

SAGKEENG ANICINABE GOVERNMENT



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MANITOBA FIRST NATION SCHOOL DIVISION UPDATE

May 16 2017, Sagkeeng Chief and Council notified Minister Bennett of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) and the Manitoba First Nation Education Resource Center (MFNERC) by written correspondence, that due to INAC's failure and continued resistance to resolve the on-going pension issue, Sagkeeng had withdrawn from the Manitoba First Nation School Division initiative. Sagkeeng had provided Bennett correspondence on December 6 2016, setting out conditions related to the on-going pension issue that INAC had to satisfy to allow Sagkeeng to participate in the First Nation School Division.

Sagkeeng will be looking at further options to address INAC and their discriminatory practices that they have shown in all areas.

Sagkeeng will continue operating and controlling the funding for our education system in the upcoming school year in September. As we plan for the school year we will also keep the community informed as to what steps will be taken to address the education issues.

Pension

In 2008, a stock market crash devalued the Sagkeeng pension plan. As a result, Sagkeeng has contributed over \$2 million in special payments to the pension plan as required by the federal Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (OSFI) and to other costs related to the pension issues. If Sagkeeng failed to make these special payments, the continued operation of the pension plan would have been jeopardized and, of course, Sagkeeng employee contributions.

Sagkeeng currently makes monthly special payments of \$14,862. Monthly special payments were as high as \$39,000 in 2013-2014. Monthly special payments fluctuate annually and are determined by the value of the pension plan via the Actuarial Valuation Report (AVR).

Since 2011, Sagkeeng and Canada have been in litigation and other administrative hearings over Canada's failure to meet its financial obligations to the Sagkeeng pension under the INAC Band Employee Benefit policy. Sagkeeng has an arbitration hearing with respect to the pension with INAC in August 2017.

POST-SECONDARY AND HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Our apologies if we missed anyone.

Post-Secondary Education

Cameron Dorland (UofM)
Jonah Powell (UofM)
Kaitlin Laforte (UofM)
David Fontaine (UofM)
Leah Fontaine (UofM)
Lizette Courchene (UofM)
Marissa Guimond (UofM)
Victoria McIntosh (UofM)
Meagan Minintim (UofM)
Jonah Powell (UofM)
Michelle Thompson (UofM)
Meagan Vickers (UofM)
Megan Guimond (UofM)
Alexandra Fontaine (UofW)
Courtney Swampy (UofW)
Jessica Canard (UofW)
Sheri McKinstry (UofVictoria)
Melissa Henderson (Lakehead University)
Melinda Henderson (Lakehead University)
Alicia Courchene (Red River Community College)

Sagkeeng Anicinabe High School

Liam Abraham	Kiara Bird
Justin Bruyere	Destiny Bunn
Faith Bunn	Makenna Bunn
Rainer Bunn	Jade Courchene
Keyanna Courchene	Sierra V. Courchene
Chelsea Daniels	Emily Daniels
Jaida Fontaine	Seth Gerrard-Dorie
Kayene Green	Kaylee Guimond
Wyntor Guimond	Jaden Henderson
Rae'Anna Henderson	Harold Lavadier
Phelan Leask	Gillian Mazerolle
Calan Robinson	

Powerview School

Jamie Alexander	Sam Berthelette
Tiana Blatz	Daniel Boyd
Jonina Courchene	Sydney Fontaine
Katrina Starr	Suzu Courchene

Empower School

Yvonne Abraham
Stacey Bruyere-Starr
Ashley Courchene
Renee Courchene
Christina Dorie
Dalton Lavoie
Alanna O'Laney
Tanya Sinclair

Ann Bruyere
Katherine Bunn
Jennifer Lee Courchene
Sara Courchene
Jennifer Guimond
Ashley Martonoshi
Roman Schmutz

Stephanie Daniels - Aboriginal Community Campus of CAHRD
Dylan Dewar - Aboriginal Community Campus of CAHRD
Hilaire Fontaine - Aboriginal Community Campus of CAHRD

Jamie Bloomfield - Urban Circle Training
Darcie Hood - Urban Circle Training
Kristen Starr - Urban Circle Training

