

MOSQUITO GRIZZLY BEAR'S HEAD LEAN MAN FIRST NATION

VISION

Mosquito Grizzly Bear's Head Leanman First Nation supports a long term vision of healthy individuals, families and community achieving self-sufficiency and self-sustainability.

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MISSION

The Mosquito Grizzly Bear's Head Leanman First Nation provides leadership in the development and provision of necessary social and health programming for our constituents; continuously builds and implements an economic plan that creates wealth, builds infrastructure and seizes growth opportunities at the community level on behalf of our First Nations; and honors our unique culture, language and history by preserving and actively participating in our First Nations heritage.



POST SECONDARY

Coordinator Jason Stone

Tansi. June 30, 2016 was Mosquito First Nation Post-Secondary Program cut-off date for the applications. I would like to thank the new students who have applied. Programs must be at least 8 months or longer to be accepted for funding.

Students who have received their acceptance letters must hand them in with their applications to receive the funding.

It is important that we provide services that work in the best interest of the students so we updated the Mosquito Post-Secondary Student Manual which will be sent out to all the current Post Secondary Students for their better understanding.

Congrats to all our high school graduates of 2016:

Cheyenne Pahsahnunk	Ocean Peters
Aletha Baptiste-Spyglass	Steven Kennedy
Cynthia Soosay	Peter Spyglass
Dolores Starchief	Alvena Stone
Keysha Spyglass	Tristen Armstrong
Kristin Hood	Shalin Steel
Andrea Starchief	Shania Moosomin
Jeremy Armstrong	Tyrah Gopher-Stone

We now have currently 31 Post Secondary Students enrolled into either University or College on September 1, 2016.

Jason Stone

“EDUCATION IS THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON WHICH YOU CAN USE TO CHANGE THE WORLD” - NELSON MANDELA

MEDICAL TAXI TRANSPORTATION

Coordinator Rose Marie Moosomin

Mosquito Band Members,

I would like to welcome our new driver for the Community: Wendell Stone! Fortunately, transportation is very strong towards the Battleford's appointments only since our dialysis patients are priority.

A new vehicle replacement will also be underway as soon as the providers (Community

Development & Support Unit) from Health Canada release the funding to the Community. We had an approval in April and now into December and still waiting! No word lately on the update and hopefully within the new year.

Rose Marie Moosomin

NATIONAL CHILD BENEFITS - LABOUR FORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Coordinator Jacqueline Pahsahnunk

TANSI MGBHLMFN

There are 5 activities within the NCB programs; CN, CE, CC, ADM, HTW.

The NCB coordinator administers the **Child Nutrition** and **Cultural Enrichment** at the Mosquito School. The Child Nutrition is in place and allows each child to have a healthy meal and snack throughout the day, who are in attendance at the school. The Cultural Enrichment is for the Elders to utilize their skills so that Cultural and Language retention is not lost. The Elders and instructors do their best so each child can learn what they are being taught and enable the child to carry that knowledge as they grow up.

NCB assists with **Child Care** for families that participate in the skills and training programs that are provided in the community. They subsidize day care space so each low income family can have the opportunity to take part in any training that is provided in the community.

The **Administration** portion allows the coordinator to approve program projects and deliver them on the

reserve. The income assistant & myself work together to reduce overlap and duplication. We identify the barriers that the participants come across and find ways in which to solve the problem.

This program, **Home to Work Transition**, has a very good success rate. It's for low income families that reside in the community that have children aged 0-17. The target ages for the parents, is 18-24. We do our best to assist with **ALL Clients** that want to move forward in the work force. That way each family in the community can make a difference for themselves and move forward with finding long term employment and to be successful in making that transition.

