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Dear Mike and Jessica,

We are pleased to share a draft of the **Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation UNDRIP Implementation Planning Framework Report – Phase 2**. This report reflects the voices of the First Nation and outlines a clear path for advancing the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).

This work was shaped through meaningful engagement with Members and guided by the Nawash UNDRIP Working Group. The report includes a summary of community survey results, a table for tracking existing programs and initiatives, and a comprehensive framework of priorities, goals, and actions to be undertaken by the Working Group. Appendix A provides a list of potential funding opportunities to support Nawash's goals.

We hope this report serves both as a reflection of the community's vision and as a practical tool for ongoing planning and implementation. We look forward to continuing this work together, supporting Nawash as the community leads the way in UNDRIP implementation.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, feedback, or to discuss the report further.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Laying the Foundation for UNDRIP Implementation at Nawash

The Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation (Nawash) continue to take meaningful steps toward self-determination through the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). Building on the foundational work of Phase 1, this second phase of the UNDRIP Implementation Project focuses on transforming the Declaration's principles into actionable priorities and goals that are rooted in the values, aspirations, language, culture, and governance traditions of Nawash. UNDRIP implementation planning is a critical part of asserting inherent rights, restoring Anishinaabe governance systems, and holding the governments of Canada and Ontario accountable to the commitments they made in endorsing UNDRIP.

A Member-led process is at the heart of this framework. Through in-depth engagement with Nawash Members and the Nawash UNDRIP Working Group, we have gathered the insights, experiences, and hopes of the Members to guide this work.

Members voices have consistently called for the protection and revitalization of Anishinaabe language and culture to be at the heart of all future planning. Members have emphasized the need for more cultural programming, more frequent ceremonies, and deeper opportunities to learn and live according to Anishinaabe values. There is a strong demand for more transparency and accountability at all levels of the First Nation's governance and service delivery, as well as increased access to holistic well-being supports that reflect both Traditional Knowledge and contemporary needs.

This initial framework is a response to those calls. It outlines a clear path forward to strengthen governance, increase community capacity, improve education and career development opportunities, and revitalize cultural identity. It also underscores the importance of securing long-

term, sustainable funding to ensure this work is not only implemented but also maintained and nurtured over time. UNDRIP implementation is a living process—a continued act of reclaiming who we are, standing firm in our rights, and bringing our ways back to life, guided by our responsibilities to one another, to our Ancestors, and Those to come.

As we move forward, Nawash will continue to advocate for full recognition and implementation of our inherent rights. We will hold governments to their promises and remain grounded in our teachings, our governance, and the collective vision of our people.

This report includes a summary of the survey results, which helped shape the direction of this work, as well as a detailed implementation framework that outlines Nawash's key priorities, goals, and actions for moving forward with the full realization of UNDRIP.

2.0 MEMBER PRIORITIES

The following section presents a summary of feedback collected from Nawash Members through the survey.

This section provides a summary of the feedback gathered from Nawash Members through a community survey, which was conducted as part of Phase 2 of the UNDRIP Implementation Project. The feedback serves as an important step in shaping the direction of Nawash's UNDRIP implementation strategy, ensuring that the priorities and goals of the First Nation are central to the planning process.

To gain a deeper understanding of the First Nation's perspectives on implementing UNDRIP, we designed a nine-question survey. The project team distributed the survey electronically through SurveyMonkey, offering an accessible platform for members to provide their feedback. The survey was open for two weeks, and during that time, 34 Members shared their thoughts, insights, and recommendations.

The survey responses offer valuable perspectives on the key issues facing the community, as well as the barriers and opportunities for moving forward with UNDRIP implementation. These findings reflect a diverse range of experiences, from cultural revitalization to governance concerns, and will play a pivotal role in shaping the priorities and actions outlined in this summary report.

By presenting these survey results transparently, we aim to honour the Member role in driving this process. Accountability and transparency are fundamental to the development of the UNDRIP Implementation Plan, and the inclusion of community voices ensures that this work remains rooted in the values, traditions, and collective vision of the Nawash. The following section, 2.0, highlights core priorities and issues identified by Nawash Members, providing a clear foundation for the goals and actions detailed in the framework in Section 3.0 of this report.

2.1 UNDRIP IMPLEMENTATION SURVEY RESULTS

Below is a summary of the key findings from the survey. This section highlights the most important themes and insights that emerged from the responses. The results offer valuable guidance for shaping the next steps in the UNDRIP implementation process, ensuring that the actions taken are directly aligned with the needs and aspirations of the Nawash.

PRIORITIES FOR UNDRIP IMPLEMENTATION

The first question invited Members to identify the key areas that should be prioritized in the development of the UNDRIP implementation plan. The graph below illustrates the distribution of responses, highlighting the issues that matter most to participants and providing a clear picture of the First Nations' collective priorities and concerns.

The survey respondents identified three main areas for prioritization.

