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ATIKAMEKSHENG WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE OUR NEW GIMAA AND COUNCIL

Naughton, Ontario June 29, 2020 – On June 27 Atikameksheng Anishnawbek held their Gimaa and Council election. Past Gimaa Valerie Richer opted not to run this year and several candidates stepped up to run for the position. Atikameksheng is pleased to extend its congratulations to Gimaa Craig Nootchtai.

The theme of the online campaign was “*Our Election. Our Way.*” – a means of raising awareness of this historic election – the first under the new custom election code. This new law, *Gimaakeng Naaknigewin*, governs the process and conduct of the Gimaa and Council election. The new code allowed for online voting as well as in person and mail in ballots. Gimaa and Council are appointed for a four-year term.

Atikameksheng had a record voter turnout of 381 voters which is 36% of the eligible voters. That is 99 more votes than were cast in the 2018 election for Gimaa and Council.

Serving alongside Gimaa Craig Nootchtai is Councillors Jennifer Petahtegoose, Lesley MacNeil, Vance Nootchtai, Harvey Petahtegoose and Art Petahtegoose.

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Atikameksheng Anishnawbek is a First Nations Community situated west of Sudbury in Naughton. Learn more at <https://atikamekshenganishnawbek.ca/>

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