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SIOUX VALLEY DAKOTA NATION COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Events and Activities at Sioux Valley
Dakota Nation

Intergovernmental Relations and Implementation

The month of November is Wihnipi Wi, meaning the moon of hunting.

The Intergovernmental Relations and Implementation Department (IRID) office is preparing for community engagements to share information on the upcoming laws. The Committees that are developing these laws will be in attendance to provide information and to discuss and dialogue with Sioux Valley Dakota Nation members. The dates for these sessions are: November 2 at the Veteran's Hall, Sioux Valley Dakota Nation; November 25 at the Clarion Hotel in Brandon; and November 26 at the Radisson Hotel in Winnipeg.

This is an opportunity for SVDN members to learn and ask questions and provide additional feedback on these draft laws. It is important to make an informed decision when it comes time to vote. The laws that will be presented include Dakota Language Law, Child and Family Law, Citizenship Law, Lands Law, and proposed amendment to the Sioux Valley Dakota Oyate Constitution of the People. Some of these laws are fully developed for review and feedback and others are seeking feedback for key components of what should go into these laws.

At the upcoming engagement sessions, the draft family trees developed from the Genealogy Project will be posted for review, updates, and validation. The Genealogy Project conducted this summer met with 31 families from SVDN to seek information on family lineage and kinship based on the last names in the community. The focus of this information was 1950's and earlier, however if recent information was shared this was also documented. This is a living project that will continue to evolve and recorded for our future generations. Through knowledge translation we can share this with our children and youth so they can learn and strengthen kinship in the future.

The Intergovernmental Relations and Implementation Department (IRID) is pleased to announce that it submitted a funding proposal to the Indigenous Languages and Cultures Program, Indigenous Languages Component this spring and received \$500,000 plus to conduct Language Programming. This will enable the vital and necessary programming to take place over the next two years. Job postings for a full time Coordinator and 4 Dakota Language Teachers have been posted.

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SVDO Constitution Review Committee

In the spring of 2021, the Chief and Council formally posted a notice for a “SVDO Constitution Review Committee”. The Committee members are:

- Daniza DePoala - Chairperson;
- Brent Pratt – Co-Chairperson;
- Bessie Genia;
- Pierre McKay;
- Cheryl McKay;
- Marcia Wacanta-Halfe;
- Misty Wasteste;
- Wanbdi Wakita;
- Deborah Price;
- Kristi Baker;
- Jaydee Elk; and
- Francis Elk.

With the assistance of the IRID Office, the committee will review the SVDO Constitution, engage and communicate with the citizenship and propose/recommend an amendment process on the “SVDO Constitution of the People 2007”. The proposed amendments will take place in the spring/summer of 2022. The Constitution Committee meets bi-weekly and has developed a survey to engage the citizens on their understanding of the SVDO Constitution and determine how to amend the SVDO Constitution.

There is a survey attached to this newsletter and the committee would like you to complete and drop off at the I.R.I.D. office or call 204-855-2760 and someone will pick it up.

SVDO Citizenship Committee

Jaydee Elk Cheryl Mckay Kimberley Mckay Sharon Tacan
Lorraine Pompana Darryl Mckay Candace Antoine

The SVDO Citizenship Committee met throughout 2020 and early 2021. The SVDO Citizenship Committee took the proposed law to a vote on June 10, 2021 and the law was NOT approved by voting citizens. The SVDO Citizenship Committee meet bi-weekly. The SVDO Citizenship Committee will be continuing their work to develop a “SVDN Citizenship Transfer Policy” that will apply to all future individuals that wish to apply for Citizenship within SVDN until a SVDO Citizenship Law is passed through a community approval process.

The SVDO Citizenship Committee developed a survey and have included it in this newsletter. Please take the time to complete this survey. If you would like to reach out to the constitution committee, please attend a community engagement session, call 204-855-2760 or email self.government@svdngovernance.com and your questions/concerns will be addressed at the next committee meeting.