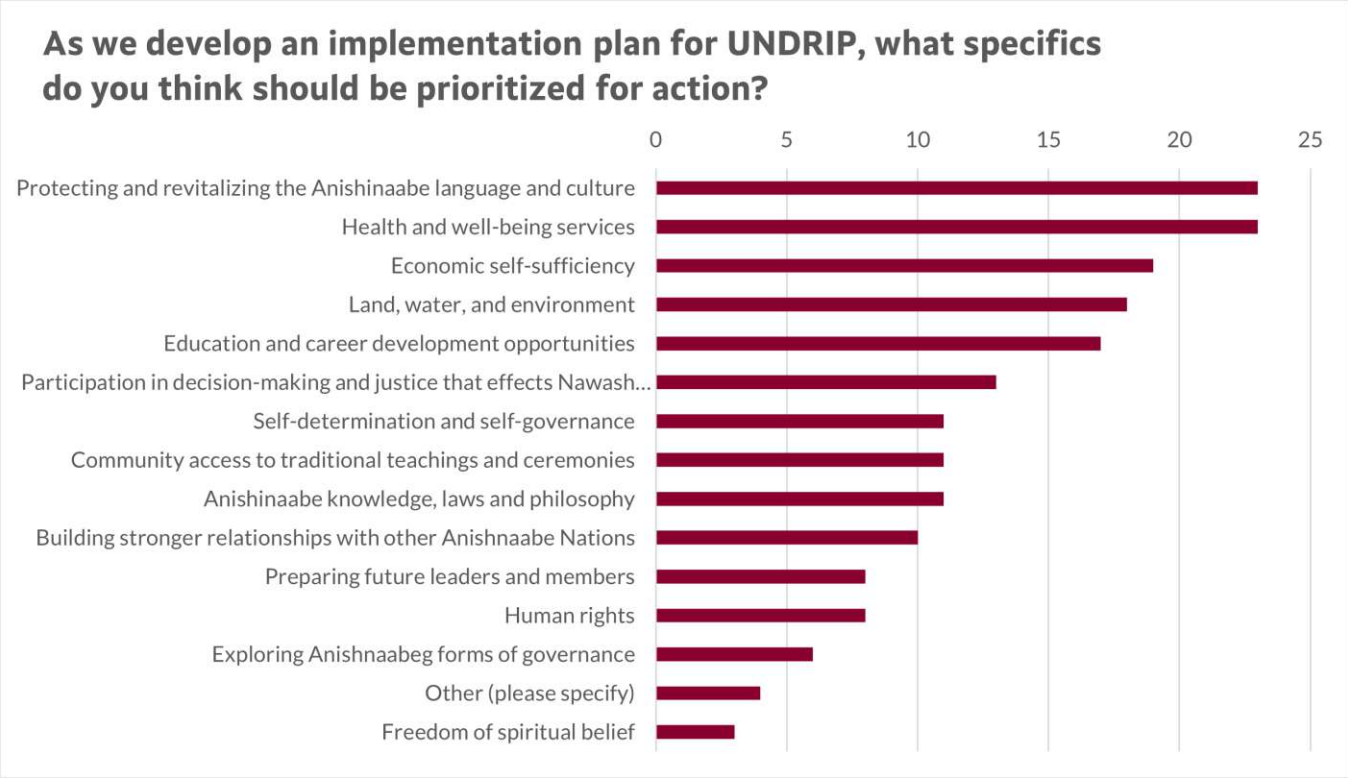


Figure 1. Priorities for UNDRIP Implementation.

1. **Protection and Revitalization of language and culture (23 responses)**
2. **Increase in Health and well-being services (23 responses)**
3. **Focus on Economic self-sufficiency (19 responses)**

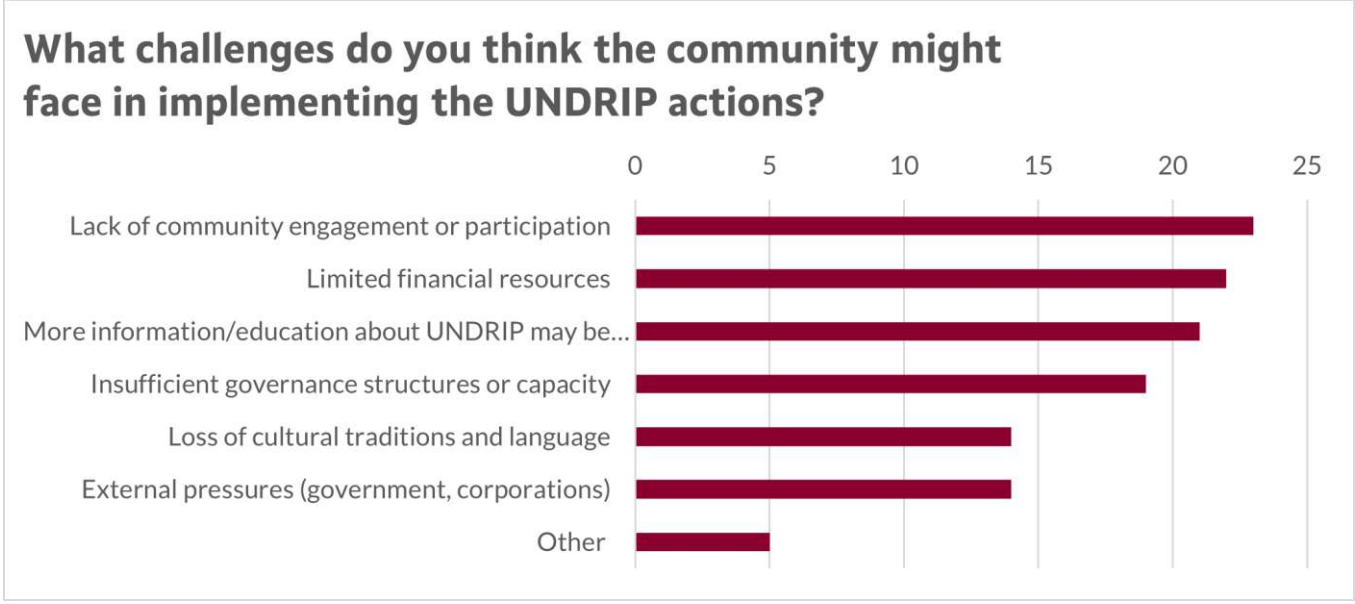
Below is the additional feedback that respondents shared under the "Other" category:

- *"As long as the same people are representing the whole membership, we will never reach self-governance."*
- *"Housing"*
- *"Legal matters – Anishinaabe lawyers"*
- *"This question assumes the reader truly understands this question and report, and there is no knowledge of the band's financial situation."*

CHALLENGES

The second question focused on identifying potential challenges that the Nawash may encounter during the implementation of UNDRIP. Researchers asked Members to reflect on barriers that could affect progress. The graph below presents the results, offering insight into the concerns and obstacles that participants feel should be anticipated and addressed in the planning process.

Figure 2. Challenges.



Survey respondents identified three critical challenges for Nawash to implement UNDRIP.

1. **Strengthening community engagement (23 responses)**
2. **Addressing financial resource gaps (22 responses)**
3. **Increasing UNDRIP Education (21 responses)**

Below is the additional feedback that respondents shared under the "Other" category:

- *"Again, when it's the same people in these positions, change is not likely to happen. Unfortunately, handpicking who will be on committees does not work, they forget we have a large membership off the reserve with more skills than our leaders."*
- *"Lack of meaningful support from leadership, and ignorance."*
- *"Colonial mindset of band and operations."*
- *"People cannot engage in things when their entire energy is focused on surviving."*
- *"Slower administration processes."*

SUPPORT SELF-DETERMINATION

Next, the project team asked Members to identify the most immediate needs to support self-determination. The graph below displays the results, highlighting the areas where respondents feel focused efforts and resources are most urgently required.

Survey respondents identified the top three areas for immediate attention to support self-determination effectively.

