa inaakinigiwad.

The Council may delegate its jurisdiction or authority or any part of it, in writing, to a legal entity in a manner consistent with Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki laws.

- 5.7 Giishpin bagidanigaadek gwiya gegoo wii miikang, mazinigan da zhitchigaade, ji-miigweyaad kshke'ewziwin. Maaba dash emiinid awi kshke'ewziwin, Ogimaan miinwaa giigadoo-ninook Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki kina gegoo da nsastamoonan.

Where jurisdiction or authority, or part of it, is delegated pursuant to Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki laws, the Council will ensure in writing that the legal entity to which delegation has been made will be accountable to Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki for the jurisdiction of authority which has been delegated.

- 5.8 Kina gwa gegoo bemiikigaadek Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki shkwanganing da gnowendaanaa'aa gwanda giigadoo-ninook miinwaa geh da naaniibwek-daa'aaan.

Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki Council will remain accountable to its members for the exercise of the jurisdiction or authority it delegates to any and all legal entities.

- 5.9 Giishpin Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki giigadoo-ninook gwiiya anagamaa'aad gegoo wii zhitchigenid/nankiinid awi naagadoong do naakonigenewaa, kaawiin awa gaa anagamin maamdaa bekaanzinjin ji-aanke miinaad awi wiin gaa miinind wii zhitchaged/nankiid.

Where jurisdiction, or part of it, is delegated by Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki Council pursuant to the Nation laws, Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki Council will ensure that the jurisdiction it delegates is not sub-delegated.

- 5.10 Ogimaa miinwaa giigadoo-ninook do zhitoonaa'aa wene enagamind wii zhitchaged enendaagozid. Kaawiin maamdaa bekaanzinjin awa gaa nagamin wii aanke miigwed wi gaa nagamind wii zhitchaged/nankiid. Giishpin Ogimaa miinwaa giigadoo-ninook mazinigan zhiibiimowad minaad kzhke'ewziwin awi wii aanke miigwenid maage bekaanzid awi wii zhitchaged/nankiid.

Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki Council will ensure, in writing that the legal entity to which delegation of jurisdiction or authority from Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki Council has been made, may not, sub-delegate that jurisdiction or authority without the written consent of the majority of Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki Council.

Ekwa Gwadwaaching Debaad'tek – Ganijgewgamgoon **Article 6 – Institutions**

- 6.1 Daa'aanaa'aa Kshke'ewziwin, denaakonigewniwaang, Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki Anishinaabek wii azitoowad nakii-gamgoon waanji-miikagaadek miinwaa miikwendwaa maanpii Shkanganing Anishinaabek. Weweni jizhi miikwendwaa, Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki miinwaa giigagoo-niwok ezhi-dowendamowad da naakonigewak wii minaadenmaa'aad wiiji- Anishinaabewan.**

Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki has the authority to establish public institutions in accordance with its laws, to perform functions of its government, for the administration of good government, as determined by Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki Council.

Eko-Niizhwaaching – Zhoonyaa Emind'zhaandagik **Article 7 – Financial Management**

Ezhi miikming Zhoonyaa

Principles of Financial Management

- 7.1 Enendaagoziwad Zhoonyaa Emind'zhaandagik miinwaa Ogimaa-gamgong enakiitaagejik, Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki wii zhi- mind'zhaandagewad:**
Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki expects the financial management and administration of Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki to:
- (a) Ji-kakendamowzinid, gwek ji-miikaagewad miinwaa ji-minaadenjigewad;**
be prudent, open, transparent and accountable;
 - (b) Weweni ji- mind'zhaandamowad miinwaa weweni ji-dabaabiishkojigewad**

miikamowad Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki azhoonyaamowaa;
provide for effective and efficient use of the financial resources of Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki;

- (c) **Ji-wiingezwad miinwaa ji-kowaambadamwad Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki adibendaaswin;**
preserve and protect Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki assets and interests;
and,
- (d) **Miinwaa gwek ji-ginoonaa'aad, ji-nsatamoonaa'aad Anishinaaben Deshkan Ziibiing Anishnaabe Aki endaanjin miinwaa debendaagozinjin.**
ensure due accountability to the citizens/members.

