

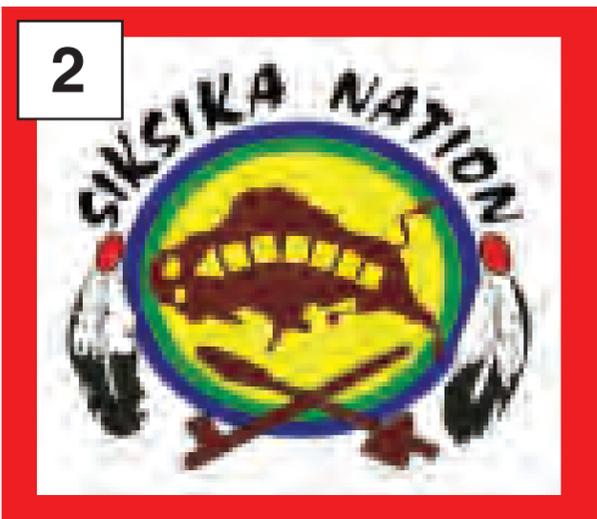
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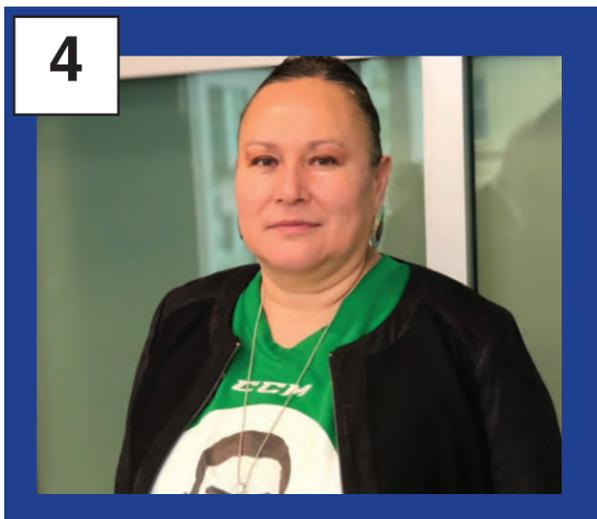
Speed limit reduced through Siksika



Photo by Wesley Water Chief
 Pedestrian warning lights, along with signs indicating a reduced speed limit of 80 kmh through residential areas, were requested by Siksika residents and have been installed along the 901 highway.



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Office of Chief and Council Government of Siksika Nation

Submitted by Chief & Council Communications Consultant Lynn Calf Robe

Highlights:

- Siksika Nation COVID-19 video update provided by Chief Ouray Crowfoot for March 4th, 2021
- Press release: Siksika Nation & The Town of Strathmore Resume Talks March 7th, 2021 - Siksika Nation & the Town of Strathmore Councils are back to the table March 8th to continue the work established by a Memorandum of Understanding signed by the communities in 2019 to address the topic of racism and building community relations between the neighboring communities.
- The Town of Drumheller invited Siksika Nation to participate in the blessing of the land on March 13th, before work begins on a flood mitigation project. Siksika Nation Chief and Council rep Councillor Rueben Breaker and Elder and former Councillor Francis Wolfleg were on hand for the occasion. (photo)
- Siksika Nation Chief and Council tour the Siksika Shelter today. Great work to the staff and volunteers. (photo)
- The official website of Siksika Nation is now online. This new design features current information on Siksika Nation programs and services for members and visitors. We invite you to check back for regular updates and share this great community resource with your networks. <https://siksikanation.com>
- Siksika Nation Chief and Council participated in Media Training with Stu Adams on March 23-24, 2021 (photo)
- March 26: Siksika Nation Chief Ouray Crowfoot receives his COVID-19 vaccine in Siksika. (photo)

Siksika Women's Day 2021

Siksika Nation Chief and Council celebrated Siksika and International Women's Day on March 8th with a virtual presentation featuring leadership, royalty and women from Siksika. The presentation began with a welcome address by Siksika Nation Chief Ouray Crowfoot and Councillors Susan Solway, Jenny Goodin and Tracy McHugh. Miss Teen Siksika Annie McMaster was among the group of women who provided a positive message of empowerment in the Siksika language to commemorate the occasion.