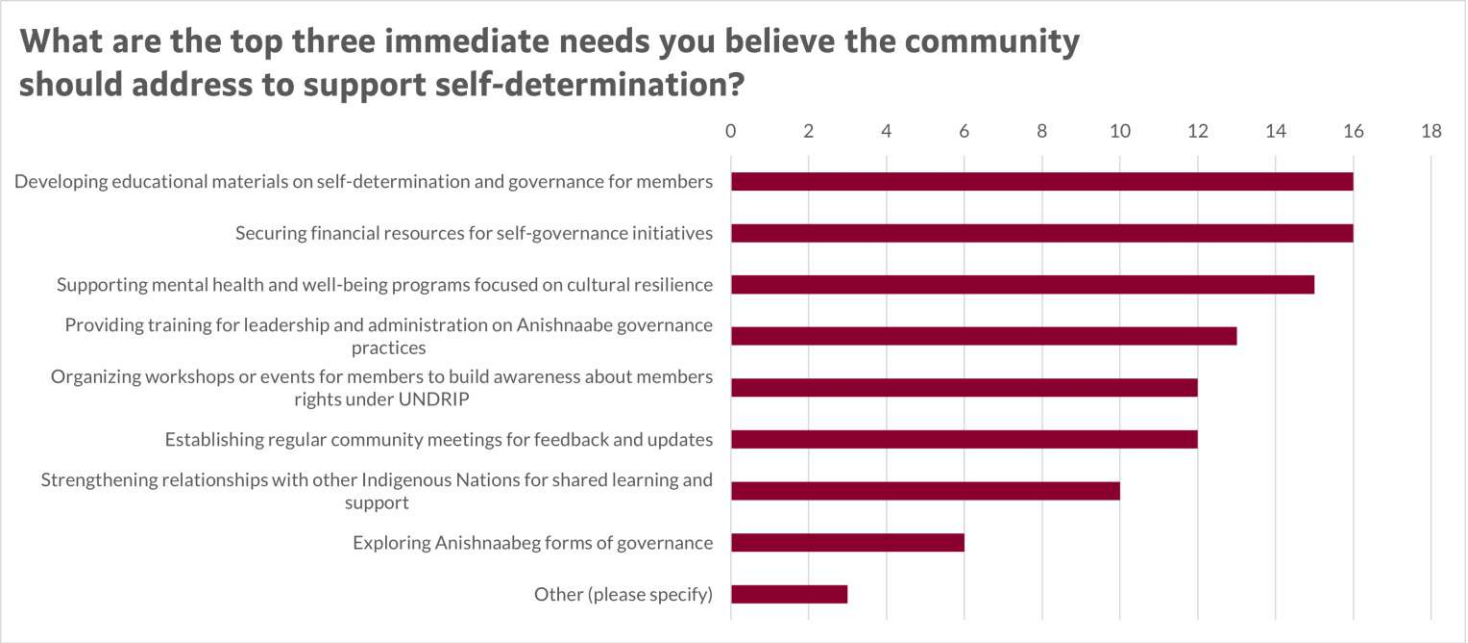


Figure 3. Self-Determination.

1. **Increasing self-determination and governance education (16 responses)**
2. **Addressing financial resource gaps (16 responses)**
3. **Mental health and well-being resources to support cultural resilience (15 responses)**

Below is the additional feedback that respondents shared under the "Other" category:

- *"Again, if we tap into our whole membership and see what skills membership has to offer, we may be more self-sufficient."*
- *"We need a healthy community—for participation of more membership in these activities."*
- *"The leadership and administration need to unlearn western ways of operating."*

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY

The following question asked Members to share their views on the importance of government accountability in recognizing and upholding the rights of Nawash. A significant majority—66%, or 21 respondents - indicated that they believe government accountability is *very important*. The chart below illustrates the full range of responses, offering insight into how strongly this issue resonates within the First Nation.

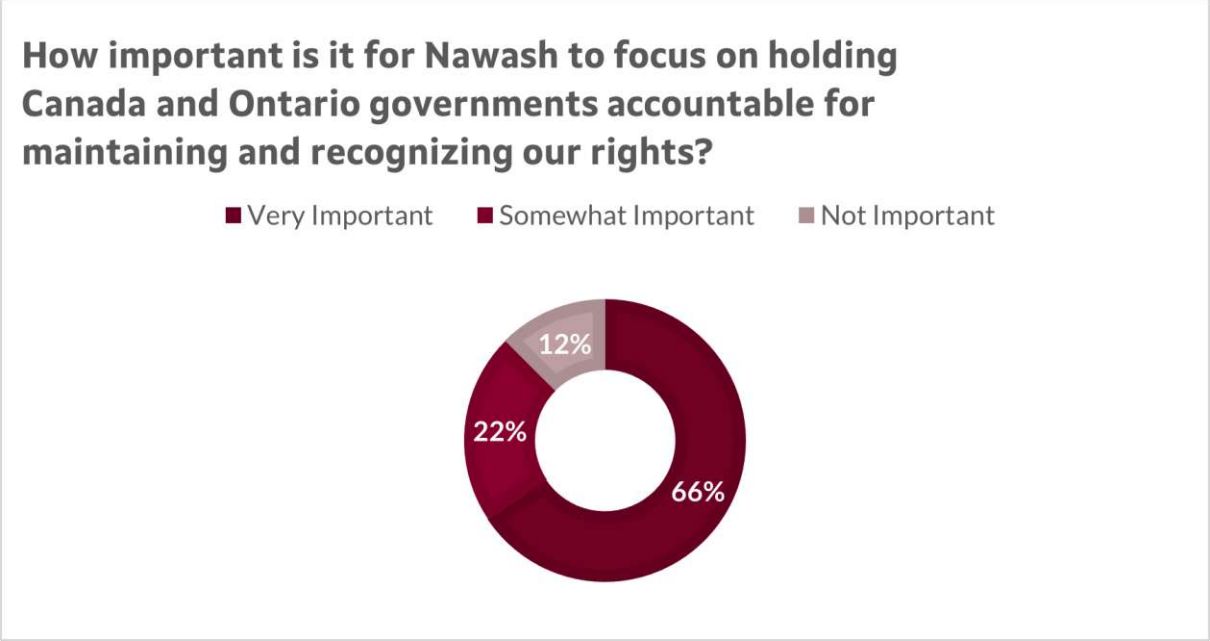


Figure 4. Government Accountability.

DECLARATION AND SELF-GOVERNANCE EDUCATION

The next question focused on educational resources needed to improve understanding of the Declaration and self-governance. The graph below shows what resources would be most beneficial to Members.