Daunte Abraham
Raelene Abraham - Portage Collegiate Institute
Saysha Abraham
Julian Banks - Agassiz Adult Education Centre
Stevie Bruyere - Manitoba Institute of Trades & Technology
Heather Bunn-Daniels - Black River Adult Education
Malik Courchene - Beaver Brae Secondary School
Jaylene Dankowski - Langford Churchill High School
Adam Everette
Dreydin Fontaine
Destin Guimond - Kildonan East Collegiate
Melvin Guimond - Manitoba Institute of Trades & Technology
Michelle Guimond
Nicholas Harper
Jaiden Hibi Transcona Collegiate
Kobe Pakoo - Courchene Sturgeon Heights
Sasha Prince - Lac du Bonnet Senior School
Seth O'Laney - Major Pratt
Brenton Ross
Hope Smith
Marcus Traverse - Fort Richmond Collegiate
Madison Wasicuna - Henderson - Children of The Earth School

CANADA GAMES TORCH RELAY EVENT

On July 14, 2017, 21 runners from Sagkeeng and neighboring communities will be participating in the Canada Games Torch Relay in Powerview, Pine Falls, and Sagkeeng on Hwy 11 - please see <http://www.sagkeeng.ca/summer-games-torchbearer-video/>.



The runners will begin approximately 9:00 am and run from the Powerview Dam to the Sagkeeng Arena. Come join the festivities - free food and inflatables for the kiddies.

ANICINABE COMMUNITY SCHOOL PROJECT UPDATE

Prepared by Michael Erlander, Project Manager

Client Review

On June 1, 2017, Chief Henderson, representatives from Council, and the project design team conducted a Technical Review session for the 33% design development drawing package. This all-day meeting was to review functional program, building and site design, and discuss next steps. The next such meeting to review the 66% progress milestone is scheduled for July 12, 2017.

Current Work

The project is currently in the Construction Document phase. The design team continues to confirm design decisions, prepare formal construction drawings and specifications, and confirm site conditions relating to site access, geotechnical conditions and the placement of outdoor recreation facilities.

Project Schedule

Construction is scheduled to begin mid-October, 2017, with the school's completion and move-in date estimated to be May, 2019.

Project Scope

After extensive analysis, it was found to be more feasible to demolish the existing structure and construct a new school. Communication with INAC, in order to adjust the original scope and budget to reflect these new criteria, is occurring. In addition, the hiring of a local Project Coordinator, the ability to use local labor, and process of pre-qualifying general contractors to ensure quality, all remain priorities in the planning process.

NEEDED

Sagkeeng requires band members and other local resources: laborers, tradesmen, and heavy equipment for this project. Please submit your resume and/or other documentation identify your interest to the Sagkeeng Government Administration office.

Anicinabe Community School Project Key Milestone Dates

- July 12, 2017: Sagkeeng+INAC 66% Contract Documents Review Complete
- August 3, 2017: 99% Contract Documents Submission (Drawings and Specifications)
- August 18, 2017: Sagkeeng+INAC 99% Contract Documents Review Complete



- September 3, 2017: 100% Contract Documents Submission (Drawings and Specifications)
- September 8, 2017: Sagkeeng+INAC 100% Contract Documents Review Complete
- September 8, 2017: Issue for Tender
- September 28, 2017: Tender Deadline
- October 19, 2017: Contract Award
- April 18, 2019: Construction Complete / Substantial Completion



SAGKEENG MINO PIMATIZIWIN FAMILY TREATMENT CENTRE INC.

Business Expansion Summary:

As part of SMPFTC's Strategic Plan, the Centre will submit a business proposal to Health Canada which will help to address the ever-growing concern regarding substance abuse, with special attention to the opioid crisis. The proposal will include:

- a) Detox Centre – alcohol & other drugs, preparation for addictions treatment
- b) Suboxone Treatment – physician-led, in collaboration with NP's, Counsellors, & Case Workers, referrals to treatment
- c) Addictions Day Treatment Program – graduate program with possible referrals for further treatment services
- d) Expansion of existing services – 7 additional family suites, construction to start September 2017.

The Day Program will be set up so that individuals may come with a family member to encourage & create a healthy support system. The Program will mirror our accredited residential treatment program – traditional teachings, ceremonies, wellness sessions, parenting skills, communication, grief-week, etc.

