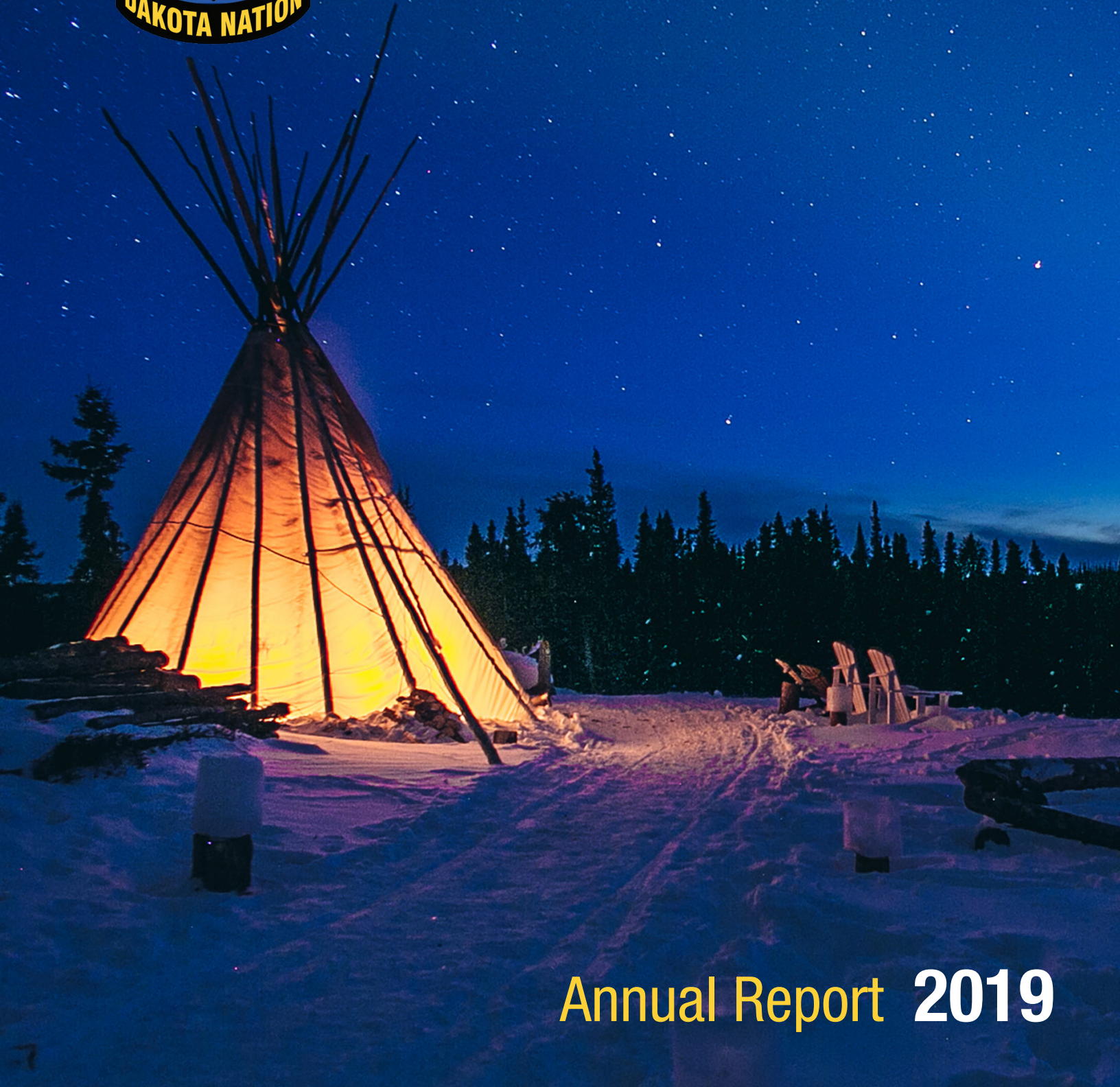




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Annual Report 2019



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# CHIEF AND COUNCIL

Han/Hau Mitakuyapi

On behalf of Sioux Valley Dakota Nation (SVDN), we are pleased to present the Sioux Valley Dakota Nation 2019 Annual Report. We would like to thank and acknowledge our program managers and staff who have contributed their time and effort to ensure this report is made available to the Oyate. We hope you enjoy reading the information and accomplishments of Sioux Valley Dakota Nation. Our goal is to provide the best quality programs and services for our Nation in a fiscally responsible manner.

## SIoux VALLEY DAKOTA NATION ELECTED COUNCIL 2018 - 2021



We are pleased to introduce the Chief and Council of Sioux Valley Dakota Nation. Chief Jennifer Bone was elected on October 19, 2018. Councillor Anthony D. Tacan, Councillor Elton Taylor and Councillor Eleanor Elk were acclaimed into office on September 20, 2018. Councillor Evelyn Pratt and Councillor R. Jamie Hall were elected on December 5, 2018. Together, they are working effectively in ensuring that Sioux Valley Dakota Nation remains a strong, Self-Governing Nation in all areas of programs, services and governance.

The Chief and Council continue to work towards making Sioux Valley Dakota Nation a better place for all members by continuing to develop our own laws, policies and procedures. After signing the Self-Government Agreement in 2012, Sioux Valley has moved away from the Indian Act. When the Sioux Valley Dakota Nation passes a law in one area, it replaces that part of the Indian Act. Areas of focus for the Chief and Council continue to be finance, education, health, economic development, and child and family services.

We have worked to provide some exciting changes in 2019 such as the paving of the main road, construction of a new playground, increased communications with citizens, 2 post-secondary training programs, community consultations, and installation of street lights. For 2020, we have identified a need to upgrade our water treatment facility and will be constructing a "Community Resource Centre". We will continue with community consultations and seek feedback on areas such as Child and Family, Justice, the SVDN Constitution of the People, Land, and Dakota Language.

## CHIEF AND COUNCIL PORTFOLIOS AND CULTURE, CITIZENSHIP AND EDUCATION

<p><b>CHIEF JENNIFER BONE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administration</li> <li>• Economic Development</li> <li>• Lands</li> <li>• On/Off Reserve Housing</li> <li>• Gaming/Diner/Gas Bar</li> <li>• Media Relations</li> <li>• Healing Lodge</li> </ul>	<p><b>COUNCILWOMAN ELEANOR ELK</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-Government</li> <li>• Social Development</li> <li>• Policing/Justice</li> <li>• Child and Family Services/DOCFS/Dakota Tiwahe Services</li> <li>• Media Relations</li> <li>• Healing Lodge</li> </ul>	<p><b>COUNCILWOMAN EVELYN PRATT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-Government</li> <li>• Administration</li> <li>• Post Secondary/ Employment &amp; Training</li> <li>• Child and Family Services/ DOCFS/Dakota Tiwahe Services</li> <li>• Media Relations</li> <li>• Healing Lodge</li> <li>• Health</li> </ul>
<p><b>COUNCILMAN ANTHONY D. TACAN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Works</li> <li>• Fire Department</li> <li>• Bison Project</li> <li>• Dakota Ojibway Community Futures Development Corp.</li> <li>• Media Relations</li> <li>• Healing Lodge</li> </ul>	<p><b>COUNCILMAN ELTON TAYLOR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Works</li> <li>• Fire Department</li> <li>• Health</li> <li>• Communications</li> <li>• Media Relations</li> <li>• Healing Lodge</li> </ul>	<p><b>COUNCILMAN R. JAMIE HALL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On/Off Reserve Housing</li> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Dakota Oyate Lodge</li> <li>• Media Relations</li> <li>• Healing Lodge</li> </ul>

## DAKOTA NATIONS MEETINGS

In January and July of 2019, Sioux Valley Dakota Nation hosted Dakota Nations meetings. Leadership from Canupawakpa Dakota Nation, Dakota Tipi and Dakota Plains were in attendance. Sioux Valley will continue to strengthen our relationships with other Dakota Nations and have discussions on language, culture and other common issues at the political level.