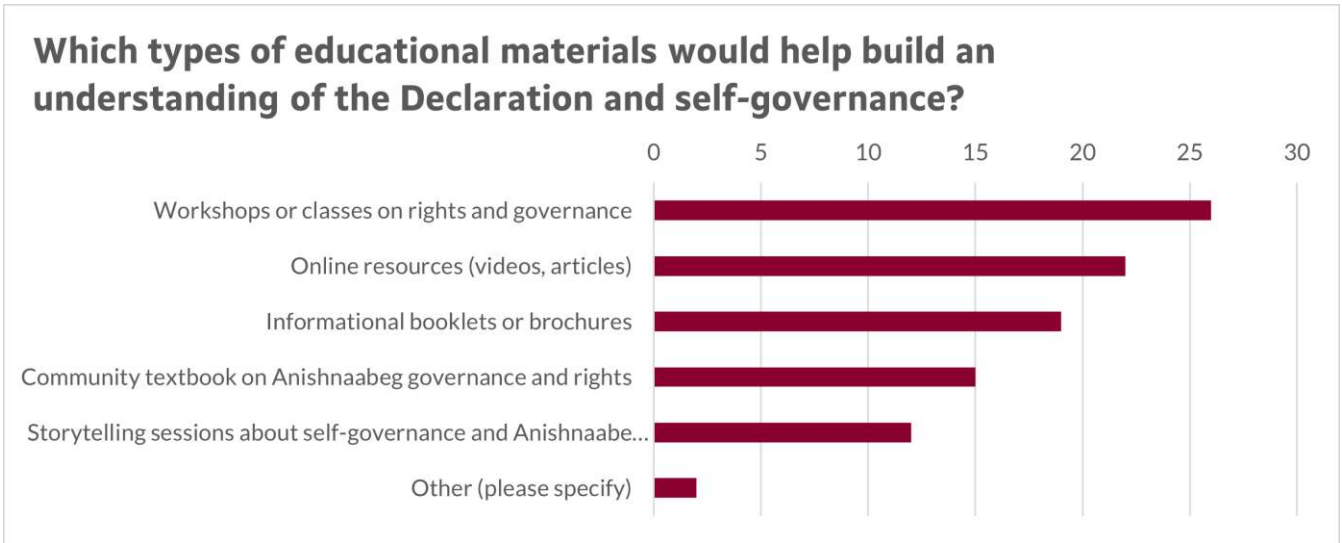


Figure 5. Educational Materials

Survey respondents identified the top three resources that would be the most beneficial in education on the Declaration and self-governance:

1. **Workshop or classes on rights and governance (26 responses)**
2. **Online resources (22 responses)**
3. **Informational booklets or brochures (19 responses)**

Below is the additional feedback that respondents shared under the "Other" category:

- *"Art."*
- *"The whole membership has a history of what Indigenous relations means and can be a useful tool for understanding governance. The programs and Council act as agents scolding the membership but not informing the membership or helpful to the membership. E.g. walk into council they will say ,'why are you here.' Walk into the health centre for assistance you're met with, 'why are you here?'"*

WRITTEN CONSTITUTION

The next question asked the Members how important a written constitution was for Nawash. 79% or 27 respondents identified it being very important. The chart below shows the results.

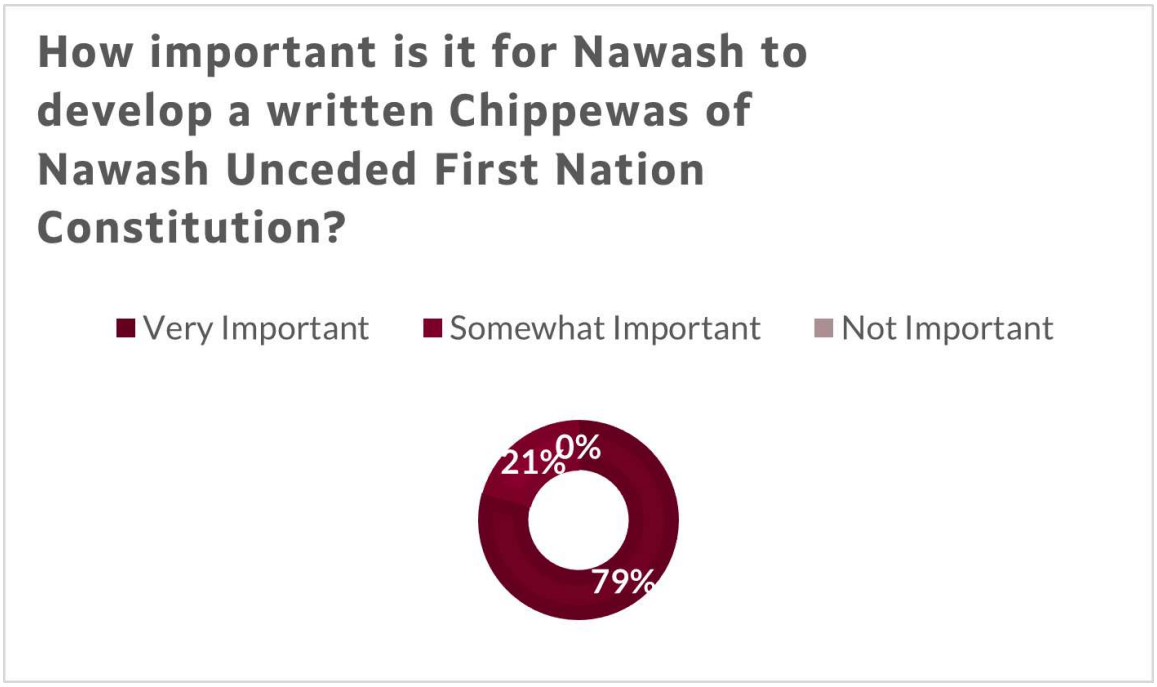


Figure 6. Written Constitution

ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

Next, we asked Members to reflect on accountability and transparency systems that align with and incorporate Anishnaabeg traditions. The graph below highlights which structures and systems respondents identified as most impactful and meaningful in offering insight into how traditional governance values can shape and strengthen modern implementation efforts.

Survey Respondents identified the following systems and structures being used.

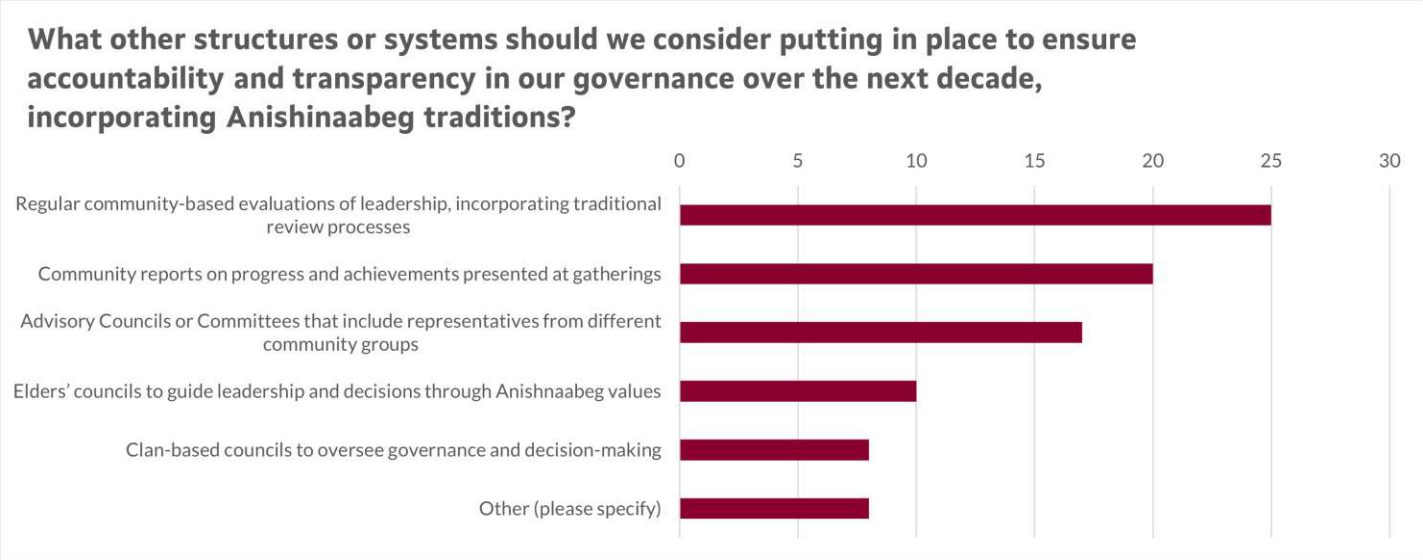


Figure 7. Accountability and Transparency.