Virtual participants also included; Martel McHugh, Kathleen McHugh with grandchildren, Cynthia Big Tobacco/Sitting Eagle, Leanne Sleigh, Diana Sparvier-Red Old Man, Shanay Sleigh & baby, Serenity Calf Robe, Francine and Nova Charlie, Karalie Red Old Man, Lorlie Calf Robe and Naomi Solway. The virtual presentation kicked off Siksika Nation's Unsung Heroes Project which will recognize 40 outstanding women from Siksika who go above and beyond for their loved ones and/or colleagues. Selected by family, friends and colleagues, one Siksika Nation Unsung Hero will be recognized a day on our website and social media platforms beginning March 8th, 2021 and will run until April 16th.

Siksika Nation Chief and Council would like to thank everyone who was involved in putting the virtual presentation together including those who nominated Siksika Nation's Unsung Heroes. Attention Unsung Hero Nominees: For your hard work and commitment to your family and friends, a gift card is available to you as our way of saying THANK YOU for all that you do to help keep our community thriving and healthy. Kii stik skoona taaps spoowa – You are powerful. Please contact sncc@siksikanation.com to arrange for mail out by April 2, 2021. From Siksika Nation Chief & Council

Community Outreach/Charities/Communications – Community Relations

Chief and Council appointments to taskforce; Chair Wade Healy, Carlin Black Rabbit, Jenny Goodin, Ruben Breaker and Susan Solway.

- Met with Leaderships from neighbouring communities have begun working on relationships with surrounding communities. The goals are to build strong working relationships which will result in reduction in racism, increased economic opportunities, develop mutual beneficial political strategies, and many more mutual beneficial initiatives. The communities include:
 - Town of Strathmore
 - Town of Brooks
 - Town of Bassano
 - Town of Airdrie
 - Town of Drumheller
 - Town of Okotoks
 - Town of Banff & Banff National Park
 - City of Calgary
 - Wheatland County
 - Vulcan County
- The new website SiksikaNation.com is now complete and online for members and visitors to view.
- Community Digital Event- Siksika Women's Day March 8, 2021
- Community initiative – Winter Clothing Drive March 5, 2021
- Letter of Understanding with RCMP- Safe Transport March 2021
- Planning and preparation for Live Stream Chief & Council General Meetings
- Community monthly updates- Social Media, website and Aitsiniki

Consultations/Culture

Chief and Council appointments to taskforce; Kent Ayoungman, Leon Crane Bear, Armond Duck Chief, Kendall Panther Bone and Ike Solway.

- Inventory of Language programs from: Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park, Old Sun Community College, Siksika Health Services, Siksika Family Services Corporation, Siksika Board of Education.
 - Culture Task Force is in the process of working on an inventory of Aitsipoyiiks.

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- o Working on a business plan that entails a thorough study of the state of the Blackfoot language.
- Participate in meetings with Sara Korajian Rankin from the office of the Minister of Heritage regarding Blackfoot Language Initiatives.
- Connected with the Kootenay for future cultural protocol meeting.
 - o The Culture Task Force are prepared to open discussions with the Ktunaxa Nation in order to "re-strengthen our relationship". April 15th has been tentatively set to meet virtually between our and the Ktunaxa ceremonial elders/knowledge holders.
- Identified historic cultural grave sites on the Nation.
 - o Nato'saapi ki Otahkaapiotaasi resting sites have been surveyed via Ground Penetration Radar by the University of Calgary and Old Sun Community College. UofC has provided recommendations on buffer zones to help protect these two burial sites.
- The Culture Task Force (CTF) is scheduled to meet April 15th, many of these items will be discussed and action plans will be formulated to execute our goals.
- The following are some priorities that the CTF has in the forecast:
 - o The CTF has had discussion's regarding gathering Aitsipoyiiks but remain cognisant of Siksika Heath Service's recommendations.
 - o As the vaccine roll out continues, we hope that we could achieve tasks such as naming communities, roads, engage Aitsipoyiiks and so on, as soon as it is safe to do so.
 - o To execute some of these tasks we may have to hold a joint meeting with the Community Outreach Task Force as some of these tasks overlap ie. gathering Aitsipoyiiks to provide Siksika names for the many communities and roads.
 - o Our main goal is to improve fluency.

Prepared by Kent Ayoungman

Funding Agreement

Chief and Council appointments to taskforce; Chief Ouray Crowfoot, Council Representatives Tracy McHugh, Wade Healy, Leon Crane Bear, Jenny Goodin and Susan Solway.

