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Open letter

Re: The recent passing of Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg member, Gino Odjick;

Gino Odjick was a strong representative from the Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg (KZA) community. He inspired many youth and community members.

Mr. Odjick was a proud Algonquin Anishinabe and the community is very proud of his many accomplishments. Gino was a hero and a community legend. It's a tremendous loss for the community and the Algonquin Nation.

In the early days of his career, he visited the youth, he donated hockey equipment, and he helped our youth pursue their dreams. Finally, he provided advice to aspiring hockey players and was a strong advocate for First Nations education.

My personal and last encounter with him was in Vancouver at the 2022 Chiefs Assembly. He was such a caring man with a big heart, he asked about his son's golf game and how the community was doing. Goes to show how much he loved this community and his family.

Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg is mourning today. The entire community sends our condolences to the Odjick family, his friends and his loyal fan base.

Kiga Wàbamin Minawàdj Gino Odjick.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dylan Whiteduck". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Chief Dylan Whiteduck
Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg