

## Larry Romanelli

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**From:** Larry Romanelli  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 18, 2021 9:42 AM  
**To:** Larry Romanelli  
**Subject:** FW: Carlene Deverney Post

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Carlene deverney

Don P Koon

makes one wonder whos pockets are being lined and who has benefited from it.....take a close look at the housing project in muskegon and who is involved....i think our ogema has been planning his exit strategy for years now and has made money on the side from these underhanded deals.....it will all come out in the wash and i believe there will be charges brought forward in the near future.

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Susan Thull

Don P Koon absolutely agree!!

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Janine Sam

And look at the citizens who continue to support the corruption, too. So many people I know are supporting what's is going on, or act like it's not what it is. It's just like COVID, until it touches their own life, it doesn't matter to them. We've lost money, but more importantly, we're losing people! Side deals and lack of transparency are bad for us. Please do not vote for people who will lock it up, because there are many people who are aligned with cronyism.

In my opinion this cronyism has resulted in us losing what cannot be replaced.

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Don P Koon

I know of many people who have brought up wrong doing and been silenced by gag orders and threats of job loss so there is a lot of "maneuvering " going on that many people don't even know about..... check the court records and then try and get a dollar figure for all those secrets it's disgusting

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Don P Koon

And yes Janine there is a group of high paid people that

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 Larry Olson

~~Steve Kequom~~

The Ogema and council have wasted 10's of millions on bad investments

Keen Valley

Diversity

Fruitport

House Of Flavors

And how many more that we don't know about.

We are only investing into the Manistee Gateway Motel to my understanding.

The Gateway Motel is just another bad investment and we need to stop it before more of our money is wasted.

The tribal Ogema and Council treat the tribal finances as their own money and don't care to consult the tribal citizens for their input or concerns.

Has any tribal citizens ever been personally contacted by their tribal council representative and informed on tribal affairs, in 25 years I haven't. Even if the Fruitport casino is built, it will benefit non-tribal citizens, just like the Manistee casino does.


Also with Covid-19 Will casinos ever be profitable again, the next pandemic is just around the corner. Such bad leadership from the Ogema and council, ours Per-Cap has dropped by 70% and other tribes have increased by 70%.

The tribal citizens as a whole can make better financial decisions for the tribes further .



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 Don P Koon

Steve Kequom we did buy it originally but somewhere along the line that all changed.....once again side bar meetings and money being spent without anyone knowing about it.....shameful to say the least.



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**From:** Ron Spoerl <ogema@hawk-industries.us>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 6, 2021 10:59 AM  
**To:** Larry Romanelli; Tribal\_Council  
**Cc:** Steven Wheeler; Leads-Group; Tom St. Dennis; odawa dancer; Jim LaPorte; Scott Wahr; Eugene Magnuson  
**Subject:** RE: OMG

To all of you,

This is unbelievable. Unfortunate for Carlene to misrepresent herself this way. Not our Ogema or Not our Council should be communicated in this way. Your jobs are tough enough without the noise. Yes it is noise... when someone does have the respect or decency to try and learn how to communicate to other Tribal members. Her concerns will be addressed ... but Carlene can do better. That is not representing future generations

We will agree there are clearly concerns within the Tribe. You and I talk about it all the time... and one of those concerns is the lack of communication. Within my own organizations (4000), I can even be found guilty for the lack of communication. We address it, I address it and own up to it .... And then we move on from the situation immediately, so that we can move forward positively for the best interest of the organization.

If an individual, is in an elected position, and they are continuously showing lack of judgement, mistruths, miscommunication, feeding the fire to anger, if they show any type of grudge... showing that they are unwilling to step up and address the situation immediately or even asking for help from other colleagues within... Then we would all agree, that person would be absolutely unfit to lead this organization. Right?

And if that person is you... then please call me privately so we can find a way to address your concerns in a different way. What you feel or what you are saying is clearly not working for the best interest of our (you and I) Tribe.

My heart believes and trusts that each of you... have our (you and I) tribe's best interest at heart especially, Carlene Deverney. Her anger should not go unnoticed. It should be addressed. However, Carlene should absolutely NOT communicate in the way she is portraying herself BUT she should be communicated to addressing all of her concerns in a respectful way. I would also challenge Carlene to help serve in areas that would benefit the Tribe and Tribal members. I know she would agree, this kind of teaching would go on for the next seven generations.

I am a supporter of "Chief" Larry Romanelli. There is a reason why he was elected into his position for many years! I am a supporter of "my Council"... there is a reason why you were elected into that position and therefore I respect YOU and the position you hold.

The work all of you do... from Larry, Council, EDC to all the employees watching every move you make at work can be very nerve racking... yet here you are day after day. We are all doing the best we can. Brainstorm as to how all of you together under one voice... so we can address Carlene's and others... concerns or questions.

Right now, I challenge you (you reading this) to step up even more and really begin to help all of us to work together, better. Times are hard enough with all this uncertainty. You know this. New challenges this past year.