# GOVERNANCE ACTIVITIES FOR 2019

The following is a brief report on SVDN Self-Government Activities for 2019

## **SVDN Governance staff:**

- Carol Johnson – Self-Government Coordinator
- Jocelyn Ross – Administrative Assistant
- Kimberley McKay – SVDN Communications Coordinator
- Caroline Johnson – SVDN Band Membership/Citizenship
- Candace Antoine – Executive Assistant to Chief and Council
- Sandra Couling – SVDN Information Manager
- Jody Bone – Human Resources
- Katherine Whitecloud – SVDN Self-Government Technical Advisor

## **Self-Government Council Portfolio Holders:**

- Councillor Eleanor Elk
- Councillor Evelyn Pratt

## **SVDN Legal Council:**

- Harold Cochrane – Cochrane Saxberg Johnston Johnson & Scarcello LLP

## **SVDN Committees:**

- Lands Committee
- Citizenship Committee
- Election Committee
- Child and Family Committee
- Education Committee
- Housing Committee

SVDN Committees established under the SVDN Dakota Oyate Constitution of the People.

# INTERNAL GOVERNANCE ACTIVITIES 2019

Sioux Valley Governance has hosted a series of various meetings and community sessions. The following is a list of community meetings, information sessions and community events for 2019.

## **January 2019**

January 30 – SVDN Community Audit Presentation – SVDN

## **February 2019**

February 25 – Health & Elders Focus

February 27 – Dakota Tiwahe Services – Community Consultation

## **March 2019**

March 5 – SVDN Elders Consultation

## **April 2019**

April 4 – Elders Consultation Session

April 18 – SVDN Elders Consultation Session

## **May 2019**

May 3 – MMIW Walk May 22 – Health Fair

May 22 – SVDN Hosts Neelin High School – Building Relationships

## **June 2019**

June 4 – Elders Consultation Session

## **July 2019**

July 2-5 – SVDN HS Grad Trip – Calgary/Banff July 12 – JPI Grand Opening – SVDN

July 19-22 – SVDN Wacipi

## **August 2019**

August 9 – Elders Consultation – SV Veterans Hall

August 15 – Community Information session – SV Education feasibility study

August 22-23 – Estates Workshop

August 26-28 – Dakota Tiwahe Culture Camp

## **September 2019**

September 10 – Suicide Awareness walk September 11 – Community Policing Forum September 24-25- Lateral Violence Training

## **October 2019**

October 7 – Community Policing Forum October 24-25 – Estates and Wills Workshop

## **November 2019**

November 12 – Consultation Session ages 18-35 November 13 – Consultation Session ages 26-59 November 14 – Consultation Session ages 60+

## **December 2019**

December 9 – Brandon and Area SVDN Christmas Dinner

December 11 – Winnipeg and Area Christmas Dinner

December 18 – SVDN Community Christmas Dinner

The SVDN Community Consultations are continuing for 2020. The Community Consultation process will assist the leadership of Sioux Valley Dakota Nation in planning with the various departments based on the short and long-term priorities identified by the citizens of SVDN. The Community Consultations will also seek input from the community on various matters. Please watch for notices on the upcoming 2020 SVDN Community Consultations.

## **Financial Arrangements Agreement (FAA) Renewal**

Sioux Valley Dakota Nation began the discussions with the federal government and FAA negotiation renewal in the spring of 2018. In May 2018, Sioux Valley Dakota Nation began the internal work with the various SVDN Programs by reviewing the current funding received for each program under the FAA.

During this time, Canada had created a “Collaborative Fiscal Policy Development Process” (CFPDP) with Self-Governing Indigenous Governments (SGIG) and Modern Treaty Governments to collaborate with Canada to design a consistent funding approach for all Indigenous Governments. Although Sioux Valley did not fully participate in this table, there was some representation at this table from Sioux Valley. The CFPDP also determined eligible activities and allocations amongst the 25 Indigenous Governments and the terms and conditions to collect the additional funds of 189.2 million announced in budget 2018.

An FAA Extension Agreement was signed by Chief and Council on March 13, 2019 for a one-year period.

The FAA negotiations were completed and signed by Sioux Valley Dakota Nation and Canada in August of 2019. Copies of the FAA are available at the Governance office.



## Gaps Planning for Infrastructure and Socio-Economic needs

It is important to note that the 2018 budget announcement of the \$189.2 million for SGIG and Modern Treaty First Nation has provided additional funds in which Sioux Valley is eligible for. This funding and the requirements are outlined in the **“SVDN Financial Arrangements Agreement Amendment and Extension Agreement”**. Under Schedule “D” of the Extension Agreement the following terms are defined:

1. *“Gap Closing Plan” means a document to address a deficit or need in infrastructure on Sioux Valley Dakota Nation Lands, housing on Sioux Valley Dakota Nation Lands, or in the social wellbeing of Sioux Valley Dakota Nation citizens...*
  
7. *In respect of the 2018/19 fiscal year, Canada will pay to Sioux Valley Dakota Nation the following from 189.2 Funding:*
  - a. *\$883,160 as a one-time amount to augment existing support to Sioux Valley Dakota Nation in carrying out government functions similar to other governments in Canada as well as functions unique to the Indigenous government context.*
  - b. *\$50,000 by way of transfer to install data systems and management tools for the data project carried out by Indigenous Governments under the Collaborative Fiscal Policy Development Process, where the data will be provided in a format accessible by Canada; and*
  - c. *\$275,000 by way of transfer to support Sioux Valley Dakota Nation in carrying out comprehensive infrastructure, housing or social well-being assessments according to practices established under the Collaborative Fiscal Policy Development Process.*
  
8. *In respect of the 2019/20 fiscal year, Canada will pay to Sioux Valley Dakota Nation the following from 189.2 Funding:*
  - a. *a\$275,000 by way of transfer to support Sioux Valley Dakota Nation in carrying out comprehensive infrastructure, housing or social well-being assessments according to practises established under the Collaborative Fiscal Policy Development Process.*
  - b. *60 days after the parties agree on a Gap Closing Plan submitted by Sioux Valley Dakota Nation, \$3,478,160 by way of transfer to support Sioux Valley Dakota Nation in carrying out programs or initiatives intended to close an infrastructure or housing gap as described in the Gap Closing Plan.*
  - c. *60 days after the parties agree on a Gap Closing submitted by Sioux Valley Dakota Nation, \$1,534,041 by way of transfer to support Sioux Valley Dakota Nation in carrying out programs as described in the Gap Plan.*

Sioux Valley formally submitted its SVDN Gaps Closing Plans for Infrastructure and Social Well-Being for the 2019-2020 fiscal year in October 2019. SVDN identified water, and sewer as priorities for the Housing and Infrastructure funding and a Community

Resource Centre as a priority for the Socio-economic funding.

## Recognition of Indigenous Rights and Self-Determination (RIRSD)

On July 24, 2009, Sioux Valley Dakota Nation commenced action for a Comprehensive Claim against Canada. The claim was based on outstanding historical issues that Sioux Valley has experienced as a Dakota Nation. On August 13, 2014 a Memorandum of Understanding was signed by the Honorable Barnard Valcourt, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Canada and of Sioux Valley Dakota Nation. The Memorandum of Understanding provides for an opportunity to meet with Canada to explore means of Dakota reconciliation including Dakota reconciliation of economic development, lands and aboriginal rights, and to identify a mutually-acceptable path to both Sioux Valley Dakota Nation and Canada to enter into an enduring reconciliation agreement.

Since the MOU process, the Parties have agreed to continue to pursue seeking a mutually acceptable path to a reconciliation agreement supported by a mandate for an Exploratory Main Table... Exploratory discussion included bringing issues to the table and developing a mutually acceptable process to develop priorities and the foundational work required.

The Sioux Valley Dakota Nation Exploratory Discussions will discuss subjects and requirements to strengthen and make Sioux Valley a healthy community, prosperous community and enduring reconciliation.

On September 22, 2018, Sioux Valley signed a Framework Agreement with Canada's Crown and Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Minister Carolyn Bennett and Manitoba's Minister of Indigenous and Northern Relations Eileen Clark to continue with the next phase of negotiations.

Matters discussed at the RIRSD:

1. Recognition Statement;
2. Child welfare;
3. Culture and Healing;
  - a. 60's scoop
4. Education/Youth Services;
5. Healing Lodge;
  - a. Additional lands leased to SVDN
  - b. Turtle Crossing and graves of residential school
6. Housing;
7. Infrastructure;
8. Policing;
9. Revenue base/Sustainability;
10. Additional lands/Treaty Disparity;
11. Specific Claims;
12. Formal Apology; and
13. Financial Compensation.

Canada is proposing a "Core Treaty" concept with "satellite agreements". Canada is hoping to seek a mandate for negotiations by the end of the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

#### **Next steps – 2020 & 2021**

1. Continue negotiations;
2. Communications and consultations with community.
3. Determine land shortfalls;
4. Determine financial compensation;
5. Re-write Dakota history;

#### **SVDN Priorities:**

1. Formal apology;
2. Re-write Dakota history;
3. lands (traditional and loss of use) shortfall of lands, land parody and economic impacts;
4. Language and culture;
5. Child Welfare;
6. Infrastructure and housing;
7. Education; and
8. Justice & Community Safety.

