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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 September is referred to as Chanpa Sapa Win, the moon when the chokecherries turn black. Fall is upon us and the children have returned to school.

The Intergovernmental Relations and Implementation Department (IRID) Office is busy planning several engagements this month and fall. Staff will be out of the office on September 13 and 14th working on the staff strategic plan and planning for the remainder of the fiscal year. On September 15th the Dakota Nations flag will be raised for the first time at Winnipeg City Hall. I hope members of our community will join to participate in this day.

Community engagement sessions will be occurring regularly to share information on our next law(s) development including Child and Family, Dakota Language and Citizenship will also be reviewed and put forward for feedback and recommendations. In addition to the sharing of laws, our office will provide updates on our many projects including: Lands Research, Genealogy, Cultural and Veteran's Research, Climate Change and Special Projects, Land Use Planning, etc.

Upcoming community engagement dates include: September 21 at the Veteran's Memorial Hall, SVDN; September 23 at the Victoria Inn, Brandon; and September 24 at the Radisson Hotel Downtown, Winnipeg.

Our office is also assisting in the coordination of the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, 2021. The day is to reflect and remember the residential school survivors and the children that died at these institutions. The day will begin at 10 am at the Brandon Residential School Site with ceremony. The remaining day's events will move to the Grand Valley Campground at 11 am for presentations, feast and discussion. We invite all community members to join this important day, for those requiring transportation we are working to arrange a shuttle to the event, please watch for posters on social media and posted in the community.

# Intergovernmental Relations and Implementation

This summer our office completed a number of interviews pertaining to the Lands Research Phase 2. The interviews seek information on the history of SVDN, way of life, land use of the interviewee and their parents and grandparents, such as hunting, fishing, cultural and traditional activities that will contribute to the collective mapping of our lands. We can accommodate more interviews until September 17th, if you are interested in participating, please contact our office to set up an interview.

Our office began the Genealogy Project, the documenting of family trees with a focus on the 1950's and earlier. Using the census and family oral history this project has started the mapping of trees and kinship. We conducted 30 interviews with the majority of the family names in SVDN. We encourage families to continue to identify dates of birth and death etc. to contribute to the documentation. We will host a group follow up meeting in October once the trees have been printed to invite families back to validate the information collected. This has been a wonderful project hearing stories and learning how our community is inter-related. Through knowledge translation we can share this with our children and youth so they can learn and strengthen kinship in the future.

## Constitution Amendment

A Constitution Committee has been selected by Leadership; 13 SVDN members expressed interest to participate in the review of the Sioux Valley Dakota Oyate Constitution. An initial meeting was held on September 1, 2021, to orientate them to the process and to begin the Constitution review and eventual community ratification process. Updates from this Committee will be forthcoming.

## Lands

Hau Oyate, I would first like to introduce myself, Darryl McKay, to you all as the new Lands Manager for Sioux Valley Dakota Nation.

I started my position on August 23, 2021. I seen the posting for this position while I was working for DOCFS in Sioux Valley. After reading the posting and doing some inquiring about it and what was all involved with this position, I was very intrigued by it and very interested in where this position could go, and the possibilities involved with it for the Oyate.

I am reading and reading as much as possible to try to catch up with what has been going on within the Lands Committee and the things that have been discussed so far. There is a whole lot of information that I need to read and catch up on, but in time I will do that and do my best for the whole Oyate of Wipazoka Wakpa. I intend to do my job to the best of my abilities for the benefit of the Oyate.

