

Take the volunteer community pledge for the sake of our future.

We invite Sagkeeng Band Membership to learn and practice our mother tongue, Anicinabe-mowin. Let us create a healing journey through the revitalization of Anicinabe-mowin for ourselves, our people and for the unborn. Pledge to live a Anicinabe life-style full of Anicinabe-mowin which promotes respect, peace, and positive behaviors. In the silence of one's heart, simply make a promise:

I pledge to:

Talk: Talk Anicinabe-mowin each day as much as possible at every opportunity. Talk with my children/babies so, they can learn and practice with me.

Talk: Talk with my community, elders, adults, teenagers, so, we can all learn to speak as a community.

Talk (Knowledge keepers): Talk with those who have experienced a tremendous loss of mother tongue, each day and at every opportunity.

Share: Share with my neighbour and my children as I learn, making it a family and community effort. Translate for those who do not understand what is being said.

Be Respectful: Ask for support and be thankful for the knowledge keepers who share what they know with me.

Encourage: Tell people they are doing well, encourage and motivate non-speakers to keep practicing.

Be empathic: Imagine how it feels to not be able to speak Anicinabe-mowin, when deep inside there is a desire; it leads to compassion.

Support: Repeat and/or allow those to record me speaking the language so, they can practice reciting.

Be patient: Spend time, giving my time to share the language. Do not rush the learner, let them take the time they need.

Say yes: Never give up. Believe that we can recover our language. It is our responsibility to recover our language.

Have a vision: Imagine how the community will be when small children are speaking Anicinabe-mowin?

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Witness: _____ Date: _____

The witness is there to support the journey of speaking, with love for our beautiful language.



Ka Kina Ki Di Jamin – We are all going