

Tataskweyak



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Leadership Accomplishments November, 2016 – October, 2018

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Administration/Governance

- Terminated the services of Hobbs & Associates, with no impact to the First Nation
 - ✓ Utilized TCN employees and built local capacity.
 - ✓ Used own people as consultants
 - ✓ Opened up the dialogue between Chief & Council and Elders
- Program Managers were provided more authority to manage/implement programs
- Strengthened human resource (HR) development
 - ✓ Implemented administrative policies and procedures manual
 - ✓ Secured funding for HR support
 - ✓ Began the process of hiring a HR Co-ordinator
- Created positions and hired additional staff
 - ✓ Executive Assistant to Chief & Council
 - ✓ Additional positions at Keeyask Implementation Office
 - ✓ Community Navigator (to be hired)
 - ✓ Community Comprehensive Planner
 - ✓ Treaty Land Entitlement (2 positions)
- Currently working on Governance Bylaw, Residency Bylaw and Tenancy Agreements
- Provided information to TCN members on options to elections
 - ✓ Indian Act (status quo)
 - ✓ First Nations Election Act (4-year term)
 - ✓ Band Custom (reflects community customs, consultations)

Community Safety

- Implemented 2 key Bylaws to protect the community from alcohol, drugs and violence

 - Intoxicant Bylaw

 - Community Protection Bylaw

- Improved relationship with RCMP, who commended TCN for implementing the Bylaws

- Took measures to curtail the influx of alcohol/drugs in the community

 - Check stop on access road to community off PR280 (confiscated drugs/alcohol), resulting in less intoxicants into the community

 - Currently negotiating with the Province to relocate ferry landing outside of community and relocate winter road route to go around community

- Invested in the ownership of dogs trained in drug detection and search/rescue

- 36 TCN members have been trained as licensed security guards, with an additional 24 currently undergoing training

 - To support Band Constables and First Nation Safety Officers

- Facilitated the training of cell guards

Community Safety Cont'd

- Took steps to make the Justice Committee more effective
 - ✓ Began to engage the Committee in the implementation of bylaws
 - ✓ Currently looking at separating the Justice Committee from MKO, making it more community-based

- Took steps to improve fire safety
 - ✓ Purchased new self-contained breathing apparatus' for firefighters
 - ✓ Began coordinating training for firefighters
 - ✓ Purchased fire extinguishers for homes and community buildings

- Negotiated agreement with Custom Helicopters for 24 hour medivac

Community Projects

- Secured funding for a skate park
- New school feasibility studies
 - ✓ 1 new school guaranteed
 - ✓ Began negotiating for a 2nd new school
- Housing remains a priority
 - ✓ Housing renovations continue
 - ✓ 5 duplexes and 6 CMHC housing currently under construction
- Began discussions with builders/suppliers on more energy efficient construction
 - ✓ New high energy efficient panel construction
 - ✓ Solar energy (zero heating cost, zero cost power source)
- Successfully negotiated community projects with Manitoba Hydro
 - ✓ Baseball diamond (artificial turf) with lighting
 - ✓ Troy Lake upgrades
 - ✓ Boat launch maintenance
 - ✓ Complete shoreline protection
- Purchase an airplane for fall access program
- Signed a Project Approval Request with INAC (\$11,682,100)
 - ✓ Complete Wastewater lagoon
 - ✓ Install new force main and lift stations (identify locations)
 - ✓ Connect the existing force main to the new lagoon force main
 - ✓ Decommission old lagoon
 - ✓ Water Source Feasibility Study - explore long-term source of water
 - ✓ Water treatment plant UV disinfection station

Community Projects Cont'd

- Initiated discussions/negotiations on a new water treatment plant
- Pushed for Recluse revitalization project – land based training
- Negotiated upgrades Recluse Lake, as result of high water levels
- Provided support for recreational programs at Troy Lake
- Covered the costs of “Save A Dog Network” to come to TCN
“The mission of Save A Dog Network Canada is to provide assistance to northern communities by removing injured and unwanted dogs while providing education and resources to members of the community and networking with adopting rescues to reduce unwanted dogs in Manitoba by re-homing them out of province”
- Currently working with KTC on a regional First Nation pharmacy business
- New cemetery locations have been identified and plans are to consult with community members on preferred location
- Began the process of acquiring funding for a Supportive Housing Facility in the community (to replace EPH)
 - ✓ Intent is to provide Levels 1, 2, and 3 care for elderly
- New building for Head Start program built