- Chief Crowfoot is working with Crown Indigenous Relations to finalize a MOU to negotiate mandates for new funding arrangements. These funding arrangements will replace the outdated Federal Transfer Agreements (FTA) which currently dictates Siksika Nations funding.

Public Safety/Policing/Security/Legal

Chief and Council appointments to taskforce; Councillor Carlin Black Rabbit (Chairperson), Reuben Breaker (RCMP Liaison), Samuel Crowfoot, Kent Ayoungman, Armond Duck Chief, Kendall Panther Bone and Susan Solway.

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- The Public Safety Task Force continues to ensure the safety of all Nation members in the community. The task force has been working diligently to create working relationships with the RCMP, Siksika Security Services and other areas within the administration and related bodies. The team is working towards re-establishing a police force back on the nation, with the guidance from the Chief and stakeholders, this goal is looking more and more realistic with the continued work with municipal, provincial and federal governing bodies. The main priority is to help provide the best of quality of life for our nation members.
- Created a sustainable Peace Officer program as a forerunner to obtaining our own Police Force. Three Nation members successfully completed a Peace Officer Program from October 2021-December 2021.
- Task Force members Susan Solway and Reuben Breaker participated in Anti-Racism campaign in partnership with the Town of Strathmore that included two billboards displayed along highway 1.
- Emergency Curfew Bylaw passed and enforced by RCMP. Currently developing communication strategy to get sufficient notice out to the community through social media, radio advertisements, and physical copies of the bylaw given to the community.
- Support the enforcement of the Livestock bylaw. Task force members met with Blood Tribe to observe how the impound for livestock functions.
- Finalizing a taxi voucher program with the Town of Strathmore for Nation members who are released from custody during inclement weather to return to the Nation.
- Successfully advocated and lobbied for a significant speed reduction on highway 901 in less than two months (typical process takes approximately a year to complete). Actively lobbying for the Province of Alberta to build turn-outs that go into our communities off the highway.

Thank you, Councillor Carlin Black Rabbit (Chair of Public Safety)

Agreements

Chief and Council appointments to taskforce; Chief Ouray Crowfoot, Kendall Panther Bone, Samuel Crowfoot, Carlin Black Rabbit, Tracy McHugh, Susan Solway, Wade Healy.

- Task force have been reviewing agreements such as Castle Mountain, Bassano Dam as well as consultation agreements to ensure we take full advantage of opportunities for our People.
- Currently working with Banff National Park to promote Miistukskoowa area (Castle Mountain). Some of these initiatives include signage in Siksika as well as updating our protocol agreement with the park.
- Task force is working with Province and legal counsel to determine ways Siksika can best benefit from the 35,000 foot-acre water license agreement options, as outlined in Bassano Agreement.
- Siksika filed an injunction with the Province of Alberta to ensure the Alberta Coal Policies were reinstated & that made sure Siksika Nation would be properly consulted whenever any activities occurred within Blackfoot Confederacy territory.

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Siksika Family Services Corporation

Council Representatives appointed to Siksika Family Services; Chair Samuel Crowfoot and Carlin Black Rabbit.

Update: Siksika Family Services Corporation (SFSC) has seen a flurry of activity and progress in 2021. Currently, technicians and SFSC staff have been renegotiating our Children Services Master Agreement with the province. The goal is to insert language that reaffirms our sovereignty, incorporate language from UNDRIP and the Truth and Reconciliation calls to action and increase our geographical jurisdiction in an effort to be able to protect our children wherever they may be, and not just within the Calgary area. We will be signing a one-year extension with the province for our current agreement while our negotiations take place.

Last month the Shareholders for the corporation, along with the Board of Directors initiated an Organizational review to be conducted by the firm MNP. An organizational review is the process of collecting, organizing, analyzing, interpreting and sharing relevant information to enable the strengthening of the organization. The purpose of an organizational review is to enhance organizational success through the development of insight and intelligence about the organization. There are three main purposes for an organizational assessment or review:

- 1 **Strategic:** Providing critical insights needed to develop and launch new directions, goals, objectives, and priorities.
- 2 **Foundational:** Ideal for launching new projects or initiatives, this type of assessment collects and analyzes information needed about the goals, stakeholders, expected benefits, impacts, and other related information. Key to success of project and change management efforts.
- 3 **Improvement:** Focused on identifying ways to improve organizational performance, governance and results. Results often lead to improvements in processes, structure, skill development, and cost reduction initiatives.

