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SIOUX VALLEY DAKOTA NATION COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Events and Activities at Sioux Valley
Dakota Nation

Self Government

The recent spike in COVID-19 cases in Manitoba and the resulting provincial government's public health orders to limit private and public group gathering sizes to a maximum of five people has impacted our current community engagement. Our office has had to postpone scheduled community engagement sessions in Sioux Valley Dakota Nation (SVDN) and Brandon. The office will host online sessions mid November to continue the required engagement on the development of SVDN laws and to provide updates.

The Self Government Office will be enforcing public health orders, there is signage informing visitors that masks are required, there is a hand sanitizing station and sign in sheet at the door and a maximum limit of five people in our boardroom. We continue to encourage people that utilize our boardroom to comply with the COVID-19 protocols for use of the office and boardroom space. We also encourage people to continue to use this space in a safe and healthy way, through scheduling of pre-arranged meetings and booking of the boardroom. Community members can call our office to schedule a time to meet with staff at (204) 855-2760 or via email at info@svdngovernance.com

Community Engagement

The Self Government Office held an Elder's Meeting on October 28th to discuss reconciliation from a Dakota perspective, how to define it and to determine what needs to be reconciled with Canada. The Elders were also asked to share their perspective on a potential name change for SVDN to one that is reflective of our history and language. These questions will also be posed to the other age groups in SVDN in November and will contribute to a discussion paper to be shared with Canada.

In lieu of holding in person engagements our office will be hosting online webinar or zoom sessions on specific topics such as the review of the Election Law, Citizenship Law, and general governance updates. The office provides for a community newsletter, updates on the local radio station, and will be revamping the website to include more content and provide regular updates, as well as on our social media pages.

Self- Government

Committees

The Election Law Review Committee meets regularly and is reviewing the current SVDN Election Law to enhance and make revisions with feedback from the community. The current law was passed in November 2015 and based on feedback and experience from the 2016 and 2018 leadership elections it was found that there needs to be additional changes to ensure it runs more smoothly. At the end of the newsletter you will find a new survey seeking feedback from community on various sections of the Law.

The Citizenship Committee is working to develop a law that will determine a citizenship process for the SVDN in the future. The Committee is reviewing a previously drafted law and is making recommendations to bring to the community through future engagements.

Dakota Language Law Committee meets regularly to provide guidance to the development of a Dakota Language Law and recommendations for future translation and programming. The Dakota Language Writer/Coordinator oversees and provides coordination for this specific project. The timeline for a vote on this new law will be in March 2021.

Lands Advisory Committee meets twice a month in collaboration with the Lands Manager to develop a new lands management regime and process for SVDN.

Intergovernmental Relations and Implementation Support (IRIS)

SVDN continues to participate in ongoing negotiations with the provincial and federal government as per the Governance Agreement which was ratified in 2012

As Sioux Valley develops a law it triggers the IRIS Committee to review and determine how SVDN's proposed law will harmonize with existing laws. Meetings of the IRIS occur on average 4 times a year or as required. The next meeting was held with the federal and provincial government on November 2, 2020 to discuss the amendment of the Governance Agreement to accommodate SVDN's proposed new Child and Family Law.

Recognition of Indigenous Rights and Self-Determination Discussion Table (RIRSD)

In 2018 Sioux Valley signed a Framework Agreement for the Co-Development of a Reconciliation Negotiation Mandate with Canada and Manitoba. These tables are to renew the nation to nation and government to government relationship. A number of internal activities and meetings have occurred since then and there have been ongoing discussions with the provincial and federal governments. Current discussion items include SVDN lands and research.

The proposal submitted to Canada in 2019 was approved however not at the full amount requested. SVDN is making the most of what was received to ensure necessary land research and mapping of traditional territories, economic analysis of loss of lands, community consultations, development of a Dakota language law, and support for the negotiation team, and communications.

A new proposal was submitted in August to fund phase 2 and 3 of the lands research, cultural research, veteran's research and ongoing communication and engagement. Other Items of discussion at the RIRSD table include the conversion of the Brandon Residential Schools lands to reserve lands and the acquisition of new lands in the area.