Economic Development

- Took measures to separate business and politics
 - ✓ A less active role and more supportive role in business operations
 - ✓ Supported the building of management/staff and board capacity
- Directed the change from outside management to local management of Kistepinanik Hotel
- Capitalized on Manitoba Hydro / Keeyask opportunities
 - ✓ Convinced Manitoba Hydro to remove a contract from public tender and sole source to Iron North
 - ✓ Negotiated additional Direct Negotiated Contracts under Cree Nation Partnership
 - ✓ Negotiated additional contracts solely for Iron North (with Manitoba Hydro and BBE)
- Directed the submission of a business plan for funding for a TCN-owned Security Business
- Marketed TCN-owned companies to access contracts outside tCN's Resource Management Area
- Began negotiations with Sigfusson Northern for TCN to provide food and cleaning services at their camp
- Pursing a TCN-owned medical receiving home in Winnipeg

Environment / Water Quality

- Addressed high water event in 2017
 - ✓ Began negotiations with Manitoba on damages not addressed in current agreements
 - ✓ Hired a hydrologist to assist with negotiations
- Took a strong stance on water quality
 - ✓ Refused to lift boil water advisor - still in effect until 2024
 - ✓ Continued to lobby provincial and federal governments
 - ✓ Took own initiative in water quality testing
- Convinced Province to relocate ferry landing to limit impact of water quality upstream from water treatment plant
- Soil remediation made a priority
 - ✓ Soil remediation underway near 32-unit complex
 - ✓ Began process of a soil remediation facility - land farming
- Successfully got Manitoba Hydro to agree to fund a 2-year environmental program on Churchill River sturgeon
- Fought with Fisheries & Oceans Canada for sturgeon to be placed on endangered species list
- Had discussions with the City of Thompson on their new sewage treatment facility
 - ✓ Addressing concerns of pollutants flowing into Burntwood River
- Currently working on a water bottle filling facility for the community

Manitoba Hydro / Keeyask

- Took the lead role with Keeyask Cree Nations in addressing racism, sexual harassment, drugs/alcohol issues at Keeyask
 - ✓ Secured TCN Liaison position at Keeyask to look after grievances, support workers and provide updates
 - ✓ Pursuing the need for additional support workers
 - ✓ Initiated workshops at Keeyask to address issues
 - ✓ Actively fought for TCN members facing racial discrimination
- Negotiated funding to replace high water damage to cabins and boats at Recluse Lake
- Hired 3 TCN members to do a Keeyask Workplace Family Survey
- Continued to hold Manitoba Hydro accountable on existing agreements
- Facilitated on-the-job training for TCN members with BBE
- Active in mitigating the effects of the Churchill River diversion
 - ✓ Negotiated a 5-year study funding by Department of Fisheries & Oceans
 - ✓ Began discussions on a full environmental assessment
- Successfully negotiated additional funding under Keeyask Implementation budget for the more programs/jobs

Other Initiatives

- Very active on conditions of PR280
 - ✓ Weight restrictions (weigh station now there)
 - ✓ Ensured the spacing out of heavy truck traffic
 - ✓ On-going discussions on getting PR280 paved
- Pushed for more information on Treaty 5 adhesion
 - ✓ Sought legal advice
 - ✓ Had lawyers come to TCN and present issues/options to community
- Continued to support TCN members through tough times, including loss and illness
- Assessment completed on arena and Elderly Persons Home
- One of only a few First Nations to participate in Community Focus groups with INAC
- In partnership with rail consortium
- Received funding for Jordan's Principle
- Organized/facilitated more community events/feasts
- Supported and hosted the first ever Pow Wow in the community
- Plans to engage the youth
 - ✓ Provide guidance
 - ✓ Opportunities to attend KTC/MKO/AMC assemblies
 - ✓ Participate in comprehensive community planning meetings
- Further engaged Elders by sending them out of province for a Traditional Gathering (2017)