If anyone should have any questions or concerns, please call me at the Intergovernmental Relations and Implementation Department (IRID). 204.855.2760 (W) or 204.730.4155 (C). I look forward to hearing from you all to speak with about concerns or questions you may have. I believe we need to start working together as a whole for all the Oyate of Wipazoka Wakpa for the benefit of all of us and for the Takoza to come. Aho, wopida do

# Climate Change and Environmental

It's been a busy summer for the new Climate Change and Environmental Program! The program is made up of various projects that are proposal-driven (funded externally) including:

- Tokatakiya Wicozani Unkičikaġapte (We Will Make Our Future Healthier) funded by FNIHB – including Wipazoka Wakpa Maghistina Wozupi (the SVDN community gardens) and climate change research, interviews, and workshops.
- Building Climate Change Capacity in SVDN funded by Environment and Climate Change Canada – includes the Climate Change Working Group, holding Environmental Monitoring Training (done), climate change workshops and land-based programming.
- The Kayaking and Canoeing Program Minors require parent or guardian consent before going on the water and must take a 1-day course to learn how to kayak and learn about water safety. These will be provided regularly next year in 2022.
- Makoc'e un Dakota iapi onspeunki'ic'iyapi (Learning the Language on the Land) funded by Heritage Canada – to strengthen Dakota language learning in the schools through land-based activities.
- Creating a Pathway to Monitoring Contaminants funded by FNIHB – to provide education and awareness about contaminants and how they impact the environment and human health.
- Special Projects: the Healing Garden Project at the former Brandon Residential School Grounds and the Cemetery and Burial Mapping Project.

We welcome a new staff member, Wakpa McKay! Wakpa started in his role as Climate Change Research Assistant on September 2nd but has been helping with the program throughout the summer months.

My name is Wakpa Mckay and I recently moved back home to Sioux Valley Dakota Nation from Fort Qu'Appelle Saskatchewan. I was my High School's Student Body President, I held one of the twelve positions in Saskatchewan's first Youth Community Council, I was in Sea Cadets for over 4 years, and I also helped facilitate the Kairos Blanket Exercise for various committees and groups across Saskatchewan. I enjoy having conversations with anyone who would share one with me, I love to spend some time hanging out with my friends, family, and cousins, and I cherish the teachings and knowledge that my Unkas and Kunshis share with me.

In July a Climate Change Working Group was formed. The Working Group provides direction for the projects, including the land-based programs. Using a land-based approach offers a fun and unique way to learn about climate change and the environment, cultural knowledge and skills, and the Dakota language. We are still in the planning stages, but some of the immediate activities we have decided on as a group are:

- 1) Preparing tado (meat) – how to butcher, dry, smoke, and freeze meats;
- 2) How to prepare and tan hides;
- 3) Setting up a tipi, teachings, cooking over fire, and fireside stories; and,
- 4) Willow basket weaving.

Please contact Cheyenne Ironman at (204) 761-3053 if you want to attend the meat butchering and hide tanning classes. There are no scheduled dates for these activities because they depend on when our instructor hunts and brings back a buck (deer or elk). We will contact everyone on our sign-up sheet when we have a buck!

# Climate Change and Environmental

## Kayaking and Camping Trip (August 24-26th) Virden Valley area to Sioux Valley Dakota Nation

The Climate Change and Environment program held a 3-day kayaking trip, with 9 kayakers; 7 were summer students. They kayaked approximately 60km from the Virden Valley to the south end of Sioux Valley Dakota Nation, starting on Tuesday August 24th and arriving August 26th. They camped two nights along the way, cooking meals over the fire, picking medicines, and learning about climate change, the environment, and wildlife along the way. It was a tough journey, but they finished strong and accomplished what they set out to do! They kayaked long distances sometimes working against the wind and currents. They worked in teams, always helping one another and looking out for each other's safety. We plan on making this route an annual trip for the youth!

Thank you to our community gardeners – Andrea Bone, Shaun Taylor, Blaze Tacan-Kennedy, and our summer student who worked with the gardeners, Kaitlyn Branth-Shore, for donating vegetables from the garden, helping us cook meals, helping us set up camp, and driving the trucks! Thank you to Roland Ironman for watching out and protecting our campsite at night. Thank you to Dakota Ojibway Family Services Sioux Valley office for donating 2 kayaks and life jackets to the program and to Dakota Tiwahe Services for donating 2 kayaks and preparing a welcome back barbecue! We sure appreciated all of the support and encouragement we received.