For further information please contact Bernalda Robinson, Executive Director, Sagkeeng Mino Pimatziwin Family Treatment Centre Inc.

KIH-ME-NIGGO-NAAN KIH-NAA-GAY-GOH

Sagkeeng Heritage Centre secured federal funding to construct a hiking/ biking trail to run adjacent to Catfish Creek that will provide recreational opportunities for Sagkeeng Anicinabek.

The trail will include parking, benches, picnic area/ arbour, planters and a fire pit.

Background:

Outdoor recreational opportunities for Sagkeeng Anicinabek are minimal. In response, Sagkeeng Heritage Centre submitted a funding proposal to construct a walking/ biking trail to run adjacent to Catfish Creek.

To be constructed during July, “Kih-me-niggo-naan kih-naa-gay-goh” will encourage individuals and families to gather in an outdoor recreational setting. Benefits include:

- Outdoor activities have been shown to reduce stress, tension and fatigue;
- Improve health outcomes by encouraging healthy living to reduce the risk of chronic health conditions and complications;
- Provide an enjoyable venue for sharing and socializing with family & friends in a safe and accessible green space;
- Increase pride in our community and serve as an outdoor meeting place for special events.

The Sagkeeng Anicinabe Government is funding 50% of the cost, while Western Economic Diversification is funding the remaining 50%.

All work to be done by Department of Public Works and Sagkeeng Heritage Centre. An official Grand Opening will take place this summer.

For further information contact Dina Bruyere, Sagkeeng Heritage Centre, at 204-367-2129

BAND HALL RENOVATION AND EXPANSION PROJECT

The target construction completion date is August 30, 2017. The progress of the construction is as per schedule. Mechanical and electrical work is as per schedule also. Manitoba hydro has approved the electrical work and is also on board to hook up the power by the target completion date.

Manitoba lotteries is closely involved in terms of the layout and construction.

During the course of construction local labor has been hired for each and every stage. Seventeen community workers worked at various stages of construction.

External New and Old Building

Metal siding along with Tyvek paper repair and new siding has been installed on New Building. Old siding was removed from existing Bingo Hall and replaced with new siding as well. The final finishing touches will be given after the mechanical and electrical equipment is installed and complete.

Internal New Building

- Framing of the new building is complete. New stage, steps, two storage bulk heads, bathrooms and canteen areas are framed. In process of framing doors and building stairs and ramp to/in old building.



- Insulation, drywall and taping is finished with some area waiting for final electrical and mechanical completion.
- Electrical rough-in is finished and approved by Manitoba Hydro.
- Security and alarm system wiring is complete
- Music system wiring is complete.
- Plumbing rough-in is complete.
- New building is ready to be primed and painted. Painting will be done in old and new building together.
- Mechanical installation has started and will be finished by end of July.

SAGKEENG QUALIFIED DONEE STATUS

Sagkeeng received their Qualified Donee Status from the CRA. Sagkeeng can now make official tax receipt for donations received from individuals and organizations, and, registered charities. Donators need to inform whomever they are donating to on behalf of Sagkeeng that they are requiring a tax receipt and will have to provide their full name and address in order for finance to issue a taxable receipt, this is as per CRA regulation.

This will help us with applying for certain funding not available to us prior to receiving this status.

Below is the official CRA definition and a link to the CRA website.

<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/chrts-gvng/chrts/plcy/cgd/qlfddns-eng.html>

COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLANNING INITIATIVE/LAND USE PLANNING

Brenda Morrissette and Donna Sais are leading the Comprehensive Community Planning Initiative. In addition to this initiative, Doug Boyd and Ken Alexander are responsible for the Land Use Planning initiative. They can be reached at the Sagkeeng Anicinabe Government office at 204-367-2287 and by email: bmorrissette@sagkeeng.ca, dsais@sagkeeng.ca, dboyd@sagkeeng.ca, and kalexander@sagkeeng.ca.

Please see the Sagkeeng website (www.sagkeeng.ca) for their June newsletter “*Khawehjiheyying June 2017*”.