Dakota Language Law Committee

Han Mitakuyapi, The procedures for the Dakota Language Law has been a bit of a challenge, but is coming along with a definite view for Wipazoka Wakpa Oyate to witness the law. The Dakota Language Law Committee have been working to come to an agreement for our community as a whole.

The committee has worked through the pandemic and have had many meetings online, since August 2020. The language law has been developed to include all aspects of our lives, which is based on our seven sacred laws.

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The staff at the SVDN Intergovernmental Relations and Implementation Department wish to extend our sincerest condolences to the families that have recently lost a loved one. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during these difficult times.

Lands

To date we have been having lands committee meetings discussing various topics involved with Lands of Sioux Valley Dakota Nation.

The main topic of discussion at the moment is regarding the land leases that have been used in the past and how to develop a new land lease system for the members of SVDN as well as non-members who are interested in leasing the land for farm use or other use. This is still on-going and in the process of developing; we are currently working on the land lease law and policy. This is a very in-depth process with lots to consider. We are working towards completing this as soon as possible.

As we are still working on what fertilizers are being used by the farmers at this time and their effects to our land, water, environment, and air quality. We are still waiting to hear back from a few outside agencies to let us know the effects as well as what is allowed by law to be used in Manitoba, but also what is illegal.

Our land base is still a big discussion at the moment, this will be on-going and will take some time to get all the information gathered and compiled so we can determine how we want to proceed in the future. We want to know the exact boundaries of what Sioux Valley Dakota Nation was allocated when Sioux Valley was created. What happened to the land we once had under SVDN? Where were our borders at one time? As it seems we used to have a much larger land base. These are questions we need answers to and are working towards finding out.

We are still looking for names for the roads in our community. There have been some suggestions to this, but we need more involvement from our members to assist with the naming of the roads. I have forms in my office that people can come and pick up and fill out. We currently are doing community engagements to inform the members of what our programs are doing at present. These sessions are held in Sioux Valley and Brandon as well as in Winnipeg. Please look out for posters and updates that are sent out via social media as well as to when our next community engagements will be.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at the office or email me. I look forward to hearing from our membership.

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Information Management



Create & Capture- Records provide evidence of, and information about, government's functions and activities. Records are important because they are the product of every process in every office – from the most routine administrative processes to unique program activities and services.

When we create records, it is important to make sure they are authentic, reliable, complete, and usable to support business functions and activities of SVDN for as long as they are required.

Every employee is responsible to properly capture records in their program area. We are currently developing a government wide system that will help each program to create and capture the records that are important and necessary to our government, and which will help us to create reports that will be meaningful to the community and leadership.

Wipazoka Wakpa Climate Change & Environment (WWCCE)

Makoče Awanyakapi heče Wipazoka Wakpa Oyate Wičoni unkon pte / Taking care of the land so our people will live on.

Learn to Skateboard Day:

We hosted a Learn to Skateboard Day on October 19th, the day after the Grand Opening of the Skatepark. Seventy-seven (77) students from grades 5 to 12 attended the event! Thirty-five (35) of which came from the elementary school in the morning and forty-two (42) from grades 7 to 12 in the afternoon! The Brandon Sun took pictures and wrote an article on the event which can be found here:

<https://www.brandonsun.com/local/new-skatepark-decades-in-the-making-575573472.html>.

Thank you to Taking IT Global Rising Youth grants, Canada Service Corps, and the Government of Canada, which made the initial purchase of the skateboards, scooters, and helmets possible. Thank you to DOCFS Sioux Valley Office for matching our funding to make more equipment purchases and in addition, donating door prizes! We did eight (8) draws for prize bundles; each one had a skateboard, helmet, and pad-set. Four (4) of the prizes were drawn following the morning session and the rest at the end of the day. The financial support from DOCFS also allowed us to buy hotdogs, water, and Gatorade. We kept a fire going throughout the day so that the students could have a wiener roast, visit, and keep warm around the fire. Thank you to Sioux Valley Education Authority for transporting the students, allowing them time out of their classrooms, and for lending us a hand with teacher supervision and additional instructors – Laniel White, Brock Rosmus, and Nathan Wasicuna.



