



# NETMIZAAGGAMIG NISHNAABEG

UNSURENDERED

June 5, 2026

*Aaniin,*

To the members of Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg,

I want to begin by thanking you. Through these difficult weeks, your condolences, your prayers, and your kind words for me and my family on the loss of my son and the recovery of my health have carried us. The way this community came together in our time of grief is something I will not forget. Chi-Miigwech to everyone who reached out.

I am writing to you now as your Chief, because there is a matter I believe I owe you the truth about, plainly and directly.

On June 3rd, while I was away, Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting. During that meeting, something took place that was not on the agenda. It is not clear whether it happened in-camera, and what decision took place, if any, about how we protect our resources and how White Lake Resource Corporation companies are governed.

We all know that Council can't do business and make important decisions in secret, without notice or without following the procedures. But I do not know whether that happened, as I was away. What I will tell you is this: I take it seriously, and I am looking into it carefully. Two things concern me, and I want to address both openly.

**First, how our Council makes decisions.** Any change to the way Chief and Council conduct our meetings is a serious matter. What belongs on an agenda, how and when decisions are made, what is done behind closed doors in camera and what is brought before the membership — all of that deserves careful thought by the whole Council and by the community. It should not be rushed. Our Chi-Naaknigewin and our council policies exist for exactly this reason, and I intend to honour them.

**Second, is how we maintain oversight over our business interests.** White Lake Limited Partnership and White Lake Resources Corporation are the engines of our economic future. The same principle applies to them. Any change to how White Lake is governed (including who sits on its board, and how decisions are made by us as its owner) must be considered carefully and done properly. These are not choices to be made quickly or quietly.

I want every member to know that I am on the job. As Chief it is my job to do everything I can to protect this community, to protect what we have built together, and to make sure our decisions are made the right way - openly, lawfully, with proper information and together.

We are Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg. We are unsundered. We have cared for these lands and waters since time immemorial, and we will go on caring for them for the generations still to come.

I will keep you informed as this work continues, and report back to Council on this issue at the next meeting.

*Miigwech,*

**Chief Clyde Leonard Jacobs**