Listen... as Leaders representing the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.... We need certainty in our Tribe. We need to show to our membership that we can lead. Not through anger, not through mistruths, not through unanswered questions and definitely not through grudges. (step down of you hold a grudge- its shows and its selfish)

Everyone, If there was a time to show unity and give Tribal members certainty... do it.

Now is that time.

Miigwetch,  
Ron Spoerl  
Tribal Member 3830

PS: Again if you consider yourself a Leader representing the LRBOI- Support each other and work together. As a concerned Tribal Member, You are all welcome to my home anytime or I would be happy to fly out to you, anytime to discuss further. If we do not get a handle on this.. we will not have a Tribe representing future generations.

-----Original Message-----

From: Larry Romanelli <larryromanelli@lrboi-nsn.gov>


Sent: Friday, March 5, 2021 1:55 PM

To: Tribal\_Council <Tribal\_Council@lrboi-nsn.gov>

Cc: Steven Wheeler <stevenwheeler@lrboi-nsn.gov>; Leads-Group <Lead-Group@lrboi-nsn.gov>; Tom St. Dennis <TomStDennis@lrboi-nsn.gov>; odawa dancer <odawadancer@hotmail.com>; Jim LaPorte <jlaporte@lunaent.com>; Ron Spoerl <ogema@hawk-industries.us>; Scott Wahr <wahrs@frontier.com>; Eugene Magnuson <EugeneMagnuson@lrboi-nsn.gov>

Subject: FW: OMG

Anyone on Council who was involved in the Fishing Program want to explain where the \$850,000 went? Who was on during that time? Would you want to explain how much Romanelli's Construction Co made off the models? Everyone has access to those figures right? Or would you just like to keep the rumors going for political purposes. Where on earth would Carlene from Wisconsin get ideas like that? It would appear at first look, that someone may be giving her false information? I've explained it ,but maybe it would be better coming from a councilor who represents outlying members and who knows about the fishing program; who voted it in, who the money was given too; how it was spent; where the \$850,000 is or was. Thanks Why are they called "supporters" to those against me? and "cronies" when they support me?

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**From:** Eugene Magnuson  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 13, 2021 10:57 AM  
**To:** Larry Romanelli; Ronald Pete; 'Ron Spoerl'  
**Cc:** Steven Wheeler; Leads-Group; Tom St. Dennis; 'odawa dancer'; 'Jim LaPorte'; 'Scott Wahr'; Mary Thomas; Gary DiPiazza; Shannon Crampton; Sandra Lewis; Ronald Wittenberg; Thomas Guenthardt; Cynthia Champagne; David Corey; Diane Lonn; Sara Agosa  
**Subject:** Re: Rumors

*Respected Colleagues,*

*As General Manager of the EDC, I have only limited knowledge of some of the items in this email. For example, I do not know anything about the fishing monies. I am aware however of our construction efforts and can unequivocally state that the Ogema is not involved in this enterprise. Additionally, each year we are audited by the same firm that audits the tribe and this firm has issued clean audits to Tribal Council of our activities. As a tribal member of another tribe and having a Father Arthur A. Magnuson and (4) four siblings from this tribe, I can assure you I understand the challenges we tribal members face. On behalf of our economic development corporation, I invite any and all of you to our open session which we have monthly. Please click on the following link to access our 2021 meeting calendar.*

*With Respect,  
Eugene*

[EDC Board Meeting Calendar 2021 DRAFT.xlsx \(lrhedc.com\)](#)

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**From:** Larry Romanelli <larryromanelli@lrboi-nsn.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 8:23 PM  
**To:** Ronald Pete <ronaldpete@lrboi-nsn.gov>; 'Ron Spoerl' <ogema@hawk-industries.us>  
**Cc:** Steven Wheeler <stevenwheeler@lrboi-nsn.gov>; Leads-Group <Lead-Group@lrboi-nsn.gov>; Tom St. Dennis <TomStDennis@lrboi-nsn.gov>; 'odawa dancer' <odawadancer@hotmail.com>; 'Jim LaPorte' <jlaporte@lunaent.com>; 'Scott Wahr' <wahrs@frontier.com>; Eugene Magnuson <EugeneMagnuson@lrboi-nsn.gov>; Mary Thomas <marythomas@lrboi-nsn.gov>; Gary DiPiazza <garydipiazza@lrboi-nsn.gov>; Shannon Crampton <shannoncrampton@lrboi-nsn.gov>; Sandra Lewis <sandralewis@lrboi-nsn.gov>; Ronald Wittenberg <ronaldwittenberg@lrboi-nsn.gov>; Thomas Guenthardt <thomasguenthardt@lrboi-nsn.gov>; Cynthia Champagne <cynthiachampagne@lrboi-nsn.gov>; David Corey <davidcorey@lrboi-nsn.gov>; Diane Lonn <dianelonn@lrboi-nsn.gov>; Sara Agosa <saraagosa@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Rumors

Good Evening All:

I refuse to allow continued rumors to be spread within this tribe. I've watched this happen for over a decade especially around election times. From the email I string below, I received very few responses from tribal council and EDC. I could give a damn about what is said about me, it comes with the position, but I know that there are people who are intentionally misleading tribal membership. From the emails below, I asked for someone to explain where the \$850,000 went. Council should know and Councilor Crampton was on council when the fishing program was started, I believe he is the only one on council that was on back then. Not a word from him. He and others should know the money trail and where the \$850,000 ended up. Carlene is an outlying member; an outlying rep should answer her. Why would council reps leave her to believe incorrect information?