Self- Government

Self Governing Indigenous Governments (SGIG's) Update

As part of the collaborative fiscal process, Sioux Valley and other SGIG's undertook a housing needs survey. All reports were summarized and presented to Canada as a Housing stimulus proposal. On October 28th, SGIG's were invited to attend a virtual meeting with Minister Marc Millar, Indigenous Services Canada, Minister Carolyn Bennett, Crown-Indigenous Relations, and Minister Dan Vandal, Northern Affairs.

Five leaders from our SGIG group presented our housing needs and proposed solutions to these Ministers, Our message was: In the short term, a stimulus spend toward housing can act as a powerful tool to create new jobs and economic opportunities while counteracting loss of employment related to COVID-19. Single residential housing repair and construction projects are essentially shovel ready, as typically house designs are readily available and the construction crews are generally locally sourced. The allocation of financial resources to housing repairs and construction can therefore have an immediate impact on employment in SGIG communities. In the long term, funding housing construction will help close the housing gap that exists between Indigenous and non-Indigenous households, which will have long-lasting benefits for SGIGs and for the entire country.

The Ministers were impressed by the work that SGIG's had done in collecting housing needs data, and generally supported these initiatives. We hope this support turns into action for our community.

Learning the Language on the Land Program/ Makoc'e un Dakota iapi onspeunkic'ic'iyapi:

Sioux Valley Dakota Nation is a project partner with Canupawakpa Dakota Nation (CDN) and the Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources (CIER) to deliver land-based teachings/ activities until March 2021, funded by the Canadian Heritage Fund. Because the schools in SVDN and CDN are operating remotely, the partners will brainstorm ideas on how to deliver the program, while following Public Health orders in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. More updates and announcements will follow.

The goal of the program is to provide Dakota language lessons through hands-on/ experiential learning through land-based or cultural activities and occasionally, in outdoor settings. The program would involve working with Elders and people who are fluent language speakers to share knowledge through oral stories about traditional medicines, prayers, and environmental changes throughout the four seasons. The program is to be delivered to children and families to increase Dakota language fluency in the communities.

Lands

The Lands Manager has been working with the Lands Advisory Committee to develop a Land Law and lands registry and securing external funds to support various lands-related initiatives (for example, land-use planning, climate change adaptation planning, food security, youth programming, etc.). Here are some exciting initiatives/ updates from the Lands program:

Self- Government

Road Naming Project-Sioux Valley Dakota Nation will soon have roads and streets named and signed! A map has been made of each road and each road has been assigned a number, the map will soon be available to view on the website. Community members will be asked to submit name ideas by filling out a short form and using the drop-off box that will be located at the Self-Government Office. Once the map and forms are available, name ideas can also be submitted to lands@svdngovernance.com. Please stay tuned for more updates!

Chief and Council encourage community members to submit road names in the Dakota language. Road names containing profanity or explicit language will not be considered. Once the list of road names is finalized, signs will be ordered and installed by next spring 2021!

Cemetery Mapping Project - Sioux Valley Dakota Nation recognizes the importance of documenting and mapping our cemeteries for future generations and has been working towards creating physical and digital maps of each of the cemeteries. To date, we have worked with over 18 community members to identify and record the final resting sites of community members at 5 of the cemeteries (Catholic, Anglican, Wambdiska's, Pratt's, and south end). There are few other burial sites that will be included in Spring 2021.

The first exercise consisted of walking through the cemetery with community members and handwriting information on maps and paper including the names of the deceased, birthdate, and date of passing (if known), and any additional identifying details about the persons. On October 2nd, drone surveys were conducted by Intergroup Consultants (pictured) at the following cemeteries: Anglican, Catholic, and south end. A drone survey is a non-invasive method to determine unmarked gravesites by taking aerial photos and producing special maps that show ground level variations ("anomalies" that indicate the ground was disturbed).

This work is expected to continue in the springtime. We will extend an open invitation and meal to all community members who wish to help us identify more of the unmarked burial sites at the Anglican and Catholic cemeteries at a future date. Once the maps are completed, our goal is to place permanent markers at each of the unmarked burial sites with as much identifying information as we have available (name, birthdate, and date of passing). Community knowledge is crucial to this project and we encourage people to share what they know for our future generations.



