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### CHIEF'S REPORT

Kenny Moccasin

It is a pleasure to offer this newsletter to report to the membership on information, updates on portfolios assignments, events or announcements and new developments that are happening in our band. Also included are reports from staff, program managers and co-manager. I find it important to try and communicate to on and off reserve members. Our newsletters will be posted on our website [www.saulteauxfn.ca](http://www.saulteauxfn.ca) to ensure that urban members can access this important information concerning our community.

From the Office of Chief Kenny Moccasin

### SAULTEAUX FIRST NATION PORTFOLIO'S

#### Chief Kenny Moccasin

Federal & Provincial / Government Relations  
Indian Government Commission  
BATC  
Education-Post Secondary – Pathways  
CAIS - Five Year Capital Plan  
Economic Development  
Gaming & CDC's

#### Councilor Oscar Gopher

Housing and Renovations  
Carlton Housing  
Roads and O&M  
Public Works

#### Councilor Janice Poitras

Health & Daycare  
SIGA  
Justice & Policing  
Kanawayimik

#### Councilor Gary Gopher

White Buffalo  
Social Development  
Oil and Gas  
Specific Land Claims

#### Councilor Tony Night

Sports and Recreation  
Environment & Sanitation  
Fire Protection  
Urban

#### Councilor Daine Moccasin

Lands and Resources  
Treaty Land Entitlement  
Millennium Trust Fund  
Special Projects

Portfolio's assigned on May 1<sup>st</sup> 2009

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### Letter from the Chief

It is an honor to report to membership as the new elected chief of Saulteaux First Nation and send greetings on my behalf of my colleagues. As the chief of our community I strongly believe that working together is the key factor in moving our community forward to a better future with the guidance and support from elders, youth and membership. Now that this new leadership is in place, it is up to us as leaders to continue the work in governance, policies and procedures, to assist in daily operations of the band.

The first month was basically orientations and presentations from BATC, INAC, Health Canada, Kanaweymik, Carlton Housing and other organizations that deal with the band. Also the new leaders got to meet with their committees, task force and boards associated with their portfolios. Our Co-manager Sherry Jimmy had also set up a briefing session with new chief and council on the governance structure and the general operations of the band.

As you know, we as Saulteaux First Nation has joined Battleford's Agency Tribal Chiefs (BATC) on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. Battleford's Agency Tribal council consists of Red Pheasant, Sweetgrass, Moosomin, Ahtahkakoop and Young Chippewayan First Nations. Joining the tribal council will help us in second level services in: housing, education, economic development and sports & recreation. BATC is also in the process of forming a Health Authority effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Health Canada has approved the funding for the structure and planning for BATC Health.

The Saulteaux Health Centre Expansion Project is on its way. The Project Management Team was created and consists of: Chief Kenny Moccasin, Councilor Janice Poitras, Elder Joseph Thomas, Band Co-Manager, Sherry Jimmy, Health Director Velma Night, Staff Member Leona Mitsuing, Health Committee Member Johnny Night and Daycare Rep Patricia Nekurak. We had a meeting June 8 & 15 with Patrick Galbraith and he is the Facility, Capital and Project Officer and represents Health Canada and Bob Burnyeat AODBT Architecture Design. There was discussion on the design, budget and time frame of the project. With the expansion of our health centre we can accommodate more office space for health services. A water purification system will be installed in the facility and also an Ambulance Bay / garage is in the design.

BATC Housing will be having interviews for a BAMIS coordinator (Manager of housing and engineering) to provide support to the tribal council bands. BATC was allocated 15 C.M.H.C units and we were gladly approved to receive 3 units to help assist with our housing issues.

BATC Economic Development had a meeting in early in April with a company regarding a potato plant operation and a meeting was scheduled in June but has been rescheduled until further notice. Also a new casino project is being discussed and the plans are to expand the Gold Eagle Casino. I will keep you posted on these projects.

BATC Education also hired an Education Director and interviews were held in Saskatoon June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The successful candidate was Marvin Jimmy. Marvin Jimmy was part of the hiring process with the four teaching positions that were open in our school. The new teachers that had successful interviews are:

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Nursery Kindergarten – Heather Sutherland  
Grade 2 – Tara Wheeler  
Grade 5/6 – Dean Rabbitskin  
Grade 7/9 – Sharon Thomas

I am very proud to announce one of our band members Tara Wheeler had just received her teaching degree from ITEP (Indian Teacher Education Program). Way to go Hippy!!!

BATC CDC Community Development Corporation has approved our proposal on Youth Initiatives and Sports Ground upgrade of \$60,000. Our sporting facilities are run down and need some repairs, for example baseball dugouts, bleachers, concession booth, soccer field and race track. We will be having a Sports Day August 22 & 23, 2009. A youth camp was also in discussion and the dates for that event are July 28, 29 and 30. For more information on the youth camp contact Kellie Wuttunee and Councilor Janice Poitras.

BATC sports and recreation director Dallas Albert has been preparing for Summer Games held at Onion Lake First Nation dated August 9 – 13, 2009. He has been working with Tony Night regarding try out camps so parents be sure to get your kids out there to make the cuts for BATC Athletics. Each band set aside \$7500 from the Community Development Corporation to help our athletes with track suites, travel to the games etc.

On May 11<sup>th</sup> we had our annual Sadies Walk which turned out to be a success. I would like to thank the organizers, staff, students and all the people that got involved the community clean up. It makes our reserve look so much cleaner and presentable. People please help and keep our community clean.

Our Treaty Day Celebrations were held May 20<sup>th</sup>. The weather didn't cooperate with us that day and had to cancel some outdoor events but we still managed to have a good turn out. In the morning we had a pipe ceremony and prayers. George Benson a war veteran and an Elder from Red Pheasant had done the swearing in of office for the new leaders. Also we had an honoring ceremony of previous leaders who were given pendleton blankets in recognition of their commitment and dedication while in office.

On June 6<sup>th</sup> we had our annual Saulteaux Grad ceremonies. At this time I would like to congratulate all the graduates for their hard work and their accomplishments in reaching their goals and being role models in our community. I applaud Sharalyn Gopher for coordinating this event and any community members that volunteered their time to help.

The school year is winding up and I am sure the students are very excited for the summer holidays. The school year had gone by so quickly. I would like to thank the following school staff for their time and dedication to teaching our children at Saulteaux School as they are moving on in their teaching careers. I wish them best of luck in their future endeavors: Ms.Fischer, Ms.LaFleur, Mr.Smith and Ms.Takakenew.

Currently we are in the planning stages of having adult upgrading provided to our community as

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we have been talking with Northwest Regional College. It is very important for our people to try and get educated as it opens the doors to trades and post secondary education. Without education you can't get the jobs you're looking for.

The Kanaweymik van has been signed over to the community in support of youth programs and school. The school has taken good advantage of the extra van as it was used on school trips.

I am please to announce our store has store finally opened. It has been leased to Hank Cho of Paradise Hill originally from South Korea. They are just waiting on the gas permits as well as the repair of the tanks. So band members be sure to stop in and support our store.

An exit strategy has been approved from INAC to move from Co-Management to a Recipient Driven Remedial Management Plan (RMP) effective July1, 2009. With this process, we can hire a Band Manger as it is part of the transition from Co-Management to RMP This is one of the major stepping stones in our community and should be proud of how our First Nation has turned around in the past 4 years.

