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January 31, 2020

Dear Community Organization:

This letter is to advise that on November 29, 2019, Todd Smith, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services amended the designations of three children's aid societies, pursuant to s. 34(3) of the *Child, Youth and Family Services Act, 2017* (CYFSA): The Children's Aid Society of the District of Thunder Bay (Thunder Bay CAS), Dilico Anishinabek Family Care (Dilico), and Tikinagan Child and Family Services (Tikinagan). This decision is intended to clarify service provision in Thunder Bay, and to help ensure that children and youth have the supports they require.

The amended designations are effective January 30, 2020 and authorize these three societies, with limited exceptions, to provide child protection services in accordance with the CYFSA throughout the City and District of Thunder Bay. Assistant Deputy Minister David Remington has also issued a directive setting out requirements for service delivery in Thunder Bay, effective January 30, 2020.

To summarize briefly:

- Dilico will remain exclusively designated to perform the functions of a society on the reserves of the First Nations currently listed in Dilico's designation (First Nations affiliated with Dilico).
- Off reserve, in the City and District of Thunder Bay, with the exception of the Aroland First Nation Settlement lands and one part of the north-west area of the District¹ ("the north-west area"), Dilico will perform all the functions of a society for children who are members of, or identify with, Dilico First Nations and for all other First Nations, Inuit, and Métis children except children who are members of or who identify with First Nations affiliated with Tikinagan.
- Off reserve, in the City and District of Thunder Bay, Tikinagan will perform all the functions of a society for children who are members of, or identify with, First Nations affiliated with Tikinagan. Tikinagan will also provide services on the Aroland First Nation Settlement lands.

¹ See Appendix A – north-west area map and lists of First Nations
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- With the exception of the north-west area, Thunder Bay CAS will serve all children who are not First Nations, Inuit, or Métis children. Thunder Bay CAS will also serve reserve lands other than the reserves of the Dilico First Nations.
- If a child's bands include one or more First Nations affiliated with Dilico and one or more First Nations affiliated with Tikinagan, the society receiving the referral will convene a case conference within 24 hours and Dilico and Tikinagan will determine which society should serve the child and their family.

This decision aligns with an additional purpose of the CYFSA, set out at s. 1(2)(6), which reads: "First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples should be entitled to provide, wherever possible, their own child and family services, and all services to First Nations, Inuit and Métis children and young persons and their families should be provided in a manner that recognizes their cultures, heritages, traditions, connection to their communities, and the concept of the extended family."

The protection and well-being of all children, youth and families is our top priority. Organizations and community members who have concerns about the safety or well-being of a child can call Dilico, Tikinagan or Thunder Bay CAS (or any other CAS in the province) to report concerns. We cannot stress this enough. There is no need for callers to determine which society would serve a particular child or family before contacting a CAS with concerns about the child. Any of the three societies can receive information and/or concerns about the safety and well-being of a child. Once a report is made, the societies will work together if necessary, to determine which society is responsible for providing services to the family. Immediate safety needs will be addressed.

Over the course of the next several months, a transition process will be implemented. Beginning on January 30, 2020, Tikinagan will take new referrals, including after-hours services for children who are members of, or identify with, Tikinagan First Nations. Between February and September 2020, children and families currently being served by Dilico where the children are members of, or identify with Tikinagan First Nations, will transfer to Tikinagan.

The ministry recognizes and appreciates that this change in children's aid society jurisdiction in the City and District of Thunder Bay will require close collaboration and clear communication among the three societies as well as all community organizations, particularly during the transition period. We value your support and partnership.

If you have any questions, please contact Gina Clark, Program Supervisor at (807) 464-4179 or Gina.Clark@ontario.ca at the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra Russell".

Sandra Russell
Director, North Region

Attachment: Appendix A - north-west area map and lists of First Nations –

c: David Remington, Assistant Deputy Minister, Child Welfare and Protection Division, MCCSS