Typically, organizational reviews should happen every three to five years. The last time an organizational review was conducted for SFSC was in 2011.

In March, the SFSC finalized the following committees: Children Services Committee, Finance Committee, Social Development Committee and Governance/Executive Committee. Each of SFSC's suborganizations and core functions falls under one of these committees. Additionally, and in accordance with our Articles and Bylaws, the following officers for the Board of Directors were confirmed and appointed on March 9, 2021:

- 1 - Chair: Samuel Crowfoot
- 2 - Vice Chair: Fred Rabbit Carrier
- 3 - Secretary: Carol Manyheads
- 4 - Treasurer: Francis "Butch" Wolfleg

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In January 2020, the Federal government put into effect Bill C-92, a piece of legislation aimed at reducing the number of Indigenous children in care. This legislation was co-developed with Indigenous, provincial, and territorial partners with the goal of keeping Indigenous children and youth connected to their families, communities, and culture. Bill C-92 recognizes that one size does not fit all when it comes to Indigenous child and family services. Under Bill C-92, Indigenous communities and groups will be free to develop policies and laws based on their particular histories, cultures, and circumstances. SFSC is rising to the challenge Bill C-92 presents to First Nations. On March 10, 2021, SFSC, along with its technicians officially began the process of developing Siksika specific legislation aimed at cultural preservation and preventive services for our children in care. When passed, this will be one of the first of its kind in Canada. Siksika has always been a leader in this area, and SFSC continues to strive to be an example to all other First Nations in Canada who wish to follow after us.

Through our Siksika-specific children and family legislation, established principles such as the best interests of the child, cultural continuity, and substantive equality will be outlined to help guide the delivery of services to Siksika children and families. A first draft of our legislation is expected in the very near future. As such, SFSC will be looking to form a working group of individuals to help steer the direction of this legislation to ensure adherence to cultural practices and that the needs of our Nation members are met. Further details on the working group will be forthcoming.

SFSC has begun the process of investigating new locations for its Calgary and Strathmore offices. For years the community has expressed concerns over its current locations and the Board is currently examining potential locations that will better serve our Nation members. We are new in this process and more information will be communicated once it's available. SFSC is also currently pursuing and applying for grants for other projects such as a Women's shelter, transitional housing and program development. While we have experienced some setbacks in being denied for funding, SFSC is still moving forward in seeking out grants and other funding opportunities.

SFSC is excited to announce that the Homeless shelter is now under the direction of Trevor Peltier. We thank Kim Wolfleg for her dedicated service to the homeless shelter and wish her all the best in her new endeavors. Since early 2020, the Homeless shelter has undergone an impressive transformation and we are now in a better position to provide essential services to patrons who utilize the shelter with dignity and respect. The COVID-19 pandemic has presented new challenges and obstacles that many organizations around the world are struggling to address. Notwithstanding the pandemic, SFSC has made positive progress during this difficult time and we are excited for what lay ahead for the organization and the Nation.

On behalf of Siksika Family Services Corporation
 Samuel Crowfoot J.D.
 Chair - SFSC Board of Directors

'You could have loved him, too,' says mother of Siksika man shot on rural road as killer gets 4-year sentence

By Meghan Grant - CBC Court Reporter
Article courtesy of CBC News

Kody Giffen pleaded guilty to manslaughter in Kristian Ayoungman's death, while brother Brandon to face trial

"Kitsikakomim." That means "I love you" in Blackfoot and it was Melody Ayoungman's final message to her son Kristian Ayoungman as she delivered a powerful victim impact statement in a Calgary courtroom on Tuesday.

Kristian, a popular 24-year-old hockey player and champion pow wow dancer from the Siksika First Nation in southern Alberta, was killed on March 17, 2019.

Kody Giffen pleaded guilty to manslaughter last August and on Tuesday he was sentenced to four years in prison after Court of Queen's Bench Justice Suzanne Bensler accepted the joint position from prosecutor Ron Simenik and defence lawyer Shelley Moore.

"Kody, you are the reason my son is not here today," said Melody. "He is gone — my boy, my baby, my first born, precious child."

Kody's older brother, Brandon Giffen, goes on trial on a charge of first-degree murder later this year.

The night he was fatally shot, Kristian and his friends were fleeing the Giffen brothers who'd been chasing them down a rural highway between Strathmore and Siksika.

