



Office of Chief and Council Government of Siksika Nation

Siksika Nation Chief and Council Community Update: November 2021

General Business:

Upcoming 1910 Referendum Sessions for Siksika Nation members

On November 3rd, 2021 Siksika Nation Chief and Council received Ministerial signoff on the proposed 1910 Global Settlement Agreement with the Government of Canada. This proposed agreement will include a number of information sessions designed to inform Siksika Nation members on the agreement and prepare them for the upcoming referendum in December.

Representatives from Chief and Council, the negotiation team and the Nations' legal counsel from Mandell Pinder will be on hand to present the information pertaining to the settlement beginning November 8th in Siksika. Moderators and interpreters have been retained to help facilitate the community information sessions.

In an effort to reach as many of its 7800 plus population who reside both on and off reserve, several information sessions have been scheduled throughout the month of November in Siksika, Calgary, Lethbridge, Edmonton and Browning, Montana. Additional meetings may be added as needed. **Please note that the information sessions are for Siksika Nation members only.** A list of the information session schedule is included below.

The 1910 Global Settlement Agreement will address the unlawful taking of approximately 115,000 acres of Siksika's lands in 1910 contrary to the requirements of the Indian Act and Canada's fiduciary duties to Siksika Nation. This historic agreement is the first of its kind for Canada and Siksika, and represents more than sixty years of effort made by Siksika Nation leadership and elders, past and present, to seek redress from the Crown.

Siksika Nation invites all Nation members to attend an information session near you. If you are unable to attend an in-person event please contact Siksika Nation Chief and Council for more information.

Original published on SiksikaNation.com on November 5, 2021. See 1910 Referendum Sessions schedule attachment.



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Notice of Ratification Vote for the Global Settlement: Dec 16 & 17, 2021

To: All members of the Siksika Nation

Take Notice that a Ratification Vote will be held to determine if the Electors of the Siksika Nation (being those members of the Siksika who are eighteen (18) years of age or older on the applicable Vote Dates, registered on the Band List and not disqualified from voting at Siksika elections or referendums) agree to approve the terms and conditions in the Siksika Nation Global Settlement Agreement.

For complete Notice of Ratification Vote for the Global Settlement Agreement see attachment for original notice to community. Published on SiksikaNation.com on November 4, 2021.

The Crown-Indigenous Relations Minister visits Siksika Nation

The Honourable Marc Miller Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations paid a visit to Siksika Nation on November 9th, 2021 and was given a tour by Siksika Nation Chief and Council. Led by Chief Ouray Crowfoot, the tour included a stop at Old Sun Community College and Blackfoot Crossing, where Treaty No. 7 was signed. (See photos provided.)

SRDL Purchases Southeast Calgary Office Building - Address: 60 Sunpark Plaza SE Calgary, AB

Siksika Resource Development Ltd. has acquired 60 Sun Park Plaza— a 60,000 square foot office building in southeast Calgary for \$7.5 million. The building features four levels of office space, underground parking and is near the Somerset-Bridlewood LRT Station.

This new investment will provide Siksika Nation members access to Siksika Nation services and other Indigenous entities who plan to lease office space and generate revenue for the community.

SRDL is in the process of meeting with prospective entities and organizations who are interested in office space, and more information will be shared regarding the opening and services provided in the coming weeks.

For more information contact: Siksika Group of Companies | Box 1520 Siksika, AB T0J 3W0 | Tel: 403-499-9818 | Tel: 403-734-5244 | Toll Free: 1-866-687-8007 | Email: info@siksikaresource.com



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Public Safety Task Force Update:

Chairperson: Carlin Black Rabbit

Task Force: Samuel Crowfoot, Susan Solway, Reuben Breaker, Kendall Panther Bone, Kent Ayoungman and Armond Duck Chief

Siksika Nation provides training to local RCMP

On November 22nd, 2021 Siksika Nation Chief and Council Public Safety taskforce kicked off a new initiative called “Understanding Siksika” – a series of sessions designed for the local Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) detachments who work closely with the Nation.

“The purpose of the sessions is to develop a basic understanding of our Siksika members through various sessions about our history and traumatic experiences.” Explained Councillor Rueben Breaker who also serves as the RCMP Liaison.