Top: Learn to Skateboard Day (afternoon)

Bottom: Brianna Hotain, Shani "Nigel" Mentuck, and Ryleigh Hart.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: We are happy to announce that the **Skateboard & Scooter Sign-Out Program** is now running! The program will operate until there is snow on the ground and start again in the springtime. Equipment is limited and only available on a first-come-first-serve basis and will not be reserved or held for students. SVEA has volunteered to run the program on our behalf, the program is NOT an extracurricular activity linked to either of the schools and parents must sign out the equipment on behalf of the students. By signing out the equipment you understand these activities come with the risk of injury and will not hold Sioux Valley Education Authority and/or Wipazoka Wakpa Climate Change & Environment (WWCCE) responsible for any injuries or accidents.

Why do a sign-out program? We want the youth in our community to have equal opportunities to skateboard and scooter **safely**. This program gives youth the chance to do so without having to purchase their own equipment. There are no limits or restrictions as to how many times you can sign stuff out. We are working at promoting and normalizing wearing helmets at the skatepark. Most of all, we hope the students have fun and make lots of good memories! Each successful return is recorded in our logbook and on the "Student Rewards Cards". They can turn in their full cards to receive **free, brand-new equipment of their own!** These are rewards they earn for taking care of and bringing the equipment back. Students will take home a letter that explains how to sign out equipment, times, and other details, along with a permission form to be signed by parents/ guardians.

Wipazoka Wakpa Mangistina Wozupi / Community Garden Project

Pidamaya to our Community Garden staff who are officially done their terms! They have accomplished so much – a bountiful harvest (in the middle of a drought no less!) which included pashdayapi (Indian corn). They donated/ distributed fresh vegetables at four (4) Community Engagement Sessions and four (4) community events including the 1-day Wacipi/ Powwow, the Health Fair, the Elder's Gathering and Youth Kayak and Camping Trip. They also put fresh vegetables out several times at the Gas Bar and once at a social assistance issue day. They organized a medicine-picking trip, September 4th and most recently, Jam-making on October 19th and Salsa-making on October 20th. They also transplanted a bit of saskatoon and chokecherry plants in the community to areas where erosion is a concern. Last but not least, they developed a fully-detailed plan for a fruit orchard – including the plots, timelines for each variety to start producing, and the budget.

Andrea Bone, Blaze Tacan-Kennedy, Shaun Taylor, and Kaitlyn Branth (Summer Student), thank you for all your hard work this summer! We will do our best to support your vision for a fruit orchard. Thank you to Nathaniel Ironman, Ethan Allen, and to our extensive list of volunteers and support from Employment and Training Summer Student Program, Sioux Valley Health Centre, Dakota Oyate Lodge, Fine Options, Work Opportunity Placement Program, Public Works and Maintenance! We appreciate every one of you!



Above: Laura Pratt, Dakota Language Coordinator and Shaun Taylor, Community Gardener, lead the Jam-Making Workshop October 19th.

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Upcoming Events:

Crafting Willow Baskets Workshop Series (6 workshops)

Our spots are filled but we welcome community members to come observe, listen, visit, and share stories (titokan). In this workshop series community members will learn the history of the willow basket, sustainable harvesting, Dakota iapi (language) and get hands-on experience harvesting the čančaša (willow) and čanpa (chokecherry) and learning to weave their own baskets. Those who signed up must commit to attending every workshop date.

Willow-Basket Workshop Schedule:

Wednesday, November 3rd - 1:00-3:30 PM OR 6:00-8:30 PM (Community Centre)

Tuesday, November 9th - 5:00-7:30 PM (Outside/ Community Centre)

Wednesday, November 17th - 6:00-8:30 PM (Community Centre)

Monday, November 22nd - 6:00-8:30 PM (Self-Government Boardroom)

Wednesday, December 1st - 6:00-8:30 PM (Community Centre)

Tuesday, December 7th - 6:00-8:30 PM (Community Centre)

Makoče un Dakota iapi onspeunkičiyapi/ Learning the Dakota Language on the Land

We are planning to start the Learning the Dakota Language on the Land project by mid-November. The program will be delivered in partnership with the Sioux Valley elementary school (k-6). We will work with Elders, fluent language speakers, and people with cultural skills or knowledge to provide Dakota language lessons orally and through hands-on learning through land-based or cultural activities. There will be sessions once a week taking place outdoors – so students need to be dressed for the weather.

