



Chief and Council Bulletin 2014 – 001

January 24, 2014

Kwe Kwe! Boozhoo, Ahnee

It has been some time since our last Chief and Council Bulletin – July 2013 which seen a busy Summer – Annual Pow Wow, Summer Students, and Aboriginal Day. As winter lay upon our community and your homes where ever you are, we hope you stay warm and healthy.

Chief and Council continue to be pleased to share a number of outcomes that have occurred over the course of the last 6 months.

1. Hiring of Pam Cormier – Band Manager in Sept 2013.
2. MFN Main Road Construction commenced September 2013, construction was completed December 2013.
3. MFN enters a contract committing \$40k for infrastructure to allow internet service installation and internet access to community homes based on standard service agreements with Northern Tel, and is now accessible across the community.
4. Council continues to consolidate current non-program revenues (Agreement Revenue, Partnership Revenue, Casino Rama account) to establish a budget as the audit for 2012-13 wraps up.
5. Ministry of Transportation commits to enter into discussion to establish a long term Memorandum of Understanding – start December 2013.
6. Through the Joint Management Committee – MFN Council is negotiating business opportunities in three contract areas utilizing the various tender mechanisms under the IBA; Open Book, Direct Tender and Competitive Tender.
7. The MFN LP Board met in November 2013 to initiate a draft Strategic Plan – for review and input by members (the Shareholders) in early 2014
8. Council continues to work toward establishing an MFN Trust.
 - To invest own source revenues from various sources such as IBA's and Business Partnerships and our MFNLP.
 - An information session has been set for Feb 12, 2014 to raise our collective understanding of the purpose and function of a Trust Fund.
9. The band office will have a network installed in 2014 to ensure improved data and file management; including backing up protocols so nothing gets lost.

10. An RFP has been generated for the development of a 5 year Community Economic Development Plan.
11. Council continues to plan for the ongoing work required to complete the Governance/Admin Code, Finance Code.
12. Policy reviews commenced in 2013 and will continue into 2014 for all Administration Departments.
13. The Housing Policy has undergone review that in turn will allow Council to move forward with making available band homes. Eg: The three trailers are being resituated so they are move in ready in 2014; once secure and safe, the housing policy can be utilized to enter residency contracts for ownership.
14. Council endorsed the release of \$500 per capita IBA Revenues to band members prior to Christmas. Bulletin posted to MFN Website with details.

Please continue to visit the MFN website for ongoing WHATS NEW announcements related to program events, community events and employment opportunities.

In the spirit of community

Chief and Council

Reminder – Keep your mailing information up to date with Reception - Mary Batisse

For Community Calendars please email reception Mary Batisse to be added to the mail out at matachewan@mfnez.ca