

# POLITICAL

## PRIORITY

## PLAN

Consensus reached at  
the Lac-à-l'épaule  
meeting held on May  
27-28, 2025



ABENAKI COUNCIL  
OF ODANAK





## PRESENTATION

This document is part of a strategic process that began during a retreat dedicated to the political planning of the Abenaki Council of Odanak. Guided by the innovative Design Thinking approach, this meeting brought together Council members and two members of the administration's management team in a spirit of collaboration and openness.

Together, participants laid the groundwork for a shared roadmap, clearly defining the political priorities of the Odanak First Nation and the conditions necessary for their implementation. This document reflects the consensus reached on that occasion and constitutes an essential benchmark for guiding political action over the coming years.



# POLITICAL PRIORITIES



Priorities	Goals	Sector	Stakeholders	Actions
Assertion of members' rights and interests	Protecting who we are	Ndakina Office	All elected officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Code of practice: finalization and implementation</li> <li>• Implementation of the One Dish for One Spoon Treaty</li> </ul>
Pass a law on our language	Preserve our identity	Language Office	All elected officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look at other existing models</li> <li>• Draft a bill</li> <li>• Develop a communication plan</li> <li>• Merge with cultural policy</li> </ul>
Maintain high service quality standards	Set an example	All departments of the Council	Executive Committee and all elected officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication strategy</li> <li>• LAF and Accreditation Canada</li> </ul>
Land acquisition, presence, and visibility	Occupy the territory	SDO	All elected officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop and implement a strategy</li> </ul>
Building a strong economical base	Financial independance	Economic development	Chief O'Bomsawin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflection day</li> <li>• Overview of existing models</li> <li>• Improving programs that are inaccessible to certain members (USA, Ontario)</li> <li>• Create a taxation system for non-Indigenous businesses</li> <li>• Create an Abenaki credit union</li> </ul>

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Create a position for a political advisor/analyst	Stay abreast of what is happening at the political level + external relations	Administration	HR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow HR policies and procedures</li> </ul>
Plan a meeting every two years with staff and elected officials	All working together in the same direction	Administration	Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>½ day per group</li> <li>Create an agenda</li> </ul>
Alsig8ntegok	Return to the traditional name	Language Office	Daniel G. Nolett + all elected officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consult language team</li> <li>Consult members</li> </ul>
Build social and non-social housing outside the conventional framework	Increase housing availability in Odanak	Housing and land management	Jacques T. Watso	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore other avenues</li> </ul>
Political pressure to secure funding	Improve health service offerings	Health	Martin Gill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Build the business case (new CSO, services for men, etc.)</li> </ul>
Strengthen mutual understanding between the Council and members	Ensure understanding and commitment (members)	Administration		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create a community engagement plan</li> <li>Create a community engagement position</li> </ul>

# Political Priorities 2025-2026



These policy priorities stem from the consensus reached at the Lac-à-l'épaulé meeting held on May 27 and 28, 2025, at Baluchon écovillégiature, dedicated to the policy planning of the Abenaki Council of Odanak.

