



Office of Chief and Council Government of Siksika Nation

Siksika Nation Chief and Council Community Update: January 2022

SIKSIKA WINTER POWWOW – JAN 1 & 2, 2022 – POSTPONED

The Siksika Winter Pow Wow scheduled for January 1 & 2, 2022 has been postponed. Chief and Council and the Pow Wow Committee made the decision today to postpone the upcoming event due to the increase of COVID-19 cases in Siksika. The powwow will proceed at a future date when it is safe to do so.

January 11, 2022 - Siksika Nation Updates COVID-19 Risk Level from Yellow to Red

At the Special Called Council Meeting of Siksika Nation Chief and Council, held on January 11, 2022, the following motion was made:

*A **MOTION** was **MADE** and **SECONDED** to accept Siksika Health Services' recommendation to move Siksika's COVID-19 risk level from a yellow to a red risk level, effective January 14, 2022. The COVID-19 risk level will be reassessed on January 28, 2022 by Siksika Health Services' CDC team.*

For more information, stay tuned to Siksika Health Services' official communications channels, including web at www.siksikahealth.com and www.siksikahealth.com/covid, Facebook @SHWCSiksika, Instagram @siksikahealth, and monthly newsletter (print).

Siksika Nation Chief and Council is committed to keeping Nation members and employees safe; we ask for your patience and understanding at this time as it may impact programs and services. (See original post on SiksikaNation.com)

January 18, 2022 - Siksika Nation Chief and Council Tribute to Tsuut'ina Nation Councillor Stanley Jr. Big Plume

The Office of Siksika Nation Chief and Council, staff and members of Siksika Nation offer our sincere condolences and pay tribute to an extraordinary individual, Tsuut'ina Nation Councillor Stanley Jr. Big Plume (McMaster) – also known as Saahsi saako'maapi in Siksika and Dzazi Chu in Tsuut'ina.

Councillor Big Plume was a member of Tsuut'ina Nation with deep roots in Siksika. He was the son of Stanley McMaster, grandson of the late Anne McMaster with many relatives and friends from Siksika. Councillor Big Plume was also an esteemed colleague who comes from a long line of respected Chiefs from Siksika. Stanley played an integral role with recreation and sports in Siksika and worked closely with our youth. He will be forever remembered for his role as a family man, friend, respected leader, mentor and coach.



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Councillor Big Plume served on the Tsuut'ina Nation Chief and Council for many years and supported various initiatives including Language and Culture, Recreation, and the Youth Program in Tsuut'ina. Prior to his career in politics, Stanley was employed with the Tsuut'ina Recreation Department and volunteered much of his time coaching numerous sporting teams. He also served on the Alberta Hockey Board as Vice President and was a dedicated volunteer to numerous community events throughout his life.

We offer our sincere condolences to the family of Councillor Big Plume including his wife Sharlene, son Traejan, daughter Latesha, parents and extended family from Tsuut'ina Nation, Siksika Nation and the Blackfoot Confederacy. His legacy of caring for others and the environment in which they lived will hopefully be followed by all of us.

Sincerely,
Siksika Nation Chief and Council

Community Relations Taskforce Update Chair: Councillor Black Rabbit

Marketing and Branding for Siksika Nation

Siksika Nation has chosen Chatterson to put Siksika Nation on the map and drive capital investment to Siksika Nation. Chatterson specializes in branding and digital marketing solutions for those who desire greatness.

An RFP was posted, and also sent out to top agencies throughout Canada. After the closing date, each company was reviewed carefully by the community task force. Later, the finalist was reviewed again to ensure only the best company would move forward to support Siksika Nation. We encourage you to visit Chatterson, and learn more at <https://chattersondrive.com>.

They are responsible for the following:

- Creating a unique and all-encompassing Siksika Nation Brand, built upon the history and culture of the community, potential opportunities, and the experience of the First Nations people.
- Creating a successful marketing campaign designed to highlight Siksika's unique identity and the rich opportunities available therein.
- Creating a successful online presence attractive to potential capital investment opportunities and partnerships.
- Creating catchy and recognizable imagery and slogans that convey what Siksika represents.
- Identify key target audiences/clients/customers.
- Creating a clear message about, 'who Siksika is', and what Siksika is committed to.
- Creating a consistent message with concise language.
- Creating a comprehensive reporting method to track success.