The Labour Force Development came in effect April 2016 this program is for CONFIRMATION OF ACTION PLAN (activities for individuals) or demand –driven skills Development project form. (Project –based activities)

There are 20 and more clients that are in the workforce. One individual is in Apprenticeship training. So far so good for our Community of MGBHLMFN



LANDS

TENURE AND VALUATIONS REPORT

A Band Council Resolution (BCR) is not a legal document but rather a record of a decision made by council at a duly convened meeting. Therefore, a BCR is not able to grant legal title to reserve land and is not recognized nor registered by Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) as legal tenure to reserve land. A Certificate of Possession or Certificate of Occupation granted through provisions of the *Indian Act* are the only form of ownership for which a band member is recognized by the courts of law to have.

A BCR may grant permissible uses to band members to occupy land for a certain period of time, and should only be used for band members who have their own livestock or machinery and provide a living for themselves through farming or ranching. A BCR does not authorize a band member to rent reserve land to non-band members. This practice is termed a “buckshee agreement” where an individual collects rent for themselves. Buckshee agreements cause revenues to be lost to the Band and are not enforceable, thus they are prohibited. Only the Band can rent lands through an INAC agreement, such as a permit or lease, to non-band members. Rent is collected by the department on behalf of the Band and deposited in the Band’s revenue trust account for **the use and benefit of all band membership**.

Our Band currently participates in the Reserve Land and Environment Management Program (RLEMP), and by way of BCR “2013-2014-10-04. A Chief and Council state the Band will participated in RLEMP at the operational level, maintain eligibility and comply with the rules and responsibilities outlined in the guidelines. This means the Band will comply with administering their land under the *Indian Act*. The act sets out

rules for land use on reserve, how reserves can be created and defines the powers of Band Councils through the Indian Band Council Procedure Regulations. Therefore, Band Councils are obligated to comply with land tenure provisions under the Indian Act until a Band decided to opt into the First Nations Land Management Act land regime.

Since the 1990’s, several pieces of legislation have been passed allowing individual First Nations to opt out of particular sections of the Indian Act by taking on new or expanded law-making authorities through “sectoral legislative arrangements”. The following are several of the initiatives being undertaken by leadership on behalf of the membership of Mosquito:

- 1) First Nations Land Management Act (FNLMA) – enacted in 1999, it allows First Nations to opt out of 34 land-related sections of the Indian Act by creating their own Land Code laws related to land use and environmental stewardship. Fourteen Band originally signed on and by 2013 there were over 35 Bands involved operating under their own Land Codes.
- 2) First Nations Fiscal Management Act (FNFMA) – enacted in 2006, it allows First Nations to participate in the taxing and borrowing regimes created under the act. In particular it established the First Nations Tax Commission, First Nations Financial Management Board and First Nations Finance Authority; these institutions assist First Nations in developing their own taxation laws, to work cooperatively to raise private capital for development, and provide investment services to them.
- 3) First Nation Oil and Gas Moneys Management Act (FNOGMMA) – enacted in 2006, it allows First Nations to develop their own financial code to assume control of their capital and revenue trust moneys held for them by the Crown, and assume management of oil and gas resources on their reserves.

Indian Registry (IRA)
Coordinator Octavia Chaske



PARENTS:

Expecting a child soon or already have a newborn? Please call or come and see me as soon as possible after your child is born so we can discuss the eligibility for registration and prepare to fill out forms.

Step 1: you will need your child's birth document

- a) As your IRA, I can request a Vital Statistics Extract (VSE) from INAC on behalf of Members for registration purposes. Therefore, please allow me to put forth this request before you spend the fee to order a birth certificate.
- b) If a VSE is not available, you will need to order your child's long-form birth certificate from e-Health Saskatchewan (Vital Stats). See below for more information about eHealth.

Step 2: complete an application for registration form and submit the original form (signed by both parents) along with the original birth document to me for processing.

Step 3: wait for correspondence from INAC regarding application status. Once the registration is complete, INAC will send you a letter confirming your child's registration.

TO ORDER BIRTH CERTIFICATES from eHealth Saskatchewan:

- You may pick up a form at the Band Office or print one online from:
<http://www.ehealth.ca/vitalstats/births/OrderCertificate/Pages/default.aspx>

- **You may order online but you must have a valid credit card to process your order online.** If you do not, you will need to submit your order using the manual forms-based process.