Community-based evaluations (25 responses)

1. **Community reporting for accountability (20 responses)**
2. **Advisory councils (17 responses)**

Below is the additional feedback shared by respondents under the "Other" category:

- *"Keep the council minutes up to date and available."*
- *"We need to see direct accountability when policies we have in place are not adhered to. There are zero consequences for those who disregard policy and the outcomes of which are far-reaching."*
- *"Open council meetings as the norm rather than the exception."*
- *"Youth Councils."*
- *"They have had advisory councils—that are not in place—another reason to have an evaluation of the past plan."*
- *"Making decisions through ceremony, time on the land, and ensuring no decisions are made without accurate representation of the community including a central place for Two-Spirit voices."*
- *"Include some hereditary council members."*

- *"Educating others and informing is best way to limit misinformation. Newsletter, YouTube, and community meetings are [the] best way to keep people informed."*

DECISION-MAKING

We asked Members to share their thoughts on decision-making processes that incorporate Anishnaabeg traditions. The graph below illustrates which structures and systems were seen as most impactful and important, reflecting the community's desire to see traditional values and practices meaningfully embedded in governance and planning.

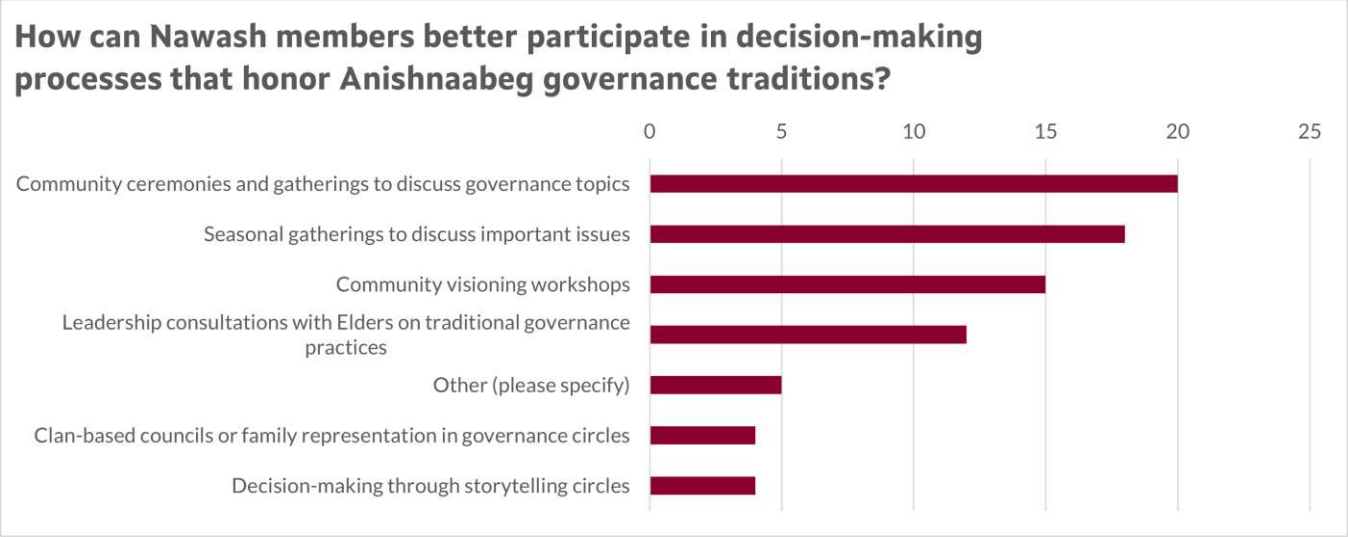


Figure 8. Decision-Making.

Survey respondents identified the following mechanisms as being the most useful for decision making that honour Anishnaabeg governance traditions.

1. **Ceremonies (20 responses)**
2. **Seasonal gatherings (18 responses)**
3. **Visioning (15 responses)**

Below is the additional feedback shared by respondents under the "Other" category:

- *"People can't participate if they don't know what's going on. Council minutes up to date and available. Also, referendum, for large issues, such as opening a gas station off the reserve."*
- *"Community Advocate positions."*
- *"Get rid of the pow-wow format and have treaty days."*
- *"Majority of members are not well enough to participate."*
- *"Evaluate administration against cultural values—committees are redundant when SAO vetoes their decisions before they even get to council."*

ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

Lastly, Members were asked to provide input on outreach and communication. This question focused on identifying the most effective ways to engage members and gather their input throughout the UNDRIP implementation process. The graph below presents the results, highlighting preferred methods and opportunities to strengthen communication and ensure inclusive participation.

