



# Office of Chief and Council Government of Siksika Nation

## **Siksika Nation Chief and Council Update: February 2021**

Feb 1 – Siksika Nation releases press release ‘Safety Plan for the Nation section of the Alberta Provincial Highways.’ Leadership and the community have been urging the province to lower the speed limit following another casualty from Siksika, a pedestrian, who was hit by a passing vehicle while he was walking on highway 901. Siksika Nation Chief and Council met with Transportation Minister Rick McIver on March 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss the community’s concerns and recommendations. The province not only agreed to lower the speed limit, but they also committed to installing flashing lights to warn drivers of pedestrians on the busy highway that passes through Siksika Nation. (See press release for more information.)

Feb 2 – Siksika Nation Chief and Council provides COVID-19 video update on the vaccine roll out plan. Siksika Nation Chief and Council continue to work with Siksika Health Services to provide Siksika Nation members with new information. Please visit their website [SiksikaHealth.ca](http://SiksikaHealth.ca) and/or follow them on Facebook for regular updates.

Feb 2 – Siksika Nation Chief and Council release the following press release ‘Siksika Nation is pursuing a legal challenge against the Government of Alberta’s decision to rescind the Coal Policy’ (See press release for more information.)

Feb 2 – Siksika Nation Chief and Council release the following press release ‘Siksika Nation response to the Benga Coal Mine’ regarding the Grassy Mountain Mine Project. (See press release for more information.)

Feb 10 – Siksika Nation Chief and Council visited the Deerfoot Sportsplex to view the designated Vaccine Clinic in Siksika. The immunization clinic for Siksika elders 75+ started February 11<sup>th</sup>. Please visit Siksika Health Services website and/or social media for more information on the COVID-19 vaccine.

Feb 23 - Siksika Nation and Alberta Health signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) at the Piiksapi Memorial Arbour on Siksika Nation. This MOU aims to improve health outcomes and services for Nation members. Minister of Health Tyler Shandro also received the Blackfoot name Ksiistsikomipi’kssii meaning "Thunderbird" from Elder Clement Leather. For more information visit Siksika Health <https://bit.ly/2Mjfy4d> (Photos provided by Siksika Health Services.)

Feb 23 – Siksika Nation Chief and Council announce ‘Siksika Women’s Day Call for Video Participants’ initiative. In celebration of Siksika Women’s Day March 8<sup>th</sup>, Chief



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and Council are hosting an online event to honour the women of Siksika. (See poster for more information.)

Feb 23 - Siksika Nation Chief and Council announce 'Nominate an Unsung Hero' initiative in celebration of Siksika Women's Day March 8<sup>th</sup>, Nominate an Unsung Hero in celebration of Siksika Women's Day, Siksika Nation Chief and Council will recognize 40 Unsung Heroes from Siksika.

Feb 23 – Siksika Nation Chief and Council purchased a billboard along highway 901 honouring the Missing and Murdered Siksika and Indigenous persons. The purpose of the billboard is to bring awareness to the growing number of Missing and Murdered Indigenous peoples in Canada and to the remember those who have passed away or remain missing including those from Siksika Nation.

Feb 25 - Siksika Nation Chief and Council release the following press release 'Siksika Nation and the Town of Strathmore Resume Talks' regarding leaderships plan for next steps with the Town of Strathmore. A meeting is called for March 8<sup>th</sup> and will look at developing a joint action plan that will highlight new initiatives between the neighbouring communities. (See press release for more information.)