## Wipazoka Wakpa Makoče Wozupi – Sioux Valley Dakota Nation Community Gardens

Vegetables from the community gardens have been given away at the following community events:

- The Elders' Meeting on August 6th
- The Community Health Fair August 19th
- Donated to the Youth Kayak and Overnight Camping Trip August 24-26th
- Community Engagement Session held August 30th
- Back-to-school Wacipi and Carnival September 3rd

More will be given away at the upcoming Canning Classes and the next Community Engagement Session on September 22nd, Sioux Valley Band Hall.



Above: 7 of the kayakers next to the Harrison's Bridge on Day 2 of the trip. Below: the youth learned how to pick mint.



# Climate Change and Environmental

**Upcoming Workshops** (anyone is welcome to attend!)

Canning classes will be held at the Sioux Valley Community Centre Kitchen. Both classes will be livestreamed on Facebook (only the instructor will be recorded for privacy) and recorded.

1. **Jam Canning Class** – Wednesday September 15th, 6:30pm Learn to make grape, raspberry, strawberry, and blackberry jams. Please bring your own knives, all other materials are provided.

2. **Canning Class** – Thursday September 16th, 6:30pm. Learn to make salsa and pickle/can vegetables. Please bring your own knives, all other materials are provided.



**Medicine Picking Trip Saturday September 4th – There were 14 people in attendance. They picked sage, cedar, and mint.**

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

This project includes land-based classes for students in both communities to strengthen Dakota language learning. Land-based classes will take place every Wednesday for kindergarten to Grade 6 Sioux Valley students to learn the Dakota language, learn about the land and useful outdoors skills and knowledge to encourage them to spend more time outdoors.

### **For more information about the projects and upcoming events please contact:**

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(Formerly the Self-Government Office)  
Sioux Valley Dakota Nation

## Membership

I would like to welcome Robin McKay who was hired as the Membership Assistant. 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 I 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 you wear a mask, 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.

# Membership

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 old number. Please give me a call so I can put your name down to change it.

Indigenous Services Canada will be coming to Sioux Valley this month to do an Estates Workshop, please keep an eye out for posters. They are here to assist community members with Estates forms, and to help with the letters for Day School applications. Day School applications will close on July 2022.

Please contact our office if you have any questions or concerns by:

Email: [membership@svdngovernance.com](mailto:membership@svdngovernance.com)

Office: 204-855-2671 ext 304 or

Cell: 204-922-2705

# Suicide Prevention Walk - Oyate Wiconi Pi Pte

On September 10, 2021 Sioux Valley Dakota Nation held its annual Suicide Prevention Walk. Starting from the Sioux Valley Pow-wow grounds, the group walked to the the Health Centre and circled back to the pow-wow grounds. A lunch was also provided to all participants.



# Back to School BBQ, Wacipi and Kids Carnival

Sioux Valley Dakota Nation along with Dakota Tiwahe Services and DOCFS held various events on September 3, 2021. The day started off with a Flag raising ceremony followed by a children's carnival that took place for most of the afternoon. The children's carnival was a success with all the kids enjoying themselves with the bouncy castle, magic show, balloon animals, foam party, and mini golf to name a few activities.

A mini pow-wow as also held during this time and we had special dignitaries attend which were, Wab Kinew, Official Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba as well as Arlen Dumas, Grand Chief of Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs.

During the evening we had comedian Conway Kootany aka Smudge Pan do his comedy performance. We ended the night with games and races and a fireworks show.





# SIoux VALLEY DAKOTA NATION

## COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLAN (CCP)



### Who is involved?

A Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP) Team has been formed to conduct community and member engagement with the members both on and off reserve, with the goal of capturing the voice and vision of every member of Sioux Valley.