DAKOTA NET

Our payment portal is up and running, it will accept credit card payments and visa debit card payments. However, we are in talks with TD to enable e-transfer and the ability to add us as a payee on your bill payment page of your banking app.

The web address for our self payment portal is:

<https://portal1.svdngovernance.com>

PLEASE EMAIL: it@svdngovernance.com

SO WE CAN ADD YOUR EMAIL TO YOUR ACCOUNT, OTHERWISE THE PORTAL WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT.

You can also create support tickets from the portal to create repair work orders for faster service from our technical team that handles customer internet issues. Moving forward, creating a ticket will be the only way you have your home internet connection serviced. We will no longer be responding to Facebook posts that aren't directed to our Facebook page or to our ticketing system.

The ticketing system creates records so we can see trends in issues to plan long term repairs if an issue is presented often on the system. The ticketing system also tracks phone calls and email correspondence to ensure we are helping you properly and keeps you in the loop on how we are working towards fixing your issue.

We are still in the process of upgrading our tower equipment to improve speeds. We are hoping this is done before the end of the month. We strongly recommend those with routers older than 4 years old or using a used router purchased on a buy and sell page or from a relative to purchase a new router and allow us to set it up for you. There has been a lot of changes in Wi-Fi router technology in the last 4 years that will dramatically affect your Wi-Fi signal and quality today.

We are also looking into a rental service where you pay a small monthly rental fee and we provide a top of the line router with managed services to ensure 100 percent connectivity to all your devices at all times. Please reach out to us if this is something you would like to see. Payroll and Social Assistance deductions have been phased out and the only way to pay now is cash up at the radio station or online.

Please come up to the radio station to make arrangements and to get set up on our online payment portal. If you want to discuss anything I mentioned above further, please email me at it@svdngovernance.com



Post Secondary Education & Employment & Training

Just a brief update overview from both departments, we are back to work full-time hours, our building has gone through extensive renovations to fix the plumbing and sewer system. We no longer have to deal with mold and sewer issues. Air quality has been greatly improved in the entire building and we would like to thank Housing and the service providers for all the great work.

With Employment and Training we are cost sharing the return of the 9-month Business Skills program offered by Yellowquill College. We have 9 students who are enrolled in the program, they started October 13 and will continue to July 09, 2021.

The Brandon office of Manitoba Education and Training has graciously agreed to partner with us for the program once again. They are paying a portion of tuition and books per student at a rate of \$3000.00 each.

The second program we are offering after much discussion with MPI is the Drivers Ed. Program. This program started Monday October 19 and runs from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM immediately after regular classes end here. Program costs are \$6000.00. We have 12 participants, and do have people on wait list who are awaiting their birth certificates to apply to program. The ones on wait list will be offered the program in the spring time.

Discussion with Public Works to get their staff upgraded to level 2 First Aid / C.P.R. for 10 staff at a cost of \$1400.00. We are working on identifying a service provider who can come out to the community.

We are also inquiring into a Red Cross Babysitting course through St. Johns Ambulance. The course is full day from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, targeting youths 12 and up. The cost is \$55.00 per person and can take from 10 to 16 students at a time, being mindful of social distancing and Covid protocols.

We have applied to Skills link for funding and were approved for \$50,727.00. This was used to hire four Youths for a mentorship program; starting October 5 to year end March 31st 2021.

1. Social Development - April Taylor
2. Finance - Delia Starr
3. Self Gov't - Daniza Depaola
4. S.V. Health Center - Dale Whitehead

The W.O.P. program currently has three workers and one supervisor for maintenance, they started June 29 and go to December 29, 2020 they are:

1. Rick Smoke SR. Driver
2. Rick Smoke JR. - Labourer
3. Ethan Allan - Labourer
4. Chris Pratt - Labourer

Post Secondary Education.

Post Secondary students are all back for the fall term through distance and on line learning, we continue to provide support daily to our students through this Covid crisis. We were able to offer Covid emergency relief supplement to their allowances for a one time payment to help with basic supplies for Covid 19 protection and supplies.

We currently participate in Zoom meetings with PENT, ACC and most recently have met with the ACC Indigenous support department to discuss issues and concerns with this new style of program delivery and how we can work together to ensure student success.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Hello from the Social Development Staff!

We would like to welcome April Taylor to our team. April started her term position with our program in October. Welcome April!