Other events coming just to keep you informed:

Kanaweyimik Camp Hosted by Moosomin First Nation – July 6, 7, & 8 2009  
AFN Election 2009 Calgary Alberta – July 21, 22 & 23 2009  
Archie Moccasin's Sundance – July 24, 25 & 26 2009  
BATC All Reserve Golf Tournament – July 3, 2009  
BATC Soccer Tournament – July 10, 11 & 12 2009

In closing, I would like thank the community of Saulteaux First Nation for believing in me and my colleagues in guiding our community for a better and healthier community.

May the creator watch over you and your family, have a safe summer!  
Chief Kenny Moccasin

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### GOVERNANCE

The leadership elected on April 28, 2009 will continue to implement the 'shared governance' model in the governing of Saulteaux First Nation, and will continue with 'policy governance' started under the previous leadership in the operations of the First Nation. The following legislation and polices are currently in place:

- ❖ **GOVERNANCE:** Accountability Framework, Governance Policy, Conflict of Interest Policy, Dispute Resolution Policy
- ❖ **OPERATIONAL:** Financial Management Policy, Personnel Management Policy
  - Under development: SIGA Policies
- ❖ **PROGRAM POLICIES:** Post-Secondary Education Policy, School (N – 9), Housing / Renovation Policy, Social Development Policy,
  - Under development: Health Policy

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- ❖ **CONSULTATION:** Policies are made available to Managers and staff following legal consultation, and are available to the Membership upon request
- ❖ **LEGISLATION :** Legislative Acts (Election, Membership and Land Code) will be done by consultation with the membership for review, readings and final ratification

Committees will continue to play an important role in the governance of Saulteaux First Nation. A Management Advisory Committee was implemented on November 1, 2008 to oversee the financial matters and decisions of the Co-Manager. The Committee consists of a representation from INAC, Health Canada, an Elder, the financial controller, a program representative, one Councilor, the Chief, and the Co-Manager. This Committee will remain in place until Saulteaux has successfully moved out of intervention.

### SHARED GOVERNANCE MODEL

This leadership will continue to “share responsibility” for the decision making processes across all programs. Committees have been formed as part of the governance structure and appointments made to represent (5) family groups. (Gopher, Katcheech, Moccasin, Night and Thomas) Each committee has terms and references, term of appointments, code of conduct, oath of office and confidentiality, an a handbook to assist them in their committee meetings and discussions.

Committees include:

Education Committee	Housing Committee
Social Development Committee	Sports & Recreation Committee
Membership Committee	Lands & Resources Task Force
Health Committee	

### COMMITTEES / TASK FORCE / BOARDS

Committees	Katcheech	Moccasin	Night	Gopher	Thomas	Elders
<b>Education</b>	Gloria Katcheech	Patricia Nekurak	Velma Night	Linda Gopher	Madeline Thomas	Archie Moccasin
Alternate	Denise Katcheech	Stan Moccasin	Marlene Night	Gary Gopher	Iver Thomas	Eva Thomas
<b>Housing</b>	Don McIntyre	Muriel Moccasin	Flora Poitras	Cheryl White	<b>Vacant</b>	Julia Night
Alternate	Bernard Chamakese	Mary Wegner	<b>Vacant</b>	Virginia Wuttunee	<b>Vacant</b>	Allen Gopher
<b>Social Dev.</b>	Liz Katcheech	Annette Moccasin	Lucinda Night	Lorraine Gopher	Julius Thomas	Rosa Desjairlais
Alternate	Bev Katcheech	Lindsey Settee	Jessica Night	Trevor Gopher	Adrian Thomas	Albert Thomas
<b>Sports / Rec</b>	Daniel Katcheech	<b>Vacant</b>	Leo Night	Danita Gopher	Harvey Thomas	Rosa Desjairlais

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Alternate	Leon Haraburda	Judy Caplette	Eddy Night	Colleen Gopher	Kevin Thomas	David Thomas
<b>Membership</b>	Dirik Dunlop	Noella Moccasin	Eddy Night	Audrey Gopher	Eva Thomas	Shirley Night
Alternate	Victor Katcheech	Robin Moccasin	Leo Night	Elvis Gopher	Fred Thomas	Eva Thomas
<b>Health</b>	Irene Katcheech	Lindsey Settee	Audrey Night	Sharalyn Gopher	Melvina Thomas	Madeline Martell
Alternate	Ron Katcheech	Annette Moccasin	Vivian Night	Bert Gopher	Pauline Thomas	Joseph Thomas
<b>Lands</b>	Darlene Katcheech	Judy Caplette	Gilbert Night	Mary Peechow	Irvin Thomas	Edward Thomas
Alternate	Isadore Johnston	Annette Moccasin	John Night	Ernie Gopher	Albert Thomas	Annie Thomas

### JOINT / PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS

Saulteaux First Nation has joint / partnership agreements with off-reserve organizations for the provision of programs and services in the community. These joint / partnership agreements also fall within the governance structure of Saulteaux First Nation.

- **Police Management Board:** The Community Tripartite Agreement and Police Management Board is with the Moosomin First Nation, along with the RCMP. Saulteaux PBM members are: Linda Night, Eliza Moccasin, Darlene Katcheech, Connie Gopher and Adrian Thomas.
- **Kanaweyimik Child & Family Services:** The Kanaweymik Child & Family Services Agreement is with Moosomin First Nation, Thunderchild First Nation, Red Pheasant First Nation and Sweetgrass First Nation. The current Saulteaux board and local advisory committee members for Kanaweyimik Child & Family Services are: Christine Swiftwolf, Mary Wegner, Eliza Moccasin, Leona Mitsuing, Darlene Night and elder David Moccasin.
- **Carlton Housing:** Carlton Housing is an urban housing organization in Lloydminster which is a partnership with Onion Lake First Nation. Saulteaux board members are Chief Kenny Moccasin and Councilor Oscar Gopher.
- **BTC Indian Health Services, Inc.:** There is a Service Agreement with BTC Indian Health for health services including nursing, home care, and environmental health. Saulteaux has no seat on the BTC IHS Board. Notice has been served to end this agreement July 31, 2009.
- **Battlefords Agency Tribal Chiefs (BATC):** Saulteaux became a member of BATC on April 1, 2009. Second Level Services from BATC will include Education and Housing. Chief Kenny Moccasin is a member of the BATC Board of Directors.

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### COUNCILOR'S REPORTS

#### RECREATION - ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION - FIRE PROTECTION - URBAN PORTFOLIOS COUNCILOR TONY NIGHT

Tansi Band Members

#### **Sports and Recreation:**

Olympic Torch Run: We are proud to have Tashynna Tipewan as our Olympic torch runner. We will need to select an Elder for a fire keeper. To up date for summer games we have 14 participants in soccer that will represent Saulteaux First Nation at the summer Games.

We hosted a softball coaching clinic on June 5 & 6 2009 at the school with 17 applicants certified. We also hosted softball try-outs on June 13 & 14 2009.

Up coming events:

- Slow pitch tournament on July 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009
- Sports Day, August 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009. Actively looking for sponsorships and volunteers.
- Slow pitch championship, possible date August 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> 2009.
- Demolition Derby, September 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 2009

Sometime through the summer we will be repairing the sports grounds.