“Rock Your Mocs” November 15-19th

The word for moccasins in Dakota language is: Hanbikchika

Rock Your Mocs (Moccasins) has become a yearly event to showcase cultural pride by wearing our moccasins throughout the week. To celebrate, we will be doing two categories of draws. Check out our Facebook page for more details “SVDN Wipazoka Wakpa Climate Change and Environment”. Here’s how to enter (one entry per person):

- 1) If you DO NOT have moccasins, you can write to our Facebook page in a private message or to Cheyenne or Wakpa (contact information is below) about how you show your cultural pride OR you can write about why you would like to have a pair of your own moccasins. You will then be entered into a prize draw!
- 2) If you DO have moccasins, upload a picture to our Facebook Page or send a picture to Cheyenne or Wakpa to be entered into a prize draw!

The draws will be done at the end of Rock Your Mocs week, Friday November 19th.

If you would like to learn how to make them, we encourage you to get in touch with DOCFS as they are organizing a Moccasin-Making Workshop.

Do you have questions? Would you like to get involved, volunteer or be on our contact list for events? Contact us! Cheyenne Ironman-204.761.3053. or Wakpa Mckay- 639.999.9232

Employment & Training/ Post Secondary

From the two departments we are at work full time at the Wicozani center. We have not been informed of any changes or new restrictions from the Province.

As you have seen there has been a lot of road construction going on and they will be paving the parking lot fairly soon. We have been using the East entrance to accommodate the work that is being done. We do have signs at north entrance to use the East entrance until further notice. There are still health and safety standards required for the walk in clients and staff, we do have sign in sheets to account for tracking purposes daily. We do have a sanitizing station and have masks available for people who do not have any. Hand sanitizers are also available.

We do encourage people to call when possible but are still allowed to come to the building. The Mature 12 students are working very hard and have completed their Foodsafe Handling certificate. Their next workshop is for First Aid C.P.R. training. Workshops are being held on court days as the building does have regular scheduled court days at the Wicozani.

Last month we reported a pilot project for Sioux Valley, we have since hired 17 Youth for the project, they are:

- Josie Hotain-Case Manager
- Ryland Taylor-D.O.L Activity worker
- Ladaeyah Mantee-H.R. Trainee
- Aaliyah Hotain-Bdn. Sub office Housing reception
- Tia Smoke-Community Center reception
- Blake Tacan-D.O.L. Maintenance
- Blake Wombdiska-SVDN Diner
- Dawson Bell-Dakota Net reception
- Austin Bell-Public Works reception
- Billy Rae Tacan-Daycare maintenance
- Aimee Antoine-Daycare assistant
- Mahina McKay-Daycare assistant
- Damian Elk-SV School
- Todd Gordon-Diner reception
- Autumn Chief-Post Sec data entry
- Angel Pratt-Soc. Dev. Reception

The youth are working in different departments in the community for a five month period, ending of March 31st, 2022.

There are two youths who are working for a Youth Internship Project at housing for a six month period, Brooke Eastman and Jody Wombdiska.

The W.O.P. project maintenance crew did a wonderful job maintaining public buildings and lawns all summer. They will continue to March 31st 2022. They are working with Neil Wanbdiska who is the supervisor for Maintenance.



Membership

Sending condolences to everyone who lost a loved one, my prayers to each and everyone.

Congratulations to all the new parents, please stop by the office so we can register your child. Our office continues to be open but still closed to the public. Appointments can be booked for Status Cards and Registrations. We ask at this time that you wear a mask and sanitize your hands before entering the office. Please call to make an appointment.

Parents, please bring in the original Birth Certificate to register your child, along with a photo ID. I have the forms to register your child at the office. I have estates forms for anyone that needs one.