#### **SVDN Intergovernmental Relations and Implementation Support Table (IRIS Committee)**

The Sioux Valley Dakota Nation IRIS committee consists of representatives from Sioux Valley Dakota Nation, Canada and Manitoba. Under the SVDN Governance Agreement, the IRIS committee is required to meet once a year.

The IRISP committee meetings are also a forum to address issues, concerns and challenges in implementing the SVDN Governance Agreement in respect to programs and services, funding and jurisdictions.

## Government to Government Relations

In addition to the meetings identified at the various SVDN tables, Sioux Valley maintains its Government to Government relationship by attending various meetings with Federal and Provincial representatives to address the needs and priorities of SVDN.

On January 8, 2019, Sioux Valley Dakota Nation Chief Jennifer Bone, Councillor Eleanor Elk and Councillor Evelyn Pratt attended the 2nd “Canada – Modern Treaties and Self-Governing First Nation Forum” held in Ottawa with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. This meeting was attended by the Self-Governing Indigenous Nations and Modern Treaty First Nations in Canada. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau outlines the work completed by Canada which included:

1. Legislation to protect Indigenous Languages;
2. The reform of Child Welfare;
3. Collaborative Fiscal Policy Development and additional funding under the CFPD;
4. Upholding commitments under the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; and
5. Eliminating loans incurred for negotiations of modern treaties.



Canada reiterated its commitment to SGIG and Modern Treaty First Nations by providing this forum for the various Indigenous Governments to address their concerns.

## Assistant Deputy Minister Meeting



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On February 20, 2019 Assistant Deputy Minister – Implementation Sector, Ross Pattee met with Sioux Valley Dakota Nation Chief Jennifer Bone and members of her council, program staff and elders. The meeting was an important step for SVDN, as it outlined the progress that SVDN has made since the SVDN Governance Agreement came into effect.

ADM Ross Pattee, discussed with SVDN a proposed Rights Based Policy which will replace the Inherent Right Policy (1995) and the Comprehensive Lands Claims Policy (1986 and 2014 Interim Policy). It is through these engagements that Canada is seeking to foster discussions on how to replace the two outdated policies with new approaches premised on the implementation of Indigenous rights under section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982. SVDN expressed their concern on how this proposed new policy would effect the current SVDN Recognition of Indigenous Rights and Self-Determination (RRISD) table as well as the current SVDN Governance

Agreement. It was agreed by both parties that further discussions will be provided once the community is made aware of the new proposed policy.

Chief Bone discussed with ADM Ross Pattee, the priorities of SVDN and the Community Engagement process. Chief Bone touched on matters such as Dakota Tiwahe Services (prevention service delivery, potential to exercise jurisdiction); Infrastructure (high school, water and sewage); Health Services (Health Centre accreditation, Substance use and emergency services), SVDN FAA Renewal; and the former Residential School Site (land lease, cemetery issues, plans for a treatment centre/healing facility).

The meeting was followed by a community tour and ended with a tour of the Residential School property. ADM Ross Pattee followed up with SVDN in an email stating, "You can be proud of the progress you have made as a self-governing nation. Thank you all, as well, for hearing me out on the new policy we are working on to replace the Comprehensive Land Claims and Inherent Right Policy. I look forward to ensuring that Sioux Valley Dakota Nation is able to have its' perspectives captured in the policy development process".

Sioux Valley will continue to build the relationship with the Government of Canada as a Self-Governing Nation.



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## Memorandum of Understanding



On July 9, 2019, a MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING was signed between Déline Got'ine Government, Shishálh Nation, Sioux Valley Dakota Nation and Westbank First Nation, in Edmonton, Alberta.

This is the first time in history that Dakota, Dene, Sylix and Shishálh Nations have signed an agreement to formally align their respective Nations. These Nations are the only stand-alone Self Government Indigenous Nations (SGIG's) in Canada.

This is a historic and significant commitment to come together through an MOU to support our individual nations being as successful as they can be in self-government and to ensure Canada supports us in our implementation endeavours.

Chief Jennifer Bone presented star quilts to Chief Roxanne Lindley from Westbank First Nation, Chief Warren Paull from Sechelt First Nation and Chief Leeroy Andre from Deline Got'ine First Nation.

## Implementation Policy Meeting

On July 10, 2019, the Self Governing Indigenous Nations (SGIG's) met with Ross Pattee, Assistant Deputy Minister, CIRNA Implementation Branch and the federal team regarding the Implementation Policy. ADM Pattee has agreed to work with the Nations as an alliance.

Sioux Valley Government has been meeting with Southern Chiefs Organization and other Manitoba Dakota Bands in 2019 to strengthen the Dakota relationship and develop strategies to address common issues that the Dakota in Manitoba face.

Sioux Valley has also met with the City of Brandon to discuss the SVDN residential school site, Turtle Crossing and the proposed Healing Centre.

SVDN will continue to meet with the local municipalities to address infrastructure needs for the Highway 1 and PTH 21 on future development projects.

Sioux Valley will continue to meet and address the issues and challenges as Self-Governing Dakota Nation and maintain the government-to-government relationship with other governments.

# INFORMATION MANAGER / I.T.

Sandra Couling

## **Funding:**

I am involved with the Fiscal Policy Steering Committee, as well as the Infrastructure and Housing working group committees. It is extremely valuable for Sioux Valley to be part of this group of 26 Self Governing Indigenous Governments who meet monthly to

coordinate activities and share information. We discuss and develop plans to engage with the Federal government to provide adequate levels of funding. We are currently working on both an interim and a long-term plan. The interim plan is to create a budget request for gaps-closing funds for Budget 2021, with a 5-year implementation time frame (April 2022-March 2027). The expectation is that we will use a "proxy model" approach to cost out gaps in funding. We have many committee members with very specialized backgrounds who bring a wealth of information and knowledge to the table.

I have been working with Melissa Hotain, who was contracted to complete our Action Plan for gaps closing funding of over 5 million dollars for 2019/2020. The main focus of the request was based on the Water and Wastewater assessment completed by Burns Mandal. They have indicated a cost of over 4 million dollars to bring both systems up to code and to complete required maintenance and repairs. Part of the Action Plan focused on the need for a community center to start addressing socioeconomic gaps.

I am currently working with Napier Consulting to develop a proposal for Emergency Planning funding. If the funding is approved, we would have community awareness training and education through workshops for residents, including basic emergency management and training on how a community needs to prepare; shelter-in-place, getting ready to evacuate, etc.

## **Software:**

I am currently working with the Health Center to install the Mustimuhw electronic health records software. The software should create greater efficiency in times where staff resources are limited, and ultimately allow for more interaction time between the healthcare provider and the community members, as well as providing much needed statistics.

The Tiwahe Links Software was created for Tiwahe Services. This allows reporting on the types of services being provided by Tiwahe, with the goal being to track best practices that lead to improved outcomes for families, as well as providing statistics to leadership.

The CRW database for Housing has been installed, and housing staff, the portfolio holder and myself have attended training. This database was much needed to provide current housing and tenant information as well as housing wait list management. We now have current housing information at our fingertips.

Once the data information server is installed, Chief and Council will have access to information and reports from several programs. The goal is to have reports and statistics available from all programs, as well as storage for historical documents.

# 2019 MEMBERSHIP

Caroline Johnson

We have 2,670 registered members in Sioux Valley.

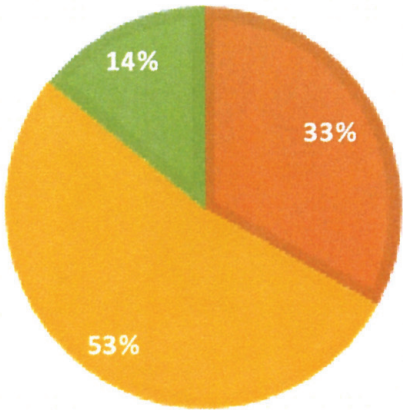
## Population Stats

Total Members	2,670
Members ON	1,514
Member OFF	1,156
6(2) Category	670
Ages 0-17	883
Ages 18-54	1,408
Ages 55+	379

There were two workshops in the community about Estates and Wills. Sioux Valley had 87 files opened, 10 files with the Estates Unit.