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- To assist in the implementation of the plans' objectives.

Calgary Zoo and Siksika Nation will sign a Memorandum of Understanding

Calgary Zoo and Siksika Nation have been working together to build a long-term shared relationship, the inception of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is the start of many positive things to come. This MOU will be signed on February 22nd, 2022 by Chief Ouray Crowfoot.

Subsequently, Calgary Zoo will start updating their signages to include Blackfoot names for each plant and animal to honor Blackfoot Confederacy Traditional Territory and Treaty 7. This shared experience will foster Blackfoot and will educate all domestic and international visitors as they enjoy the Calgary Zoo experience.

Impact:

- Siksika will support Calgary Zoo and their management on the history of the Blackfoot including the legacy of residential schools, treaties and rights, intercultural competency, human rights, and anti-racism to promote understanding and mutual respect.
- Calgary Zoo will provide Siksika members with access to Calgary Zoo jobs, training, and education opportunities on the traditional lands of the Blackfoot Confederacy.
- Lastly, build a respectful relationship among Calgary Zoo and Siksika Nation in the areas of shared interest.

Town of Strathmore

Chief and Council presented the Town of Strathmore with a Siksika Nation flag, a step forward to a brighter future for us and our children.

Meaningful Futures Program Intern Charmayne Black placed with Chief and Council

Oki, my name is Charmayne Black. My parents are Raylene Healy (Medicine Shield) and the late Calona Black. My maternal grandparents are the late Joe Medicine Shield and Geraldine Medicine Shield (Axe) and my paternal grandparents are the late Nelson Black and Miranda Black (Wolf Ear). I have seven brothers and sisters from a blended family. My son Lyman is 12-years-old and loves to play hockey with the Siksika's U13. In my early childhood, I was raised on the east side of Siksika near Little Washington. We moved to Gleichen and I went to high school in Calgary when we moved in 2001 with my mom and step father Wade Healy. I currently live in Suzy Slough in my own home.

I have held several jobs over the last few years from cashier to receptionist, and I am discovering that I love challenging myself with things that truly interest me. Recently I was employed with Siksika Media as an office administrator. In my short time working there I discovered a growing interest in media communications. Now as a participant in the 'Meaningful Futures Program' provided by Siksika Employment & Training, I chose Chief & Council communications as my work



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experience because I am looking forward to learning more about photography, writing, videography, and just about anything to do with communications. My step dad has experience in this field as well so I believe that I can always go to him for advice. I want to return to school to upgrade and eventually earn a bachelor of communications.

Public Safety Taskforce Update:

Chair: Councillor Carlin Black Rabbit

Community Engagement Policing Business Case Questionnaire – EXTENDED DEADLINE

"Your inputs matters to Siksika Nation."

Siksika Nation is developing a business case for a "Police Service for the Nation." Your input is valuable to this process as we begin this journey for Siksika Nation. Siksika Nation members are invited to share their ideas on this proposed service by completing a short questionnaire.

The questionnaire can be completed one of three ways:

1. Member(s) can fill it out online here.
2. Member(s) can fill it out in-person at the Administration building. Contact Ola Koleoso.
3. Member(s) can download a copy below or request by email. Send completed copy to Olak@siksikanation.com

Extended Deadline: April 30th, 2022 at 4 pm

For more information contact Siksika Nation Chief and Council Liaison Ola Koleoso at Olak@siksikanation.com

FILL OUT QUESTIONNAIRE ONLINE HERE: <https://siksikanation.com/community-engagement-policing-business-case/>

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Please visit the official website of Siksika Nation at <https://siksikanation.com> for all Siksika Nation news including Chief and Council, Administration, Related Bodies, Business and community. You can also follow Siksika Nation Administration on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn for regular updates.

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