Social Development and Health will do a one time payment for your child's Birth Certificate, this has to be the long form with the parent's names.

Just a reminder that if your status number ends in 02, 03, 04, you can now get your own number, or you can keep your current number. Please give me a call so I can put your name down to change it. your number.

Please contact our office if you have any questions or concerns by email- membership@svdngovernance.com, office phone 204-855-2671 ext 304 or cell 1-204-922-2705

Dakota Oyate Lodge



At present, in-person visitations remain suspended at the Lodge. However, we are hoping to lift restrictions soon, as long as it's safe to do so. Residents are still able to participate in 'virtual visits' via FaceTime, Zoom, etc. Please feel free to call the Lodge if you would like to speak with a Resident. The colder weather has brought activities indoors for the Residents. This past month, the Residents enjoyed activities such as bingo, crafts, Halloween decorating and pumpkin carving.



To protect the Residents and staff, we have administered the 3rd 'booster' dose of Moderna along with seasonal flu shots.

All interested Sioux Valley Members from the Lodge were able to participate in the recent election for Chief and Council on October 21st and cast their ballots. A staff potluck was held on October 26th, and all staff in attendance enjoyed themselves!



If you've seen our parking lot lately, you will have noticed it is currently under major construction! Zenith paving has been busy working and we are looking forward to having a nicely paved parking lot once the job has finished.

Looking forward to November 2021 we are hoping to open in-person visitations. Also, we will try and do some outings before the weather gets too cold.

Education

Good day everyone, our schools are continuing to navigate plan 1b. We are enjoying the in person contact with students and appreciate parents/guardians sending their children daily. We remind all parents/guardians to call the school if your child will be absent.

Upcoming November Dates:

- November 8th – Aboriginal Veterans Day – No School
- November 11th – Remembrance Day – No School
- November 18th – Parent/Teacher for Sioux Valley Elementary School & PD day for Sioux Valley High School – No School
- November 19th – PD day for Sioux Valley Elementary School & Parent/Teacher for Sioux Valley High School – No School

Sioux Valley Elementary School

Good day everyone, here at the local school site we prepared for candy handout on Friday, October 29 at 12:30 pm. This is happened at the new Arbour, at the Powwow grounds. All of Sioux Valley's agencies were there to welcome the students and to hand out candy bags to all of Sioux Valley's children.

On this same day, October 29, the classrooms had a classroom party. We were all excited to see the costumes the students were wearing. It was a great time! All the students and staff were encouraged to dress up in their Halloween costumes.

The students in grades 5 and 6 participated in a 'Learn How to Skateboard' day on Tuesday, October 19th. There were over 30 students who participated in the event. They were full of smiles and laughter. Our thanks goes out to Cheyenne Ironman and Wakpa McKay for putting this event on. The students have a chance to sign out the boards and equipment. We will have more information on this as we move forward with the plans.

The school has purchased 3 more busses, which completes our bus fleet. All of our school busses are less than ten years old. It is nice to have updated vehicles for our school system.

The first week of November each classroom will be completing the next round of assessments in preparation for the report cards that will be coming out. This is part of Educations Recovery Learning Plan. The students have gone through one assessment time in September. Another assessment time will be in the second week of December. These three assessment times are here to help us see how the students are learning after a year off from school.

Monday, November 8th the Sioux Valley Schools will be closed for Aboriginal Veteran's Day. Wednesday, November 10th the classrooms will be holding their own Remembrance Day Ceremony. This is to help the students learn about the wars that have happened and Canadian Soldiers.

Thursday, November 11 the Sioux Valley Schools will be closed for Remembrance Day.

Thursday, November 18 is the local school sites Parent Teacher Interview day. Report cards will be going home with students on Wednesday, November 17.

Education

We look forward to seeing parents at the school for this day. When arriving at the school, please use the West doors to enter the school. There you will find a screening table. Everyone entering the school will have to be screened. Masks are mandatory and available at the screening table. This is a small step in our safety precautions. There are arrows on the floor for you to follow to the classrooms.