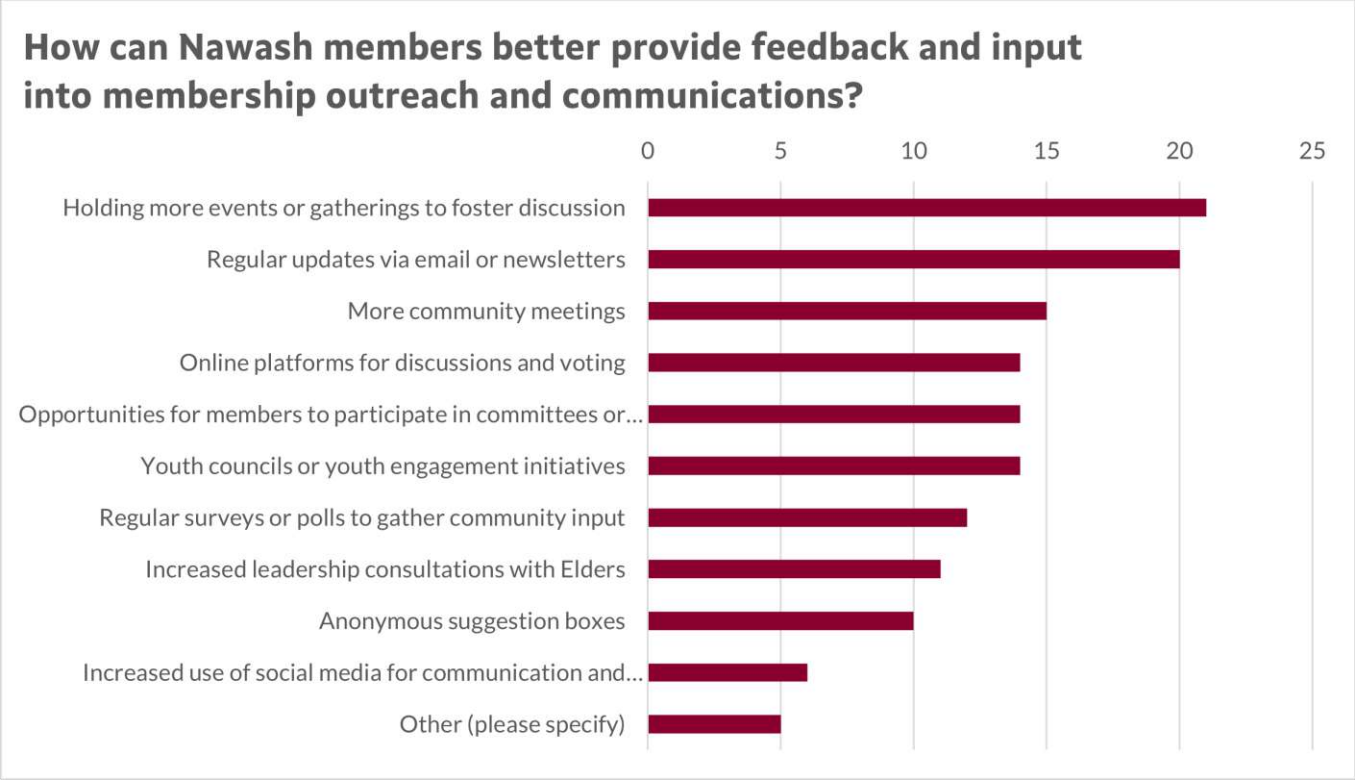


Figure 9. Engagement and Outreach.

Survey respondents identified the following mechanisms as being the most useful for outreach and communication.

1. **Events and gatherings (21 responses)**
2. **Regular communication (20 responses)**
3. **More meetings (15 responses)**

Below is the additional feedback shared by respondents under the "Other" category:

- *"Stop using only social media to inform of events and meetings. A lot don't trust or use social media."*
- *"When we do surveys, we don't get the results back."*
- *"Sufficient notice for online meetings."*

- *"None of these have worked, need communications person to do home visits to explain issues and gather feedback, many people don't have transportation, access to social media, cognitive issues, addictions, or other health concerns."*
- *"Basic wellness needs to be prioritized in order for more members to have a voice."*

3.0 UNDRIP IMPLEMENTATION PLANNING FRAMEWORK

This section of the report provides a framework for initial UNDRIP implementation planning.

3.1 EXISTING PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

Effective UNDRIP implementation planning requires a clear understanding of existing programs, services, and initiatives. It is important to identify what efforts are already underway, to recognize community strengths, and to avoid duplication. It also allows for a more strategic and efficient approach by highlighting where there are gaps, overlaps, or opportunities to build on current work. Mapping out existing initiatives ensures the plan is grounded in the First Nation's realities and capacity, and supports continuity, sustainability, and resource alignment.

This list of priorities was developed through community consultation, surveys, input from the working group, and leadership in both Phase 1 and Phase 2 of this project.

The table below is intended for the Nawash UNDRIP Working Group and staff to complete. Their input is essential to accurately identifying existing initiatives and assessing the status of each action.

Table 1. List of Existing Programs and Initiatives According to Priorities.

Priority	Existing Programs & Initiatives	Status
Self-Determination	• Community Comprehensive 10 year Plan and 5 year strategic plan to outline laws and initiatives to develop to support sovereignty, independence, self-governance	CCP 2025
	• Nawash Economic Development Corporation (NEDC) established	NEDC finalized 2025
	• Support for Member business, Economic development officer established	2024
	• Cape Croker Park and growth of maple syrup business	Ongoing
	• Saugeen Ojiwbay Nation Joint Chiefs and Councils and Environment Office continue to assert rights and exercise jurisdiction in our Territory, when there are projects in the Territory SON must be consulted	Ongoing
Governance and Decision-Making	• Chief and Council continue to serve as governance entity for our First Nation	Ongoing
	• Saugeen Ojiway Nation Joint Chiefs and Councils continue to serve as the governance entity for our Territorial matters	Ongoing

	• Governance Policy and Election Code undergoing a review and development process • Organizational review proposed • Design being finalized for multi-use/governance building with a cultural room and sacred fire area central in the building design • Nawash Fisheries Department supports our right and advocates for a healthy ecosystem	Beginning Summer 2025 Direction to develop proposal June 2025 Design Summer 2025 Ongoing
Language and Culture	• Language and Culture Revitalization Plan under development • Social services providing language course • Support for cultural events, powwow, ceremonies	Beginning Spring 2025 Winter-Summer 2025 Ongoing
Health and Well-Being	• The services of the Health Centre are available to all Chippewas of Nawash residents and band membership. At the Centre we deliver programs that promote health and prevent disease. In partnership with other community programs, we offer regular workshops and activities that are geared towards healthy living and a greater sense of well being for all of our clients. Nawash offers home and community care. • Addressing the opioid crisis, substance abuse, mental health and addictions as a priority including team and capacity building, harm reduction initiatives, resourcing continuously needed and sought • Children and Youth Bill of Rights Established, Native Child Welfare department changed to Neyaashiinigmiing E'minoyaajig Binojiingyag • Family well-being provide prevention focused services and activities that promote overall well-being, family preservation, and positive community relationship building. • Better food security, foodbank every Thursday, community garden development • Recreation, providing opportunities for sport	Ongoing Ongoing 2023 Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing

	• Building arena for sports and events • Our own policy services and volunteer fire department • A new water treatment plant and distribution system • Nawash has a housing program that supports rentals, rent to own, and some support with attaining a mortgage • Wellness centre renovations so that the program can provide space for support	Spring-Fall 2025 Ongoing Construction to be completed 2025 Ongoing In approvals process for funding Summer 2025
Education	• Have our own school - Kikendaasogamig Elementary School – developed Nawash history geography textbook and lesson plans for gr. 7 and 8, increase language and culture at the school • Support for secondary, post-secondary and adult education • Language Nest improves the quality of, and access to, cultural, holistic and community directed mental-health at the community level, through the Ojibwe language	Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing
Outreach and Engagement	• Communications department has increased capacity and now has a Manager as well as an event planner • Nawash website and social media is regularly updated • An App has been developed and there will be a launch of the app	2023-2025 Ongoing communications updates Launch of app summer 2025

3.2 UNDRIP IMPLEMENTATION PLANNING TOOL

This implementation planning tool is designed to serve as a practical, working document for Nawash leadership and staff to support the planning and implementation of priorities aligned with UNDRIP. It provides a structured approach to identifying First Nation priorities, setting clear goals, outlining concrete actions, and assigning responsibility for implementation. By capturing key information such as timelines, funding sources, and resource needs, this tool helps ensure that each action is realistic, resourced,

and aligned with existing efforts. It also supports ongoing coordination, accountability, and informed decision-making as Nawash works toward advancing self-determination and the rights of its people.