Our office has remained open, with some ongoing safety measures in place. We are asking that everyone wear a mask when attending our office for our health and safety, and yours. We do have sanitizer in our common area for public use. We are limiting the amount of clients in our office to 2 persons at time, as our office is small. Please do not attend our office if you are sick, or have recently travelled. If this pertains to you and you require our services, please call the office, or message our Facebook page.

We have done our large order for Special Needs for this fiscal year, and most of the items have been delivered. At this time I would like to remind our clients that we only have a certain amount of money each year for Special Needs and although we would like to order on demand as we receive requests, it is not always possible due to funding. Also, your special needs history is tracked in your file. We look at this information when we receive a request to determine eligibility. If you are not sure when you are eligible for an item, please do not hesitate to contact the administrator for the information.

Our program will be covering the costs of internet services for clients for the months of November 2020, December 2020, and January 2021. The internet must be in the clients name to be eligible. We will not be covering arrears, nor any hook up fees. If you have any questions about this, you can contact the administrator.

Our office will be relocating in the next couple weeks. We will be moving to the Community Centre and will notify the public via our media outlets once we are settled in.

SVDN Petro

During the Month of October Petro Canada has continued to remain open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to serve the surrounding community. The last few weeks we have been able to bring different Food Trucks to our parking lot which included; The Bannock Hut, Smoked and Sauced as well as Poutine King.

We are currently working on installing a new till and software system as we were chosen as the pilot site from Petro Canada to start using their new equipment. We also look forward to having a generator built, with the work being completed in December. Having a Generator will allow us to remain open with out the need to shut down the store due to loss of power.

Petro was also spotlighted as one of the business opened during COVID, We pride ourself in keeping our patrons and commuity safe. This year we have been nominated for "Store of the Year", we couldn't have made this possible with out our dedicated staff.

Sioux Valley Dakota Nation

Self Government Office – COVID 19 Protocols

Due to the inherent risk of COVID-19, on March 13, 2020 Sioux Valley Dakota Nation (SVDN) closed its public office spaces for the health and safety of the community and the staff personnel. Until the SVDN offices resume operation(s) without restriction, the Self Government Office (SGO) is operating within reduced hours with some staff working from home in a part to full-time capacity. Safety remains our top priority.

Despite the pandemic, there are a number of ongoing duties and activities at the SGO; staff are encouraged to adhere to the current physical distancing guidelines while at the workplace (i.e. spatial distancing of 2 metres or six feet). Outside of this setting, staff are encouraged to continue social distancing measures where practical/possible. Current best practice *Infection Control and Prevention* formulates the basis of our ongoing efforts. In addition, actions will remain consistent with Manitoba Public Health Orders which may be altered from time to time.

A hand sanitizing station will be provided at the front entrance. All individuals seeking access to the space must comply with hand hygiene requirements prior to entry.

For boardroom use, we ask that all programs/people utilizing the space wipe down the chairs and boardroom table before and after use; cleaning wipes and/or cleaners will be provided in the kitchen area of the SGO.

Programs are asked to practice safe social distancing during use of the boardroom – this includes both a reduced number of participants as well as strict adherence to the above noted physical distancing guidelines. In way of example, the SGO has resumed committee meetings, with a maximum number of 8 people, including both committee members and staff, at the table; additional participants are asked to sit on the perimeter of the room.

Telephone and digital communications remain our preferred route of consultation. For office visitors, the SGO will request scheduled appointments to ensure staff are available and are able to provide a safe and clean space. Scheduled appointments will extend to community members seeking assistance completing forms, seeking SGO advice, etc.

The SGO will also ensure regular cleaning each day of high traffic areas, paying particular attention to 'high-touch' objects such as light switches, chairs, tabletops/desktops, and doorknobs. We will continue to practice and monitor all required public health protocols as directed by SVDN and SVDN Leadership.



Provincial Response Level: **RESTRICTED**

Sioux Valley Dakota Nation Reaction

Community transmission of COVID-19 is occurring outside of Sioux Valley Dakota Nation. However, the virus is being transmitted at levels that public health and the health system can manage. The Chief Provincial Public Health Officer has set the response level to **orange**.