At a Strathmore pub earlier in the evening, Ayoungmen sold a package of cigarettes to Kody Giffen, who became enraged because a couple were missing from the pack.

Simenik described the incident as going "further than anyone could have imagined."

The night of the killing, after the two groups fought in the pub parking lot over the package of cigarettes, Kody fetched his older brother who was at a nearby apartment.

The details of Kody's involvement in the kill-



(Ayoungman family)

Popular 24-year-old Kristian Ayoungman.

ing come from an agreed statement of facts (ASF) but those admissions are not considered evidence against Brandon and none of the allegations in the ASF are proven against the elder Giffen.

Previous stories have described the killing as an act of racism against the victim. However, the Giffen brothers are Indigenous themselves. A Gladue report — which examines an Indigenous offender's background — was prepared ahead of Kody's sentencing hearing.

A single shot

Brandon grabbed a hunting rifle and joined his brother as the two chased Ayoungman and his friends, who were in a Dodge truck.

Kody was driving with Brandon in the passenger seat and friends were in the back.

According to the facts against Kody, Brandon told his younger brother to follow the victim.

Breanna Crawler was driving with Ayoungman in the back seat. She was driving south on Highway 817, headed home when the Giffen brothers pulled over.

Brandon got out, according to the agreed statement of facts, raised his rifle and fired a single shot.

The bullet tore through the tailgate of the Dodge, into the cabin, and struck Ayoungman. 'I'm so sorry'

After the shooting, Kody dropped his friends and brother off and began driving home to Calgary with his girlfriend.

RCMP stopped him en route and he immediately admitted his involvement.

When given the chance to address the court, Kody expressed remorse.

"I am very sorry for all of my actions and I'm beyond sorry for any pain," said Kody. "I'm so sorry, I'm sorry."

Bensler said she accepted that Kody was truly remorseful but acknowledged that "no punishment can ever repay the loss of a life."

Melody Ayoungman understands the judge's sentiment — she will live with her grief for the rest of her life and says being raised the Blackfoot way to treat others the way you want to be treated makes her son's senseless killing especially painful.

"How could you not like my boy," she asked Kody.

"If you had let yourself get to know him ... you could have loved him too, like everyone else."



Photo courtesy of CBC's Meghan Grant

Melody Ayoungman speaks at trial.



Photo by Wesley Water Chief

The beauty and magnificence of Siksika teepees were on display at the Siksika Day of Hope. More than 300 vehicles drove by to see the display.



Submitted by Lynn Calf Robe
 Siksika Chief Ouray Crowfoot receives Covid vaccine at Sportsplex.



Submitted by Lynn Calf Robe
 Siksika Nation Chief and Council are continuing work with the Town of Strathmore to build community relations and fight racism.

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Submitted by Lynn Calf Robe
 Siksika Chief & Council participated in media training with Stu Adams on Mar. 23-24 and took a tour of the shelter here at Siksika Nation.

DENTISTS:

- Dr. Deb Crowfoot
- Dr. Garet Herget
- Dr. Davis Fox
- Dr. Kayla Leugner-Lavallee

Coronavirus / COVID-19 INFORMATION

March 26, 2021
 Risk Level: YELLOW MODERATE RISK

17100 COVID-19 Tests Completed To-Date	616 Total Cases To-Date	1173 COVID-19 Vaccine First Doses Administered
609 Recovered Cases	3 Current Active Cases	2 New Cases
		525 COVID-19 Vaccine Second Doses Administered



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Honouring Life with Day of Hope

