



Office of Chief and Council Government of Siksika Nation

Siksika Nation Chief and Council Community Update: September 2021

Siksika Nation Indian Residential School (IRS) Info Session

(September 9, 2021 – Siksika Nation) Siksika Nation is working with the University of Alberta to carry out the search for unmarked graves at all mission, boarding and Indian Residential School sites located in Siksika. The scope of the work will focus on the application of remote sensing, ground penetrating radar (GPR), data collection and research (oral history, survivor support, archival research, etc.)

A virtual Info session has been organized to inform Siksika Nation members of the work being done and the process of the search itself. Due to the increase of COVID-19 cases in the province, an in-person info session is not possible at this time.

The info session will include a comprehensive presentation from Dr. Kisha Supernant, Director of the Institute of Prairie Technology with the University of Alberta. Information on how to access Indian Residential School resources and supports will also be made available by Siksika Health Services.

INFO SESSION

Date: September 15, 2021

Time: 5:00 pm

Location: Virtual Info Session (Zoom)

HOW TO VIEW: The virtual info session will take place using Zoom that will allow attendees to join without needing to register or create a Zoom account in advance. Attendees will be required to enter their name and email address upon joining. More information will be provided on the info session including how to view on your mobile device or computer. Please note that this info session is for Siksika Nation members only.

Request for Proposals Siksika Nation Branding & Marketing Plan and Implementation

Invitation to Proponents Siksika Chief and Council are pleased to extend this invitation for Requests for Proposals (RFPs) to larger and more experienced marketing firms to submit proposals for a, '*Siksika Branding & Marketing Plan and Implementation*'.

Issued: September 10, 2021

Submission Deadline: November 10, 2021 (60 days)



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SIKSIKA NATION TRESPASS BY-LAW NO. 2021-01

(September 13, 2021 – Siksika Nation) On September 9, 2021, Siksika Nation Chief and Council conducted a fourth and final reading of the Siksika Nation Trespass By-law No. 2021-01.

BEING A BY-LAW OF THE SIKSIKA NATION WITH A PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING RULES FOR THE REMOVAL AND PUNISHMENT OF PERSONS TRESPASSING ON THE SIKSIKA NATION RESERVE #146 OR FREQUENTING THE RESERVE FOR PROHIBITED PURPOSES.

The Trespass By-law has undergone the requisite three separate readings, plus an additional reading. The by-law has also been reviewed by the Nation's legal counsel, Fox and Fraser LLP and is authorized to be posted for public comment.

The period for public comment will end on: September 22, 2021.

Any comment or concerns about the by-law can be directed to:
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Info Session on Geographical survey of Indian Residential Schools (IRS) in Siksika

(September 15 – Siksika Nation) Siksika Nation Chief and Council organized an info session on the geographical survey of Indian Residential School (IRS) sites in Siksika on September 15th, 2021. Due to the increase of COVID-19 cases in the province, a virtual Info session was chosen as the safest way to provide an update to Siksika Nation members.

The info session began with an opening prayer, remarks from Chief Ouray Crowfoot, Councillor Kent Ayoungman and Siksika Nation Indian Residential School Services Coordinator Leanne Sleigh. A presentation from the University of Alberta was provided by Dr. Kisha Supernant, Director of the Institute of Prairie Technology that gave a thorough overview of the technical work involved. Information on how to access resources and supports was also provided by Siksika Health Services, Community Wellness and Mental Health. The info session wrapped up with a question/answer period.

For more information you can email Siksika Nation Chief and Council directly at sncc@siksikanation.com



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Commemoration to honour Nato'sa'pi in Siksika

(September 21, 2021 – Siksika Nation) Siksika Nation Chief and Council is hosting the Nato'sa'pi Commemoration ceremony on September 22nd, 2021 at 10:30am in Siksika to honour Nato'sa'pi (1819-1897) and bring awareness of the final resting place of respected Chief of the Blackfoot, famously known as Chief Old Sun.

Nato'sa'pi was well-known as a Head Chief of the Siksika people and a signatory for Treaty Number 7, representing the North Blackfoot in 1877. His name and legacy still live on in the community including in the names of two schools in Siksika; Old Sun Community College and Chief Old Sun Elementary School.

The Commemoration ceremony will take place at the final resting spot of Chief Old Sun, located near the Canon Stockton Cemetery in North Camp, Siksika. The ceremony is open to the public and will commence with an opening prayer and remarks from Siksika Nation Chief and Council, Old Sun Community College and Siksika Board of Education followed by the unveiling of a commemorative plaque to honour Nato'sa'pi.