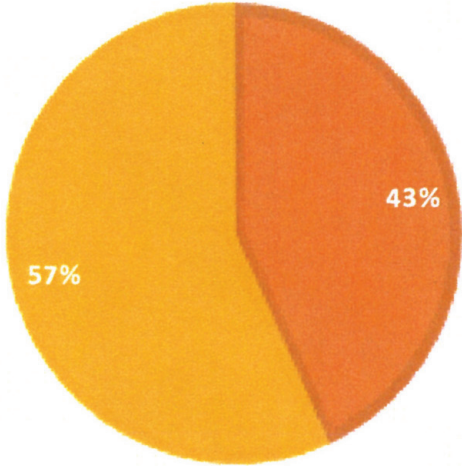
### POPULATION BY AGE GROUP

Ages 0-17    Ages 18-55    Ages 55+



### POPULATION STATUS

Members Off    Members On



# SIoux VALLEY HEALTH CENTER

The Sioux Valley Health Center offers the following services to the community.

Addictions, Mental Health, Nursing, Home and Community Care, Medical Transportation, Water Quality Services, Dental Therapy, Meals on Wheels and Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program

## Medical Professionals

Sioux Valley Health Center has Medical Professionals and are scheduled as follows:

Dr. Myranda Sopol – Mondays with the exception of the second Monday of the month.

Dr. Charles Penner Wednesdays with the exception of the first and third week of the Month

Amanda Bawdon- Dietician – Attends with Dr. Penner

Chantel Moray – Dietician – Alternates with Amanda Bawdon

Myran Meade – Chronic Care Nurse – Attends with Dr. Penner

Jill Turner – Nursing Practitioner – Tuesday and Thursday

Shawntel Zalluski – Student Nurse- Attends with Jill Turner

## Public Health

The Sioux Valley Public Health department works with clients, their families and community to promote health and well-being for all community members. Our nurses promote client-centered care as a priority. They provide care that is respectful of and responsive to individual client preferences, needs, and values; they ensure that client values and culture guide all decisions.

The community is served through programs such as immunizations prenatal and postnatal care and education, teenage pregnancy, sexual and reproductive health, communicable diseases (sexually transmitted diseases & blood borne infections, respiratory infection, child health and breast feeding etc. Our 2 nurses collaborate with physicians, nurse practitioners (NP), midwives and other healthcare practitioners to deliver services in our community. Additionally, we have 3 Community Health Representatives who help to facilitate the delivery of health services within the community.

The Public Health Information Management System (**PHIMS**) launched in the community after 5 days training. This system helps us to view and impute immunization records. It also helps us review and update inventory, review immunization records all over Manitoba. Above all Sioux Valley is now part of this Manitoba wide initiative.

Sioux Valley Health Center liaised with Westman lab and started offering laboratory services in the community in April, 2019. 1 CHR is trained to use the centrifuge. Every Thursday lab samples are collected, processed and sent to the Westman lab in Brandon.

## Community Based Dental Therapy Program

Dental Program-The Dental Therapist provides basic clinical dental treatment, emergency and preventative dental services, and provides disease prevention and oral health promotion programs to maintain and improve oral health in the community. School children are the primary target group for the dental therapy program.

The Children's Oral Health Initiative-COHI focuses on children 0-7 and is based on practical prevention and early intervention. Following dental screening to determine the oral health status and treatment needs of each child, dental providers use dental procedures including:

Fluoride varnish applications, Sealants, Alternative Restorative Treatment (ART)



*Dental Worker Aide* is specially trained to work at the community level providing support for COHI program. (Fluoride applications, oral hygiene prenatal, postnatal, prevention and education)

Community-Based Dental Health Preventative Program is designed to help children improve oral health and develop good oral hygiene habits. The programs are delivered by trained community volunteers and consist of two components:

Daily Brushing; (Supervised) targets children in Aboriginal Head Start, Nursery, Daycare facilities and to grade 4. **(Currently AHS, Nursery and Daycare facilities are managing, maintaining, utilizing this program)**

Weekly Fluoride Rinsing: Targets school children in grades one to four **(currently not being utilized, no community volunteer established to supervise program)**

Referrals are made by Dental Therapist to Pediatric Dentist, Oral Surgeons, and Endodontist.

Majority of Adult patients that cannot be treated by Dental Therapist will be guided to make appointment with nearest Dental Clinic location to Sioux Valley. We provide a list of providing dentist that are accepting patients and direct billing for patients that do not have private insurance.

## Addictions Services

Sioux Valley Health Center Addictions Services has two staff members who focus on providing resources and support to clients along with education and creating awareness around substance abuse. At Addiction Services we utilized the client centered approach and stages of change models when working and planning with our clients. We have had some huge successes within the program but also faced challenges throughout the year.

Throughout the year we had eighty-six clients access our services. Addiction Services works closely with other departments within the community and received referrals from Dakota Tiwahe Services, Jordan's Principal, Education, Social Development and Probation Services.

Some of the accomplishments Addiction Services wishes to acknowledge in the report include clients who completed residential treatment, Detox programming, and counselling.

Addictions Services strongly believes in providing and supporting prevention programming within our community. Some of the programming that we were able to provide and support consisted of collaborations between other departments within Sioux Valley. Included are a few of the following activities and events we provided or took part in:

- Narcotics Anonymous- offered at the Health Centre on Monday evenings from 7:00- 9:00 PM.
- Addiction Support group- offered at the community church on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM
- Addiction conversations series talks- Held at the Health Centre which included the topic: Crystal Meth
- Live Different- A Troup of youth who visited our high school on May 16, 2019 and provided music and motivational presentations along with positive role model interactions and a live concert in the evening for all community members.
- Elvis Tribute/ Comedy Show- On August 13, 2019 Gerry the Big Bear Barrett entertained our community with an Elvis tribute concert/comedy show that took place at the SV veterans hall.
- Teen dance-Much Video Teen Dance came to our community during the Sioux Valley Wacipi and set on up on the Friday night.
- Boys singing group- Held weekly at Dakota Tiwahe Services included collaboration between DTS and the Health Centre.
- Was a positive outlet which taught and provided a safe place for the younger boys to practice and learn about the drum



## Water Quality Technician

The office has achieved many accomplishments and is still on track and maintaining good progress. On the Public Water System (PWS) we managed to test at least four different public building sites on a weekly basis, this practice continues on a monthly basis on the PWS with a copy of the samples being sent to ALS laboratories in Winnipeg for testing as well.

We held a Health fair which was a huge success in spreading awareness about the WQT office and responsibilities in the community. During the summer we were able to get residents trained in cistern cleaning and clean water source maintenance over two days through Circuit Rider. We have acquired cistern cleaning equipment and look forward to working with public works to start on getting all the cisterns in the community cleaned and properly maintained.

We have started on a project from Health Canada about GPS mapping and tracking for active wells in the community.

## Mental Health

The services provided include individual counselling, family and group counselling specific to the areas of depression, anxiety, grief, anger, domestic violence, probation, suicide risk, and mental health assessments, psychiatry consult and crisis intervention.

The past years accomplishments for the Mental Health Department was IMPACT committee representative for Sioux Valley Dakota Nation with purpose of promoting suicide safe community. Also held its annual Would Suicide Prevention walk in September.



## Community Health Representative

Assist with the Doctors and Nurse Practitioner during their visits to the community. The number of patients utilizing the medical professionals in the community has significantly increased. CPNP does distribute prenatal vouchers to pregnant and breastfeed mothers.

A Registered Dietician also plans the recipes during the CPNP Cooking classes and informs the participants information on topics such as iron, feeding baby, and folic acid.

## Health Recreation

The recreation department has held many activities in the community for the youth but a few exciting teams were created this past summer and that was the Takozas and Butterflies. These youth baseball teams played in the 10 and under Brandon Baseball League. First Shift was a group of youth 10 and under who were able to play hockey for the first time and had 6 weeks to learn about hockey as well as playing the game.

Some of the other activities held over the past year were Lacrosse, movie nights, Cadets as well as soccer.

## Jordan's Principal

A few noteworthy accomplishments for Sioux Valley Health Center this the completion of the renovations of the Jordan's Principal Initiative Building located on the Sioux Valley School Grounds in a shared building with Head Start. A lot of hard work and challenges were overcome and the Grand Opening was held July 12, 2019, with a ribbon cutting by Chief Jennifer Bone. The event was well attended by representatives from Health Canada and local community members and Sioux Valley Dakota Nation Leadership and staff.