- **NOTE:** please ensure you order the **long form birth certificate** as it states the parent's names and this is an **absolute requirement** for the 'registration as an Indian' process.

- The forecasted turnaround time is **5 business days** to receive by mail (fee \$25)
- **Priority Service** costs an extra \$30 for rush service; receive by courier (or can pick up in Regina only).

STATUS CARDS

- Just a friendly reminder that I do not accommodate walk-in requests for status cards as I have many responsibilities besides IRA duties. Please call me ahead of time if you wish to make an appointment for a status card. Thanks for your cooperation.

DAYCARE

Supervisor Shauna Clay

Tansi, I would like to say that everything is running smoothly at our facility. There are currently childcare spots available. Please call the daycare for more information. We are based on a first come first serve basis.

Staff have been working full force to teach our daycare children. We will be doing some fundraising activities, for the daycare, and we encourage and seek community support when we put on our fundraiser.

We have had a Merchandise Bingo on November 30 and upcoming fundraisers will be posted.

We hope to have the Daycare Christmas Dinner on December 16, 2016, tentatively.

Ekosi, feel free to stop in and come meet our wonderful staff and amazing children anytime!

Hiy hiy,

Daycare Supervisor

Social Development – Income Assistance Program

Administrator Marguerite Benson
Clerk Tamara Bird

The on reserve program is a federal funded program and is a **program of last resort**.

WHAT IS NEEDED FOR INCOME ASSISTANCE (Section 1)

Applicant is required to provide to the worker a Record of Employment (ROE)

Indication that he/she has applied for employment insurance (E.I)

Bank statement – for up to 3 months

Revenue Canada – Tax year Assessment

Client needs to identify there last source of income.

Referral from other band or Ministry of Social Services

Provincial Training Allowance – statement of last instalment of payment

Identification – for applicant and also if applicable for each family member in the family unit

Case Plan

Declaration of Assets

With the information provided this will determine the need.

TOTAL NUMBER OF CLIENTS to date we have a total of approximately of 234 clients.

From the number clients we have a total 23 level of care clients. Definition of a Level of Care client these are clients with a disability that are kept in a family home (unlicensed private home). Social Development is paying the caregiver for the care provided to the level of care client. As the Caregiver the caregivers responsibilities is to provide an in-home care service which includes housekeeping services, meal preparations, personal care of a non-medical nature and have a system of record keeping. (Section 7.6.1)

Please note that the medicals need to be renewed each year in case of any



change that may occur in the client. With new Level of Care Clients a Medical Specialist medical should also be provided along with the family physician. Also, If there is a cost of the medical to be paid. Social Development can pay for the cost with invoice provided (via fax or dropped off in person).

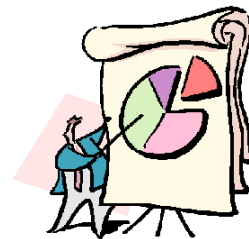
Also 18 yr old applicant - the 18 yr old applicant will only be assisted if the primary parent and/or guardian is eligible for income assistance. This also means that the 18 yr old applicant must be attending school and that the attendance be provided to the Social Development Administrator on the 20th of each month. When the 18 yr old applicant does not attend school they will be discontinued receiving income assistance.

Special circumstances for 18 yr old applicant would be – if they are single parents or is a student with a disability. (Section 2.1.3)

SPECIAL NEEDS

Client are to fill out application of request for the Special Needs. Special Needs is not limited to furniture it can be also for travel assistance for court – documentation provided or funeral (for immediate family as per the family member clause in manual). Also assistance to go and see a family member which whom is ill in hospital. Any form or type of assistance receipts must be provided to the Social Development Administrator.

Babysitting costs are also covered if the primary parent has court or fine option based on information provided.



New born layettes

Clothing required for training or employment. Client must provide documentation such as a job confirmation. This is when the Social Development Administrator works with the LFD/NCB Coordinator. The teamwork is to provide the client with PPE also known as Job Start.