The first session was facilitated by Councillor Breaker and elder Francis Wolfleg at the Old Sun Community College and included a tour of the College, which was a former Indian Residential School. Through this process, the goal is for RCMP officers & detachment personal to get basic knowledge of Siksika and to enhance the relationship between Siksika & RCMP from Gleichen, Strathmore & Bassano.

As part of a Memorandum of Understanding signed between the groups in 2020, these sessions are the first of its kind for Siksika and the local RCMP who have been working diligently on improving the safety on the Nation. (See photos provided)

On November 22, 2021 Chief and Council passed the following BCR.

AT A DULY CONVENED Band Council meeting of the Siksika Nation held on the 23rd of September, 2021, at Siksika Nation in the Province of Alberta, the Chief and Council of the Siksika Nation passed the following Band Council Resolution:

WHEREAS the Siksika Nation is a self-governing Nation with the inherent jurisdiction over its lands and members;

AND WHEREAS the Chief and Council of the Siksika Nation, as duly elected leaders, are empowered to act on behalf of the members of the Siksika Nation;



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AND WHEREAS the Chief and Council of the Siksika Nation desire to establish a by-law to regulate the conduct and activities of persons entering upon lands reserved for the Siksika Nation within the meaning of the *Indian Act* (“Siksika Lands”) and provide for the removal and punishment of persons trespassing on Siksika Lands or frequenting Siksika Lands for prohibited purposes;

AND WHEREAS the Chief and Council of the Siksika Nation is empowered to make such by-law, and any matter ancillary thereto pursuant to paragraphs 81(c),(d),(p),(q) or (r) of the *Indian Act*;

AND WHEREAS the Chief and Council of the Siksika Nation deem it expedient and in the best interests of the Siksika Nation, and necessary for the benefit, comfort and safety of residents of Siksika Lands and for the protection of Siksika Lands to make such by-law;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chief and Council of the Siksika Nation hereby enacts the Siksika Nation Trespass By-law 2021-01.

Siksika Nation Trespass By-law 2021-01 will be enforced by RCMP and local law enforcement. The Siksika Nation Provincial Court of Alberta has tentatively scheduled the third Thursday of every month to hear cases involving violations of Siksika Nation by-laws. The Trespass By-law 2021-01 in its entirety can be found at <https://siksikanation.com/> and <https://fng.ca/>

Please contact sncc@siksikanation.com for questions.

Community Relations Task Force Update:

Chair: Carlin Black Rabbit

Task Force: Jenny Goodin, Samuel Crowfoot, Wade Healy, Susan Solway and Reuben Breaker.

- Community Fridge update: The community fridge development is in its final stage stages before opening. The building, formally the Siksika Nation service station has been allocated to the task force. The fridge and freezer have been purchased, along with the utilities being reconnected. Minor renovations will be done on the building for operations. The building will also be utilized for community purposes (vendors, music and arts activities, meetings). Please feel free to email sncc@siksikanation.com for more information. We anticipate a December grand opening.
- The request for proposals for Siksika Nation Marketing and Branding have been closed (November 10th). The task force received several submissions from



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various marketing and branding firms across Canada. The purpose is to create a brand for the Nation, and potential partnership opportunities. The task force will be reviewing all submissions and will bring forth a recommendation for approval to council, with an anticipated launch date set for January 2022.

- The Community Relations task force would like to congratulate Mayor Pat Fule, Councillors Denise Peterson (Mamiaitsikimi) and Jason Montgomery on a successful re-election, along with the newly elected councillors for the Town of Strathmore. The task force will continue to meet with the town for relationship building, addressing anti-racism and potential partnerships.
- Our partnership with Kids Up Front Calgary is ongoing. Since the summer of 2021 we have been able to offer up to 50 Nation members and their family's admission to sporting events (Calgary Flames, Calgary Hitmen, Calgary Stampeders). If you would like to attend a future event, please email sncc@siksikanation.com.
- The taskforce has begun discussions with external partners on an initiative that would allow a space for edible plants to be grown throughout the year, for the purpose of ensuring community access to healthy foods. More details on this 'Agriculture/Growing Container' project will come.
- Additionally, we have begun discussions to acquire donations from the Calgary Tree Planting team. The trees and shrubs that will be donated will be planted at various locations on the Nation, including the revitalized Crowfoot retrofit location (old Crowfoot School location).

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Please visit the official website of Siksika Nation at <https://siksikanation.com> for all Siksika Nation news on 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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