### How will YOU be involved?

Our CCP Team will be interviewing individuals and groups, conducting in-person and online surveys, having workshops and holding contests throughout the year as part of community and member engagement.

### What is a Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP)?

A holistic, community-driven plan that covers all aspects of the community and lays out a vision and goals for the long term.

### What does it do for the Oyate (community)?

It gives the Oyate (community) and the future generations;

- Community History and Context
- Vision
- Goals & Objectives

### Contact Info

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**Ready to be part of community planning? Ready to share your knowledge, win prizes and help create a stronger, healthier and more vibrant oyate?!**

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- Complete online surveys
- Book an interview to share your history and vision
- Enter Contests
- Learn more about a Comprehensive Community Plan

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#### **Sioux Valley CCP Team- Mission Statement**

The Mission of the Sioux Valley Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP) Committee is to build a collective vision while restoring the Dakota values and teachings for Sioux Valley by seeking out and capturing community members' hopes and input, promoting positive growth and development of community actions plans through community involvement.

## *Catering Bid*

Catering bids are being accepted for the "**Sioux Valley Dakota Nation Emergency Training**" on September 28th and 29th, 2021 at the Veterans Memorial Centre in Sioux Valley from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm each day.

### ***Catering bids are to include the following:***

- Coffee, tea, juice, water, fruit and dainties set-up at 9:00 am; and
- Lunch for 50 people at 12:00 pm both days; and
- Coffee, tea, pop, dainties at 2:30 pm.

All interested applicants must have a "Safe Food Handling Certificate" and are responsible for transportation of food to site, set-up, cleanup and ensuring that there are enough assistants.

***Deadline for bids is September 17th, 2021 at 4:00 pm.***

The successful applicant will be notified by telephone and will receive an initial payment of 75% and the remaining 25% will be provided after the event.

Bids can be dropped off at the SVDN Governance office or emailed to [self.government@svdngovernance.com](mailto:self.government@svdngovernance.com).

If you have any questions, please call 204-855-2760.

## *Catering Bid*

Catering bids are being accepted for the "**Sioux Valley Dakota Nation Community Engagement Session**" on September 22nd, 2021 at the Veterans Memorial Centre in Sioux Valley from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

### ***Catering bids are to include the following:***

- Coffee, tea, juice, pop and water, fruit and dainties set-up at 3:00 pm and;
- Meal for 100 people at 5:00 pm.

All interested applicants must have a "Safe Food Handling Certificate" and are responsible for transportation of food to site, set-up, cleanup and ensuring that there are enough assistants.

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# *Sioux Valley Dakota Nation*

## *Catering Bid*

Catering bids are being accepted for the "Sioux Valley Dakota Nation Residential School Gathering" on September 30th, 2021 at the Grand Valley Park in Brandon.

***Catering bids are to include the following:***

- Coffee, tea, juice and water set-up at 11 am.;
- Lunch for 200 people (feast style), traditional foods; and
- Afternoon coffee break to include fruit and dainties.

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# SEPTEMBER 2021

## SIOUX VALLEY DAKOTA NATION ELECTION CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Deadline: Candidate Document Deadline: Deadline: Candidate Name Withdrawn from Ballot.	17	18
19	20	21 Ballots are Mailed out Notice of Election Posted	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
<p><b>NOTES:</b> August 16, 2021- Deadline for Candidates to provide Documentation and Payment.            August 16, 2021 - Last Day for Candidate to have Name Withdrawn from Ballot.            August 21, 2021 - 1 Ballots are mailed out and 2 Notice of Elections posted in Community.</p>						

# OCTOBER 2021

## SIOUX VALLEY DAKOTA NATION ELECTION CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6 Public Forum	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Deadline to request Mail out Ballot	16
17	18	19	20	21 Election Day Poll Opens 8:00am-8:00pm	22 Oath of Office- Community Meeting	23
24	25 Statement on counting of the vote.	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

# 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
<b>NOTES:</b> 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.						