Jordan's Principal Initiative offers Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Speech and Language Pathology to 88 clients in the program.



## Reverse Osmosis Water Purification System

Another major accomplishment was the installation of the Reverse Osmosis Water Purification system in the Wichozoni Building. The project entailed a lot of work that started with assessing the best site for the system, internal and external planning and delegation of duties to various staff and contractors. This included renovations to the rear of the building with the self-contained room. The completion led to the Grand Opening of the Mni Wichoni Room on August 1, 2019, with a ribbon cutting ceremony by Chief Jennifer Bone. The goal of the Mni Wichoni project ensures that there will be a continuous supply of safe, clean drinking water at no cost to the Oyate at all times.



## **Mah’cistina – Gardening Project with CIER**

In 2018-2019 the Center for Indigenous Environmental Resources (CIER) partnered with Sioux Valley Dakota Nation to develop a composting program and community garden. A full-time coordinator had been hired and supported by a gardener from the community and one summer student, both whom were hired through the project. The Coordinator established a working group of Elders to provide guidance and assist with developing a Gardening and Harvesting Guide, specific to Sioux Valley Dakota Nation, complete with some Dakota Language.

The Coordinator also developed a “Community Garden and Composting Action Plan”, a document which captures the goals of the community for the community garden, composting and capacity building. Through this project Sioux Valley Dakota Nation was able to acquire equipment and supplies for future use, as well as composting bins. At the end of the gardening season community members participated in canning and making salsa.



Waste Warriors helping in the community garden.

## **Seventh Generation Waste Warriors**

Over the past year, the Center for Indigenous Environmental Resources (CIER) has been bringing together two youth and two young adults from four First Nation communities in Manitoba to learn about solid waste management and diversion. The youth are from Sioux Valley Dakota Nation, Canupawakpa Dakota Nation, Kinonjeoshtegon First Nation and Lake Manitoba First Nation. Each Community hosted a four-day workshop.

The Participants have been learning about soiled waste management, diversion, and recycling; landfill sites and transfer station; Producer Responsibility Organizations (PROs); new and innovative ways of dealing with waste: waste governance;; and learning about what other communities in Manitoba are doing about their waste. With the help of Elders and Knowledge Keepers from each of the four communities, we draw relationships between the program content and traditional and cultural values around sustainability and protecting land and water.

In addition, the workshops have been zero-waste as much as possible; participants were provided with feast bags with reusable plates, cutlery, water bottles, and a dish towel. They washed their dishes after meals, which cut down the amount of waste we produced – no disposable or single use plates, cups, or cutlery were used.

Paige Ironman, Bryson Wanbdiska, Dylan Essie, and chaperone Brent Pratt, welcomed the rest of the Waste Warriors to our community August 20-23, 2019. The Workshop was held at the pow-wow grounds and some highlights for the week were;

- Visitors toured the community, made offering the White Buffalo, and visited Mni Was'te
- A presentation from ReGen Composites, a company that is reusing waste and making new building materials that outperform traditional building materials
- Waste Warriors did a community clean-up and helped with the community garden.
- Presentation on composting from Jennifer Mclvor, Community Garden Coordinator
- Presentation on Public Speaking from Code Breakers Films
- Presentation on Sioux Valley Dakota Nations waste management by Representatives of the Waste Team
- Setting up tipis and enjoying archery and other sports.

# OYATE CHISTINAPIDA DAYCARE

Lianna Wanbdiska

Currently we have 25 children enrolled in our Daycare Program:

5 – 4 Year Old's

5 – 3 Year Old's

10 – 2 Year Old's

5 – 1 & Under

Parents registered in our daycare Program are either employed by the band or are enrolled in one of our training programs currently taking place within our community.

We have 4 Early Childhood Educators working on our program, 3 Early Childhood Assistants, 1 Cook/Janitor and 2 WOP Position as well as 2 Casual Workers.

Redeveloping an age appropriate curriculum for our children that contains our Dakota Teaching and Culture and Language. Ensure our staff receives the proper training that is needed for our Program to be successful.

Since June of this year, we have renovated the infant room and repainted our pre-school classroom, fixed and updated our furnace system, stocked up on classroom supplies to carry out daily activities, ensured that our inventory is properly stored and accounted for, upgraded our play materials, upgraded our children's lockers, increased space for our nap rooms ( 15 nappers during lunch hour)

# POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

Diana Roulette

There were several graduates in 2018 that continued their place of employment in Sioux Valley Dakota Nation after Graduation:

1. Shaun Taylor - ACC - Culinary Arts currently employed as a head cook at the Dakota Diner here in Sioux Valley.
2. Shantel Taylor - ACC - Adult Collegiate currently employed with DOCFS - Brandon office
3. Kayla Ironman - ACC - Office Skills currently employed S.V. Finance - Reception
4. Kristi Baker - Robertson College - Health Care Aide, currently employed with the Sioux Valley as a C.H.R.
5. Kyle Ironman - ACC - Heavy Equipmetn Operator, currently employed in Brandon
6. Ryan Poirier - Class 01 Truck Driving Training, currently employed at Public Works.
7. Skye Gillis - ACC - Business Administration, working with S.V. Finance

We ran the student summer employment program over July and August for a seven week period. We hired 22 students. We want to thank all the programs who were able to cost-share for the summer jobs.

Students worked in various departments and were able to participate in two workshops over the summer months. Students participated in First-Aid C.P.R. and also a two day Life skills Program.

The students had a wrap up at the end of the program, lunch with the supervisors.



The Mature 12 program ran for a number of years and seen many graduates.

We are currently running two full time programs in Sioux Valley, ACC is delivering the Comprehensive Health Care Aide program. Program is being housed out of the former Headstart building by the S.V. School. It started October 13 and will run 6 months to April 17, 2020. There are 17 participants.

The other program is the Business Skills Certificate program which Yellowquill College is delivering. The program started September 30 and goes to Jun 26, 2020. There are 12 students in the program.

## **SIOUX VALLEY DAKOTA DINER**

The Dakota Diner is owned and operated by Sioux Valley Dakota Nation. Shaun Taylor has been hired to run the Dakota Diner as the Head Chef.

Shaun obtained his Culinary Arts Diploma from Manitoba Institute of Culinary Arts offered by Assiniboine Community College. Our place of business is grateful to have someone like Shaun to oversee and operate daily duties such as; food costing, portion control, menu design, planning menus for catering events, daily specials, employee scheduling, and team building.

Working with Shaun and the greatest team we can ask for to run a successful business has been very rewarding for the community. Shaun and the staff have been getting nothing but positive comments about the food, the flavour profile with little or no negative vibes.

Dakota Diner has potential to be considered to be a top restaurant and successful business, with the help of the community and surrounding areas to show their support. The feedback we have been hearing and receiving from the community is nothing but positive since, Shaun has been hired.

## **DAKOTA QUICK STOP**

The Dakota Quick Stop has been in operation since 2008.

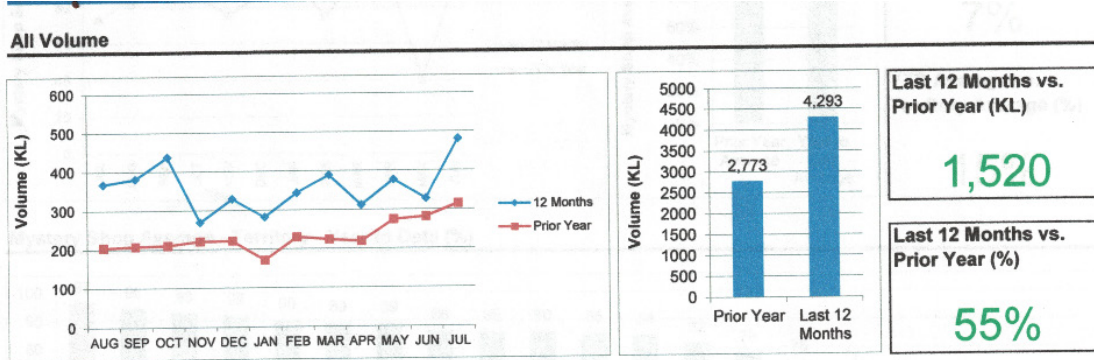
We are in the process of working with Penner Oil to do an environmental assessment of our tanks and pumps, which I am hoping we can successfully achieve in the coming new year.

