



NEWSLETTER

2nd INFORMATION SESSION March 5, 2014 at the Community Hall

Presenters: Tyson Gardner, Miisun Integrated Resource Management INC.

Evon Fisher, Miisun Integrated Resource Management INC.

TOPIC; Our Forest

Community members present: Pat Handorgan, Robert Handorgan, Chris Andy, Lori Comegan, Delores Cobiness, Sherry Tuesday, George, Sean Comegan, Kake, Zhoom. Lorraine Seymour (recorder)

Miisun states that they utilize an integrated resource management approach that respectfully incorporates First Nations knowledge and values and public involvement in order to ensure a healthy, sustainable and resilient working forest. The communities that own MISSUn are Naongaashing, WFB, NWA #33, Whitedog, Dalles, Onigaming, SL #40 seven communities and Board of Directors. 100% owned by these First Nations.

Their innovative resource management company promotes strong working relationships between our First Nations and Industry partners providing increased forest values, investment, enhanced employment opportunities while assuring environmental, economic and social sustainability for communities in our operating area. They have a deep understanding of the Treaty #3 Resource Law" Manito Aki Inakonigaawin. They claim to promote the protection of our Traditional Land use.

Naongaashing signed as a stakeholder three yrs ago. Missun has upcoming training opportunities in skill training ie. Heavy duty trucks etc. Missun hopes to ensure our children will have these skills to look after our forests, and carry on the intergenerational skills. Missun will be able to give out licenses some day, our traditional trap lines will be protected. Forest Impact must be critically viewed. Drug testing of workers is a plan to keep the people safe, but not to eliminate the youth. Missun will support the Youth to pass the drug tests with supports to assist in good living habits. It is Missun's hope to employ 45 people in a time span of five years. Missun will keep communities informed when these training opportunities become available. Missun has a 20 year strategic plan and hopefully we will see revenue in five years. At this time Missun must give out contracts to non-native company's due to our people not having the credentials to safely perform duties required in this forest industry. The capacity building strategy is to train the youth as soon as possible through the Seven Generations Institute. The proper way to cut down our trees. Missun's annual Work Schedule is not met due to not enough workers to mark trees. Pat Handorgan is the Council contact to enhance work capacity and group of names to train and look at maps to critically view the impacts of forestry in our Traditional lands.

The onus is on the community members to keep informed on what happens in our community and stay up to date as we send out newsletters and please attend our community meetings.