- Non-essential travel outside of Sioux Valley Dakota Nation is strongly discouraged;
- **Mask use is mandatory in indoor public places.**
- A maximum of 10 patrons at a time will be allowed into the Dakota Valley Gas Mart until further notice;
- The Central Finance Office will remain closed to the public.
- The Veteran's Hall will be closed;
- Gaming will be open to on-reserve community members only;
- Limit private and public **group gathering sizes to a maximum of five people** in addition to a household. For certainty, this provision applies to ceremonies such as weddings and funerals, social events like banquets and receptions as well as informal gatherings.
- Stay home when sick.
- Practice social distancing, hand washing/sanitizing and cough etiquette.
- Individuals identified as having COVID-19 or a close contact of someone with COVID-19 must immediately enter mandatory isolation/self-isolation (quarantine) until public health officials advise they can end isolation/self-isolation (quarantine).
- Vulnerable people, such as Elders, are encouraged to exercise additional caution.

COMMUNITY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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EMERGENCY (FIRE, POLICE)	911	Sub Office Fax	1-204-728-7528
Crisis Help Line	1-204-512-0874	SVDN School	1-204-855-2536
Toll Free Crisis Help Line	1-888-316-3511	School Fax	1-204-855-3208
SVDN Administration/Finance	1-204-855-2671	SVDN Headstart	1-204-855-2358
SVDN Toll Free Admin/Finance	1-866-721-0293	SVDN High School	1-204-729-2770
Admin Fax	1-204-855-2544	Toll Free	1-877-300-9375
E&T/Post Sec Fax	1-204-855-2436	High School Fax	1-204-727-2054
SVDN Health Center	1-204-855-2690	SVDN Daycare	1-204-855-2413
Health Center Fax	1-204-855-2833	SVDN Daycare Fax	1-204-855-2240
Medical Van	1-204-512-0860	SVDN Gaming Center	1-204-855-2043
SVDN Housing	1-204-855-2380	Gaming Center Fax	1-204-855-2471
Housing Fax.....	1-204-855-2768	SVDN Petro Canada	1-431-645-1000
SVDN Public Works	1-204-855-2052	Dakota Tiwahe Services	1-204-855-2205
Sanitation	1-204-512-0870	Dakota Diner	1-204-855-2956
Water Truck - South End	1-204-851-3681	Dakota Quick Stop (Gas Bar)	1-204-855-3062
Water Truck - North End	1-204-512-0852	Dakota Oyate Lodge	1-204-855-2354
SVDN Social Development	1-204-855-2617	DOL Fax	1-204-855-2908
.....	1-204-855-2592	Dakota Ojibway Child and Family ...	1-204-834-2323
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Sioux Valley Dakota Nation Election Law Review Committee – Survey #4

Purpose

The current SVDN Election Law was passed in November 2015 and was utilized to run both the 2016 and 2018 Chief and Council elections. Based on the experience and feedback from these last two elections, it was identified that there needed to be additional enhancements to this law to ensure it will run more smoothly for the next SVDN election. The Election Law Review Committee will undertake a review of the current law, provide information and seek feedback from community members both on and off reserve. The Committee has identified a need to ensure community discussions first to hear issues and concerns with the current law, before developing recommended options for change. The recommended changes will be put to a vote in a revised law in the spring of 2021 before the next SVDN Chief and Council election in the fall of 2021.

In this survey the Committee is looking at the 2 specific sections of the current Election Law including: Section 15 Appeal Procedures; and Section 7 Term of Office and comparison to the *Sioux Valley Dakota Oyate Constitution of the People* (December 2007).

Section 7: Terms of Office

The current Election Law outlines a term of office for three years, however this number does not match with the SVDO Constitution Article V 5.03 The Elected Council shall be democratically elected by a majority of the citizenship age eighteen (18) years or older during a general election which shall be held every two (2) years following completion of the second (2nd) year of the term which election shall be conducted and held pursuant to the election laws passed by the Government of Sioux Valley Dakota Oyate to be developed in accordance with this Constitution.

Question: Should the proposed Election Law term go back to a 2-year term of office? Please provide your reasons for yes or no.

