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NEW FUNDING TO HELP REVIVE AND REVITALIZE ANISHINAABEMOWIN

KENORA, ON. AUGUST 3, 2018: Bimose Tribal Council is excited to announce that a new initiative to revitalize the Anishinaabemowin language has been approved and is now on its way into action.

With the help of the Canadian Heritage Aboriginals Peoples' Program (Aboriginal Languages Initiative) funding has been approved for the Language Revitalization Project, Bimose will begin the process of bringing our communities together to collect and document stories based on traditional teachings, beliefs and way of life.

"It has come to a critical point in time where we must bring back the language to preserve our culture and identity as Anishinaabe people" says Cultural Advisor, Jim Green, regarding the decline of use and resources in Anishinaabemowin.

With the collection of stories, the project will be aimed towards documenting the language, focused on uncommon and "old words" in creating resources using this information in our area that will be accessible by our communities, schools and the public in efforts to revive Anishinaabemowin.

This project is joining a line of initiatives that Bimose Tribal Council and its governing member communities have set out in their goals of revitalizing and preserving Anishinaabemowin for our future generations.

Cynthia Jourdain, project lead, shared her thoughts on the project - "It's an exciting project where we our envisioning Elders from our communities visiting each other and sharing stories from long ago. The secondary part is the documentation of the stories that will eventually form a book that reflects the dialect of our territory. I hope the book will be something that our communities will be proud to share in years to come."

For more information, please contact Cynthia Jourdain at cjourdain@bimose.ca

About:

Bimose Tribal Council has been operating since 1989 and is owned and directed by 10 Anishinaabe communities in Northwestern Ontario. Integrating our culture and traditions into all of our activities is a major objective in which we strive to achieve.

Bimose Tribal Council Language Initiatives:

GagiigeKiizhik GaKinoo'amaawadiiwigamig GaKinoo'amaawasowin (Kiizhik School) – K-6 elementary school currently in 4th year of operation where students participate in culturally infused activities and curriculum.

First Nation Student Success Program: Culture & Language – Supports and assists in the development of cultural activities and teachings within 6 surrounding community schools.

Anishinaabe Curriculum Development – Ensures that Bimose curriculum properly reflects the Anishinaabe language, culture and traditions.