#### **Sewage Lagoon Upgrades:**

Is designed and approved by INAC. Construction is not scheduled till 2011; however, the project team has been informed that it is likely that the project will proceed ahead of schedule as it is shovel ready. Both projects are \$1 million dollars each.

Thank you

Portfolio Councilor Tony Night

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### WHITE BUFFALO STORE – SPECIFIC LAND CLAIM – OIL AND GAS – SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIOS COUNCILOR GARY GOPHER

#### Tansi Band Members

First of all, I would like to congratulate the students that are graduating, good luck to all in your future endeavors. I would like to also congratulate my colleagues in our recent election.

My portfolio assignments are Social Development, Oil and Gas, The store and Specific Land Claims.

There is a big change on the Social Development Policy. 18-35 year old, clients will be affected. S/A will no longer be issued to 18-35 year olds. Either they take some training or they will get helped on Work Opportunity Program that could be partnered with any business that is willing to work with program. Is a big change for everyone, but I guess it was coming since 3 years ago when it was announced, so it is supposed to be in-effect as of June 1, 2009. We have to exhaust all avenues before an S/A will be issued to clients.

I talked to a few businesses to work with us in the Work Opportunity Program, so far Maple leaf and L & M Wood Products are willing to work with us. And we as Council are looking at how we can accommodate the transportation issue. I will have more information by the band meeting.

Oil & Gas – there was a five year agreement with Triple Five Company that was signed by previous leaders. Last year they were supposed to do some drilling but the recession hit the Oil industry, but the oil industry is starting to pick up and will resume negotiations on the next steps for explorations. We have also had other interested companies that want to do business with Saulteaux First Nation. So we as leaders have to explore all options and see what is best for Saulteaux First Nation.

Store – As you all know by now we leased the store to Hank Cho. For ten years. He is paying \$ 2500.00/Month and also we get a percentage of Gas and Cigarettes. There were other proposals but we thought this is the best deal. The leasees will also be installing bigger tanks in the future as well as a canopy and new gas pumps. When they begin operating full time they will hire band members.

Specific Land Claims – The park submission is complete and is in the submission process. I would like to thank the former leaders and band members on the work that was done on it. Hopefully we will win our case. Right now we are waiting from FSIN on approving, if they could help financially through there Specific Land Claim office on our new claims. So hopefully they could and we can start work on these claims.

To add, my condolences go out to the families that lost their loved ones. I wish everyone a great summer

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Thanks

Councilor Gary Gopher  
Saulteaux First Nation

HOUSING & RENOVATIONS - CARLTON HOUSING - ROADS -  
PUBLIC WORKS / O & M PORTFOLIOS  
COUNCILOR OSCAR GOPHER

Tansi Band Members

I am pleased to provide a report for Carlton Housing, Housing & Renovations, Public Works and Roads. The leadership has submitted proposals to address the housing concerns and continue to upgrade roads to address safety concerns.

### **Housing and Renovations**

The 6 new houses are all close to completion, we are hoping to have them completed by July 4, 2009. Major Reno's are in the process and near completion and final inspection will be done.

### **O & M, Public Works and Roads**

The following staff provided services of maintaining our public works and roads:

Water Treatment Plant Operators:

- Roy Helman
- Clayton Tipewan

Backhoe Operator:

- Wallace Moccasin

Grader Operator:

- Ernie Moccasin

Housing Maintenance:

- Steven Gopher

Plumbing:

- Ivan Sakebow

### **Capital Plan Submission**

Water Treatment Plant Upgrades and Sewer Lagoon Upgrade, Pre-Designs for both projects have been completed. Both projects are in the vicinity of over a million dollars each and presented to INAC for project consideration.

### **Project Update**

Sewer Lagoon Project had been recommended for approval and Water Treatment Plant

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Upgrades has been approved as well, but not for construction until 2011.

HEALTH – DAYCARE – SIGA – JUSTICE & POLICING – KANAWEYIMIK  
PORFOLIOS  
COUNCILOR JANICE POITRAS

### **Tansi, Elders, Band Members, Youth and Guests**

**I would like to welcome each and every one of you to our first membership meeting with the new Chief and Council. In addition I would like to thank membership for their support in my election as councilor.**

**We have been very busy these last couple months, attending to orientations and familiarizing ourselves with our portfolios. Being newly elected it has and will continue to take time and patience so that I may be knowledgeable in the areas of my given portfolios which include; SIGA, Kanweyimik Child & Family Services, Justice and Policing, and Health and Daycare. To date I have met with all of the committee members associated with each program involved within my portfolio.**

**I am pleased to provide the following report:**

### **SIGA**

SIGA dollars continue to fund various programs such as sports and recreation, cultural activities, funeral expenses, governance, etc. We have set criteria for some of the programs which access SIGA dollars with the intention of establishing further criteria in the areas which have not been done so to date.

### **KANAWEYIMIK CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES**

Chief and Council attended an orientation with Kanaweyimik at which time we met with Irene Tootosis, Director of Kanaweyimik Child & Family Services and the board.

We currently have Dolphus Moccasin working as the youth worker. Dolphus accesses the Youth Van to pick up children and drop them off once the program is complete. He has a calendar of events; which he updates on a regular basis. He submits an activities calendar every month that will benefit the youth in this particular program. The calendar is posted at the band office, the school and the Kanaweyimik sub-office for the youth, parents and guardians to see what they will be doing for that period of time. Dolphus is more than happy to welcome any suggestions of activities the membership may submit to him. If you have any questions or concerns please contact him at the band office.

In addition I have met with the Local Advisory Committee (LAC) at their monthly meetings, who include:

 David Moccasin (Elder Advisor)

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- ✚ Mary Wegner
- ✚ Christine Swiftwolfe
- ✚ Leona Mitsuing
- ✚ Darlene Night
- ✚ Eliza Moccasin

The LAC have monthly activities for the whole community, where everyone is welcome to attend. For the month of June the LAC's provided money toward the School Picnic. For the month of July they plan on contributing towards the Saulteaux Dancers on Canada Day at the Battleford's Provincial Park Celebrations. For more information on the monthly activities, membership can contact one of the Local Advisory Committee Members.

The Chief and Council are in the process of restructuring the Local Advisory Committee (LAC). We have been asked to put in the five family representatives for this committee. The families will have to have family meetings to see who they want to sit on this committee. Selected members must bring forward a Canadian Police Information Center (CPIC) as it is a requirement.

### **JUSTICE AND POLICING**

I met with the Police Management Board on May 15, 2009 so that I could familiarize myself with the current Community Tripartite Agreement. Committee members, each from one of the 5 family groups, that were present include:

- ✚ Linda Night – Elder / Community Support Worker
- ✚ Eliza Moccasin – Elder / Community Support Worker
- ✚ Darlene Katcheech – PMB Member
- ✚ Adrian Thomas – PMB Member
- ✚ Connie Gopher – PMB Member

This program requires some work as far as Moosomin's involvement and we hope to sort that out in the near future.

The fine option worker from our community is currently vacant. The job has been posted and is open to all community members.

### **HEALTH**

In regard to our Health program we are working toward taking control of the community based health programs currently provided from BTC Indian Health Services. I am pleased to announce that the Chief and Council have been actively involved with this transition. First Nations Indian Health Services have been approached to provide Second level services such as nursing supervision, the Dental program and the Environmental Health Officer.

