



# Friendship Agreement between Saugeen First Nation #29 and the Town of Saugeen Shores

Strengthening the relationship between  
Saugeen First Nation #29 and the Town of Saugeen Shores

The Chief and Council of Saugeen First Nation #29 and the Mayor and Council of the Town of Saugeen Shores recognize that we live together on the shared traditional territories of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation.

## VISION

We share a common vision of developing a collaborative working partnership for the benefit of our communities, based on the principles of the 7 grandfather teachings, Love – Zaagidwin, Respect – Mnaadendmowin, Bravery – Aakdehwin, Truth – Debwewin, Honesty – Gwekwaadziwin, Humility – dbaadendizwin, and Wisdom – Nbwaakaawin. As neighbouring communities, we commit to share our wisdom to build a better future for our children and generations to follow.

## GUIDING PRINCIPALS

Saugeen First Nation and the Town of Saugeen Shores recognize that building stronger government-to-government relationships will help create a level of certainty for their respective Communities and ensure an important dialogue that seeks to improve the quality of life for all residents.

1. Strengthen the cooperative and supportive bond between governing bodies to promote the well-being of all community members
2. Acknowledge our past and histories and work towards reconciliation.
3. Respect each other's customs, traditions and beliefs, shared values, and culture in spirit and practice.

## PROCESS

Establish an annual joint council meeting in review of our friendship and partnership and in consultation on issues of joint interest of both communities. The joint council meeting will occur once annually.

Parties will approach the work set out in this friendship agreement in a way that ensures that each Party acquires and maintains a full understanding of the others' public initiatives, governing structures, traditions, jurisdiction and responsibilities. Love, Respect, Bravery, Truth, Honesty, Humility, and Wisdom.

## KEY AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST

The Parties agree to collaborate on key interests in economic and social development including the following key interests and any other shared interests identified in the future:

1. Increasing Connection
2. Tourism
3. Building Complete Communities
4. Business Development

This friendship agreement is not a binding legal agreement and does not create any binding obligations on any party.

This friendship agreement reflects an understanding between the Town and the Nation to work cooperatively in the best interests of both of their communities and the region as a whole.

This friendship agreement as a living document intended to evolve as the partner's friendship and partnership evolves.