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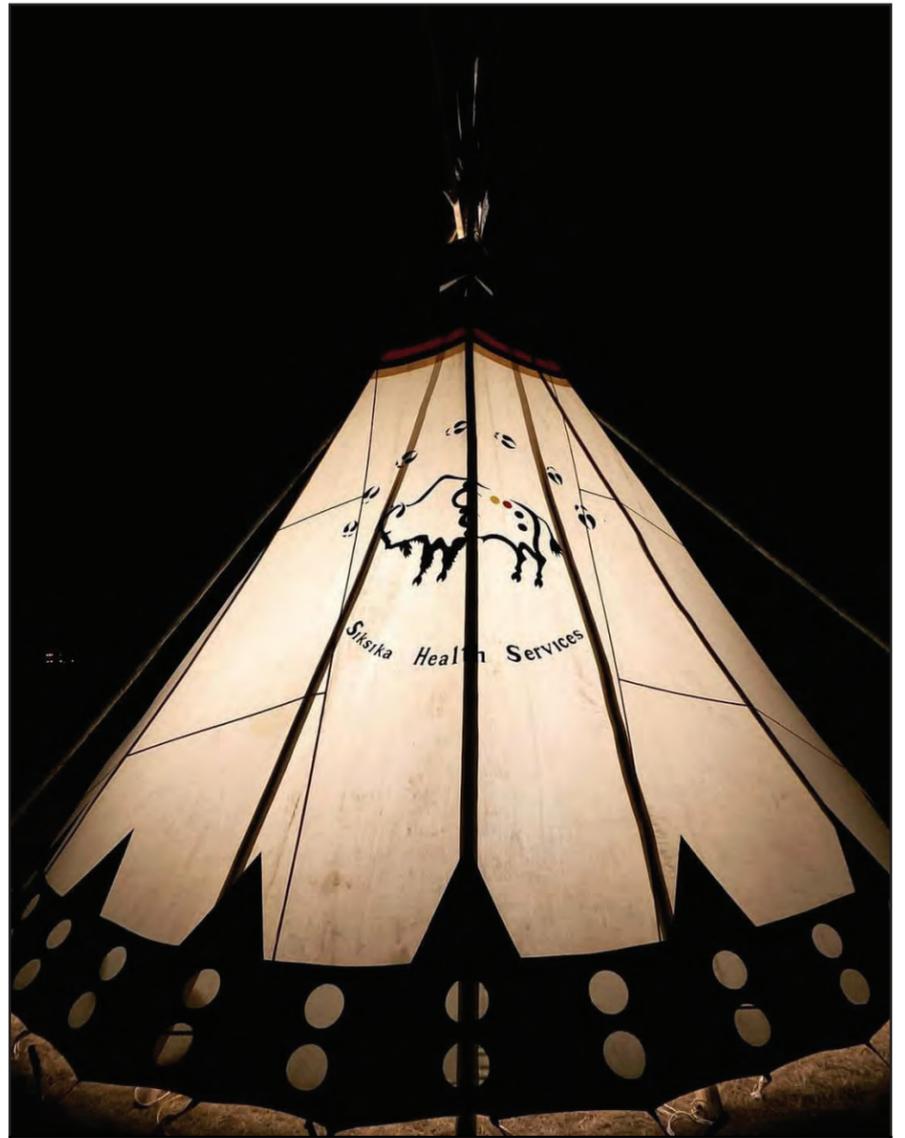
March 20th, 2021 was dedicated as a “Day of Hope”, in alignment with the Spring Equinox. In the Blackfoot culture, this is a day of renewal and Hope, where the sun begins to overcome the darkness. This day is a movement to empower those struggling with mental health issues and recognize the importance of Hope when struggling with mental health issues.

To recognize this day, Siksika Mental Health and Community Wellness hosted a “Siksika Day of Hope - Honouring Life” Drive-Thru of Lights and Hope Ride at the Siksika Piiksapi Memorial Arbor from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Attendees were asked to travel with their household members only, and to please remain in their vehicles to ensure that COVID-precautions were followed. T-shirts, goodies, and information packages were given to the first 150 vehicles, and a grand prize draw for a full tipi set was awarded to one lucky attendee! Many thanks to everyone for coming out to the event; more than 300 vehicles participated in the two-day event.



Submitted by David Panther Bone

An aereal photo of the Day of Hope lit teepees before the sunset.



Submitted by Telly Hunt

Siksika Health Services' teepee shines bright in the night.

Trained community paramedics

*Submitted by Kelsey Solway
Siksika Health Communications*

Aisokinaipiyokiiks - Siksika Nation Community Based Paramedics

The Aisokinaipiyokiiks deliver a broad range of diagnostic and treatment services for the Siksika community. The Community Paramedics are specially trained to provide short-term treatment for low-acuity illnesses, under the medical direction of Dr. Thomas Fung, physician at Siksika Health Services and Charlene Brough, Nurse Practitioner.

For Siksika Nation, this includes services ranging from wound care to intravenous infusions, medication reviews and in-home detox supports for the treatment of alcohol and opioid addictions.

Q & A with John Taplin, Advanced Paramedic working as a Community Paramedic at Siksika Health Services.

(Q) What is the difference between the paramedics that work on ambulances and the community paramedics?