Sioux Valley High School

Sioux Valley High School appreciates the support from all our parents during these times. Please be diligent in monitoring your child's health daily before sending them to school. The safety of our students and staff is our number one concern. We would like to thank all parents that have sent in completed registration forms. If you haven't done so, please send this in with your child as soon as possible.

Some students attended a conference with Jordin Tootoo on October 20th. This was a virtual conference with Mr. Tootoo talking with selected First Nations students. It was an honour to be invited to attend.

Students, grades 7 to 12, were invited to attend a skateboarding day on October 19th. All students involved had a great time! We would also like to thank Cheyenne Ironman and Wakpa McKay for making this afternoon such a successful one.

Halloween was a success! Both staff and students dressed scary, funny, and everything in between on Friday, October 29th. Pizza and movies were showing in the afternoon. We would like to thank Sioux Valley programs for sending candy to the students. We hope everyone had a safe Halloween weekend.

Full school Remembrance Day services will not be able to be held as they regularly are as large groupings with mixed grades are against safety plans. We will have in class programming for Remembrance Day.

We are approaching the middle of our Recovery Learning Plan. As such, November's assessments for ELA and Mathematics will be occurring from grades 7 to 9. We look forward to seeing improvements in each of the areas for all of our students. This will be included in the November report cards.

Sioux Valley High School looks forward to meeting with parents this next month on November 19th. Report cards will be sent home with students on Wednesday, November 17th. We would like to remind parents that report cards and parent teacher conferences are coming up this month. Please remind your children to take the time to complete assignments and hand them into the teachers. Parents are welcome to call the schools to talk with the teachers if they are unable to attend parent-teacher in person.

We wish everyone a safe November. If there are any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to call your child's school. Sioux Valley Elementary School at (204) 855-2536 and Sioux Valley High School at (204) 729-2770.

Dakota Nation Winterfest 2022

We are sorry to inform you that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Sioux Valley Dakota Nation Chief and Council have decided to cancel "Dakota Nation Winterfest 2022". We recommend that you cancel any travel plans, including hotel rooms you may have booked for this event.

We take the health and safety of our guests, organizers and community members as our top priority.

We look forward to hosting Dakota Nation Winterfest 2023!

January 26, 27, 28 & 29, 2023

Thank You

Sioux Valley Dakota Nation Chief and Council



LET'S GET VACCINATED

**Annual Flu Vaccination
Child Immunizations
COVID-19 Vaccination**

Sioux Valley Health Centre can provide the following services:

Annual Flu Vaccine: Walk-in services are available.

Child Immunizations: Please ensure children are up to date on all their vaccinations

COVID-19 Vaccinations: Pfizer & Moderna vaccinations are available by appointment for 1st, 2nd and 3rd dose. You are eligible for the 3rd dose 6 months after the last vaccination.

Vaccination Card: CHR's are available to assist community members apply for their COVID-19 Vaccination cards by appointment only.

Contact the the Health Centre at 204-855-2690 and speak to Inez, Cheryl or Kristi to book your services today.

WIPAZOKA WAKPA CLIMATE CHANGE & ENVIRONMENT

CRAFTING WILLOW BASKETS

Community Centre, Outside and Self-Government Boardroom



Learn the History of the Willow Basket

Instructor: Eugene Ross

Capacity: 20 Spots Available (Ages 15 and up)

Workshop Space: Community Centre (3,9,17,1,7)

Outside (9)

and the Self-Government Boardroom (22)

Contact Information:



Harvest Canpa Shoots (Frame) and Cacasa (Red Willow)



Learn the Dakota parts of the Willow Basket

Sign up is now closed

Pidamaya! If you are still interested, You are welcome to come visit and observe

Sign-up before November 2nd

Community Members Welcome to Visit (Titokan) and share stories

DATES:

Wednesday, November 3rd - 1:00-3:30 PM then again 6:00-8:30 PM

Tuesday, November 9th - 5:00-7:30 PM

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Makoce Awanyakapi hece Wipazoka Wakpa Oyate Wiconi unkun ptele



Community Notice

Lands Advisory Committee Members (6)

Sioux Valley Dakota Nation is accepting letters of interest for Six (6) "Land Advisory Committee Members".

