

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Travel Report

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United Tribes of Michigan

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Wednesday February 22 in the afternoon meeting held with the State of Michigan DNR and the Federally Recognized Tribes of Michigan concerning the Implementation of Act 247: Native American History Master Plan of 2016. First is to figure how to implement, time table to write the Regulations and find resources. The act is meant for cooperation between the state and Tribes to be identified as being an historical part of Michigan and the Pure Michigan advertizing concepts using Tribes language and Tribal art being posted on road ways, walking paths, parks, state web sites, brochures etc. Eric Hemmingway, Wes Andrews and Chairperson Bentley gave suggestion for what they would like to see posted on sign. United Tribes and the State have been talking about this idea since 2013. It will be a great day when it happens. It was noted there are States that have brochures, web sites and road way signs identifying and promoting their state Tribes and the contributions made to the state.

6:00 to 8:00 pm the Annual United Tribes of Michigan Legislative Reception was held for Tribal leaders to interact. Always good to have this time to interact with other Tribal leaders to learn and share.

Thursday February 23 See attached agenda and information materials presented attached. The most discussed item was with the Michigan Department of Education also taking part MDCR Tuition Waiver, Civil Rights office regarding the obligation they have by law to teach about Michigan Tribes in Michigan schools. As you can imagine this conversation took the meeting to 5pm instead of ending at 3pm. As we know course study of Michigan Tribes and our contributions are non existence in Michigan Schools K - 12. There should be changes made and State should keep their word and the mandated Directive given by Governor Granholm 2004-05 and Governor Synder Directive 2012-05. Please read attachment; Confederation of Michigan Education Directors Guidance to Michigan Department of Education Regarding Tribal Consultation in the Every Student Succeeds Act.

It is an honor to serve our LTBB Tribe and I say "Miigwech" for allowing me to attend these important meeting to learn and better serve.

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