Our businesses thank you for your continued support and look forward to serving you for another year

# DAKOTA VALLEY GAS MART SIOUX VALLEY PETRO CANADA

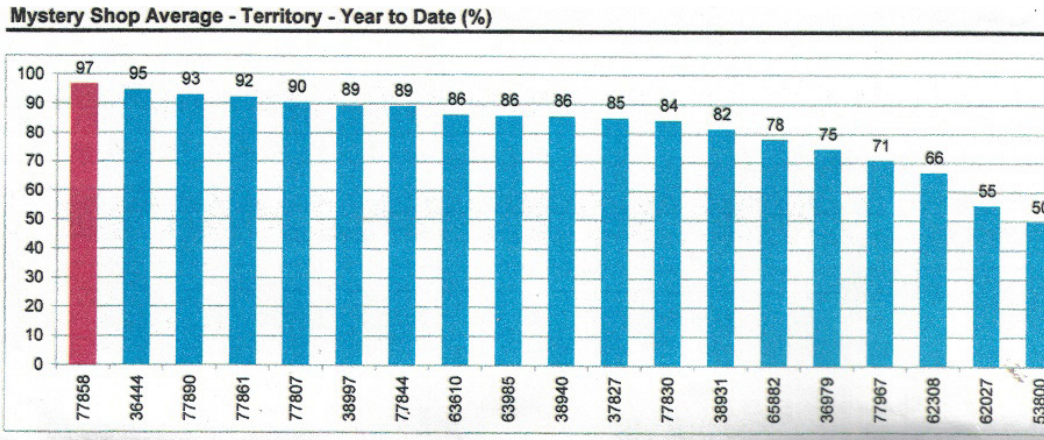
SVDN Petro Canada currently employs 18 staff including two Shift Supervisors, two Inventory Control staff, one Assistant Manager and one General Manager.

Between 2018-2019 our gas volume sales have increased 55% as an overall from 2017.

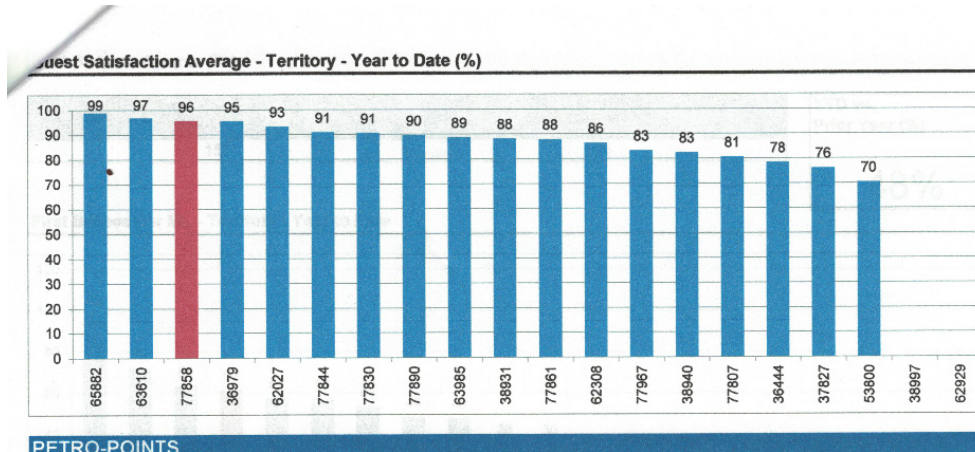


Our guest satisfaction is on a high of 95% with an 8% increase from the year before.

Once a month a mystery shopper from our partner company Suncor (Petro) visits to make sure we are up to speed on regulations and customer service interactions. We are ranking number one in our territory.



For our overall guest satisfaction average in the territory of Manitoba, we are ranked number 3 at 96%.





During this year we have been able to add more staff and increase our training and 5 Petro Canada staff are certified in First Nations Security Officer, 5 staff are certified in food handling and 2 staff are trained in some areas of first responding. In this new year we have been able to bring in new Vendors and add more product to help boost our revenue for the coming year.

We have the most updated in gas monitoring equipment and our site is yearly inspected instead of the required two years to ensure everything is running up to date and secure.

In 2018 the land at the SVDN Petro Canada acquired reserve status.

SVDN Petro Canada has had very two successful Customer appreciation events. An opportunity for SVDN and our vendors get to give back to the customers that have been supporting us.



SVDN Petro Canada is in works with Saint Johns ambulance to get an in store defibrillator.

SVDN Petro Canada prides its self to the dedication of the consumer and will go out of our way to help those that we serve. Including trying to stay open 24/7 during all elements of weather and issues that may come up.





Associate of the Year - Nominee

## Helena Mazawasicuna Sioux Valley Dakota First Nation

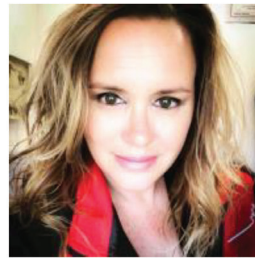
This is Sioux Valley Dakota First Nation's first Territory Nomination for Associate of the Year.

Led at the time by Dave Brennan, and now by Helena Mazawasicuna, the team at Sioux Valley Petro-Canada supported our team in the province by lending their experience to the Sapatoweyak Cree Nation in the opening of their new Petro-Canada station in Swan River, MB this year.

From training management and staff prior to open, to bringing a number of staff to assist on opening day, and providing support after opening, the team helped to ensure one of the smoothest site openings in the Western Canadian District this year.

In addition to offering this support to fellow a Petro-Canada Associate, the team continues to operate their own location at a high level of excellence, delivering some of the best operational metrics in the territory, and generating outstanding volume growth this year.

Congratulations to the Helena and staff at the Sioux Valley Dakota First Nation Petro-Canada for their nomination!



# SIoux VALLEY EDUCATION

## **Aboriginal Head Start Nursery Program**

We are happy to announce that the Head Start/Nursery Program is in its new locale. It has been very nice to have our new group of Head Start students in our program this year. With the new classroom space, we also have new equipment in our classrooms. Most importantly, The Aboriginal Head Start/Nursery staff continues to teach our little ones. This is the student's first encounter with education outside of the home, first time for transportation, and the safety rules involved in their transport. It is important the students feel safe, have the want to come to school, and to make new friends.

The planning for their education follows the Early Years curriculum which ,focuses on their growth and capabilities. We cherish our youngest students, and recognize the early years of education as the foundation of their education. We want the child to find their independence and gain a responsibility to make their own decisions. They will build on their caring, empathy, motor skills, and their social and emotional development.

The program is also getting them "School Ready". The students will be given the strength to express their creativity and manage their emotions. School can be challenging and the students needs to be able to express their feelings. Being able to express and manage their feelings, the students will learn how to be successful in their later years. When they hit the big 5 (Years of Age) and they enter kindergarten, they are ahead in the understanding and the environment of a school programs.

## **Tatiyopa Maza Wayawa Tipi**

Sioux Valley School has started the year off well. We have a few new tables in the school and the Pit area has new carpet. There are new computers in the school to keep up with the ever changing world of technology. The central area of the school, fondly referred to as the 'Pit', is where we hold the monthly awards for our students. This area is a nice place for students to sit and participate in school activities. It was nice to see some parents out to our last awards day, thank you for coming out. The students enjoy celebrating their own, and other's achievements of the month. Teachers are building self-esteem and compassion when having their class celebrate achievements.

The students have the opportunity to participate in after school programing as well. There is a sports club, a card club, and other opportunities for the students to play and build friendships.

The planning for the education of our youth follows the Manitoba Education Curriculum Documents. All plans are done in advance and contain First Nations content. The teachers have weekly plans to fulfill and update their day book for the finer details of daily teachings. The daily messages are read in Dakota and the National Anthem and our Flag song are played over the intercom. Did you know the National Anthem is sung in Dakota, by past students of our school and will be re-made by current students.

We have some of our older students in the school participate in recess times. You may see them in their safety vests when you drive by the school during these breaks. Their role, as a safety patrol is to act as an extra pair of eyes on the playgrounds, as peers with their fellow students they can offer support; with sports, playground activities, fair-play, caring for Mother Earth and not to litter, and how to have fun during recess. If your child is one of the safety patrol members, congratulate them for taking on this role.

## **Sioux Valley High School**

Hi all community members. Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year. This year has many exciting things happening here at Sioux Valley High School. We would like to thank Donny Elk and his summer crew for the wonderful new tiles in the hallways. The school looks great. Our students and staff appreciate your hard efforts! Our students have complimented many times this school year.

