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## Shawanaga First Nation

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### **Shawanaga First Nation Selected for Cannabis Retail Store on First Nations Lands**

SHAWANAGA – August 9, 2019/ - Shawanaga First Nation, an Independent nation in Ontario, today announced that it was the first of a total of eight (8) successful applicants to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) pre-qualification process for a Cannabis Retail Store.

“We remain a sovereign nation and will continue to develop our own local laws to provide self-sufficiency and independence for Shawanaga” said Chief Wayne Pamajewon. “We will work with the Province of Ontario and Canada on bi-lateral agreements and understandings and ensure that the Shawanaga Cannabis Law meets the local needs of our community and that we have framework for supply of Cannabis in our community”.

Adam Good, Band Manager at Shawanaga, had this to say about the successful AGCO application: “We are thrilled to have been selected and with our Land Code we now have the ability to move at a commercial pace as we develop these projects. We are in process of constructing a high quality commercial development area off Highway 69/ Highway 400 in our community. This commercial zone will be dedicated to franchise retail operations that will be overseen by the Shawanaga Economic Development LP.”

#### **About Shawanaga First Nation**

We are located just north of Parry Sound along Highway 69/ Highway 400. Our traditional territory is bordered by the Seguin River to the south, the Magnetawan River to the north and extending to Georgian Bay (including the 30,000 islands) and east to the Ottawa valley. There are three areas that make up Shawanaga First Nation: Shawanaga, Shawanaga Landing and Naiscoutaing.

As a signatory to the Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management, Shawanaga ratified their Land Code and became Operational as of July 1, 2015. Today, through its Land Code, Shawanaga has full autonomy and control of how decisions are made with respect to its lands and resources. We are just one of 19 First Nations out of a total of 133 in Ontario to have achieved this milestone.

Shawanaga belongs to the larger Anishnabek Nation which stretches across much of Ontario, east across the Prairies and around the northern shores of all the Great Lakes. The Anishnabek Nation is comprised of Algonquin, Saulteaux, Anishnabe (Ojibway), Odawa, Chippewa and several other groups.

#### **For More Information**

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