Ezhi-Mind'zhaandaming Zhoonyaa Ogimaa Gamgong **Control of Financial Administration**

- 7.2 Daa'aanaa'aa kshke'ewziwin Anishinaabek debendaagozjik miinwaa Endaajik Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki wii kogedwewad aanii gegoo ezhi-nakiimgak, zhoonyaa ezhi-mindzhaandaming, ogimaa-gamgong dinaangzhiwniwaa zhewi enakijjik maagegwa wii kwedwewad gegoo mazinigan waa naadamaagwad wii nsastamwad gegoo ezhi-bmibidek. Kaawiin dash wiigwa maamdaa ji-wiindamaagaazwaapa maage ji-miingaaaz waapa mazinigan giishpin maanda gegoo aawang mazhisha e-dabaachigaadesinok.**
Citizens/Members of the Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki have the right to access information on matters dealing with the financial management and administration of services and programs, excluding information related to personnel matters and any other confidential personal information.
- 7.3 Da naagadonaa'aa gwa ge'iinwaa Giigado-ninook miinwaa Ogimaa gamgong enakijjik maanda naakonigewin gaa zhichigaadek miinwaa kina enaagajigaadek zhoonyaa enji-miikagaadek, enendaagoziwad miinwaa ji-naagadowad nakonigewin ezhi- daapnigaadek gegoo zhoonyaa ezhi-mind'zhaandaming maage Ogimaa gamgong.**
The Council and Administration of Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki shall abide by the Nation laws and policies governing financial management, accountability, and access to information.
- 7.4 Daa andsidonaa'aa gwa zhoonyaa gwaji ji-nakaazwad pkaan Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki giishpin gwa kina Giigado-ninook mzowendamowad.**

The Council may, by resolution, approve agreements for funding to Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki, its departments or institutions.

7.5 Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki Giigido-ninook da zhitonaa'aan naakonigewnan geh naagajigaadegin wii miikaming zhoonyaa Ogimaa gamgong nakiwanning. Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki Giigido-ninook dash gwa maanda da naaniibwekdaanaa'aa kwiinwening miinwaa zhewe debendaagozjik. Miinwaa geh, da naagadonaa'aa gwa kchi-ogimaanaang ezhi-dibaabiishkojiged.

Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki Council shall make laws to establish a system of financial administration, through which the Council will be financially accountable to Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki members, and that includes standards comparable to those generally accepted for governments of Canada.

Eko-nshwaaching – Ezhi-Bmibadetong Ogimaa Agamik

Article 8 – Public Administration

8.1 Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki ezhi-dwe'enmaa'aad Ogimaa gamgong enakiitaagenjin miinwaa kina noonch enakiitaagwaajin waazhi mind'zhaan damowat miinwaa waazhi mind'zhaandizwat Ogimaa gamgong epiichi nakiitaagwat:

Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki expect the administrative and program services to be administered in accordance with the following values and principles:

- (a) Ji-minaadendjigewat, ji-naagadowad kinomaadwenan;**
a high standard of ethics;
- (b) Ji-zhaabwendamowad enakiwad miinwaa ji-kakendamowat wene kina naangazhewnan miinwaa wene enakiwad enkijik Ogimaa gamgong;**
efficient, effective and prudent use of resources;
- (c) Gwaji ji-nji-gaabwesigwaa miinwaa naasaap kina gwiiya naada mowaa'aad miinwaa ji-zhi-gnowaabmaa'aad;**
impartial and equitable provisions of programs and services;
- (d) Minik echitaang miikwindwaa Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki ezhi-minezwad; miinwaa;**
responsiveness to Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki public needs; and,

- (e) **Wii miikawindwaa ezhi-kshkitong wewiip, wii ninmoondwaa menezwad miinwaa gwek ji-wiindamoondowaa ezhi-kagwedwewad maage gwek ezhi-biigaadegin maziniganan.**

provision of timely, accessible and accurate information.

Aazhadendawin miinwaa Aanji-gno-waambdaming gaa ni nji giizhendang Review and Appeal of Administrative Decisions

- 8.2 Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki da zhibii'aanaa'aa geh naagadong giishpin aazhidendawin tek. Da aanji gnowaabajigaade wene gaazhi dagooshning awi gaazhi giizhendaming wii zhichigeng. Mii maanda mazinigan geh naagadong naawchigeng Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki enakiitaagejik. Ogimaa-gamgong miinwaa gwa kina enakiitaagejik Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki.**
Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki shall create systems that provide for the appeal and the review of administrative decisions for Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki and its Public Institutions.

Eko-Zhaangching – Deshkan Ziibiing Endaajik/Debendaagozijik Article 9 – Citizenship/Membership

- 9.1 Kshke'ewziwin ndaa'aanaa maampii Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki wii enakonigeyaad wene geh dabendaagozid zhanda Shkwanganing.**
Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki has the right and authority to determine its citizens/members without outside influence.
- 9.2 Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki da zhiibaabadetonaa'aan naknigewinan geh naagadong, Chi-Inaakonigewin da naagajigaade, zhitchigaadek mazinigan waa naagadong aanii waazhi nsidwinwaa'aad wene debendaagozijik Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki.**
Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki shall enact laws in accordance with the law-making process set out in this Chi-Inaakonigewin to create a Citizenship/Membership Code.
- 9.3 Ensa bezhik gwa Anishinaabe emakabiigaazad Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki Shkonganing dabendaagozi Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki.**
Every person who is a registered citizen in accordance with the Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki Citizenship/Membership Code is a citizen/member of Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki.