(A) When community members have emergencies and acute healthcare needs like heart attacks, car accidents, overdoses and strokes, they need to call the ambulance. For when they have less emergent things and chronic conditions, that's when the community paramedics can come out and help.

All community paramedics are advanced paramedics so we all have experience working on the ambulance, but what we have in addition to that is we have training in primary and chronic care management.

(Q) What is the role of the community paramedics?

(A) Community paramedics support the health and wellness of Siksika Nation members. We connect clients to health and social services and make sure their care needs are being met.

(Q) What types of clients do you see in the community? What health needs do they have that paramedics are able to assess and treat in home?

(A) We help clients with all types of acute and chronic illness in Siksika Nation— wherever they are on their healthcare journey where we can support them. Patients may have transportation issues and other barriers to accessing healthcare that we are able to help them with.

(Q) What other teams and services do you work with?

(A) We work with all services within Siksika Health Services and with some social services on Nation. Lately we have been working with the CDC team, the Opioid Response Team, Addictions and Mental Health, the Clinic team, and some services like Siksika Housing and Siksika Family Services. We are also looking to create partnerships with services that are off-nation as well.

(Q) How do you think that the Community Paramedic Program (Aisokinaipiyokiiks) can help support community members?

(A) We create connections and build relationships with clients by reducing barriers to access and utilize care. We make sure community members feel like they are being heard and their wishes are being met by the community paramedics.

(Q) Why do you work with Siksika Health Services as a community paramedic?

(A) It's very rewarding connecting with clients and building those relationships. It's incredibly empowering to see patients go through their care journey and make sure their spiritual, emotional and physical wellness are being met. We make sure we make connections to whatever resources are available and in place. It's rewarding to see that patients progress and improve their health and wellness.

(Q) How is providing care in the Siksika Nation different from other places you have worked?

(A) I find that Siksika Health Services has a big emphasis on a team approach— reducing the silos that exist between different health services, and making sure we are able to open doors to other services. I have always felt very welcome working here. And I continue to come back for those reasons. It's a great team atmosphere and it just affects patients in a positive way.

One thing that is often lacking in health services is respect for the patient, and the respect for culturally-safe care. Aisokinaipiyokiiks are very adamant and very respectful of coming into the community with cultural humility. We seek the advice of elders and community members to make sure that we are respectful of their wishes for their care journey.



Submitted by Kelsey Solway

Four of the nine Community based paramedics include Ty Eggenberger, John Taplin, Josie Dahl, and Darryl Jensen. They deliver a broad range of diagnostic and treatment services for the Siksika community.

Siksika Nation & Town of Strathmore resume talks

March 7th, 2021 - Siksika Nation & the Town of Strathmore Councils are back to the table March 8th to continue the work established by a Memorandum of Understanding signed by the communities in 2019 to address the topic of racism and building community relations between the neighboring communities. The two councils had their respective communities to look after the last year, as COVID-19 was the priority. Now they are ready and eager to continue the talks that were started back in 2019.

"It's been a long time coming to be back at the table and work with the great leadership of Town of Strathmore. Obviously, we both had to deal with this pandemic and have since got to a place of somewhat normalcy. But the fact is, racism is still prevalent in this province and country, we must stay persistent on our goals." said Siksika Councillor Reuben Buck Breaker who has been instrumental in getting this initiative off the ground.

Meetings were held via zoom February 8th and February 23rd. In the meetings, the two councils reviewed a draft Joint Action Plan that identified several areas needing attention. Also, the councils brought forward new ideas that may help the enhancement of the relationship.

"Our two councils have really done a good job in the past several years to work closer together." said Mayor Pat Fule. "We want our Siksika neighbors and friends to feel safe and welcome in our town."

- There has been several accomplishments over the last 2 years.
- Strathmore Family Support Services has obtained a provincial anti-racism grant and has Siksika Nation member Astokomi Smith as the technician on the initiative.
 - Chamber of Commerce in Strathmore is working on customer service & training for the treatment of minorities.
 - Tripartite Letter of Understanding signed between Siksika, Town of Strathmore & RCMP. That work will commence in the immediate future.
 - Town is setting up a Job Connection Program in collaboration with Siksika Employment Services.
 - Councillor Breaker appointed to Strathmore Minor Hockey Board.
 - Strathmore McDonalds donated \$5000 to Siksika Nation during Christmas.
 - Siksika Family Services donated \$7000 and 60 turkeys to Strathmore Overnight Shelter over the holiday season.

