

# YEAR IN REVIEW

## MNO 30<sup>th</sup> AGA

Name of PCMNO Councilor	Region / Position
<b>Peter Rivers</b>	<b>Region 9 - Regional Councilor</b>

### Introductory Message about work within the Region in 2022/23

- The last year has been remarkably busy with activities associated with self-government, with countless meetings and workshops with the PCMNO, the Regional Consultation Committee (RCC) and with the Secretariat staff, the business end of region 9 has been overwhelming. The RCC has and been up to the task and is moving forward.
- The Region was also very engaged in providing support to citizens requiring support with food security.
- The Region 9 Councillor provided additional support to COVID-19 programming in Windsor as at this time the Community Council is not active.

### Highlights and Key Achievements

- After much discussion and negotiation, on October 17, 2023, Region 9 signed a Regional Implementation Agreement (RIA).
- We are now working to develop a regional workplan and the hiring of a Region 9 Manager.
- We continue to engage and meet with the government officials and proponents within the Region 9 catchment area.

### Meetings / Projects / Partnerships / Committee Participation / Other Activity

- Over the last year the Region 9 Consultation Committee engaged with Federal/Provincial government, LRC Branch and other agencies on numerous topics such as Climate Change, UNDRIP, Great Lakes Water Quality etc. Ministries and Agencies we met include but were not limited to The Canadian Water Agency and Ministry of Transportation and Fisheries.

### Other Comments

- The Region 9 Community Councils conducted a number of cultural workshops for its citizens during
- The fiscal year to bring community together. Workshops such as beading, community gardens, tree' planting and the like to place.
- Elections were held for the Clear Waters Metis Council, the Grand River Metis Council and the Niagara Region Metis Council.
- Rendezvous were also held at all three Councils to bring people together after the isolation period during COVID.
- Food Security for the citizens in Region 9 is of utmost importance. It is just as vital at this time as it was during the harsh days of the COVID lockdown. The Community Councils all participated in the provision of food cards and wild meet and Garden box give aways. Council pantries were stocked to provide additional supports. Canning workshops were held as well as one field kitchen.