### **HEALTH COMMITTEE & PLANNING**

On June 1, 2009 I attended to a Health Committee meeting at which time we discussed the future of Health Care services provided on reserve and the Expansion to the Health Centre. A committee has been established in regard to the Health Centre Expansion.

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### **PIMATISIWIN PROJECT**

On May 25, 2009 I attended to the Pimatisiwin Project's monthly meeting. I met with Kelly Wuttunee, Pimatisiwin Project Coordinator and the committee. I am pleased with the progress of the project and we look forward to various summer programs Kelly has in store for the youth for the summer months.

### **DAYCARE**

I met with the Daycare staff on June 2, 2009. We have decided to close the Daycare for the month of July with work to resume in August. Some work is required on developing a Daycare policy with the intention of having it in place by the new school year. I am pleased with the programs and services the Daycare provides and look forward to working with the Daycare beginning August.

**In closing, I am honored and am committed to working hard for the community of Saulteaux First Nation along with my team of chief and co-council. I am proud to be part of this leadership as we continue to move forward with increased accountability and transparency.**

**I would like to take the time to acknowledge all volunteers and staff for their time on our Treaty Day, Sadie's Walk and BATC Softball tryouts. I wish each and everyone of you a safe and eventful summer.**

### LANDS AND RESOURCES - TLE - CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND - SPECIAL PROJECTS PORTFOLIOS COUNCILOR DAINE MOCCASIN

Tansi,  
Summer \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ here!  
First of all I'd like to congratulate all the Graduates of Saulteaux First Nation, May the Creator Bless you in your future endeavours. I would also like to thank all band members for choosing strong leadership in this recent band election. I congratulate my colleagues and lookforward to working with Chief & Coucil for the Saulteaux First Nation.

My portfolio assignments are as follows Lands & Resources, Treaty Land Entitlement, Child Millenium Trust Fund and Special Projects.

### **LANDS & RESOURCES**

There has been a Land Use Code that was considered but was never completed or implemented into Saulteaux First Nation Legislation. Our goal as a Nation is to complete and implement a Saulteaux First Nation Land Use Code that will benefit our community.

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The Lands and Resource Task Force and I would like to invite all Band members, Elders, Women, Youth and Business Owners to offer their input in a positive way. This will help Chief and Council make self government decisions that will address the peoples needs and wants regarding lands and resources through our land use code and bylaws.

The Lands Manager has been posted, the deadline was on June 17, 2009 interviews will be held here in Saulteaux First Nation in the near future. Chief and COuncil will post an update on the candidate selected to manage our lands. I'd like to thank all the people who applied. I am looking forward to meeting and working with you!

Treaty Land Entitlement and the Childrens Millenium Trust Fund Committees held a meeting together on June 27, 2009 at 5:00 pm, T.L.E Office in North Battleford. An update will be provided at the June 29. 2009 Sauteaux First Nation Band Meeting.

Once again thank you,  
Councilor Daine Moccasin

<p>CO - MANAGEMENT REPORT Submitted by SHERRY JIMMY</p>
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This report covers the first quarter of the fiscal year 2009-2010 (April – June 2009). Highlights of the last 3 months from a Co-Management perspective:

- **Election and Orientation of new Chief and Council:** Immediately following the election of Chief and Council, briefing packages were compiled and a 2 day orientation session was conducted by the Co-Manager. The briefings and orientation served to inform the new leadership of ongoing initiatives within the organization, and to give them an update on the operations of the First Nation. It also provided the opportunity to seek new or renewed direction on priorities and initiatives as the First Nation moves to a lower level of federal intervention. A second session will be held with Chief and Council in July to update the *Strategic Business and Operations Plan* and incorporate the vision of the new leaders.
- **Capital Projects:** Saulteaux has a large number of approved capital projects, as well as several new initiatives pending approval. The completion of the new housing (6 RTM Units) has been the focus of this quarter. The upgrades to the Saulteaux and Birch Lake Water Treatment Plants have both been approved, and design and tender work is progressing. The upgrade to the Sewage Lagoon has also been approved by INAC and is proceeding to tender. The First Nations Infrastructure project to upgrade roads and accesses entered into its second and final year and resumed in May. The Health Center expansion announced at the last Band Meeting is also proceeding and the Project Management Team, comprised primarily of staff, leaders, and community representatives, is working with the Architect and Health Canada Capital Officer to finalize the design drawings. These projects total \$4 Million dollars in capital upgrades for Saulteaux First Nation. Additional applications were also been made in this quarter under Canada's Economic Action Plan for housing renovations, lot servicing, and a major renovation to the Elders Lodge. An additional 3 new houses have been secured through the CMHC allocation to BATC Bands, and application packages for

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these units as well as CMHC RRAP's need to be completed this summer.

- **Accountability and Reporting:** April to June of each year is busiest time for reporting as all of the final reports for the year ending March 31 are due to INAC, Health and other funding agencies. If reports are not done within the required timeframe, funding is held back in the current fiscal year or the First Nation becomes ineligible for some programs in the new fiscal year. I would like to congratulate the Program Managers, with the assistance of the Finance staff, on completing the majority of the reports within the prescribed timeframes. Considering there were over 30 such reports, this is notable and worth acknowledging the efforts of those involved. The remaining accountabilities pertaining to 2008-09 are the *Annual Report to the Community* and the *Audited Financial Statements*. Both of these are due July 31 and will be presented to the membership early in the fall of 2009.
- **Health Directions:** In 2006 I was brought in to Sauleteaux to complete a 5 Year Community Health Plan. This plan identified the need to move community based health service delivery to Sauleteaux from BTC Indian Health Services. We are now in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of this plan and the transition plan identified at that time and updated annually since has seen the filing of Band Council Resolutions with BTC Indian Health ending the Service Agreement on July 31, 2009, with First Nations and Indian Health for the provision of second level support and supervision as part of their fiduciary responsibility, and with BATC to support the development of a Health Framework for BATC member Bands. As there is a huge amount of community workplanning to be done to get the staff in place and ensure program continuity, work on moving Health out of Co-Management will take a back seat to moving the organization forward under the Community Health Plan and into new Health Funding Arrangements. Once this work is complete, an Exit Strategy will be negotiated with Health Canada so that Health can move out of Co-Management following the INAC programs.
- **Good Governance Award:** I would like to congratulate Sauleteaux on receiving the *Big Bear Award for Good Governance*, as awarded by the Frontier Institute on Public Policy! All of the work done over the past 3-4 years in the area of accountability, transparency, and policy development has now been recognized at a national level.
- **Future Plans:** Although summer is usually a slower time, there are definitely still deadlines to meet and projects to move forward. As Co-Manager, the priority in moving Sauleteaux forward is to conduct a visioning session with the new leadership and update the Business and Operations Plan for the next 2 years to reflect any new priorities; to ensure the audit and report to the community get completed on time; and to continue developing policies and criteria for transparency in decision-making.
- **Exit Strategy:** INAC has reaffirmed its commitment to move Sauleteaux out of Co-Management and into a recipient-driven Remedial Management Plan. Work will commence shortly on a recruitment strategy for a Band Manager. As this plan moves forward, I will be reducing my time at Sauleteaux, focusing more on moving Health out of Co-Management, and assuming responsibilities in other communities.

Thank-you once again for giving me the opportunity to provide Co-Management services to Sauleteaux First Nation!