There are new initiatives that both councils are working on including to be more inclusive to citizens in both communities in future engagements, such as live-streamed meetings and FB live interactions. The first FB live meeting took place February 25th in the new Town of Strathmore building with Mayor Fule and Councillor Breaker who shared some of the work that has been done and who the two communities plan to work together.

Siksika Nation Chief and Council and the Town of Strathmore Council both signed a M.O.U. November 15th, 2019 committing to work together to address racism experienced over the years. All this work started after the horrific March 2019 incident ending in the death of Siksika Nation member Kristian Ayoungman. Both leaderships felt the need to come together and address racism.

Siksika Nation is optimistic on this new approach to working with the Town of Strathmore. Councillor Carlin Black Rabbit and the Chair of Community Relations in Siksika is pleased with the work being done thus far and look forward to working together to create opportunities and address the issue of racism.

"My experience in participating in government-to-government meetings with the town of Strathmore has been positive. I feel that there is a real willingness to bridge the gap between Strathmore and Siksika Nation. I feel strongly that the two communities can work together to create future opportunities. There is some important work to be done on both sides, we are on the right steps going forward"



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February 24, 2021

Oki,

The Siksika Family Services Corporation (SFSC) has launched the Urban Services Caring Plan COVID-19 Project and will be conducting an online survey that will engage Siksika Nation members living in off-reserve communities. The purpose of this survey is to determine the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, and to identify the needs of the urban members.

Our project goals include providing off-reserve Siksika members with the latest COVID-19 information circulated daily by the federal and provincial governments, the Alberta Health Services (AHS), and Siksika Nation Tribal Administration.

The Siksika Family Services Corporation is committed to providing the best possible programs and services to both on and off reserve members.

To ensure confidentiality is carried out in the survey, the Siksika Family Services Corporation will follow the Freedom of Information Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP Act), regulations, guidelines, and confidentiality.

Because we value your input, we respectfully invite you to participate in our survey. The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. If you have any questions about this survey, please feel free to email surveyinfo@siksikafamilyservices.com

We thank you for your time and participation in completing the Siksika Family Services Corporation online survey.

Your respectfully,

Merlin Breaker
Chief Executive Officer - SFSC

**Christopher Strangling Wolf Jr.
Ni'tsitapapoi "Standing Alone"**

Feb. 4,
1959

Jan. 21,
2021



The family of Chris Strangling Wolf (Jr) his wife Colleen Strangling Wolf, his daughters & his sons and all his grandchildren would like to thank all the people for their donations in Chris Strangling Wolf's Honor.

Your thoughtfulness and generosity are much appreciated by the entire family. Thank you for caring so much about Chris Strangling Wolf and our family in our time of need and going through such a tremendous loss in our family.

Siksika Radio Survey

The Nation's Station 104.7 FM is conducting a survey in order to continue to bring you the best in pop, rock, country, and powwow.

Visit the Siksika Media Facebook page to find the form, fill it out, like our page, and you could win yourself a \$100 Gift Card for groceries or goods at the Trail Market.

Other prizes will be awarded as well including 104.7 FM tee-shirts and coffee mugs.

You can't win unless you enter the survey.

Winners will be announced on radio and Facebook on April 30.



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SIKSIKA NATION EMERGENCY SERVICES

PUBLIC FIRE ORDER MARCH 28 2021

Due to the very dry conditions and unpredictable weather (wind conditions) the Siksika Nation Emergency Services has determined the following:

Siksika Nation Emergency Services as of **Midnight March 28/21** is issuing a Public Fire Order thereby prohibiting the following until further notice.

- All the discharging of Fireworks
- Open burn barrels or fire pits
- Solid fuel barbeques (charcoal briquettes)
- Camp fires of any kind
- Burning of your grass around your homes or structures

Exemptions:

- Gas or propane stoves or barbeques that are CSA approved or ULC approved for use in Canada
- Portable Propane fire pits that are CSA or ULC approved for use in Canada

In regards to conducting sweats for ceremonies, we are only asking that you contact the Siksika Nation Emergency Services so we can conduct an evaluation of the site and ensure that it can be done safely during these dry weather times

If you require any additional information, please feel free to contact the undersigned

Thank you,

Tom Littlechild
Tom Littlechild
Director of Emergency Services
Siksika Nation Emergency Services
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