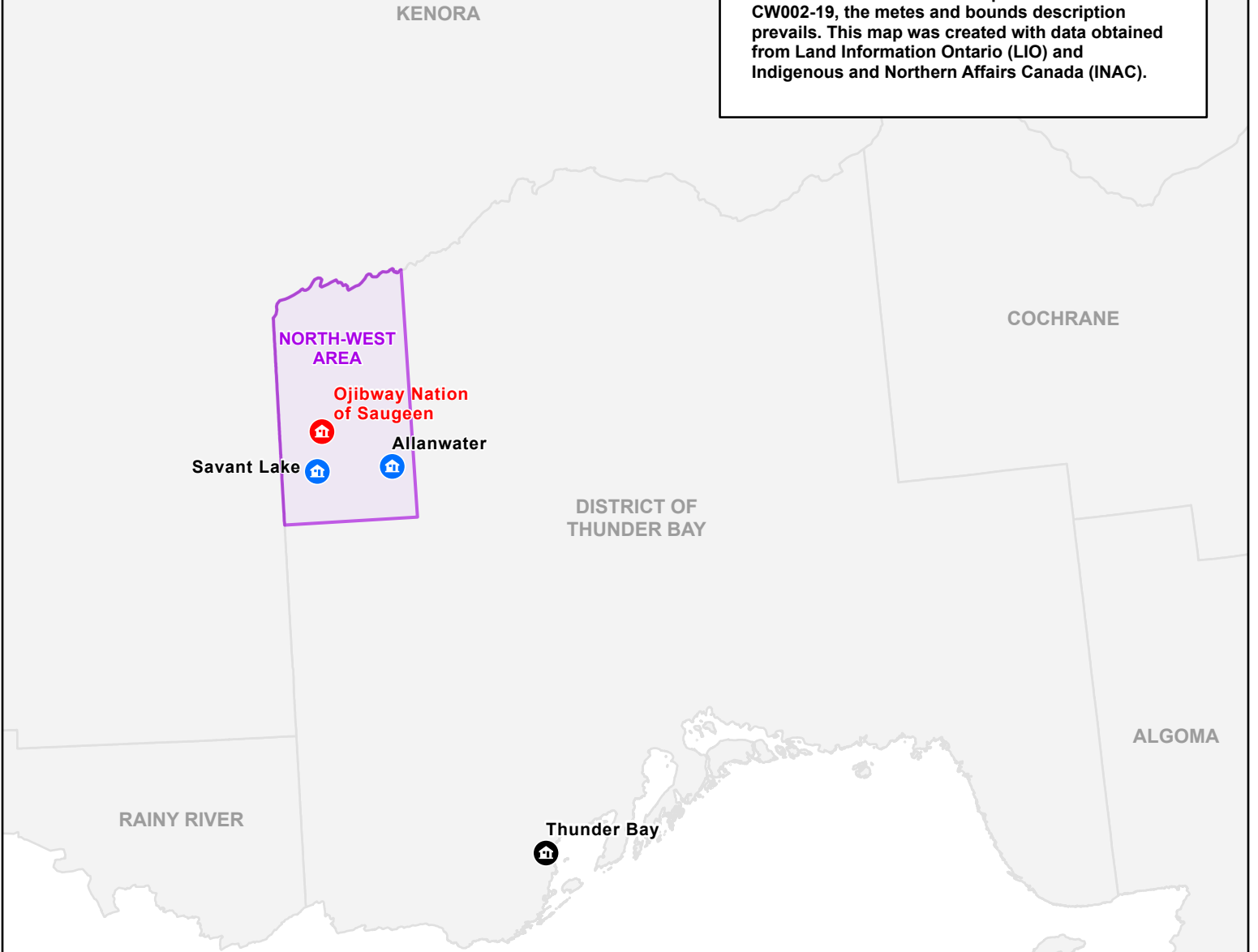







Appendix "A"

North-West Area of the District of Thunder Bay

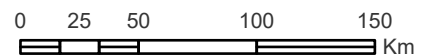
*** Disclaimer/Information Note ***

This map is provided for illustrative purposes only. In the case of inconsistency between this map and the metes and bounds description in Directive CW002-19, the metes and bounds description prevails. This map was created with data obtained from Land Information Ontario (LIO) and Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC).



-  City of Thunder Bay
-  Communities
-  First Nations
-  North-West Area
-  North Region District Boundaries

SOURCE: MCCSS NORTH REGION,
BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE UNIT



First Nations Affiliated with Dilico

Animbigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek

Biigtigong Nishnaabeg (Pic River)

Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek (Rocky Bay)

Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek (Sandpoint)

Fort William

Ginoogaming

Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek (Gull Bay)

Long Lake #58

Michipicoten

Pawgwasheeng (Pays Plat)

Pic Mobert

Red Rock (Lake Helen)

Whitesand

First Nations affiliated with Tikinagan

Aroland

Bearskin Lake

Cat Lake

Deer Lake

Eabametoong

Fort Severn

Koocheching

Kasabonika Lake

Kee-Way-Win

Kingfisher Lake

Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug

Lac Seul

McDowell Lake

Marten Falls

Mishkeegogamang

Muskrat Dam

Neskantaga

Nibinamik

North Caribou Lake

North Spirit Lake

Pikangikum

Poplar Hill

Sachigo Lake

Sandy Lake

Saugeen

Slate Falls

Wapakeka

Wawakapewin

Webequie

Wunnumin Lake