Section 9: Appeal Procedures

The current Election Law states the following:

15.1 Within fifteen (15) days after an Election, an Eligible Candidate, who reasonably believes that:

- a) a person declared elected was not qualified to be an Eligible Candidate;
- b) there was corrupt practice or fraudulent practice in connection with the Election; or
- c) there was a violation of this Election Law that might have affected the result of the Election;

may file an appeal to the Brandon Registry of the Court of Queen’s Bench of the Province of Manitoba in accordance with the provisions herein. Upon the establishment of a Sioux Valley Dakota Oyate court, all appeals will be filed in such Sioux Valley Dakota Oyate court, and the procedures referred to herein will similarly be followed with the Sioux Valley Dakota Oyate court.

Sioux Valley Dakota Nation Election Law Review Committee – Survey #4

Question: Do you agree that appeals should only be heard in Court of Queen’s Bench of the Province of Manitoba or should SVDN develop a specific Appeals Committee encompassed of impartial SVDN members to review and make final decisions on appeals similar to previous Election Codes in the past?

Upon completion of this survey please drop off at the Self-Government Office, or email your answers to info@svdngovernance.com, or call (204) 855-2760 for someone to pick up your survey.

Thank you for your feedback.



Draft Sioux Valley Dakota Oyate Citizenship Act November 2020

BRIEFING NOTE

BACKGROUND

In September of 2019 the Leadership of Sioux Valley Dakota Nation posted notices in the community as well as the Sioux Valley Dakota Nation's social media accounts and website. The posted notices requested that a formal letter of interest be submitted to the Executive Assistant to Chief and Council. After reviewing the letters, Sioux Valley Dakota Nation Leadership selected the following members for the Citizenship Committee: Sharon Tacan, Jaydee Elk, Kimberley G McKay, Lorraine Pompana, Cheryl McKay, Jaime Eastman.

PURPOSE

The Citizenship Law will assure that Sioux Valley Dakota Nation has full control over citizenship and that citizens have access to the benefits associated with citizenship. The Citizenship Law will protect our citizen's rights and freedoms now and for future generations.

PROCESS

The Citizenship Committee has been meeting since being appointed and have developed a timeline and workplan. These guides will work in conjunction with Sioux Valley Dakota Nation Self-Governance during the Community Consultations. Members of the Citizenship Committee will be available to answer questions and listen to community input in regards to the proposed Citizenship Law, during the Community Consultations. The Citizenship Committee developed a survey in which they will use to receive direction and feedback from community members on the development of this Law. The community will vote on the proposed Sioux Valley Dakota Oyate Citizenship Law in the spring of 2021.

Proposed Sioux Valley Dakota Oyate Citizenship Law – Outline

Section 1

Title

“The Sioux Valley Dakota Oyate Citizenship Law”

Section 2

Purpose

- Preserve and promote the integrity of the SVDO;
- Identify persons who have a right to Citizenship;
- Identify persons who may be granted Citizenship; and
- Determine how persons may acquire or lose Citizenship.

Section 3

Principles

- Sioux Valley Dakota Oyate will define and determine its own citizenship
- Sioux Valley Dakota Oyate will respect the equality of men and women
- Sioux Valley Dakota Oyate will respect the acquired rights of current citizens and those eligible to be citizens

Section 4

Definitions

- Adoption;
- Appeals Board;
- Band List;
- Citizen;
- Citizenship Law;
- Citizenship Committee;
- Citizenship Register;
- Common-law-partner;
- Council;
- Enrollment Officer;
- Member;
- Mentally Incompetent;
- Minor;
- Nation; and
- Qualified Spouse.

Section 5

Enrollment Officer

- Specific duties of the Enrollment Officer;
- Duties include maintaining Citizenship Register, receiving and processing applications, providing completed applications to the Citizenship Committee, providing information regarding citizenship as required; and
- Ensuring all information remains confidential.

Section 6

Citizenship Register

- A register maintained by the Enrollment Officer which included names of all citizens and dates which they became citizens and those people who were, but are no longer citizens and the date they ceased to be citizens.
- No disclosure of the Citizenship register unless otherwise required by the Nation for internal purposes or a request is made by the individual seeking confirmation of citizenship on their behalf or is a legal guardian/representative of another individual.

