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YOUTH

Youth Council Member,
Cheyenne Gull

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AM: 130

PM: 149



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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Day 1 | Highlights

April 18, 2023

UPDATES from Office of the Chief

The following highlights work carried out by the office of the Chief and Deputy Chief for the period covering January to March 2023

- *Organizing of Subsidiaries; WDC, Mishtuk & Miiyuukaa*
- *ALMS housing - Policies & Procedures*
- *Resumption of work for Aquatic Center*
- *Development of Health Plan - Pilot projects (Healing Trauma & Parenting programs)*
- *Development of education and employment plan*
- *Launching Housing commission*
- *Planning Process (Strategic, Action & Budget)*
- *Launch Green House Pilot Project, Partnership MSDC*
- *Consultations for the Referendum Law*
- *Finalization of reconfiguration of Cat. 1 Lands*
- *and others.*

During this period, the Chief met with more than 42 community members.

COMMUNITY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

"The Community Comprehensive Plan is a community-led approach to planning that outlines community vision and goals for the next 15 years."

Engagement sessions were held in February. Over the course of one week, there were 17 sessions. Community members put forward over a 100 action items during these sessions.

Next Steps:

1. Organize feedback
2. Communicate with community about feedback
3. Second round of engagement



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MAMUUHETAU STRATEGIC PLAN

Presentation of Chief & Council vision and mission in alignment with the Band Administration Strategic Plan over the next 4 years.

List of Year 1 projects:

- Capacity-Building Plan (qualifying/certifying Band employees – including training and development)
- Develop plan for language strategy
- Creating an Employment Center (for training, career development, and employment)
- Develop & implement communication plan for Community
- Community health plan
- Construction of parks, playgrounds & trails
- Define framework and initiate research on land management plan (Category 1A and 1B)
- and more.

"Each Department will contribute to the Organizational Strategic Plan's objectives, and by doing so, contribute to the successful achievement of the Community's priorities and Chief and Council's goals"

Directives from Previous Assembly

January 17-18, 2023

Mamuuhetau Updates

Breakout Session Updates -

Governance Law

"Tell it to Shuukshiish"

Housing Commission

Washaw-Sibi Presentation

Subsidiary Updates

WATER QUALITY

- Regular testing performed to ensure drinkable water in the community

Tap water is safe to drink!

- Sources of water filtrations for the community:
 - Wells - Ground water
 - Water Pump Station
 - Iron and Manganese Filters

In the future, there will be training to test our lakes and rivers.

RECYCLING PROGRAMS

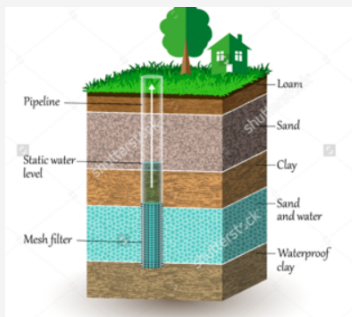
Waswanipi launched its Recycling Pilot Project: preselected 100 households to receive recycling bins. This is to kickstart the first phase of a community-wide recycling project.

Education and awareness campaign will follow.

The local Environment Administer Johnny Cooper Jr. is also accepting the following (please contact, 819-753-2587 ext. 323):

- Old Vehicles and Recreational Vehicles
- Electronics
- Old batteries
- Tires

The goal is to reduce more waste in the landfill.





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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

"A community based crime prevention program to reduce and prevent crime and encourage strong neighbourhood relationships"

We are looking for Volunteers. To get involved and become a Watch member, please contact the Public Safety Officer for an application form:

819-753-2587 ext. 237 (9AM to 5PM)

SUICIDE PREVENTION

Presentation of suicide prevention team and local support services provided for those who need help

Warning signs of suicide:

- *withdrawal from family, friends or activities*
- *feeling like you have no purpose in life or reason for living*
- *increasing substance use, like drugs, alcohol*
- *feeling hopeless about the future or feeling like life will never get better*
- *anxiety or significant mood changes, such as anger, sadness or helplessness*