Furniture requests, Client must be on income assistance for a total of 12 consecutive months.(1 year). Unless under certain circumstances of natural disaster and this is when the FSO will determine if it is approved expense.

Also, there have been a number of units with bedbugs and this has been an ongoing issue within that community, we have been spraying each home several times and we have not won the battle yet. Therefore, information is available at the office in how to prepare and or be aware of any bed bugs in your home.

Key note: Documentation and information provided by the client and the social development administrator is to be accountable. As the reports given monthly to the Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada are reviewed and would like to see documentation. Documentation is required due to file compliance.

FILE COMPLIANCE

In January 2016 Mosquito Social Development was due for file compliance to be conducted by the Budget Department of INAC. This is where the compliance team reviews each of the chosen file for review. The review team seeks the information provided in file to determine eligibility for income assistance. At the time a total of 151 files were reviewed and most of the files needed information as per the essential items list. With the 151 files which bought the total of non –reimbursable amount of approx. \$406,000.00 and with hard work

and determination a total of \$29,000.00 was not found therefore INAC formula of 25% of amount not found which was \$7250.00 (approx.). The \$7,250 (approx.) is to be recovered within the funding year.



Non Reimbursable definition – when receipts are not provided or when the documents upon application are not filled out properly or have not provided any other information as required time of application.



When a Budget & Decision (B&D) is needed – a B&D needs to be signed and dated by both client and Social Development Administrator this is also only required to be done when there has been a change in the clients need or will be a change in clients need – examples are – new addition to family or has been assisted with special needs. Or moved from one unit to another. Reason is that if they are required to sign a B&D.

Application is needed to be renewed once a year or time of first time applicant or reapplying for income assistance.

UTILITY BILLS

With the winter months upon us, please ensure that your utility bills are handed in on a monthly basis. It is the Clients responsibility that all bills be handed in for payment.

Cheque distribution days are as follows;

DECEMBER 1 2016	DECEMBER 15 2016
JANUARY 1 2017	JANUARY 12 2017
FEBRUARY 1 2017	FEBRUARY 15 2017
MARCH 1 2017	MARCH 15 2017

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Income Assistance Cheque Distribution day during the holiday for January Cheques will be on **December 29 2016 from 10am til 4pm only. Everyone Must PICK UP own cheques.**

2016-2017 Taxes

Please note that another tax season is coming upon us and the Social Development Administrator is also a Community Income Tax Volunteer, Taxes can be done for free. Please make note that all information such as t'4's should be on hand when doing your taxes. System is used EFile – Revenue Tax program.

Upcoming events –

Christmas Rounddance – Sponsorship is from the Social Development Department from donations from local businesses in North Battleford. Date is December 22th 2016 –

Previous Donations from the Social Development Department was last year's community Rounddance as well as all the appliances at the school and at the hall were all donations from businesses within North Battleford.

HOUSING/INFRASTRUCTURE/CAPITOL PROJECTS

1. Emergency Renovations are ongoing and limited due to funding.
2. 3 New multiplex developments will take place and to be completed in Spring 2017 funded from the Immediate Needs Housing fund from INAC.
3. 2 new sewage pumps installed at the lift station. Old ones were used since around 1983.

****** PLEASE DO NOT FLUSH DOWN ITEMS SUCH AS TOYS, RAGS, ETC ******

BAND HALL

If wishing to use the Band Hall, the hall can be booked with the receptionist at the Band Office. They key may be picked up with the Hall janitor and **must be dropped off right after you are finished your event/activity.**