Section 7

Citizenship Eligibility

(See Survey – Question #1. Feedback Required)

- A person who is currently registered within SVDN will automatically become a Citizen once a SVDO Citizenship Law is passed
- What is the criteria for determining SVDO Citizenship? **Discussion only**
 - o **Criminal Record Check/Child Abuse Registry Check**
 - **What offences/convictions would stop a person from gaining Citizenship? Is there a timeline after a conviction where they can apply?**
 - o **Ancestry (1 parent or 2 parents, 1 grandparent or 2 grandparents, great-grandparents?)**
 - o **References from previous First Nation**
 - o **Adoption (legal or custom)**
 - o **Letter or application process?**

Section 8

Application Procedure

- For persons entitled to Citizenship, they would complete the application and additional supporting documents which may include school records, band list, army services records, driving records, medical or hospital records, church records, oral evidence, custody documentation, birth, marriage or death certificates, census records, family trees, or baptismal records. The records will be used to trace ancestry or genealogy.

Section 9

Revocation of Citizenship

(See Survey – Question #4 – Feedback Required)

How does a person cease to be citizen?

- o By Death or
- o In writing to Enrollment Officer

Other

- o **Obtaining Citizenship fraudulently?**
- o **Error?**
- o **Enrolled in another tribe?**
- o **Person's conduct demonstrates a threat to the health, peace, order to another person or the community?**
- **Should a person lose their citizenship upon divorce or separation?**
- **Through a petition? How many people would need to sign the petition in order for it to be valid?**

Section 10

Appeals

The process for a person to appeal the decision by the Citizenship Committee.

Section 11

Amendment

What is the threshold of eligible voters required to make an amendment to the Citizenship Law?

Section 12

Date in which Citizenship Law comes in effect.



**SVDN CITIZENSHIP LAW COMMITTEE
WORKPLAN 2020-2021**

PHASE 1

LAW REVIEW PLANNING

- Initial Planning Meeting
- Review of Citizenship Law and Documents
- Develop Work Plan
- Develop Timeline
- Schedule Engagement Sessions
- Develop Engagement Documents

JAN-MAR 2020

PHASE 2

ENGAGEMENT SESSION

- Invitations to Community
- Host Engagement Sessions
- Provide Information in person/Online
- Develop Reports- What was Heard
- Formulate into Themes for Law Revision

APR-AUG 2020

PHASE 3

DRAFT REVISED LAW

- Monthly Committee Meetings
- Prepare Draft Law for Community
- Schedule follow up Engagement Sessions

SEPT-NOV 2020

PHASE 4

FOLLOW UP ENGAGEMENTS

- Host follow up Engagement Session
- Revise Law Based on Final Feedback

JAN 2020-MAR 2021

REVISED LAW VOTE

MAR 2021

- Hold Citizenship Law Vote in conjunction with other SVDN LAWS

*** All Citizenship Surveys due by November 30, 2020. Please call the Governance office if you would like your survey picked up or to request a survey at 204-855-2760 or email info@svdngovernance.com.**



SVDN Citizenship Committee

Survey

The Citizenship Committee will review and provide information and seek feedback from the community members from both off and on reserve.

The Citizenship Committee will identify issues and concerns before making any recommended ideas or changes.

1. Suggest criteria for application/transfer of SVDN Citizenship/Membership
(Check all that apply)

- Criminal Record/Child Abuse Registry Check
- Ancestry - Family Tree, Bloodlines etc
- Referances from previous Band
- Letter or application
- Other : _____

2. Once you transfer from SVDN can you transfer back?

YES or NO

3. Who would make the decisions granting Citizenship?

- Citizenship Committee
- Chief and Council
- Other: _____

4. How would Citizenship be revoked?

- After giving notice he/she no longer wants to be a Sioux Valley Dakota Nation Citizen
- When he/she transfers to another First Nation
- When he/she was enrolled by mistake or fraud.
- Petition in writing? Signatures needed? 100. 50. %
- Other: _____

5. How would appeals be handled?

- A written appeal to be brought before a separate Appeals Board?
- Appeals Fee? Amount Suggested: \$ _____
- Other: _____

6. Should there be a Probationary Period?

- None. 6 Months. 1 year 2+ yrs. other _____

One final note: That any code, regulations we develop within the Sioux Valley Constitution cannot infringe on the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom

Thank You for your participation in this Survey,