**Goals with a grey background were pulled from the Phase 1 Report.*

Table 2. UNDRIP Implementation Planning Tool.

Priority	Goal	Action	Lead	Timeline	Funding Source (Internal/ External)	Resources Needed
Self-Determination	Establish a strong foundation for self-government through a Chippewas of Nawash Constitution.					
Self-Determination	Achieve long-term economic self-sufficiency and independence.					
Self-Determination	Ensure formal recognition and respect of Nawash rights by Canada and Ontario.					
Self Determination	continue political and financial support for a Chippewas of Nawash UNDRIP Working Group, who will be tasked with providing guidance and direction on the development of the 10-year strategy.					

Priority	Goal	Action	Lead	Timeline	Funding Source (Internal/ External)	Resources Needed
Self Determination	Bring on a Chippewas of Nawash UNDRIP Coordinator to support activities in the development of the 10-year strategy.					
Self Determination	Continue to explore and conduct research to gather Anishnaabe perspectives on self-determination, governance, decision-making, consensus-building, and free, prior and informed consent.					
Self Determination	*Other Goals to be Determined:*					
Governance and Decision-Making	Restore and strengthen Anishinaabe governance structures and laws.					
Governance and Decision-Making	Update Nawash policies so they are guided by the spirit and intent of UNDRIP.					

Priority	Goal	Action	Lead	Timeline	Funding Source (Internal/ External)	Resources Needed
Governance and Decision-Making	Build community trust in leadership and governance systems.					
Governance and Decision-Making	Ensure transparency, accountability, and inclusion in decision-making.					
Governance and Decision-Making	Integrate traditional governance into everyday operations.					
Governance and Decision-Making	Review the Declaration clause by clause and making decisions about how we would implement it.					
Governance and Decision-Making	*Other Goals to be Determined:*					
Language and Culture	Revitalize and protect the Anishinaabemowin language and cultural identity.					

Priority	Goal	Action	Lead	Timeline	Funding Source (Internal/ External)	Resources Needed
Language and Culture	Expand access to cultural education and traditional knowledge.					
Language and Culture	Work with Language Speakers, Elders, Knowledge Keepers, and experts to go through the Declaration and to understand the meaning of the Declaration through Anishnaabemowin and Anishnaabe culture and worldview and translate the Declaration into Anishnaabemowin.					
Language and Culture	Organize language and culture initiatives throughout the engagement process, which can include holding gatherings, ceremonies, and opportunities to hear teachings such as the Anishnaabe Creation Story, including games, visuals, and songs.					

Priority	Goal	Action	Lead	Timeline	Funding Source (Internal/ External)	Resources Needed
Language and Culture	*Other Goals to be Determined:*					
Health and Well-Being	Enhance physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual well-being.					
Health and Well-Being	Address critical housing needs for current and future generations.					
Health and Well-Being	*Other Goals to be Determined:*					
Education	Promote awareness and understanding of UNDRIP, self-determination, and Indigenous Rights.					
Education	Expand access to quality education and career pathways.					

Priority	Goal	Action	Lead	Timeline	Funding Source (Internal/ External)	Resources Needed
Education	Hold focused learning and engagement sessions with Elders/Seniors, Youth, First Nations administration departments, services, and programs, church groups, artists and crafters, Land and Water protectors, hunters, fishers, gardeners, harvesters and gatherers.					
Education	*Other Goals to be Determined:*					
Outreach and Engagement	Foster meaningful and consistent community engagement.					
Outreach and Engagement	Develop an engagement and communications strategy. a) Develop and disseminate regular communications material. Materials could include discussions about					

Priority	Goal	Action	Lead	Timeline	Funding Source (Internal/ External)	Resources Needed
	rights and a calendar with teachings connected to the Declaration, or a textbook, or online information. b) Provide a report of accomplishments for Leaders and Membership, and with a community meeting every two years.					
Outreach and Engagement	Engage with community Leaders, Membership, and administration on the development of the strategy to implement the Declaration					
Outreach and Engagement	Connect with Anishnaabe Nations and other Nations and organizations to share ideas and discuss self-governance success stories and learning opportunities, including at international forums.					

Priority	Goal	Action	Lead	Timeline	Funding Source (Internal/ External)	Resources Needed
Outreach and Engagement	Engage with Canada in the continued development and implementation of their United Nations Declaration Action Plan, including securing funding to do the work.					
Outreach and Engagement	*Other Goals to be Determined:*					

4.0 CONSIDERATIONS

As we move forward with the implementation of UNDRIP, it is essential to ground our actions in what we heard from the community. These are important considerations to keep in mind when developing the **Actions** outlined in this plan. These considerations reflect key values, priorities, and concerns raised by Members and should inform how actions are designed, resourced, and carried out.

Dedicated Resources for Staff and Programs: Members emphasized the importance of ensuring that activities under this plan are realistic and properly resourced. This includes funding for staff positions, materials, events, and ongoing program delivery—not just one-time initiatives.

Youth and Elder Knowledge Transfer: Creating opportunities for intergenerational learning is vital. Supporting spaces and programs where youth and Elders can connect and share Anishinaabe knowledge, stories, and teachings will help strengthen identity, belonging, and cultural continuity.

Transparency and Accountability: Members expressed a desire for greater transparency from leadership. Considerations around how decisions are communicated and how leadership remains accountable to members are key to maintaining trust and unity.

Education on UNDRIP: Increasing understanding of what UNDRIP is and what it means for Nawash is an important foundation. Ongoing education efforts—for leadership, staff, and Members—should be built into the plan to support informed participation and long-term success.

Anishinaabe Language and Cultural Revitalization: Protecting and revitalizing the Anishinaabe language and culture is a central priority. Actions should reflect this by supporting language learning, ceremonial practices, and cultural education in a variety of community spaces and programs.

In-Person Engagement: While virtual tools have a role, there is a strong desire for more in-person opportunities to gather, share ideas, and participate in decision-making. Actions should include plans for meaningful face-to-face engagement wherever possible.

Self-Determination and Self-Governance: Advancing self-determination means strengthening the Nawash's ability to make decisions following Anishinaabe laws, values, and governance systems. Implementation actions should support this transition and capacity building.

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS AND NEXT STEPS

The UNDRIP Implementation Framework outlined in this report reflects the collective voices, values, and vision of Nawash. The work completed during the two phases of this project will support and build on existing initiatives that Nawash is undertaking around reclaiming Anishinaabe governance, revitalizing language and culture, and holding governments accountable to their UNDRIP commitments. Continued action, advocacy, and investment are essential to move this work forward in meaningful and lasting ways.