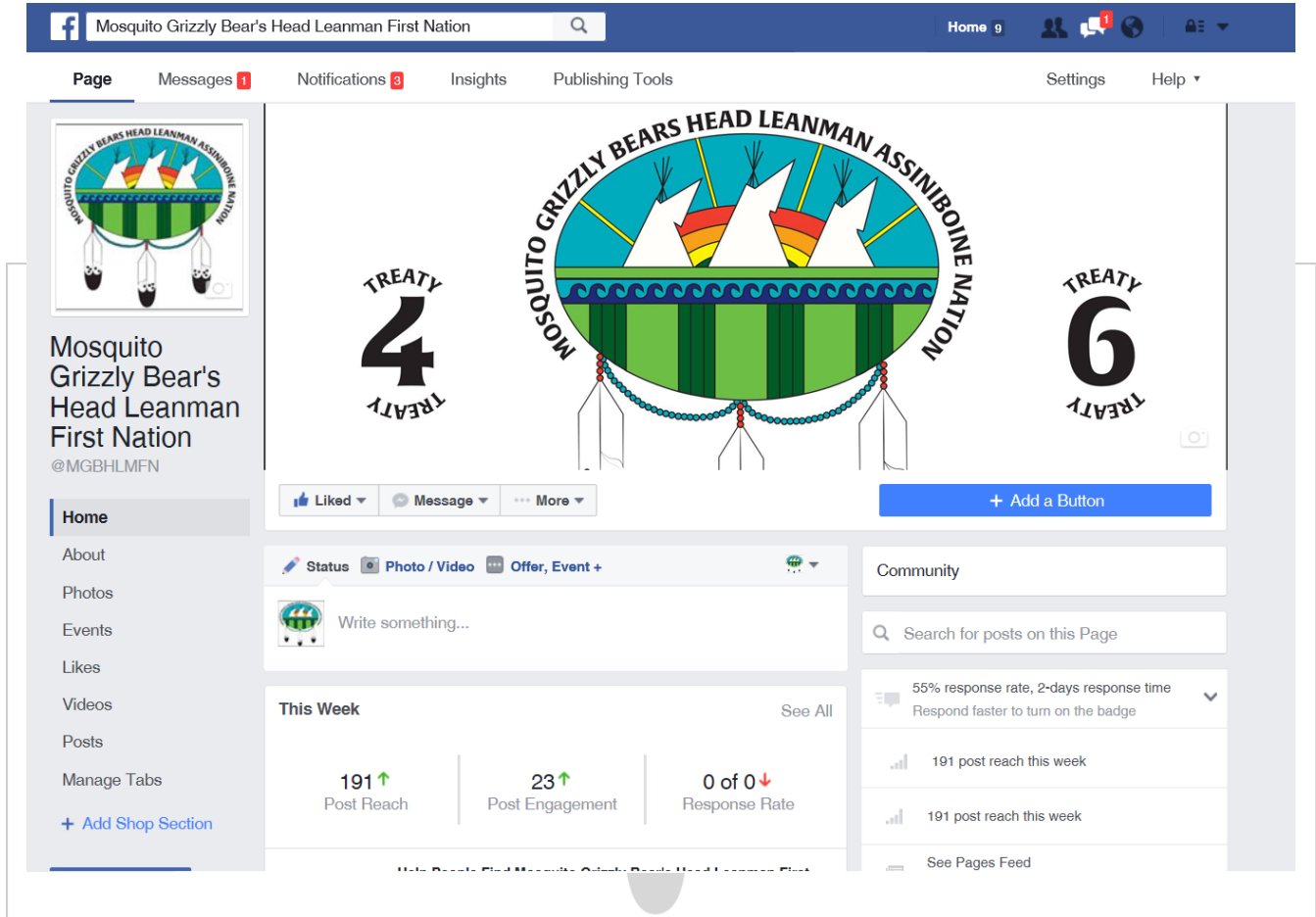
*** please ensure you clean the hall after using**

*** CLEAN THE KITCHEN AFTER USING (wash the dishes!)**

We may have to start charging a fee for using the hall/kitchen due to the uncleanliness of kitchen users. The deposit will be returned to the payee once the hall has been inspected.

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Christmas Dinner

Elder's 50+ & Disability Bonus

Mosquito School Concert @ 10:30 am

December 15, 2016

Community Roundance

December 22, 2016

Mosquito Hall