Community Relations Task Force Update

Chairperson: Carlin Black Rabbit

- The Community Relations task force continues to strive to connect our community through building relationships with external organizations such as non-profits, all forms of governments, and public institutions. In a continued effort to support Nation families, the task force has an ongoing partnership with *Kids Up Front*; to date 15 families have been given event tickets to Calgary Stampeders home games, and the Calgary Comic Expo. There will be more tickets available, keep a look out on our social media pages with updates.
- Task force members, Jenny Goodin and Samuel Crowfoot have been assigned to develop the criteria for the 2021 Chief and Council scholarship, for Nation students graduating in high school and enrolled in credited post-secondary institutions. Last year, 10 Nation members were given scholarships and our team has allocated more funding for scholarships for more opportunities that our students to access.
- The task force developed and reviewed a request for proposal (RFP) for a Nation marketing and branding plan lead by Councillor Wade Healy. The RFP was approved by Chief and Council; and will be posted for 60 days. The RFP can be found online at <https://siksikanation.com/rfp-siksika-nation-branding-marketing/> and will be posted on all social media, and Aitsiniki.
- Task force members, Carlin Black Rabbit and Samuel Crowfoot, along with Chief Ouray Crowfoot and Councillor Tracy Mchugh took part in Siksika HOPE's tipi raising contest September 13th at the arbor. It was fun participating in the event hosted by Siksika Health and Wellness, we look forward to more community events throughout the year.



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- Councillors Susan Solway, Jenny Goodin, and Communications Consultant have been assigned to engage with Siksika Health Services for the September 30th Orange Shirt Day community event; Chief & Council proclaimed this day as “Siksika Truth and Healing Day.”
- The Community Relations Task Force would like to thank Mayor Pat Fule and Strathmore Council for the tremendous work over the past couple years. Both governments worked together to build positive relations between the two communities.

Public Safety Task Force Updates

Chairperson: Carlin Black Rabbit

- The task force is currently in the process of establishing the satellite police station on the east end of Siksika Nation. The land application has been submitted and approved. The RCMP, as per our CTA agreement will have four dedicated officers working out of the office. The task force is working hard to identify an opening, as there are many regulations that need to be followed and approved. The intention is to strengthen the police presence on the east end of the Nation, and to deter crime. More information to come in the next coming months. Modus Structures Inc. has been appointed as the official builder for the satellite police station, the task force will be working closely with the builder and RCMP on the construction of the facility.
- The task force retained Werkz Inc to begin a business case for the Nations policing application. The task force is pleased to continue our working relationship with Donna Tana and Werkz Inc. Werkz assisted the Nation in the authorization of the Peace Officer Program, early this year. The business case will take 9-10 months to complete, focusing on community consultation and feedback. Our goal is simple, **we need to have our tribal police reinstated and patrolling our Nation.**
- A request for public comment has been made for Siksika Nation Trespass By-law NO. 2021-01, the review of the proposed bylaw will be available on the Nations website, social media pages and through Aitsiniki.
- On September 1, members of the task force along with Chief Crowfoot and Councillor Wade Healy accompanied ISL Engineering and Land Services Ltd to assess the 901-highway turn offs in high traffic volume areas. In response to a letter sent from the task force to Alberta transportation earlier this summer, the need for safer turn offs on the highway is vital. With the history of accidents on the highway, the task force continues to ensure safety on our Nation.
- The Public Safety task force would like to thank Sgt. D. S (Scott) Mercer, Operations NCO, Gleichen Detachment for his commitment to the Nation. SGT Mercer will be moving on to work with Calgary ASIRT. Mercer has been working in Gleichen for the past six years and has done an incredible job since arriving. Scott has been one of the main contacts the Nation has had with the Gleichen RCMP and played a key role in facilitating the working relationship with Siksika/RCMP.



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- On behalf of the task force, we would like to thank Director of Emergency Management Stacy Doore, and the Siksika Nation Security who have been patrolling our Nation 24/7. The hard work and commitment to ensure our reserve is safe doesn't go unnoticed.
- With the temporary closure of the Gleichen Hotel/Liquor store, concerns were brought up on assisting our Nation members who have alcohol dependency. Members of the task force met with Siksika Health Services staff and the RCMP to develop a plan for safety and provide awareness to the community on addressing addictions. Siksika Health's team have done a remarkable job and continue to assist our people who need support.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Please visit the official website of Siksika Nation at <https://siksikanation.com> for more information on all Siksika Nation news including Siksika Nation Chief and Council, Administration, Entities and Business-related matters. You can also follow Siksika Nation Administration on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn for regular updates including community programs and services, upcoming events and employment opportunities.

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