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### HEALTH PROGRAM REPORT

Submitted by VELMA NIGHT

This report covers the period since March 2009. Activities and updates in the Health program are as follows:

#### **TRANSITION OF HEALTH SERVICES:**

- Formal notice has been served to BTC Indian Health Services by BCR on June 5, 2009 with a copy provided to First Nations and Inuit Health, that Saulteaux Health Services is ending their relationship with BTCIHS effective August 1, 2009.
- The recruitment process for a Community Health Nurse/Coordinator and Home Care Nurse/Coordinator was started in early May as both nurses that presently work in our community did not accept our job offers. Interviews and recommendations for the nurse positions are done and waiting for approval by Chief and Council.
- The Second Level Services which includes supervision of nurses and support for nurses, the Environmental Health Officer (water quality & monitoring, and mold) and a dental program will likely be provided by First Nations and Inuit Health or another Second Level Service provider.
- Development of a Health Policies and Procedures is continuing. In addition to policy development, development of health service delivery and work plans are also required for both Community Health and Home Care programs.

#### **HEALTH CENTRE EXPANSION:**

- The Health Centre has received approval from FNIH for an expansion to the current building. The approved expansion project is for 100 square meters or 1076 sq feet which will provide additional office space, other required rooms and a garage for medical vehicles. The funding committed by First Nations and Inuit Health for the expansion is \$550,000. and will be available over two fiscal years of 2009-2010 and 2010-2011.
- AODBT Architects who designed the current Health Centre have been chosen to be the architects for the expansion project. The initial meeting was held in April 2009 with Health Canada and a second meeting on June 8, 2009 including Health Canada and AODBT representation. A project team comprising of Sherry Jimmy, the Chief and Health Portfolio, Health staff and Committee members will be assigned to the project team.
- At the same time, plans are being discussed to expand the Headstart/Daycare Centre into the Health Centre space where the Community Health room is currently located. Funding needs to be secured from other funding sources for this expansion to happen.

#### **PIMATISIWIN PROJECT:**

- Kellie Wuttunee has been hired as the Coordinator for the Pimatisiwin Project replacing Eileen Pete. She started on April 1, 2009 and will work for the project until March 31, 2010. Kellie's job for the next nine months will be organizing activities and events for the community youth.

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- The first activity she organized was a Youth Summit on May 27, 2009 at the school. Kellie also goes into the school to do sessions with the students.
- She will be planning some sessions over the summer months such as a cultural camp, leadership training and Applied Suicide Intervention Skills training for the community youth. She has met with some of the youth to seek ideas on activities/sessions the youth would like to see.

### **2010 OLYMPIC TORCH RUN:**

- Saulteaux and Moosomin were selected as sites of the Olympic Torch Run with the torch coming through on January 12, 2010 on its way to Vancouver where the Olympics will be held in 2010. **What an honor for our community and how exciting, it will put Saulteaux and Moosomin First Nations on the map!**
- An initial meeting was held on May 16 between the Coordinator of the Olympic Torch Run Committee for Saskatchewan, Saulteaux and Moosomin representatives.
- Following this meeting, the Olympic Torch Run Coordinator has advised that Cochin will also be involved in the Torch run as both First Nation communities surround the Village of Cochin. The Coordinator advised that they require the Torch run to occur on a highway and not on grid roads.
- Both Saulteaux and Moosomin will need to select one torch runner to carry the torch for about a ten minute run.
- Further meetings will occur with the communities to plan the activities leading up to the Torch run on January 12, 2010.

### **HEALTH ACTIVITIES:**

- **FAMILY FUN DAY** – the first ever Family Fun Day was organized and held on April 15, 2009 at the school gym which was during the Easter Break. Carmen Blackstar, Community Wellness Worker took the lead in organizing the event with community members and staff assisting with the planning. Children's activities were planned with an Easter egg hunt. The day concluded with a delicious turkey dinner served. It was a huge success with about 200 people attending the event.
- **SADIES WALK** - the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Sadies Walk/Community Clean-up was held Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> ending with a delicious barbeque meal at the school gym. The health program covers the costs of the event which includes costs associated with the meal, water, gloves, garbage bags and door prizes. This year, the increased amount of litter in the ditches was very noticeable when the snow melted. Sadies Walk is usually held in late May but when staff and community members noticed how dirty the community ditches and core area were, plans to hold the Sadies Walk and clean the community started earlier than usual. The annual Sadies Walk/Community Clean-up is an excellent way to get the community involved and having more staff and community members pitching in to help. Two bikes each for youth and adults were provided as the major door prizes.
- Thank you to everyone who participated and helped out in any way with the event!!!! Please continue doing your part in keeping our community clean!

### **HEALTH WORKSHOPS:**

- Mental Health First Aid training – April 5-6
- Safe Talk Session – April 7
- Olympic Torch Run Meeting – April 16
- Family Violence session – April 23

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- 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of weekly Moss Bag Making & Teachings started May 6 and will run Thursdays for about 7 weeks
- Treaty Day – health staff set up table displays – May 20
- STI/HIV/AIDS session – June 9
- Interagency Meeting – June 10

### PIMATISIWIN PROJECT REPORT

Submitted by Kellie Wuttunee

Tansi! My name is Kellie Wuttunee from Red Pheasant First Nation. I am the new project coordinator as of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. Since my employment with Sauleteaux First Nation a Safe Talk Training was held May 14, 2009 with 15 youth who took the training. The project also sent 4 youth from Sauleteaux to attend the Journey Intensive held in Saskatoon May 16, 17, 2009. The project had a Youth Summit May 29, 2009 which was a youth community action against suicide! Presenters from across Canada came to Sauleteaux First Nation to give tools to the youth to use in everyday life. A Much Music Dance was held in the arena to end the youth summit. It was a success with 70 participants in total; I would like to thank all the community volunteers that helped make this event a success. In addition to the youth programming the project has started a youth slo-pitch team that has entered in the B'ford slo-pitch league and the team name is the YoungGunz and our team plays every Tuesday. The project is also meeting with the Youth Council on a monthly basis. For the month of July and August it will be a busy month with the project!

July tba ASIST Training will be offered to the youth 17yrs and older  
July 28-30, 2009 Life Skills Training will be offered to youth 15yrs and older  
July 20-24, 2009 CEPS Leadership Training will be offered again for the youth of Sauleteaux.  
I hope that everyone has a fun and safe summer ! If you have any questions or concerns feel free to call me at the Health Clinic 386-1037!

Respectfully Yours,  
Kellie Wuttunee

### MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION AND INDIAN REGISTRY REPORT

Submitted by TAMMY AWASIS

#### **Medical Transportation**

There have been a lot of improvements in Medical Transportation; I would like to thank everyone for being diligent in bringing their CMA's in on time. We are still experiencing some slips not being returned but a big improvement has been made in that area.

Once again, people are required to call the health centre to inform of your appointments as soon as possible. The medical van only goes to North Battleford twice a day, once in the morning and

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once in the afternoon. **If the medical van is full for the day and you haven't provided much notice on your appointment for that day, you will be expected to reschedule your appointment for another day or go on your own.** We require that you give us a 24 hour notice, meaning that you should call the day before or early in the morning.

On evenings and weekends private mileage will be issued for emergencies only, especially for pregnant woman, babies, and elders this is pending on if you have no outstanding slips. Many private mileages we have been issuing have not been reimbursed because they were not considered to be emergencies by the doctor. We have currently been speaking to Health Canada in this regards because we the issuers are not medical professionals, so determining whether or not the trip is or is not an emergency is out of our hands.