Very exciting times for the Grade 7-8 programs. As it is was announced in the media, Sioux Valley Education and Brandon School Division has come to an agreement. This agreement is for our students to take part in the shops options at Earl Oxford School. This was years of planning and it feels great to announce we are finally taking full part in this. This is the first time this is occurring and 44 students who signed up for shop class will be bussed to Earl Oxford on BSD Day 5's. The students who chose not to attend will be offered a local art class on those days. This is similar in all schools. Educational Assistants will accompany them throughout this school year. This is very exciting and will lead to opening up students to a whole new skill set.

Grade 9-12 classes are will under way. These high school courses go by quickly and please ensure your children attend regularly. Also to stay on top of all assignments. Keeping up is very important at the grade 9-12 levels. Earning credits for courses are crucial to get to the ultimate goal of graduation. 30 credits total are needed to receive a Manitoba graduation. Please see the student handbook for further details.

Currently, Sioux Valley High School has 12 potential graduates. This is exciting. Please keep encouraging your potential graduate family member to attend school regularly. This is where dreams begin and they can make it with the support of family, friends and staff! Efforts are being made in the area of fundraising for an eventual Grad trip being planned for the 2020 graduating class. This is very exciting and our Education Portfolio has been looking into possible options in this area.

We hope to see you walk through the Sioux Valley High School doors to pop in and say hello. We thank you for all the years of continued support and look forward to having a great school year!

Our Sioux Valley High School Jr Chief and Council elections took place near the end of September. We would like to congratulate the following elected Jr. Chief and Council for the 2019-2020 school year:

Jr. Chief and Council

Jr. Chief	Zephran Bone
Asst. Jr. Chief	Jude Hotaine
Secretary	Alexis Antoine
Grade 12 Rep.	Autumn Chief
Grade 11 Rep.	Paige Ironman
Grade 10 Rep.	Ryan Taylor
Grade 9 Rep.	Lily Blue

Grade 7-8 Class Reps:

Grade 8 Rep.	Riel Cairns
Grade 7/8 Rep.	Harmony Eastman-Tacan
Grade 7 Rep.	Joaquin Bone

**Trades Exploration Partnership with Brandon School Division**

On September 12, 2019, Chief Jennifer Bone, Councillor R. Jamie Hall and Kevin Nabess, Director of Education, met with the Brandon School Division regarding a Trades Exploration Partnership. Beginning for the 2019/2020 school year, 44 students from Sioux Valley High School will attend Earl Oxford School to attend classes in either Home Economics/Textiles or Industrial Arts. Students will attend these half day classes every 5th school day.

Chief Jennifer Bone stated that “It’s an exciting time for Sioux Valley. It has been a couple years now that we have been discussing this program to bring more opportunities of learning for our students” This is just one way that Sioux Valley Education is strengthening the relationship we have with Brandon School Division.



## Education – Councillor R. Jamie Hall Portfolio

In August 2019, we purchased three new buses for our students. The new buses are two 2020 Blue Bird buses and a 2018 Micro Bird school bus. The new buses are much warmer in the cold winter and students will ride in comfort. The safety and comfort of our students is our main priority.

As previously mentioned, we have an Education Committee comprising of six community members. They have been in place since August 2019 and meet once a month. The committee's role will be to review policies and procedures and also provide direction and advice regarding the Education program.

In recent months, we have been successful in closing the salary gap for school staff. They are now paid at a fair salary than in previous years. Thank you to the staff of the Sioux Valley High School and Sioux Valley School for your dedication to the students



# DAKOTA OYATE LODGE



As a leader in the Registered Nurse profession, Christopher Hersak joined the ranks of Sioux Valley Dakota Nation at this time. Responsible for the development, coordination, implementation, evaluation and operation of the DOL, Christopher devotedly accepted the duty at hand:

Combining clinical expertise and ensuring a responsive long-term care system that people can count on, momentum essentially becomes building towards the development of sustainable operations; the goal of the DOL is more ambitious still.

Under the belief model of 'Resident-centred care', the DOL has been operating at 92.31% capacity since June 1, 2019 with energies being targeted toward quality improvement dimensions:

July 27, 2019 marked the first annual Dakota Oyate Lodge Resident Golf Tournament celebrated by Sioux Valley Dakota Nation. All proceeds were earmarked to the DOL Resident Recreation Program:

The Recreation Program has been active throughout the changing seasons, from the Brandon Manitoba Winter Fair and cyclical hockey games to enjoying a moment of sun at Oak Lake beach and barbecuing at the Kenton dam, so too have been the Residents.

*"The lodge was able to update four of its Bariatric beds able to sidestep a needlessly complex distribution network and negotiate directly with the manufacturer. In the end, we were able to obtain a superior product at an extraordinarily competitive price. The Resident feedback of the mattresses, however, has been priceless."*

Similarly, the Dakota Oyate Lodge has recently closed its negotiations with Move Moblity Inc. of Winnipeg in the acquisition of a new Dodge Ram Promaster Van with the Auto-floor system and rear hydraulic lift: *"Not only will this transport device ensure the comfort and safety of our most valuable assets, but its low yearly operating cost will ensure a net savings will be actualized by the Lodge at the fiscal year end."*

It had been noted during the Resident Council Meetings the larger transport van was found to be hot in the summer months and frigid in the declining temperatures. Residents have the right to be comfortable and the Lodge delivered.

In November 2019, a new van was purchased for the residents of Dakota Oyate Lodge. The residents are very happy with the new van. Our main priority is ensuring the residents are comfortable. Thank you to the staff of Dakota Oyate Lodge for your time and dedication to the residents.



With future in mind, the Dakota Oyate Lodge is pleased to announce the fundraising commencement of the *Tatanka Ska Wichoni Tipi* in 2020:

*“A recurring theme in our Indigenous Elders’ rite of passage within the Dakota Oyate Lodge is a tension between maintenance of culture and ‘mainstream’ long term care goals: essentially ‘self-determination’ versus ‘assimilation.’ Though we recognize the value of traditional healing practices, at present, there is no physical infrastructure to accommodate this important component of one’s self.”*

The first Dakota Oyate Lodge Expansion Project gala will kick off April 17, 2020. For further details, please contact Christopher Hersak at the Dakota Oyate Lodge.



# NEWS FROM FINANCE

We are working hard in Finance to provide current financial statements to the Chief & Council and Program Managers for sound financial decision making.

We have just completed our 2nd Quarter Financial Statements and working hard on providing the October 2019 financial in early December, and we hope to maintain the financial statements as current as possible.

## **Our financial team consists of:**

Phyllis Pratt, Accounts Payable and Dakota Tiwahe Services Finance

Greg Vincent, Payroll Clerk

Karen Whitecloud, Dakota Oyate Lodge and Education Finance

Shannon Williams, Dakota Valley Gas Mart (Petro)

Serena Tacan, Finance Clerk/Social Development and Payroll Assistant

Skye Gillis, Health Finance

Maxine Taylor, Finance Clerk

Tamara Melville, Financial Comptroller

Kayla Ironman, Finance Reception

We all work together and assist each other to maintain open communications and improve overall financial management and services for Sioux Valley.

We have been successful in providing Electronic Funds Transfers for our Post Secondary Students after a few glitches, which have now been resolved. A great number of our Post Secondary students now get direct deposit for the monthly and bi-monthly student allowances.



# SIoux VALLEY HOUSING AUTHORITY

In 2019, we had eight new RRAP's (Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Programs) and two new Section 95 renovations. The housing crews have been working on getting these renovations completed as quickly as possible.

Another eight units were renovated under immediate needs. As well as four HASI renovations.

Work was completed on Businesses with in the community. The Wichozoni building had the kitchen, bathroom and water room done. Jordan's Principal had its renovation completed as well as the Self Government office refits.

Another big project that was completed in 2019 was the Apartment Refits.

Scott Phillips is our Housing Manager and manages the housing crews to ensure that the work is done properly and efficiently. Nathan Hall was hired as the new Housing Director in August 2019.

# SHOUX VALLEY PUBLIC WORKS

This year, the Public Works Department has accomplished a variety new projects that will benefit the whole community. We are committed to maintaining the infrastructure and longevity of our roads, equipment, and water system. This year we have added a number of new improvements to our community which includes:

- ~ New pavement. We repaved the road in front of the school. We added new pavement on the road to the powwow grounds.
- ~ In July 2019, Zenith Paving was contracted to pave the main road from Sioux Valley School to the Water Treatment Plant. The road was in major need of repair and created difficulties for pedestrians and drivers. We will continue to work to ensure our roads are well maintained for the safety of our community.
- ~ In April 2019, a new Septic truck was purchased for the community. The purchase of this new septic truck will alleviate the cost of services from an outside business. It is our goal that services for the community to improve. Our new septic truck driver is Derrick Taylor.
- ~ For the safety of our firefighters the Public Works Department added new Turn out Gear and Jumpsuits for our firefighters.
- ~ Bison Fire Service came out to do pressure tests on the main water line for future upgrades to our infrastructure.
- ~ The public works department is gravelling the core area of the reserve.
- ~ The snow removal for the winter season was a great success. Our main priority is to clear all major roads and the Health's dialysis route.

