



January 12,2021

Dear Members,

Re: Peguis First Nation Law – *Honouring our Children, Families and Nation Act*

Peguis First Nation Chief and Council wish to inform our members about the law that has been drafted in relation to exercising jurisdiction dealing with Child and Family Services. Our law is called *Honouring our Children, Families and Nation Act*.

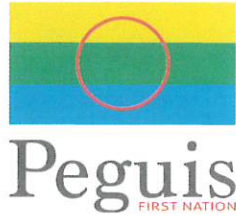
Chief and Council have tasked Peguis Child and Family Services to take the lead on drafting and preparing the law and informational materials to aid in understanding the law and process having it come into force. These informational materials are attached to this letter and they include:

1. *Honouring our Children, Families and Nation Act*;
2. Frequently Asked Questions
3. PFN Law and Manitoba CFS Act Comparison Chart
4. Schematic – Main Steps in Creating and Enacting the PFN Law;
5. Feedback form for members input; and
6. Videos informing of the draft law are available for viewing at the Peguis Child & Family Services website www.peguiscfs.ca

There will be online virtual engagement sessions that will be scheduled as well. Please check on the www.peguisfirstnation.ca website for scheduling updates.

Please note that the *Honouring our Children, Families and Nation Act* is still in draft form. We ask that members provide their input and thoughts on the new law in the feedback form provided within. You may wish to return the feedback forms via scanning the document and emailing it to feedback@peguiscfs.org or you may wish to provide feedback directly to this email account.

We acknowledge that there is a lot of information to digest, but we ask that you take the time to review and provide your thoughts on the new law so that it can be finalized. Legal and academic experts will also be engaged to conduct legal review of the draft law as well to assist in finalizing the new law.



At the same time, Peguis First Nation, Manitoba and Canada will begin to negotiate a Coordination Agreement that outlines funding and implementation of the new law so that child and family services can continue to be provided by the Agency. Council will keep you apprised as to how the Coordination Agreement negotiations are unfolding.

Sincerely,

PEGUIS FIRST NATION

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Councillor Mary Tyler Bear

Councillor Annette Spence-Meeches

Councillor Wade Sutherland

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