

PUBLIC STATEMENT FROM THE LAC DU FLAMBEAU BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA INDIANS

RE: GOVERNOR EVERS MEETS WITH LAC DU FLAMBEAU TRIBAL LEADERS

February 6th, 2023

Governor Tony Evers, and members of his administrative team, traveled to Lac du Flambeau on Saturday, February 4th, to meet with the Lac du Flambeau Tribal Council, Tribal Land Management Director, Tribal Administrator, and the Tribe's legal counsel. The purpose of this meeting was to listen to tribal leaders, as they shared the historical facts behind the events leading to recent road closures on the Lac du Flambeau Indian Reservation. They also provided Governor Evers and his team, with current updates regarding the status of communications between the Tribe, the Town of Lac du Flambeau, the title companies, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and shared the Tribe's efforts to ensure that the health, safety, and general welfare of all involved is being protected.

Governor Evers shared his support of the Tribe's efforts to resolve this difficult situation, and agreed that his office would assist the Tribe's efforts to provide current and factual information, in light of the undercurrent of misinformation that has been offered through the media, and from various local, state and federal governmental officials. It is the Tribe's position, that comments expressed by these officials, are made for the purpose of bringing undue attention to themselves, and only serve to undermine the Tribe's authority as a sovereign nation.

The Tribe will be working to provide additional updates to the community, as it becomes available.