Non Insured Health along with Medical Transportation Coordinators have just recently begun having monthly teleconference calls to help find solutions to some of the problems that communities are facing in regards to Medical Transportation. More information on these conferences will be available in the near future.

For Saskatoon trips, all trips will continue to be issued private mileage but if a ride is not available a bus ticket can be issued, everyone is required to bring in a letter of confirmation regarding the appointment well in advance so the necessary arrangements can be made.

Once again please remember to bring in your CMA's on time in order to avoid any delays in case you do have a true emergency.

### Indian Registry

In my previous News Letters I reported that INAC will be coming out with new Indian Status Cards by April 2009, unfortunately this has been put on hold until further notice. I will still be issuing the old paper laminated cards until then.

I am still getting people coming into the Health Center wanting to get treaty cards without having the proper Identification. Once again I will inform everyone that the following are required to get a treaty card.

1. EVERYONE is required to bring in identification in order to get a treaty card, Applicants for a Certificate of Indian Status (CIS) must provide proof of their identity along with their completed application from before a CIS can be issued to them. The issuing Officer must ensure that the identification presented matches the information in the Indian Register.

Acceptable identification includes:

Category 1 Primary I.D.	Category 2 Secondary I.D.
-Valid Canadian Passport	-Certificate of Birth or Baptism
-New Plastic CIS	-Provincial I.D. card -Driver's License

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Issued after Apr. 2002	-Employment I.D. With digitized photo -Student I.D. With digitized photo -Fire arms License -Old (paper laminated) Status card
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2. It is really important that your baby is registered by their first birthday, failure to do so may result in you the parent covering all medical costs for your child. Parents must come into the health center to pick up the required forms; this will ensure that your child will be registered.

Even though you have filled out the parental consent form at the hospital during the birth of your child you are still required to come and fill out the same form with me. This allows Indian and Northern Affairs to know where **you want** your child to be registered.

### Membership

There has been no change in the status with the Membership Committee we are scheduled to have our meeting early next month to pick up where we had left off. More information will be available in the near future.

### Treaty Day

This year Treaty Day was held on Wednesday May 20, 2009. I would like to congratulate everyone on a job well done. The display tables were very informative, the community events were well planned and organized, and the Saulteaux First Nation Staff members did a great job with the meal. Special thanks to all the staff that helped make this day a memorable one.

Keep up the good work!

From my family to yours hope you have a great summer!

### DAYCARE / HEADSTART PROGRAM REPORT

The Saulteaux Early Childhood Center has 12 daycare spaces, as well as the Aboriginal Headstart Program. The daycare spaces were filled this last quarter.

The highlight since the last report has been to be chosen as a national pilot project site for the introduction of science in the Headstart program. This project ran from April until June and

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involved the planting of garden beds and the use of everyday science teachings in the program. The children really enjoyed these activities.

On June 17, 2009, the daycare and headstart had its wind-up and graduation. Congratulations to Saulteaux's youngest graduates and their families! Parental involvement and volunteerism at the daycare has increased and community involvement is very much appreciated.

Work started on planning an expansion to the center, in conjunction with the expansion of the Health Center. Funding still needs to be secured for this project, but if it is ever to be done it has to be now when the health center is being expanded and renovated.

The daycare center will be closed from July 1 – 31 inclusive. This will allow vacation time for the staff at a time when the center normally only has a couple of children. It is hoped that by scheduling staff vacation in one block, disruption will be minimized the rest of the year.

Recruitment for a new Coordinator has not yet been completed, but it is hoped a Coordinator will be in place for the fall when the daycare re-opens.

### SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM REPORT

Submitted by ZELIA NIGHTTRAVELLER

Hi, my name is Zelia Nightraveller, temporarily hired for income assistance worker! Speedy recovery to Eliza Moccasin.

There are some changes on the Indian Affairs (INAC) income Assistance policy manual that will affect 18 to 35 year olds. There is a proposal work shop in this issue hopefully before the next income assistance day.

1) The manual state's " that an 18 year old is no longer eligible for income assistance when he/she turns 18 years old"

The manual states Chapter/Section 2:1.3 the age range 18 to 35 should be priority for participation in active support for education and training. They must make every possible effort to secure employment and / or training/upgrading. No compliance with requirement, the income assistance may disqualify an individual from receiving income assistance.

2) High school students 18 years of age living with parents who are eligible for income assistance does not qualify for income assistance in his/her own right. Adult allowance is issued to his/her parents.

ii. Student 18 years of age living with parents ineligible for income assistance does not qualify for income assistance in his/her own right considered as a dependant to family unit, except for:

- 1) A student with a disability.
- 2) A single parent.
- 3) A student financially independent from family meaning Student has lived

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away from home for a period longer than 60 days or has received income (e.g. wages, or full time work) in own mane for a period of 60 days.

**Special need telephones:** The criteria is for people on disability, a medical must be on file. Refer to Chapter 8, section 4-8.4.2. in the manual.

Chapter 10-page-1: **Intent**

Work Opportunity Program (WOP) The First Nation has ability to transfer income assistance allowances to approved work project which are supported by the First Nation. The WOP projects have to be approved by INAC funding officer.

**Objection** (Chapter 10-1)

Increase access to on-and off reserve employment for people on reserve. The WOP program is a 12 month project. This means if you are eligible for income assistance, these dollars are transferred to the potential employee.

On other issues: power and energy bills must be in before the 8<sup>th</sup> of each month. It is the responsibility of home owners to bring these bills in as they are paid by the 8<sup>th</sup> of each month.

I am working on the special needs requests, it is taking some time as I am looking at previous special needs issued going back 5 years.

Please declare any income earned from wages, E.I or training, this will eliminate over payments in the future.

<p>EDUCATION REPORT – SAULTEAUX HERITAGE SCHOOL Submitted by MARIA AHENAKEW</p>
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**Tanisi,**

Welcome to the Saulteaux School Report for June 2009. Presently the school population is at 141. The 2008-2009 school year has been very busy and full of fun filled activities including extra curricular activities, presentations and field trips for the school year. It has been a pleasure working for Saulteaux First Nation and I look forward to serving the school and the community in the fall. I would like to thank the staff for such a wonderful year of hard work, dedication towards educating the students to the best of their abilities. However, it is a time for good-bye for some school staff. Michelle Fischer, Vanessa LaFleur, Robin Smith and Sandra Takakenew will not be continuing their employment with Saulteaux First Nation. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