Preference in hiring. I keep hearing about that, and I guess what is the problem? I did not make the decision to layoff employees by myself. Actually, directors and Leads made the list and presented the list to me. Rumors that tribal employees were replaced by non-tribal employees; really? By me? where?

Misstatements of me not letting Janine Sam or others get a job or on committees or commissions was just completely false. Why are those statements allowed to continue?

The whole issue with my heritage continues to this day with Councilor Champagne still saying that I am not Native American, yet she fails to show the proof. In an open session of Tribal Council Meeting, Shannon stated that he was told by some "auties" that there were people running in this election that aren't Native American but doesn't say who the "auties" are or who the supposed candidates are. As usual. He has made similar statements since I've been ogema. Why is he not expected to back up his statements?

I know that many of you know the truth behind most of these misstatements, feel free to help correct them.

Larry

the tribal council would know that I have not received one nickel from this tribe for my construction company over the years. I never even bid on any job. Quite frankly, I wouldn't because of all the BS that would come with it.

Spending the 7th generation's inheritance? Are we serious? As Council pushes giving 50% rather than 40% out now for per cap?

If this is what it takes at every election, it's no wonder our Tribe has a hell of a time trying to get ahead or move forward. If we don't knock down the continual rumors, we're sunk. We have at least one current councilor, Councilor Champagne, making the statement, after 14 years, of me not being "Indian". Councilor Crampton making similar statements of people running for office in this election possibly not being Indian; with no kind of backup to those statements. Has anyone held them accountable? Has council asked them to produce documents on their accusations? Is this really who is leading our Tribe?

Unbelievable. In any other organization, people who spread lies would be removed from the organization. Why do we accept less for our Tribe? It's time for all good people to speak out.

-----Original Message-----

From: Ronald Pete <ronaldpete@lrboi-nsn.gov>

Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 8:14 AM

To: Ron Spoerl <ogema@hawk-industries.us>; Larry Romanelli <larryromanelli@lrboi-nsn.gov>; Tribal\_Council <Tribal\_Council@lrboi-nsn.gov>

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Subject: RE: OMG

Thank you Ron for your awesome words and I commend you for them.

Ron

-----Original Message-----

From: Ron Spoerl <ogema@hawk-industries.us>

Sent: Saturday, March 6, 2021 10:59 AM

To: Larry Romanelli <larryromanelli@lrboi-nsn.gov>; Tribal\_Council <Tribal\_Council@lrboi-nsn.gov>

Cc: Steven Wheeler <stevenwheeler@lrboi-nsn.gov>; Leads-Group <Lead-Group@lrboi-nsn.gov>; Tom St. Dennis <TomStDennis@lrboi-nsn.gov>; odawa dancer <odawadancer@hotmail.com>; Jim LaPorte <jlaporte@lunaent.com>; Scott Wahr <wahrs@frontier.com>; Eugene Magnuson <EugeneMagnuson@lrboi-nsn.gov>

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**From:** Michelle Lucas  
**Sent:** Monday, March 15, 2021 10:10 AM  
**To:** Larry Romanelli  
**Cc:** Mary Thomas  
**Subject:** RE: Business Questions

Hi Larry,

Per our earlier phone conversation, below is what corresponded during the phone call with Ms. Sara Agosa. During the call with Ms. Agosa, she wanted to know if the Ogema's two businesses were in the tribe's preferred vendor file.

I explained that there are two different types of vendor files. The first is a list of vendors that the tribe has done business with and a second list is a list of vendors that have been certified as having Indian Preference by the Tribe. I told her that both businesses were certified by the Tribe as having Indian preference, but at no time have we received a quote or an award made to either company. I further noted that both certificates had expired.

I further explained how Indian Preference works. She inquired the names of the two businesses. I told her I had to look those up. This is when I had called you.

I called her back and gave the names of the two businesses.

Ms Agose inquired on what types of businesses were they were. I responded that I didn't feel comfortable in providing any detailed information on any company on file without consent from the company. She stated that she can get the information from another source.

She called back a third time and told me that she wanted me to know that she keeps her sources private.

She was very cordial and polite during the calls.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Larry Romanelli <larryromanelli@lrboi-nsn.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 15, 2021 9:41 AM  
**To:** Michelle Lucas <michellelucas@lrboi-nsn.gov>  
**Cc:** Mary Thomas <marythomas@lrboi-nsn.gov>  
**Subject:** Business Questions

Good morning Michelle,

Could you please do a brief recap of the questions that you were asked by Sara Agosa regarding my businesses? I hate to give more work, but both I and Eugene have already answered the questions caused from her post. Thank you; no hurry.

Sent from my iPhone