KAPYONG

Kapyong Barracks has been an ongoing issue for years and on May 23, 2017 there was a signing ceremony where all the Treaty 1 Chiefs signed an agreement to work as a collective as Treaty 1. With this signing, the Treaty 1 Chiefs will now be negotiating with Canada on the demolition

of the current buildings and the moving forward of the site for development. The Treaty 1 Chiefs will collectively be developing governance structure and an economic plan for the area. Once these structures are in place meetings will occur with the respective communities of Treaty 1 with their leadership, so the plans can be discussed at the community level.

COMMUNITY DRUG MEETING

On June 15, 2017, a community meeting was held at the Sagkeeng arena to discuss the drug problem. This meeting was a result of a 'motion' passed at the community assembly on May 18, 2017. The meeting was well attended by community members, education staff and representatives from the different departments. There were presentations made by Sagkeeng Mino Pimatziwin Treatment Centre, Bear Claw Patrol founder James Favel, Shohan Illsley of 595 Prevention and RCMP representatives. A survey was completed after the presentations and there are recommendations that resulted from the meeting. These results will be shared at the assembly in August and a plan of action to be addressed. The survey results will be posted on the website.

SHORELINE PROTECTION

Sagkeeng continues to see our shoreline falling into the river and our land base shrinking. There have been meetings held between Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation (M.I.T.) and representatives from Sagkeeng to discuss the erosion problem. INAC has been informed of the erosion problem and the loss of land. INAC has a responsibility to look after Indian lands and they have received notice to this effect. There are also issues along PTH #11 by the Sagkeeng Junior High School on the south shore that needs to be addressed. There is a tripartite agreement that needs to be completed so this work can commence.

HYDRO AGREEMENT

The Sagkeeng Anicinabe Government have requested to meet with Mr. Kelvin Shepherd, CEO of Manitoba Hydro to commence talks with respect to a hydro agreement. Manitoba Hydro has been operating with an interim license from year to year due to the agreement being rejected by the community. At a community meeting which Mr. Shepherd attended he listened to community concerns and he stated he wanted to develop a 'relationship' with the communities and he also mentioned revenue sharing. This initial meeting is to see what position Manitoba Hydro is in to negotiate a fair and equitable agreement for Sagkeeng. Updates on this will be provided after the meeting on July 24, 2017 with Mr. Shepherd.

DOGS

Sagkeeng has been notified on many occasions of members being bit by dogs in the community. The reports provided by the Health Department have indicated that the dog owners have allowed their dogs to be tied up during the day and allowed to roam freely at night. The probable reason for this is to protect their homes from theft and other reasons. Due to the serious nature of some dogs biting more than one individual and in some cases more than five members, we need to protect the community members and our children from these dangerous animals. Homeowners will be notified by letter that they are responsible for their dogs and if they continue to bite or harm, the proper authorities will be notified and the dog may be removed from the homeowner. Be a responsible pet owner!

IMPORTANT DATES AND NOTES

Year-End Reports

- Year-End Reports have been compiled from various departments/organization/offices and will be available at the Sagkeeng Administration Office and on the website www.sagkeeng.ca.

Treaty Days 2017 Planning Meetings

- Treaty Days 2017 planning continues - please contact Dylan Courchene, Treaty Days Coordinator, at 204 367 2287 or through email at treatydays@sagkeeng.ca.

Sagkeeng Employment & Income Assistance

- June 2017 - Wednesday, May 31, 2017
- July 2017 - Thursday, June 29, 2017

Treaty Days 2017

- Sagkeeng's annual Treaty Days are now scheduled from Tuesday July 25 to Sunday July 30. Please look out for the events schedule.

Community Mail

- Please see www.sagkeeng.ca for a list of band members that have mail for pick up at the Sagkeeng Government office.

General Assembly

- Sagkeeng's next General Assembly is scheduled for August 17, 2017.

SAGKEENG SAFETY OFFICERS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
RCMP Ron Fontaine Carey Lavadier Brenton Johnston Joel Bruyere	367-8728 345-3125 830-1105 830-1335 830-1336				June 30 Joel 10am – 6pm Brenton 7pm – 3am Ron 7pm – 3am	1 CANADA DAY RCMP (FNSO's on call for emergencies)
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If you wish to contribute an event, story, or another of news to this bi-monthly newsletter or the Sagkeeng website please contact Christine Courchene, Administrative Assistant, at 204 367 2287 or via email at info@sagkeeng.ca.