Applicants must have a genuine interest in the area of Lands and respect confidentiality. Applicants must be a registered member of Sioux Valley Dakota Nation, maintain a positive and healthy lifestyle and understand the Dakota culture, history and language. Applications must be able to attend meetings online or in person (pending public health orders). Applicants must be able to attend bi-monthly meetings.

Letters of interest can be dropped off at the Intergovernmental Relations and Implementation Department (IRID) formerly the Self-Government Office or by email to lands.manager@svdngovernance.com
Please call 204.730.4155 for questions.

Deadline line to Apply is November 15, 2021 @ 4:30pm.

Selections will be made by Chief and Council.

GRIEF SUPPORT

WITH DENISE DEWAR

EVERY TUESDAY AT 1:30 - 3:00 P.M

NEXT SESSION: OCTOBER 19, 26

NOVEMBER 2, 9, 16, 23



PLEASE CALL DTS AT 204-855-2205 OR MESSAGE OUR PAGE TO RESERVE A SPOT
TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED IF NEEDED



Sioux Valley Dakota Nation



Job Fair 2021

November 25th, 2021
11:00 am to 7:30 pm
SVDN Community Centre

Bring your current resume, if you do not have one, job applications are available.
Also resume building on site.

We are looking to hire in these

Departments:

- Maintenance
- Public Works
- Petro/Gas Bar/Gaming Center
- Dakota Diner
- Finance
- Health
- Education
- Housing





SIOUX VALLEY DAKOTA NATION CITIZENSHIP COMMITTEE 2021-2023 BRIEFING NOTE

BACKGROUND

In September of 2019 Sioux Valley Dakota Nation Leadership selected 7 members for the Citizenship Committee. The Citizenship Committee was tasked with drafting and seeking input from the citizenship on the development of a Sioux Valley Dakota Oyate Citizenship Law. The Citizenship Committee completed the drafting of the proposed Citizenship Law and a vote was held on June 10, 2021. Unfortunately, the law was not approved by the voting citizens.

In July 2021, the Citizenship Committee was re-established to develop a “Sioux Valley Dakota Nation Citizenship Transfer Policy” and draft #2 of the “Sioux Valley Dakota Oyate Citizenship Law”. The members of Citizenship Committee are:

Darryl McKay – Chairperson, Lorraine Pompana – Co-Chairperson, Cheryl McKay, Jaydee Elk, Candace Antoine, Sharon Tacan and Kimberley G. McKay.

PURPOSE

1. Develop a Sioux Valley Dakota Nation Citizenship Transfer Policy until a Citizenship Law is approved in a community approval process.
2. To refine and revise the draft SVDO Citizenship Law and prepare for a community approval process in 2022.

PROCESS

The Citizenship Committee developed a timeline and workplan. The Citizenship Committee will work in conjunction with the Sioux Valley Dakota Nation Intergovernmental Relations and Implementation Department for the engagement and consultations phase. Members of the Citizenship Committee will be available to answer question and listen to community input in-regards to the SVDN Citizenship Transfer Policy and revised draft of the SVDO Citizenship Law. The final draft of the proposed Sioux Valley Dakota Oyate Citizenship Law will be voted on by the citizens in the spring/summer of 2022.

If you have any concerns/recommendations for the Citizenship Committee members, they can be reached at:

- **Darryl McKay – Chairperson.** lands@svdngovernance.com or 204-730-4155;
- **Lorraine Pompana – Co-Chairperson.** lpompana@outlook.com or 204-358-0880;
- **Kimberley G. McKay –** communications@svdngovernance.com or 204-724-0893;
- **Cheryl McKay –** mckaycheryl14@gmail.com or 204-922-0985;
- **Candace Antoine –** candess2708.ca@gmail.com;
- **Jaydee Elk –** jaydee.elk@gmail.com; or
- **Sharon Tacan –** 204-922-1225