This Year's Achievements have been very well received by the community members and we are look forward to adding more future successes to the public works department.

# SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

October 2018-October 2019

The Social Development program currently employs 2 staff members. Our goal is to not only assist financially to those in need, but also to educate on program topics and life skills, and to advocate to needed resources.

Education on program topics and life skills are done through community workshops every few months. We have had workshops on Meth awareness, health, and program information.

Within the last year, the program has been able to secure funding for two separate community projects. One was completed in March 2019, and the other is just beginning. The information is as follows:

## **First Nation Led Engagement Sessions on Income Assistance**

**March 19-21, 2019**

Three engagement sessions were planned and carried out to discuss the income assistance program with specific target groups. Community elders and Indigenous Service Canada were invited and present for all three sessions.

The first session was held with community Program Managers and Chief and Council. We had a discussion on the current program policy, statistics and procedures. Everyone in attendance gave valuable input on future goals for the program.

The second session was held at the Sioux Valley High School with grade 11 and 12 students. We invited Employment & Training to attend with their program information. The presentation included information on what social assistance is, and what a basic needs budget looks like for one individual. The social assistance presentation proved to be an eye-opener for the students, who had a lot of questions. We ended off the session with a presentation from E&T on what their program offers, and how to apply for funding.

The last session was held at the community Veterans Hall and was open to all clients to attend. A survey was completed by clients which included questions pertaining to the amount of basic needs being sufficient or not for every day needs. Although attendance was low, as we had approximately 80 out of 400 clients attend, the input given by those in attendance was very insightful.

## **Pre-Employment Support Project**

**October 2019-March 31, 2019**

For this project we are looking to work with a limited number of clients, and assist in any way we possibly can to help them find employment or get into an education program. The end goal is for all participants to be actively employed or enrolled in education courses and have their social file closed.

We are working closely with the Employment & Training program on this project as our clients and community goals are the same. We look forward to putting in the work to ensure the success of all participants, and will have more public information at a later date.

# DAKOTA TIWAHE SERVICE

Dakota Tiwahe Service network with various local resource and advocates for individuals involved with mandated agencies.

Dakota Tiwahe Services had a Board of Directors with consists of members who have child welfare experiences, whether it be previous/current employment or fostering. The Board was recently tasked with development of child welfare legislation.

## **Prevention Programming Offered:**

Winya Zanipi - program for women with various topics discussed such as grieving, traditional teaching, post-partum, baby nutrition and domestic violence.

Traditional Crafts - program providing teachings on traditional crafts such as porcupine quill wrapping, sewing, red willow basket weaving, beading, baby bonnet making and ribbon skirt making.

Wawokiye Wichiyenapi - program for young girls teaching traditional teaching and fun activities.

SMART Recovery - Addition Support group that focuses on scientific tools to help in the recovery from any addiction.  
Kusi's Cupboard - Food hamper program for families residing in the community.

Youth Programs - Cadets, trips to the Museum of Human Rights, beach days, Halloween and Haunted House, Train of Lights, Christmas portraits and zoo trips.

Parenting Classes - Nobody's Perfect, Tantrums, Circle of Security, Traditional parent workshops. Cooking Classes - Canning, baby food preparations and pies.

MMIW Awareness - Walks, Felt Dress Project

Land Based Cultural Activities - Red willow harvesting, porcupine quill plucking, cleaning and dyeing, Berry Picking and Traditional Medicine picking.

Doula - Supports women during pregnancy and post-partum and up until the infant is six-months of age. Life Skills Teaching - Teaching families life skills in the home. Guiding families to have a healthy life style.

Counselling Services - provide holistic, client centered, non-judgemental, supportive and responsive services. Dealing with clients who are experiencing grief, loss separation, early childhood traumas, anxiety, depression and are addicted to alcohol, drug, gambling, sex, tobacco, or are experiencing interpersonal issues.

Cultural Support Services - young men/adult programs, moccasin games, weekly sweats, art therapy, kahomni signing.

# SIOUX VALLEY DAKOTA NATION COMMUNITY EVENTS

JANUARY 2019

**Dakota Nation Winterfest 2019** - January 31- February 3 2019 – Sioux Valley Dakota Nation successfully held Dakota Nation Winterfest 2019



**MARCH 2019**

**Spring Break Festival** - Spring Break Festival to offer some fun and activities for not just the student on spring break from school, but for parents and grandparents to be able to sit and visit and participate in activities as well.



Photo Courtesy of Elton Taylor



Photo Courtesy of Elton Taylor

**MAY 2019**

**Walk for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Children** - May 3rd, 2019, Sioux Valley Dakota Nation held a Walk to help bring awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Children.



Photo Courtesy of Elton Taylor



Photo Courtesy of Elton Taylor

**Live Different** - On May 16, 2019, Sioux Valley Dakota Nation welcomed Live Different to Sioux Valley High School and the Veterans' Hall for their Kindness Changes Everything Tour 2018/2019



Photo Courtesy of Elton Taylor

# NEW PLAYGROUND STRUCTURE

A new playground structure was constructed at the wacipi park in May 2019. The new playground will benefit the children of our community as it gives them a safer place to play and will benefit all children in our community.



## JUNE 2019

**Sioux Valley School Annual Pow-wow** - May 31, 2019, Sioux Valley School held its annual pow wow for the youth.



**JULY 2019**

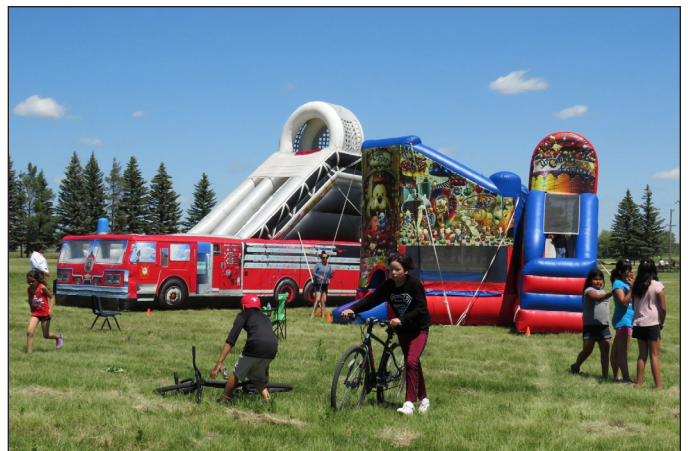
**Dakota Iapi Bowl** -July 18, 2019, SVDN Jodan's Principal Initiative held a Dakota Language Bowl at Sioux Valley Dakota Nation.



**High School Graduation Trip 2019** - July 2, 2019. Sixteen new Grade 12 graduates left for their Graduation Trip to Alberta. The Graduates completed and received their High School Diploma from Sioux Valley High School, Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School as well as École secondaire Neelin High School.



**Family Fun Day** - July 1 2019 Sioux Valley Dakota Nation held our annual Family Fun Day.





## Dakota Oyate Wacipi 2019

Sioux Valley Dakota Nation held its annual Dakota Oyote Wacipi on July 19 to 21, 2019.

The announcers for the Dakota Oyate Wicipi were Tommy Christian of Montana as well as our own community member Harold Blacksmith. Arena directors were Kenny Pratt Jr and Jason Taylor. Eya Hey Nakoda from Alberta and Mato Pejuta of Nebraska were the invited drums. The host drums were Riverside Dakota and Dakota Hotain.

Dignitaries in attendance include Southern Chiefs Organization Grand Chief Jerry Daniels and NDP Leader Wab Kinew, as well members of Chief and Council from Canupawakpa Dakota Nation and Dakota Tipi. Sioux Valley's own Zach Whitecloud of the Vegas Golden Knights attended and participated in the grand entry.





SEPTEMBER 2019

**Oyate Wiconi Pi Kte Suicide Prevention Walk** - September 10 2019 is World Suicide Prevention Day. The purpose of this day is to raise awareness that suicide can be prevented.