Eko-mdaaching – Naagadowendizwin

Article 10 – Rights and Freedoms

- 10.1 Kina gwa Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki Anishinaabek minaadenjigaazwak miinwaa wiijgaabwitwaawak wiinwaa ge’iinwaa wii awenaamdawad waazhi bmaadziwad miinwaa wii maamwe nakaazwad eyaaming Shkwanganing.**
Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki respects the dignity and supports the independence of each individual living in a community of shared resources and responsibility.
- 10.2 Kina gwa debendaagozjik maampii shkwanganing daa’aanaa’aa kshke’ewzi win wii naagadawendizwat:**
Every citizen/member of Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki has the right to exercise the following freedoms:
- (a) Wii giisewad, wii giigoonhkewat, will pkibidoowad mshkikwan, kina emiiwang miinwaa gwa kina gegoo Debenjiged/Gazhemanidoo gaazhi miinaad Anishinaaben;**
to practice indigenous and treaty rights including the right to harvest the gifts of Creator in a sustainable manner;
 - (b) Wii zhitwaawaat miinwaa wii naagadowad ge’iinwaa ezhi debwetamowad;**
to practice beliefs, spirituality and/or religion;
 - (c) Wii kinomoondwaa wii Anishinaabemiwat;**
to learn to speak Anishinaabemwin;
 - (d) Wii zhi-bmaadziwat ge’iinwaa gaazhi miingoweziwad;**
to live in a manner that is in keeping with his/her Indigenous traditions;
 - (e) Wii anagamaa’aad Ogimaan miinwa giigido-ninooon Deshkan Ziibiin Anishinaabe Aki wiiwaa gaabi bi-zhichigewad;**
to participate in the selection of Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki leadership;
 - (f) Wii dagogaabweyaad gegoo dazhinjigaadek naagadong Chi-Inaakonigewin miinwaa Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki naaknigewin;**
to participate in the public decision-making processes set in this Chi-Inaakonigewin and Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki laws;

- (g) **Wii minaadenmindwaa miinwaa kina naasaap wii zhi gnowaabmind waa gwaji kwedewad wii naadamondwaa;**
to fair and equal access to programs and services, subject only to the regulatory organization that may be applicable;
- (h) **Wii iyaamwad kshke'ewziwin wii kidwad enendamowad, ezhi debwetmowad miinwaa geh ji-bazindwindwaa;**
freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression;
- (i) **Wii iyaamwad kshke'ewziwin wii mzogaabweyat gegoo dagishkamowat, aabadek dash wiigwa bekaa ji-bmi iyaa'aat kaawiin maamdaa ji-maaskaa'aad;**
freedom of peaceful assembly;
- (j) **Wii iyaamowad kshke'ewziwin wii wenaabmaa'aad waa Nagadenmaa'aajin wiinwaa gwa ezhi-waambdamad;**
freedom of association;
- (k) **Wii iyang mino bmaadziwin, wii magoshkwaadendazik bemaadazid giishpin gohetah bmi-debanind gegoo zhi-maazhii'id maage gegoo naakonigewin binaachtod;**
the right to life, liberty and security of person and the right not to be deprived thereof except in accordance with the principles of fundamental justice; and,
- (l) **Kshke'ewziwin wii ayang wii dagishkang miinwaa wii aazhidendang gegoo ezhi dabaabiishkodeg giishpin mino'aanendazik, naangodnoong gwanaa ezhiwebak.**
to address and appeal any decisions that may arise from time to time.

10.3 Da naagadonaa'aan gwa Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki emizo'gaabwejik aakiing enaagadowad wii zhi-gnowaabmaa'aad bemaadzinjin zhi-noonch ezhi-wiiznid miinwaa ji-mino daapinamwad nooch ezhi-wiizanindjin bemaadzinjin ezhi debwetmonid miinwa gwa noonch ezhi-wiizwad Ogimaak maampii akiing.

Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki will adhere to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and uphold the rights its citizens possess against their own and other governments.

10.4 Kina gwa Shkwanganing debendaagozjik miinwaa debendaagok naasaap da zhi-gnowaambjigaade, dabishko gwanaa giigoonhik, asiniin/aazabikoon, bemaging, minidoonhshesak, ganebagook, miinwaa e-nii'oogaadejik. Kina gwa Akiing etek Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki.

