

Legislative Corner: LTBB Tribal Seal

Dear Tribal Citizens,

As the Tribal Council Secretary of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB), I bring to your attention that a complaint was received alleging the “unauthorized and misleading use of the Tribal Seal by a political organization” and discovered other probable unauthorized uses of the Tribal Seal on items such as jackets, funeral cards, community Facebook pages, etc. Since the creation of the tribal seal via Tribal Council motion on December 5, 1999, there has been confusion on the ability of Tribal Citizens or other organizations as to whether they may or may not use the seal for personal use. Since I am duty-bound to “maintain and protect the Tribal Seal” per LTBB Constitution and WOS 2006-015 Tribal Seal of the Waganakising Odawak Nation Statute, I respectfully request that persons using the Tribal Seal for purposes other than that stated in Section IV of WOS 2006-015, please discontinue use until such time that use is authorized by the Waganakising Odawak Tribal Council or until such time that an amendment to the existing Statute or if necessary a new Statute is passed.

In 2006, Tribal Council passed WOS 2006-015 Tribal Seal of the Waganakising Odawak Nation Statute, to ensure that the seal was not being used in a manner that creates a misleading, erroneous, or false impression and is described as follows,:

*The Tribal Seal of the Waganakising Odawak Nation shall be the size of an American Silver Dollar. The design portion of the mark depicts in a circle an Anishinaabe paddling a canoe on a lake. An eagle soars across the sky in front of the sun. A crooked tree branch, an elk, a bear and a turtle are depicted within a circle with six feathers hanging from the circle.*

And looks like this:



Tribal Council recognizes the need for clarification between an official Tribal Seal vs. Tribal Logo and look forward to gathering your thoughts and suggestions on how to protect our tribal seal/logo yet allow citizens to use a form of the tribal logo in a positive and respectful manner.

If you have any comments on this proposed Statute or other Tribal laws, please see the comment section in the Citizens' Only Portal that can be found on the LTBB website at <http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov>.

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*Respectfully Submitted by:*

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