

**Collaborative Relationships Between First Nations and Municipalities  
CMO Gathering  
Research Results, Discussion and Sharing**

**May 3, 2023  
10:00 am to 12:30 pm Meeting  
12:30 to 1:30 pm Luncheon**

**Location: Oneida Nation of the Thames Political Office  
Google Maps Link: [2212 Elm Avenue, Southwold, ON](#)**

**LIST OF ATTENDEES**

**Nations:**

Brandon Doxtator (accepted invite) and others from Oneida Nation of the Thames  
Councillor Alizabeth George- Antone, Oneida Nation of the Thames (accepted invite)  
Emma Young (accepted invite) and others from Chippewas of the Thames  
Stacey Philips (accepted invite) and others from Munsee-Delaware Nation

**Presenters:**

Brady Deaton, University of Guelph  
Chris Alcantara, Western University  
Natalya Garrod, Professional Planning Consultant (former UoG student Student)  
Sheri Longboat, University of Guelph

**Students and research contributors:**

Cynthia Huo, 4<sup>th</sup> year undergrad student, Western University  
Philip Charbonneau, former PhD Student, Western University  
Shanaya Vanhooren, PhD student, Western University  
Marcy McKillop, Western University student, and Project Manager for the Lake Huron Primary Water Supply System

**AGENDA**

<b>Arrival and set up</b>		
9:30 - 10:00 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projector and laptop set up</li> <li>• Refreshments/snack?</li> <li>• Informal introductions</li> </ul>	Refreshments
<b>Part 1: Gathering - Sharing and discussion research results</b>		
10:00 am	Welcome and opening – Youth and/or Elder Roundtable introductions Research (re)introduction and agenda review	Brandon and TBD Everyone Sheri
10:15 - 10:30 am	<b>BACKGROUND ON FIRST NATION-MUNICIPAL SHARING</b> A brief on the rising number and range of agreements between Indigenous communities and local governments, and what those trends suggest.	Chris

	<b>A ROLE FOR GOVERNANCE</b> First Nations continue to express interests in local governance. We discuss elements that might be necessary to create an effective water governance regime at the First Nation level	Chris and student
10:30 – 10:45 am	Discussion, questions, sharing...	Everyone
10:45 – 11:00 am	<b>WATER SHARING AGREEMENTS (WSAs) AND DRINKING WATER in ONTARIO</b> Comparison of drinking water advisories for First Nations and municipalities, methods of data analysis, and overall findings around: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The likelihood of drinking water advisories</li> <li>• The extent of water sharing in Ontario, municipal WSAs, and First Nations WSAs</li> <li>• The subset of First Nations engaged in Water Sharing Arrangement and the likelihood of experiencing a drinking water advisory</li> </ul>	Brady
11:00 – 11:15 am	Discussion, questions, sharing...	Everyone
11:15 - 11:30 am	<b>PERSPECTIVES ON MTAs FOR WATER SECURITY</b> Why do water actors from either First Nations or Municipalities choose to/not to engage in Municipal Type Service Agreements (MTAs)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We describe the case study with COTTFN where we spoke with 14 water actors from Nation, municipal, regional, and provincial and share what we heard around barriers, opportunities, and considerations, and some updates since the research.</li> </ul>	Sheri and Natalya
11:30 - 11:45 pm	Discussion, questions, sharing...	Everyone
11:45 - 12:00 noon	<b>ANALYSIS OF EXISTING AGREEMENTS</b> We analyzed existing water sharing agreements and present reasons why some First Nations are not signing these agreements, and whether existing agreements contain provisions that might help mitigate these reasons.	Chris
12:00 noon	Discussion, questions, sharing and next steps...	Everyone
12:20 pm	Closing – Youth and/or Elder	TBD
<b>Part 2: Lunch and Learn</b>		
12:30 - 1:30	Lunch with open invitation for community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sharing with community to support learning</li> <li>• Continued discussion</li> <li>• Information handouts</li> </ul>	Everyone! 😊
1:30 pm - 2:00 pm	Clean space and assist with wrap up	All remaining