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# Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians Confirms Roads Will Remain Open

**Lac du Flambeau, WI** – January 15, 2025 - The Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians Tribal Council voted that no physical road barricade will be implemented on January 16, 2025. The Tribe based its decision on its responsibility to ensure the safe delivery of services for all residents within our Reservation boundaries while continuing to enforce tribal law to ensure the protection of our Reservation.

The Tribe remains committed to finding solutions with the Lac du Flambeau Town Board, despite their reluctance to meet with the tribe, to address this ongoing dispute over the unauthorized use of Annie Sun Lane, Center Sugarbush Lane, East Ross Allen Lake Lane, Elsie Lake Lane (the “Four Roads”).

“I am disappointed in the Lac du Flambeau Town Board after they continuously run to the Federal Courts when we could have worked out a reasonable solution back in December. The Township has refused to meet with Tribal Officials to discuss their continued default of Resolution no. 143 (23) and has not made a payment since September,” said John Johnson Sr., Tribal Chairman of the Lac du Flambeau Tribe.

“It is unfortunate they continue to spend money on expensive Milwaukee Attorneys rather than a reasonable equitable solution with the Tribe. Our priority is the well-being and safety of everyone in our community. Tribal Council’s decision was rooted in upholding the dignity of our Tribal Members, and upholding our rights as a sovereign nation to protect our treaty-defined permanent homeland.”

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**About the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians**

The Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized sovereign Native American Tribe with a rich cultural heritage. The Tribe’s reservation, established by the Treaty of 1854, serves as a permanent homeland and is the cornerstone of the Tribe's sovereign rights to self-governance and territorial integrity. The Tribe is committed to preserving its culture, protecting its lands, and advancing the well-being of its members.

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