If you or anyone you know struggles with any of the these, please know you are not alone. Locally we have:

- *Elder's Support*
- *Nurse and Doctor*
- *Spiritual Support*
- *Traditional healing practices*
- *Guidance Counsellors*

If you need to talk to someone, you may call

Suicide Prevention Hotline

1-800-273-8255

Crisis Help Services/Teen Talk

1-877-435-7170

Suicide Prevention Coordinator

Caroline Happyjack

1-819-527-5231

Eeyou Eenou Police Force

1-819-753-2553

Waswanipi Ambulance

1-819-753-2332

Crisis Textline

686868

Conjugal Violence

1-800-363-9010

Kids Helpline

1-800-668-6868

Wiichiihiwaauiwin

Cree Available

1-833-632-4357

Hope for Wellness

1-855-242-3310

Waswanipi Fire Department

1-819-753-2411

Waswanipi Clinic

1-819-753-2511/7109

Youth Protection

1-800-409-6884

Women's Shelter

1-855-753-2094



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CTA BUSH RADIO

Review of the Regional Bush Radio Policy by the local Cree Trappers' Association.

"The Bush Radio system is a 2-way radio network for first responders and Cree beneficiaries who are hunting, fishing or trapping."

Directive 1: CTA will collect and communicate GPS coordinates of each camp.

Directive 2: Local policy will be drafted this summer.

To learn more, contact the local CTA office.

WAPISTAN PROJECT

Team members: Eliane Grant and Ian Saganash

The Wapistan Project contributes to various environmental and wildlife projects. It is a monitoring project of American Marten: a pilot project to initiate sound land management.

The project began

LAW DEVELOPMENT

Update of Action Plan of Law Committee for the development of the following law/policies:

1. Zoning Law Referendum

- April 17-21, 2023

2. Election Law Referendum

- Scheduled tentatively for June 2023
- Focus Groups after Goosebreak

3. Governance Law and Referendum Law

- Passed at Chief & Council on March 8, 2023
- Next step: to be presented at GA

4. Land Allocation Law (Previously Granting of Lots Policy)

- To be passed at council goal: before June 2023

ELECTION LAW CONSULTATION

As part of the consultation process of the election law, the law committee conducted a survey on Election dates, term limit, and campaign rules. The consultation used 2 mediums

1. Questionnaire
2. Focus Groups



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APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

General Assembly appoints MNP as auditors for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

- Each year, the CNFW is required to appoint an independent auditor to review and express opinion of the financial statements and position of the CFNW. GA Resolution 2023-2024-002

COMMUNITY OBSERVATIONS

Open dialogue for community members. Comments brought forward by community members:

- Action plan for children under 12 (activities and programs)
 - Health Plan in progress, age group to be included
 - Invite children under 12 to General Assemblies to hear their voice and concerns
- Find solutions for children to have safe playgrounds or hang out
 - Youth Council to collaborate with Open Space Project and Brighter Futures
- Drugs and Alcohol education campaign
- Develop an education campaign on Suicide Prevention
- Overpopulation of dogs roaming around community
 - Members are asked to care for their dogs and help reduce the dog population
- Directive: Office of the Chief to enact Nuisance law
- Directive: Office of the Chief to present Motel project timeline
- Community Directive: All members are to clean yards and CNFW is to clean all public areas by April 30

Announcement by Principal Judith

1. Students are suffering with anxiety, frustration and grief. Actions need to be put in place to help our children. More resources and support are needed.
2. May to June 21 Goal: To have a 90% attendance rate
To help achieve this goal:
 - Carnival day-passes to students with 90%+ attendance
 - Parents are asked to encourage their children to attend and participate in class

Community Feast

Youth Guest Speeches

1. Kassius Sutherland

Youth Lose Cree Culture Values (Cree)

2. Mallory Dixon

Physical activity (French)

1. Kayle Capassisit

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (English)



These three students won the local public speaking then won the Regional Public Speaking contest in all three language categories (Cree, French and English). Congrats!