Based on the work completed in Phase 2 of this project, the following recommendations and next steps are proposed:

1. Formalize and Share the UNDRIP Implementation Framework

- Review the framework with the Working Group and with staff to:
  - Determine what programs and initiatives are already taking place that support the identified priorities
  - Adjust the goals as appropriate
  - Clarify where existing funding and resources can support the identified priorities
- Finalize and endorse the priorities, goals, and actions in the framework with Nawash leadership and the Members.
- Develop accessible summaries of the framework to share with Members through newsletters, meetings, and digital platforms.
- Translate key framework elements into Anishinaabemowin to reinforce cultural revitalization.

2. Secure Sustained Funding and Capacity Support

- Pursue long-term funding opportunities to support implementation, including federal and provincial UNDRIP commitments.

- Allocate internal resources and staff to coordinate implementation efforts and to sustain and monitor progress.
- Develop project proposals aligned with each priority area to leverage new partnerships and funding streams.

3. Develop a written Constitution and Support Self-Governance Initiatives

- Clarify the meaning of a "Nawash written Constitution" and outline its intended contents.
- Begin drafting a written Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Constitution through inclusive and Membership-led processes.
- Review and revise existing policies and governance structures to align with UNDRIP principles and traditional Anishinaabe governance.
- Clarify Nawash members' understanding of "self-determination" and identify their key priorities in achieving it.
- Offer education and outreach to build Member awareness and understanding of self-determination and governance options.

4. Monitor Progress and Maintain Accountability

- Develop indicators and timelines to track implementation progress.
- Host annual gatherings or reporting sessions (at other community events) to share updates, celebrate successes, and recalibrate actions where needed.
- Build evaluation methods rooted in Anishinaabe worldviews, values, and accountability practices.

The work of implementing UNDRIP is ongoing and rooted in our responsibilities to each other, our ancestors, and future generations. Through this important work, the Chippewas of Nawash can strengthen sovereignty, demand government accountability, and shape a future that reflects the true spirit of Anishinaabe self-determination.

APPENDIX A: FUNDING SOURCES

Table 3. List of Funding Sources.

Name	Description	Link
Governance		
CIRNAC – Indigenous Governance and Capacity Programs	Funds activities supporting self-determination, Nation rebuilding, governance development, and consultation protocols.	Funding programs
Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) – Funding Programs	Supports a wide range of areas including governance, infrastructure, health, and community development.	Funding programs
Language and Culture Funding Programs		
Canada Council for the Arts	Supports Indigenous artists and cultural Knowledge Keepers across disciplines.	Creating, Knowing and Sharing | The Canada Council for the Arts
Canadian Heritage – Indigenous Languages and Cultures Program	Supports language revitalization and cultural programming.	Indigenous Languages Program - Canada.ca
Indigenous Peoples and Cultures	Explore a range of funding programs and grants available to support Indigenous Peoples and cultures.	Funding – Indigenous peoples and cultures - Canada.ca
Education Funding Programs		
Indspire – Bursaries and Scholarships	Provides post-secondary scholarships and bursaries to Indigenous students.	Indspire | A richer life for Indigenous youth starts here
Post-Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP)	Administered by ISC and local band offices, this program helps fund tuition, books, and living expenses.	Post-Secondary Student Support Program
Economic Development Funding Programs		

Name	Description	Link
Aboriginal Entrepreneurship Program (AEP)	Provides funding for Indigenous entrepreneurs and businesses.	Aboriginal Entrepreneurship Program: Access to Capital
Community Opportunity Readiness Program (CORP)	The Community Opportunities Readiness Program provides project-based funding for First Nation and Inuit communities for a range of activities to support communities' pursuit of economic opportunities.	Community Opportunity Readiness Program (CORP) - Program Guidelines
Indigenous Growth Fund	The Indigenous Growth Fund is Canada's newest and largest Indigenous social impact fund. The $153M investment fund provides improved access to capital for Indigenous financial institutions and Indigenous small and medium-sized enterprises, overcoming some of the barriers they have historically faced.	Indigenous Growth Fund - NACCA National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association
Lands and Economic Development Services Program	The Lands and Economic Development Services Program provides support to First Nation and Inuit communities to assist with enhancing the economic development, land and environmental capacity of communities and to support the establishment of the conditions for economic development to occur, increasing their participation in the economy.	Program Guidelines - Lands and Economic Development Services Program (LEDSP)
Environment, Climate, and Conservation Funding Programs		
Emergency Management Assistance Program	In partnership with First Nations communities, provincial and territorial governments and non-government organizations, Indigenous Services Canada's Emergency Management Assistance Program helps on reserve and other eligible First Nations communities access emergency assistance services.	Emergency Management Assistance Program
Environment and Climate Change Canada – Indigenous Guardians Program	Supports community-led environmental stewardship.	First Nations Guardians - Canada.ca
First Nations Adapt Program	Supports community-driven climate change assessments and adaptation planning.	First Nation Adapt Program

Name	Description	Link
Indigenous Climate and Environmental Funding	Federal funding programs are available to support Indigenous climate action for a safer and cleaner environment for future generations.	Indigenous climate and environmental funding - Canada.ca
TD Friends of the Environment	The foundation supports a wide range of environmental initiatives, with a primary focus on environmental education and green space programs.	FEF Grant
Tier 1 Guardians Funding	This funding stream is designed to support First Nations that are exploring or beginning their Guardians program. Whether your community is just starting conversations about stewardship or building early plans for a Guardians initiative, Tier 1 can help lay the foundation.	Tier 1 Funding Applications Open - First Nations National Guardians Network
Weston Family Foundation – Northern Ecosystems Initiative	Funds Indigenous-led conservation, Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas, Guardians programs, and ecosystem health initiatives.	Northern Conservation Program | Weston Family Foundation
2 Billion Trees Program	The 2 Billion Trees program aims to motivate and support new tree planting projects.	2 Billion Trees Program - Canada.ca
Health		
Aboriginal Head Start on Reserve	The Aboriginal Head Start on Reserve program supports child development and school readiness for children living in First Nations communities on reserve.	Aboriginal Head Start on Reserve
Community Healing Fund	The Community Healing Fund, offered through the Na-mi-quai-ni-mak (I Remember Them) Fund at the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation can provide a one-time grant of up to $10,000 toward community healing gatherings or workshops connected to the Indian Residential School System.	Community Healing Fund - NCTR
Indigenous Health Equity Fund	Funding support for Indigenous-led approaches to quality and culturally safe health services.	Indigenous Health Equity Fund

Name	Description	Link
Telus Indigenous Communities Fund	The TELUS Indigenous Communities Fund offers $5,000-$25,000 grants for Indigenous-led social, health, and community programs.	TELUS Indigenous Communities Fund | TELUS
Foundation Funding Programs		
MakeWay Foundation	Supports Indigenous communities with grant making, shared platforms, and customized funding collaborations.	Approach - MakeWay
Mastercard Foundation – EleV Program	Partners with communities to support Indigenous youth education, leadership, and employment.	EleV | Mastercard Foundation