

# Town of Lac du Flambeau

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**VIA EMAIL AND FIRST CLASS MAIL**

President John Johnson, Sr  
Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians  
P O Box 67  
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**RE: Rights of Way over Annie Sunn Lane, Center Sugarbush Lane, East Ross Allen Lake Lane and Elsie Lake Lane (the "Roads")**

Dear John,

On behalf of the Town of Lac du Flambeau (the "Town"), please consider this letter a response to your letter dated February 6, 2023. The Town Board respects the Tribe as a Sovereign nation and looks forward to working together on issues of mutual concern, now and in the future. Years ago, when the Town was made aware of the easement expiration on the Roads, it confirmed that title insurance companies were working actively to complete applications, do all the surveys and obtain appraisals with respect to the Roads. At that time, the Town was assured that the title insurance companies were engaging in active communication and efforts to negotiate renewals of the easements for the Roads.

On January 19, 2023, in a letter from you to property owners, the Town learned that the negotiation process between the Tribe and the title insurance companies was not making progress. The Town apologizes if the Tribe had expected the Town to provide compensation for these Roads. At no time previously, was the Town ever asked to participate in such negotiations or to provide compensation.

The Town, however, is vitally interested in working with all parties to achieve a resolution so as to not block in our neighbors in the community. The Town believes that respectful and open communication in a face to face meeting with the Tribe to discuss the options for compensation and resolution would be vital for the process and everyone involved. The Town will take whatever steps necessary in order to make such a meeting successful.