Every citizen/member, including the fish, rocks, plants, flyers, crawlers and four-legged beings, is equal before and under the laws of Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki without discrimination or prejudice.

10.5 Kina gwa Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki Anishinaabek daa'aanaa'aa shkweyaan kchi-nshinaabek gaabi zhi-bmaadziwad miinwaa kina bemajiwang nibi kchi-nshinaabek gaabmi zhizha'iyaa'aad.

Every citizen/member of Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki possess inherent rights and title to all water ways defined within the historic Anishinaabe Migration.

Gekwa'izhang

Reasonable Limits

10.6 Chi-Inaakonigewin wiiigaabwitwaawaan minwaa ginwaabmaan kina Shkwaganing e-iyaaanjin. Kina ji- kshke'ewziwad wii zhi-daa'aa ezhi waambadamwad miinwaa ezhi dowendamowad. Giishpin dash wiigwa gwiiya gegoo wii zhichiged waazhi binaaj'chiged miinwaa aanind shkwanganing endajin gegoo wii zhi-nigaa'aad, kaawiin maamdaa Chi-naakonigewin wii aasgaabwetaagod, aabadek wii mzogaabwing. Zaam aabadek kina debendaagozjik Shkwaganing wii gnowenmindowaa.

Chi-Inaakonigewin guarantees the rights and freedoms set out above subject only to such reasonable limits as can be undeniably justified to protect the collective interest of Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki.

Ek-mdaasi-shi-bezhik – Enaangoonding Noonch Ezhi-Wiisong

Article 11 – Relationship With Other Nations

11.1 **Wijiiyeawak Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki, Anishinaabe ezhi-wiisjik kchi-gimaa giigadoo-ninook.**

Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki is a member of Anishinaabek Nation Grand Council.

11.2 **Giishpin gegoo maanaadsek Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki Chi-Inaakonigewin miinwa pkaan ezhi-wiisjik ge'inwaa do Chi-Inaakonigewniwaa, Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki Chi-Inaakonigewin da naagajigaade, kaawiin gegwa Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki naakonigewnan. Chi-Inaakonigewin go'eta.**

If there is any conflict between Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki Chi-Inaakonigewin and any other Nation's Constitution, Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki Chi-Inaakonigewin will prevail in Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki and over Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki laws, to the extent of the conflict.

11.3 **Ntam gaabwemigad Chi-Inaakonigewin maampii shkwanganing. Kaawiin gwa gegoo pkaan, waa'aach gwa kchi-gimaanang naakonigewnan enaagajigaadegin. Kaawiin gegwa pkaa ezhi-wiizjik Anishinaabek do Chi-Inaakonigewniwaa.**

Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki Chi-Inaakonigewin is paramount over the Canadian Constitution and the Constitutions of other sovereign Nations.

11.4 **Kina gwa enso bezhik Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki debendaagozjik aabadek naasaap wii zhi-gnowaabmin, wii dago'gaabwed miinwaa wii dabendaagozid maampii Canada miinwaa Ontario nangwa ezhinikaad jigaadek. Naasaap gwa pane bizhi-waawiindamowin kchi-ogimaanaang dabishko gwana naakonigewinan Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki. Kchi-ogimaanaang gaa bizhi-waawiindamowind miinwaa gwa kina gegoo Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki Chi-Inaakonigewining etek miinwaa geh Chi-Ogimaa naang enaagajigaadek.**

Every citizen/member of Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki has the right to equally participate as citizens of Canada and Ontario, consistent with Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki law, Aboriginal, treaty and other rights as recognized by Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki Chi-Inaakonigewin and the Canadian Constitution.

Ek mdaaswe-shi-niish – Chi-Inaakonigewin gezhi Aandchtoong

Article 12 – Chi-Inaakonigewin Amendment

12.1 Waa naagajijaadek giishpin gegoo wii aandchtoong Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki Chi-Inaakonigewining:

The Chi-Inaakonigewin of Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki shall be amended only in accordance with the following:

- (a) **Wii aandchtoong Chi-Inaakonigewin aabdek wii giigdownak Ogimaa, giigdo-ninook miinwaa Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki Anishinaabek debendaagozjik. Miigwa eta gezhi kshktoong wii aandchtoong gegoo giishpin mino daapenamwad Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki Anishinaabek. Aabadek enso gwadwaak zhanda shkwanganing debendaagozjik, gwadwaasmidina wii mino daapinaanaa'aa gegoo wii aandchigaadek.**

The Council of Deshkan Ziibiing Anishinaabe Aki, at any regular or special assembly may propose an amendment to this Chi-Inaakonigewin by adopting a resolution approved by at least 60% of its total membership at a special membership meeting.