**Some Highlights throughout the year include;**

- Opening Flag Ceremony for the School August 27<sup>th</sup>

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- Education Committee Meetings held on a monthly basis, post-poned during election time
- The school monthly newsletter was issued on a monthly basis with upcoming events and it is mandatory for all teaching staff to make a submission
- School wide participation in DISSCO sports including; volleyball, cross-country, soccer, cross-country skiing, basketball, golf and track and field
- Ten Fire Drills conducted throughout the year
- 14 Game X Bingos hosted throughout the school year by the Education staff and some volunteers which raised money for our students to go on field trips in June
- Swimming lessons were made available for the school
- Jason Chamakese Native American Flute Player and Equadorian Flute Players
- 8 Sweats were held over the duration of the school year
- Supervision of all staff was conducted throughout the school year with formal evaluations
- Fall Inservice with Vince Hill after which the school began using the Virtues training, the virtues covered this year include, respect, kindness, determination, excellence, responsibility, next year the virtues that staff have chosen to cover will be based on the teepee teachings and they will be covered for two months then changes
- Pauline Gerow came in to school in the fall to ensure that our classrooms are equipped properly for FASD friendly environments regarding organization and color
- Education Week was held October 24<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>
- Nominal Roll was sent in October 30<sup>th</sup> for Elementary and High School Students
- October 31<sup>st</sup> the classrooms had door decorating contest and a school wide parade of costumes, a staff wide contest was held in the gymnasium
- November 6<sup>th</sup> we held our Remembrance Day Ceremony
- School was cancelled October 22<sup>nd</sup> and November 17<sup>th</sup> due to Gas Leaks
- November 19<sup>th</sup>, March 19<sup>th</sup> and June 26<sup>th</sup> Report Card Days
- Ducks Unlimited Presentations were held for all classrooms
- December 18<sup>th</sup> we held our Christmas Concert and the last day before the winter break

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was December 19<sup>th</sup>

- Archie Moccasin held a total of 9 drumming sessions for the students in the school
- Classes were cancelled due to weather in accordance with the policy manual on January 5<sup>th</sup>, February 25<sup>th</sup> and March 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>
- Picture Day was held on October 28<sup>th</sup> and retakes were held on January 14<sup>th</sup>, Pictures were provided for all students
- Merv Night came into the school and made shelves with the Grade 7-9 classes with the help of Justin Gopher
- The dental health workers came in over the course of the school year to provide dental work on students
- Shane Bellgarde came in to do photography and filming without 5-9 classrooms
- Table Mountain Skiing on February 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Blue Mountain Family Day was on March 14<sup>th</sup>
- We had Education Psychologists come in and test for 3 sessions and the Speech and Language Pathologist come in for a total of two sessions
- Special Education Review in March
- The Next Generation Group presented here April 2<sup>nd</sup>
- The school took part in the Drop the Pop Challenge and the Grade 2 class won
- We had an intern visit our school for two weeks and we will have two interns in the fall in the Grade One and Grade Four classrooms
- Sadies Walk May 12<sup>th</sup>
- Career Promotion and Awareness, Parental and Community Engagement, Teacher Recruitment and Retention, Provincial and Territorial Reporting for INAC were all submitted for the school
- Saulteaux hosted the DISSCO Track and Field in North Battleford
- Youth Summit held in the school with a Much Music Dance May 29<sup>th</sup>
- Year End Field Trips commenced, Nursery and Kindergarten went to North Battleford,

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Grades 1 and 3 went to Saskatoon, Grade 2 went to Saskatoon and the senior classrooms went to Prince Albert and Fort Carleton

- Saulteaux Recognition Graduation was held on June 6th
- Staff Meetings were held on a weekly basis every Tuesday unless there was a conflict with other pre-scheduled events
- Park Day at the North Battleford Park is on June 18<sup>th</sup>
- The last day of classes and Awards Day is on June 24<sup>th</sup>

### **School Calendar for the Fall of 2009-2010**

August 24th First Day Admin Days/5 days

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August 25th First Day Admin Days

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August 26th First Day of School

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August 28th BATC Orientation/No School

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September 7th Labor Day, 21 Days

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September 8th Nursery Begins

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September 9th Meet the Staff Night 6-9pm

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October 12th Thanksgiving 21 Days

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November 11th Remembrance Day/ 18 Days

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November 12th No School

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November 13th No School

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November 18th Report Card Day 1/2 Day School

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December 18th Last Day/ 14 Days

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January 4th Classes Resume/ 19 Days

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February 15th Family Day/ 15 Days

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February 16th-19th Mid Winter Break

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February 22nd Classes Resume

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March 19th Report Cards/1/2 Day/ 22 Days

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April 2nd Good Friday/16 Days

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April 5<sup>th</sup>-9th Easter Holidays No School

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April 12th Classes Resume

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May 24th Victoria Day/18 Days

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Treaty Day School Closed

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June 23rd Last Day For Students/ 18 Days

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June 24th-25th Admin Days

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National Aboriginal Day

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Total 193 Days

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310 minutes in a day (extra 10 minutes)

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193 X 10= 1930 extra minutes  
1930 (300) = 6.4 Extra School Days  
Total 197.4 Days

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### **Staffing for the Fall**

Nursery Kindergarten	Heather Sutherland
Grade One	Helen Christopher
Grade Two	Tara Wheeler
Grade Three	Elizabeth Myo
Grade Four	Pearleen Kana'an Baptiste
Grade 5/6	To Be Determined
Grade 7-9	Sharon Thomas
Special Education	Alfred Songsore
Structure for Success	Audrey Night
Principal/Teacher	Maria Ahenakew
Janitors	Flora Poitras/ To Be Determined
Bus Drivers	To Be Determined
Cooks	To Be Determined
Maintenance	To Be Determine
Teacher Assistants	To Be Determined

We have been very busy here at the school getting ready for the fall. All the staff have worked hard finishing their final report cards for the year and inventorying all the books in their classrooms. All the workbooks for the school have been ordered for the students as well as the supplies that will be needed for school start up. Everything will be delivered to the school between the week of August 17<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> when I will be returning to work. I attend the first Principal's meeting with BATC on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Report cards have also been re-ordered and there should be enough for the next two years. Registars and Daily plan books have been ordered for the staff and the opening package is ready for school start up admin days. The advertisement for support staff will be posted on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at the school and the deadline will be on August 14<sup>th</sup>. These can be left in my mailbox at the band office under Education. We will be conducting the interviews on August 14<sup>th</sup>.

In closing, I would again like to thank the leadership here for making this such a wonderful work year. I'd like to acknowledge Sherry Jimmy for all her guidance and the Education Portfolio holder Chief Kenny Moccasin for all their support. I wish everyone a safe, happy and restful summer and I look forward to seeing everyone again later in the summer!

Ekosi,  
Maria Ahenakew  
School Principal

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### POST SECONDARY EDUCATION, SITAG, AND WORK PLACEMENT PROGRAM REPORT

Submitted by SHARALYN GOPHER

#### **The Post Secondary Program:**

Receives an annual contribution from INAC of \$464, 400.00 with which we budget for 22 students each year. With this contribution we are able to provide living allowance, tuition, books/supplies, and travel.

75 % of the Post Secondary Coordinator's salary and travel are also covered in this budget.

I have 16 applications this September 2009-2010 school year.

Saulteaux Graduation on June 6, 2009 proceeded very well again this year. We had 22 graduates from grade 9, 12, certificate, diploma and post secondary.

**Grade 9:** Chelsey Benson, Lane Gopher, Graham Night and Alex Wardman

**Grade 12:** John Camplin, Martin Chamakese, Blair Gopher, Celeste Gopher, Rene Gopher, Shauna Gopher, Jocelyn Ladouceur, Robert Martel, Melissa Moccasin, Courtney Night, Alana Okanee

**Certificate:** Maxine Gopher

**Diploma:** Mavis Gopher, Vanessa Gopher, Neil Moccasin, Travis Moccasin, Clifford Katcheech – Journeyman's

**Degree:** Tara Moccasin

In total we had 11 graduates attended the graduation. Which is better than the year before. Special thanks to Joyce Night for agreeing to be the Master of Ceremonies, she did a wonderful job.

