

# **Kahkewistahaw First Nation Lands Department Report March, 16 2006**

**Picture: Top of valley looking west over Round Lake**



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### **Mapping**

I have submitted to I.N.A.C., the request to have various sections of lands to be identified on maps as Land Use Areas (L.U.A.) and for the total amount of acres in these pastures and agricultural lands to be verified. The amount of agriculture lands and pasture are necessary and is reflected in the agricultural and pasture permits. Land use area numbers help to identify these properties with I.N.A.C.'s records and the carrying capacity of livestock for each and every pasture.

I had the opportunity to take a pilot training of a Global Positioning System (GPS) in White Cap Dakota First Nation and have also purchased Topo Canada software. These products and software go hand in hand with each other. The benefits of the G.P.S. unit, will help with identifying our requests for I.N.A.C.'s purposes, such as the survey request for land set aside for various departments, identifying band member lands for agriculture and pastures, and how many acres they are utilizing. I will be mapping these pastures in the spring and during the summer months.

### **Documentation**

This Year, the Lands Department has submitted a total of 9,990 acres to Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (I.N.A.C.) for registration and we will be funded on these permits that were registered by the end of December 2005.

I am currently working on our individual farmer and ranchers lands. Getting permit signed and maps made identifying these new pasture areas. This will be done this year.

The agreements that are signed will be staged throughout the years, so that any given year, I will not be required to submit all documentation, because of the amount of information that is required for each and every document.

### **Band Member Community Pasture**

The Lands Department is accepting application from our band members for this years grazing season, and will be addressed on a first come first served basis.

#### **Guidelines:**

- Kahkewistahaw Band Members are only allowed to graze their own cattle in this pasture.
- There is strictly no subleasing.
- The only type of livestock allowed to graze in this pasture shall be cattle.
- All the band members, who place their cattle in this pasture, prior to the grazing season, shall determine the breed of cattle jointly.
- The Grazing season is for no more than 120 days (mid May to early-mid October) of each year.
- Maximum cattle at one time is 150 units. one unit is considered to be 1 bull, 1 cow, 1 calf, 1 yearling or 1 cow/calf pair.
- Band members shall be charged a rate of \$ 5.00 per animal per season or \$0.05 cents a day and require a livestock description sheet identifying tags numbers of all animals for administration purposes.

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- This pasture is unsupervised and band members who place their cattle in this pasture shall maintain the fences at their own expense.
- Lands Manager is to ensure sustain ability and shall monitor this pasture.
- The administration process shall be held with the Land Manager (i.e. invoicing band members, etc.); therefore, if band members place their cattle in the pasture at certain times, the band member shall inform the Land Manager of administration purposes.

If you are interested in utilizing this pasture please stop by the Lands & Resources office to fill out an application.

**Zoning**

I had Eric Gorenko (I.N.A.C. Lands Officer) come out and start identifying our commercial property. office buildings, infrastructure for zoning, So far we had identified the following properties.

**Commercial**

Pe' mitsou Restaurant	R & R Convenience Store
Willy-Jo's Pizza Shack	New Arcade

**Office Buildings & Infrastructure**

Main wellsite (main village)	Complex
Housing Office	Health Center
Band Office	Trust Office
Elders Building	Alice Francis Day Care
Recreation Office	Water Treatment Plant
Threplex (single housing units)	New wellsite (top of valley)

The Band Council Resolution (B.C.R.) was signed and submitted to I.N.A.C. a surveyor will be coming out to start the lot creation process.

**Community Improvement**

Our First Nation is currently working on a community improvement plan to better our community. Several meeting had taken place to identify certain areas that would benefit our community, such as, the cultural workshop that was put on by Dennis Morrison. A lot of good information was given about our culture.

A Crystal Meth Training/workshop was held at the Health Center which I had a chance to participate in and found it very interesting on the affects of Crystal Meth and how it affects a persons body who is using this drug.

Cow/Calf Management School was held at the complex on January 16 to the 20<sup>th</sup> , 2006. This course was sponsored by our own 72 Bar Ranch and Saskatchewan Indian Equity Foundation (S.I.E.F.). Upon completion we all had received a certificate for this program and was a great success. We had a approximately 18 people from the four reserves take part and complete. We got great reviews from our neighboring bands who took part.

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Saskatchewan Water & Fisheries gave a presentation on our lakes that was held at the complex on February 6, 2006. Good information on the waterways and influences on the water quality all the way downstream. They have given us 3 large maps of the Qu'Appelle Valley and can be viewed in the Band Office.

An Ear Tag Presentation in Yorkton that was put on by First Nations Agricultural Council of Saskatchewan (F.N.A.C.S). This workshop Sam Taypotat and I had attended and was to inform cattle producers of the up coming new regulations of the ear tags, that will be required by December 31, 2007. Any cattle sold that does not have one of these ear tags will be fined \$500.00 per animal. These ear tags also help in the verification of ownership of animals, and can keep track of vaccinations, birth weight, how much they gained in a certain amount of time, bull bred to, etc. and would be a benefit to our ranch. I had also requested a price quote on these items and would be around the \$6,000.00 mark which would include: a reader, a computer, software and a scale. The information was handed over to our Economic Development Officer, to review.

First Nations Agricultural Council of Saskatchewan (F.N.A.C.S.) Had come out to do Environmental Farm Planning (E.F.P.) in our community and we had the Kahkewistahaw 72 Bar Ranch,, Lands Department Manager, Sam Taypotat and Darrell Taypotat completed the Environmental Farm Planning.

It very important that anyone who is interested or now utilizing the land, would soon require to have this type of plan in place. Once the environmental farm plan is complete they will be receive a certificate and would be able access more funding to help with their farming operation to succeed or build up better infrastructure. *For more information please contact Lyle Acoose, Phone Number is 1-306-697-2402.*

### **New Wellsite**

Our new well site is located on the top of Jubilee Hill and we will trenching back to tie into the water treatment plant this spring.

### **Snowmobile Trail**

This winter Broadview Snow Busters have a snowmobile trail going through our land which I will be monitoring from time to time for compliance.

### **Lands Committee:**

The Lands Committee meets four times a year. We are currently working on our Land Use Code and Land Use Policy. Linus Wasacase is helping draft it up. We should have a draft copy out to you soon for your review and recommendations.

### **Four Bands Gentlemens Agreement:**

I had the opportunity to take part in the four bands gentlemen agreement. This meeting was to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U.) that other first nations are buying up land in other first nations surrendered territory. As a result we are now working together to purchase back lands bought by our neighboring bands. Maps are to be made and given to Amanda of our four bands identifying each first nations claim area.

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Next meeting is to be determined and will include land managers and economic development officers and trustees to start working closely together.

**Community Sign:**

A community sign was put up at the complex for information for upcoming events. Two weeks notice is required. If you would like to post any information it should include event, time and date and be directed to Terry Blackbird at the complex or Jr. Taypotat.

**Trees**

The deadline for trees is March 15, 2006, which I had ordered a trees that will be handed out to anyone who requires any trees. Supply is limited, let me know early on what type of trees and how many. Approximate dates to pick up tree will be last two weeks of April or the first two weeks of May, watch for posters.

If you have any question or concerns, don't hesitate to call my office toll free 1-888-691-0188 or locally at 696-3291 ext. 227, my cell number is 696-7740 or email me at [lands\\_kahke@kahkewistahaw.com](mailto:lands_kahke@kahkewistahaw.com).

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