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Muskeg Lake wâhkôtowin Project

Muskeg Lake Cree Nation Membership

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Muskeg Lake is starting/initiating a new project called 'wâhkôtowin' (relationships/kinship). This is a three year project with the goal to develop a community driven comprehensive community plan.

Over the years there have been many strategies and plans developed and Muskeg Lake has completed some very important projects. This work will be used to support the foundation as we move towards the completion of a renewed community plan.

Muskeg Lake has a rich history, and values our language and cultural diversity; one of our greatest assets is our people and the vast knowledge and skills that each individual has.

We ask for your participation, your voice is important as we create a path forward that will benefit our members now and for those yet to be born. Over the next few months there will be opportunities to learn, provide input, ideas and recommendations.

Please see the attached information, if you have any questions, please contact Harry Lafond at 306-227-9630.

Watch for further updates and activities that are currently being planned.

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What is a Community Based Comprehensive Community Plan?

It is:

- A holistic process driven by the community, for the community, involving as many people as possible
- A 'comprehensive' approach that includes all key planning areas of the community (Lands and Resources; Culture; Health and Social Development; Justice; Education; Infrastructure Development; Governance etc.)
- Helps to ensure that the plan makes sense and is the best use of resources
- Creates linkages between programs
- Ensures sustainable development over the long term to support our children, grandchildren and those yet to come

What are the Benefits for our Community?

Planning can:

- Empower the community to create our own future
- Benefit the whole community by creating positive change in a proactive way, while it protects the values and laws of the community
- Supports the work done under administration and builds on the communities' governance capacity
- Builds teamwork, communication and skills within the staff
- Coordinates future development for land use and future building needs
- Protects our resources for traditional use and food security
- Promotes healing and reconciliation
- Creates economic opportunities

Upcoming Events (so far)

- January 31-session for Chief and Council and Band Staff (kihiw gym)
- February 28-session for young people 15-40 In Saskatoon (location to be determined)
- March 7-Cree Law development forum (kihiw gym)
- March 31-Muskeg Lake Festival (kihiw gym)

This is a three-year project so events will be planned in other locations and opportunities to provide feedback will be made available electronically or through person to person contact if individuals are interested.