SIoux VALLEY DAKOTA OYATE CITIZENSHIP LAW COMMITTEE SURVEY # 2

**Please take few minutes to complete the
" Citizenship Committee Survey #2**



How to Scan a QR Code:

- 1. Open the Camera app on your iPhone.**
- 2. Then point your iPhone at the QR code to scan it.**
- 3. Finally, tap the pop-up banner or the QR icon .**

**Your feedback is important to the future
of the Oyate!**



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Mood Disorders
ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA

Helping people
help themselves

MDAM WESTMAN PRESENTS

SOUL SISTERS

Real Women. Real Conversations.

"Soul Sisters is a community of women that care about each other and welcome open, honest, heartfelt connections and conversations. Come experience a sacred space of nonjudgemental, confidential sharing."

~ Your Soul Sister

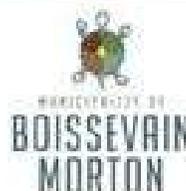
Susan Spiropoulos

Every Tuesday morning from 10-11am online

To register for free or more information

please email westman@moodmb.ca

or text or call 204-721-2174



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MDAM WESTMAN PRESENTS

MIXED PEER SUPPORT GROUP

This group addresses all mood disorders, diagnosed or undiagnosed, and welcomes everyone to experience an evening of support and connection.

Monday nights from 6:30-8pm online
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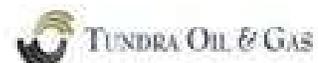
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MDAM WESTMAN PRESENTS

WESTMAN MEN'S EXCHANGE

Join men aged 18+ from Westman area to discuss news about your community, your interests, general connection & camaraderie.

Thursday afternoons from 1:30-3pm online
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NOVEMBER 2021

SIOUX VALLEY DAKOTA NATION ELECTION CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3	4	5 Deadline : Appeals of the Election	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Election Appeals Board Notifications	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Candidate/ Electoral Officer Response to Appeals	30	1	2	3	4
NOTES: November 12, 2021 - Election appeals Board to send any appeals to each Candidate and the Electoral Officer by registered mail. November 29, 2021 - Candidate/Electoral Officer response to Appeals to be sent by registered mail.						



SVDO Citizenship Committee Survey #2

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. Once you transfer from SVDN can you transfer back?

- Yes
- No
- Other (please specify)

2. Should a "Qualified Spouse" be eligible for citizenship?

Definition-"Qualified Spouse" means a person who is married to a Citizen, including in accordance with Sioux Valley Dakota Oyate Laws, or is the Common-Law Partner of a Citizen for more than five (5) consecutive years.

- Yes
- No
- Other (please specify)

3. What is considered a direct descendant of the Nation ?

- 1 parent is a member of the nation
- 2 parents are members of the nation
- 1 grandparent is a member of the nation
- 2 grandparents are members of the nation
- Other (please specify)

**Please return Survey to IRID office (formerly Self-Governance Office)
If you have any question please call 204.855-2760.**



Sioux Valley Dakota Oyate Constitution of the People 2007 Survey

The Constitution committee will review the SVDO Constitution, engage and communicate with the citizenship and propose/recommend an amendment process on the “SVDO Constitution of the People 2007”.

The proposed amendments will take place in the spring/summer of 2022. The Constitution Committee meets bi-weekly and has developed a survey to engage the citizens on their understanding of the “SVDO Constitution of the People 2007” and determine how to amend the “SVDO Constitution of the People 2007”.

1. What is your understanding of the SVDO Constitution of the People?

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Extremely familiar | <input type="radio"/> Not so familiar |
| <input type="radio"/> Very familiar | <input type="radio"/> Not at all familiar |
| <input type="radio"/> Somewhat familiar | |

Please Explain?

2. What issues do you have with the Constitution as you understand it?

3. What suggestions/ideas do you have for committee members?

4. How would you like the committee to update you?

- Video
- Social Media Posts (Facebook, Instagram)
- Website Posts
- Mail Package

The Committee will be presenting the draft Dakota Language Law for review and feedback through community engagement sessions.