#### **Other graduation dates in the local area:**

ITEP grad - May 15, 2009

Little Pine grad - June 5, 2009,

SIIT grad – June 18, 2009,

Olds College grad - June 20, 2009,

Sakewew grad - June 25, 2009,

NBCHS grad - June 26, 2009.

The Scholarship winner for this year is Celeste Gopher. Celeste Gopher is a grade 12 from the Sakewew High School, she was chosen based on academics, attendance and volunteering in the community. This scholarship was made possible on behalf of BATC, North Battleford. A representative from BATC was present at the Graduation in Saulteaux on June 6, 2009 to make the presentation to Celeste.

NOTE: To all Parents and guardians please continue to encourage and motivate your students to succeed in school and to also apply for these scholarships and bursaries as they become available. It is a grant to help assist them in continuing their education or which ever they want to do and they do not need to repay it back.

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### The SITAG program:

The allocation from Sitag for this year is just a little over \$100,000.00. From this allocation we budget for training purchases, income support, books/supplies and travel. 25% of this allocation is provided for the coordinator's salary and travel.

### The following programs that have been sponsored in 2009:

- 4 Safety ticket training courses - individual
- 1 Nail technician program completed as of June 16, 2009
- Safety training program – group
- 1 Steamfitting/Pipefitting program-completed May 6.
- 2 Water treatment plant operator's courses
- Fire Arms Safety training course – group

### The Work Placement NCB program has assisted

We assisted 3 individuals with work placement assistance in the areas of travel, meals, accommodation, and work gear through the NCB child reinvestment program in 2009.

### Highlights of Planned Activities for the next 3 months:

- Adult high school programming for the community.
- Post Secondary selections
- Post Secondary orientation
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Reminder: The Post Secondary deadline is June 30. At 12 p.m.

### Closing:

I will not be here for the remainder of July as I will be taking summer classes at the First Nations University. If anyone needs anything they would like to see me about the remainder of June would be a good time and all of August. Thank you and have a great summer.

## LANDS AND RESOURCES PROGRAM REPORT

Recruitment efforts are underway for a Lands and Resources Manager following the election of Gary Gopher to Council. In the interim, Daine Moccasin, Portfolio Councilor has been ensuring that Land Lease Permits are signed off for 2009 and the pastures made ready for cattle. Fencing was completed in some areas to assist with the grazing leases.

The former Chief and Council established guidelines for land leases based on current market value. In most cases, leasees are paying more per acre or cow/calf pair to reflect the values of the area. As land lease revenues are Saulteaux's main source of additional revenues, it is important that the maximum value be realized from the lands being leased out.

The Lands and Resources Task Force has resumed its work on a Land Use Code. A Special Band Meeting was held in May to hear from the community regarding the role of outfitting within lands and resources. The Task Force will take this information and work at developing another

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draft of the Land Use Code for consultation with the Elders and the community.

### HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAM REPORT

Saulteaux is actively involved in several housing and infrastructure projects that have been ongoing:

**New Housing:** The 6 new houses are all complete and allocated. An orientation and training workshop is being held for all new tenants before keys are handed over.

**Fire Loss Units:** Fire loss units (Wilson Moccasin and Merv Night) will be replaced with modular homes. Site preparation and tie-in to infrastructure will occur this summer prior to the delivery of the units.

**Renovations:** Work continues on the 4 major renovations under a prior years CMHC allocation. These renovations must be completed and have passed final inspection by June 30, 2009. Work on the band-based renovation list established over 2 years ago still continues as time and money allows. Priority has been assigned by the Co-Manager to the CMHC projects (RRAP's, CMHC Major Renovations, and CMHC New Housing) in order to keep funding flowing and to keep the First Nation in good standing with CMHC. As a result, some of the band-based renovations have not been started yet or have not been completed.

**Band Hall Renovation:** With the exception of the exterior of the building and some finishing work, the Band Hall renovation is complete! The kitchen in the Community Culture and Wellness Center (Infill) will be the first project to be completed to create new kitchen facilities as well.

**Infill Building:** The 'infill' building linking the Band Office to the Band Hall has entered Phase 2 with work to complete the interior in progress, which will house a Youth Activity Center, Fitness Center, Elders Room, and a community kitchen (replacing the one in the Band Hall). Saulteaux Health will equip the kitchen with commercial cooking equipment and the fitness center with appropriate equipment to support health and wellness.

**Elders Lodge:** A proposal under Canada's Economic Action Plan to renovate the Elders Lodge has been submitted and approval is anticipated soon. This will mean that the Elders Lodge will be closed down, several units at a time, to allow this work to be done without people moving in and out.

**Roads and Bridges:** This project is a major undertaking over a 2 year period whereby 17 km of accesses and roadways will be built or redesigned. Work resumed on the remaining roads and accesses in May and will continue until freeze up in the fall. The next step is ordering and installing culverts.

**Water Treatment Plants:** Some upgrades have been done to the Water Treatment Plants at Saulteaux and Birch Lake over the past few months, but a lot more work needs to be done. Saulteaux has worked with INAC to get Capital Projects approved for both of these plants. The

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estimated costs for these projects is over \$1 Million dollars and has been approved by INAC for design, tender and construction over a 3 year period. In the meantime, water line flushing and minor maintenance and repairs will continue to ensure the quality and safety of the water at Birch Lake and Saulteaux.

**Sewage Lagoon Upgrade:** This project is estimated at over \$1 Million and has received approval by INAC. Tendering will occur later this summer. A new primary cell will be constructed and the current primary cell will become the new secondary cell.

In addition, several proposals were submitted in this quarter for additional housing and infrastructure. Proposals / approval is pending on:

- CMHC Section 95: 3 new houses
- 2009-10 RRAP's
- Recreation Infrastructure
- Lot Servicing
- Renovations for Health & Safety (mould / overcrowding)
- CMHC Retrofit: Elders Lodge and some CMHC houses

Staffing in the Housing and O&M Dept. will be complimented by a CMHC Intern in the near future. This position has been advertised for a Saulteaux Band Member and is essential to administration within the department as the reporting and paperwork requirements of CMHC and INAC must be completed to ensure funding is not jeopardized.

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Colleen Gopher	Health Janitor	386 - 1037

Current Staffing Competitions Posted or in competition process:

- Summer Students (6 positions)
- CMHC Intern
- Security / Surveillance (4 positions)
- Social Assistance Clerk
- Lands and Resources Manager
- Fine Option Worker (Sask. Ministry of Justice)

UPCOMING EVENTS
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|------------------------|---|
| July 3, 2009:          | BATC All Reserve Golf Tournament  |
| July 6, 2009:          | Summer Youth Programs Start   |
| July 6, 7, & 8 2009:   | Kanawayimik Camp Hosted by Moosomin First Nation                          |
| July 10, 11 & 12 2009: | BATC Soccer Tournament  |
| July 20 - 24, 2009:    | CEPS Leadership Training will be offered again for the youth of Saulteaux |
| July 21, 22 & 23 2009: | AFN Election 2009 Calgary, Alberta  |
| July 24, 25 & 26 2009: | Archie Moccasin's Sundance  |
| July (tba):            | ASIST Training will be offered to the youth 17yrs and older               |
| July 28 - 30, 2009:    | Life Skills Training will be offered to youth 15yrs and older             |
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