



KAHKEWISTAHAW
FIRST NATION

SPECIAL UPDATE

March 2020

Three Years of Steady Effort and Building Momentum

Tansi membership:

I am pleased to present the Kahkewistahaw First Nation Leadership progress report, which provides an update on the work your Leadership Council has completed during the 2017-2020 term. It's important to highlight the key initiatives that have been accomplished during this term and to share insight as to the direction we are headed in the years to come.



I would like to acknowledge our loved ones now walking the Spirit World. I have had the honour of speaking on behalf of our community and families as we send loved ones on their journeys. My most difficult days as your leader are during times of loss, when we are helping our grieving families. But when we come together as a united community, I am grounded in humility and compassion.



I must also recognize the previous leadership teams who sat as Chief and Council. We would not be where we are today without their efforts. I acknowledge them for carrying on through the good and bad times. Together we are all #kahkewistahawproud.

I am pleased to announce that I will be seeking re-election as Chief of Kahkewistahaw First Nation. The KFN Council has dedicated its collective efforts and many, many hours to moving forward on our challenging path to Kahkewistahaw sovereignty and nation building. I look forward to continuing this important work. As difficult as it is, the rewards are ten-fold when we see pride rise in KFN citizens, both young and old.

Our efforts have focused on initiatives that:

- Contribute to sound governance practices
- Empower our own people
- Build capacity
- Advance the KFN community and its Membership
- Support economic development
- Aim for self-determination and sovereignty

Our successes have been achieved thanks to the strengths and talents of our KFN Councillors, and as a first-term Chief, I'm fortunate to have their guidance. It's incredible to experience a leadership that can put aside personal agendas for the betterment

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Chief Evan
Taypotat



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of our community. I've said it before, and I'll say it again, "We don't always agree on how to get there, but we share in the collective vision for Kahkewistahaw."

Councillor William Kaysaywaysemat Jr is our guide in policy and ensures our meetings consist of humour and seriousness. His love for his boys, Will and Kalen, is second to none.

Councillor Cory Alexson brings a wealth of knowledge to his portfolios. He has been a beacon of light with our peacekeeper program and I always look forward to his late-night texts about making our First Nation better.

Councillor Mike Bob takes "back-up minutes" at every meeting. I always look forward to our Oiler and Thunder talk. He danced at our Trust change celebration, and man, he had some moves!

Councillor Iris Taypotat-Scribe is our resident Elder. She pulls back on the reins when we as a Council need it, especially in budgetary matters. It has been my dream to work with my mother, and I am nurtured again by her knowledge and guidance.

When we started our term in 2017, Council wanted to ensure Portfolio Committees were empowered to make decisions on behalf of KFN Members. The role of these committees is to provide direction for Council to act on, and thanks to the commitment of our committee members, we are seeing great achievements.

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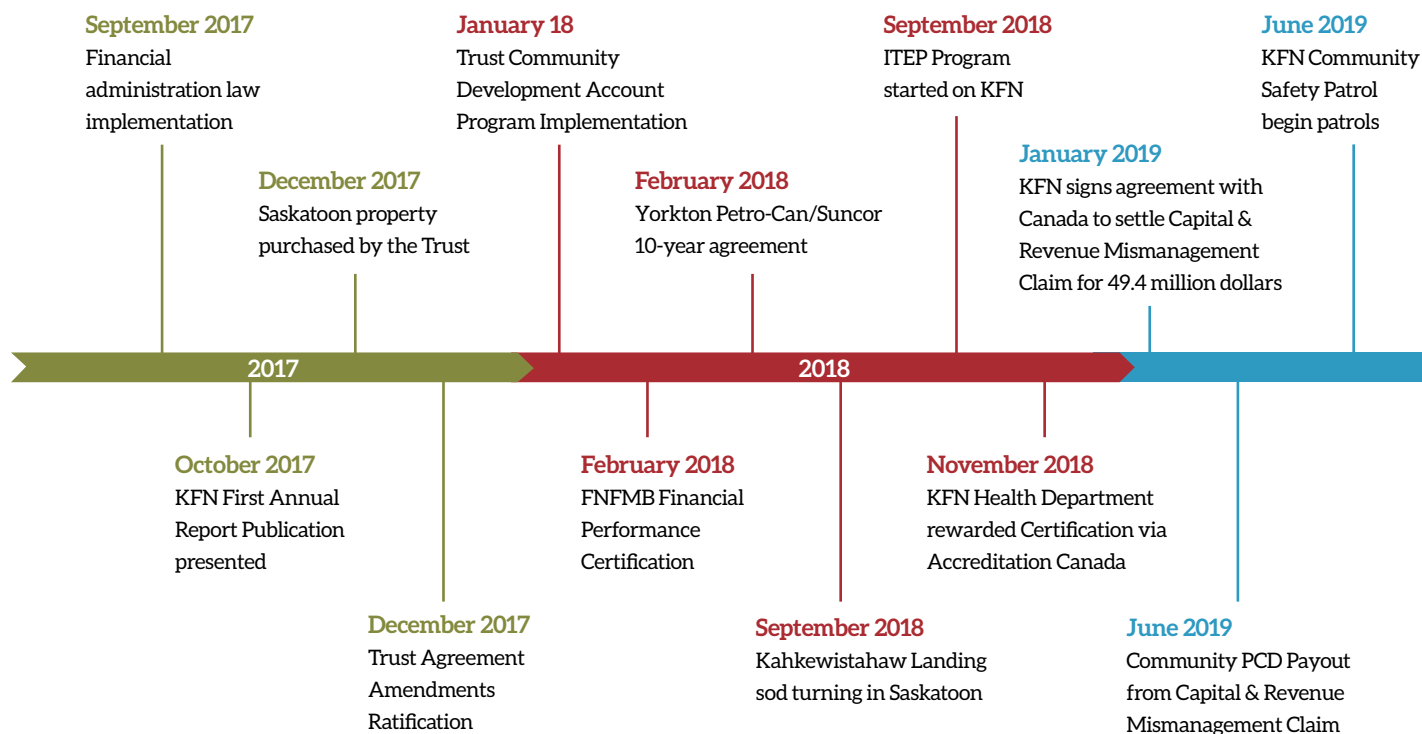


Drug test that Chief and Council successfully passed in February, 2020.



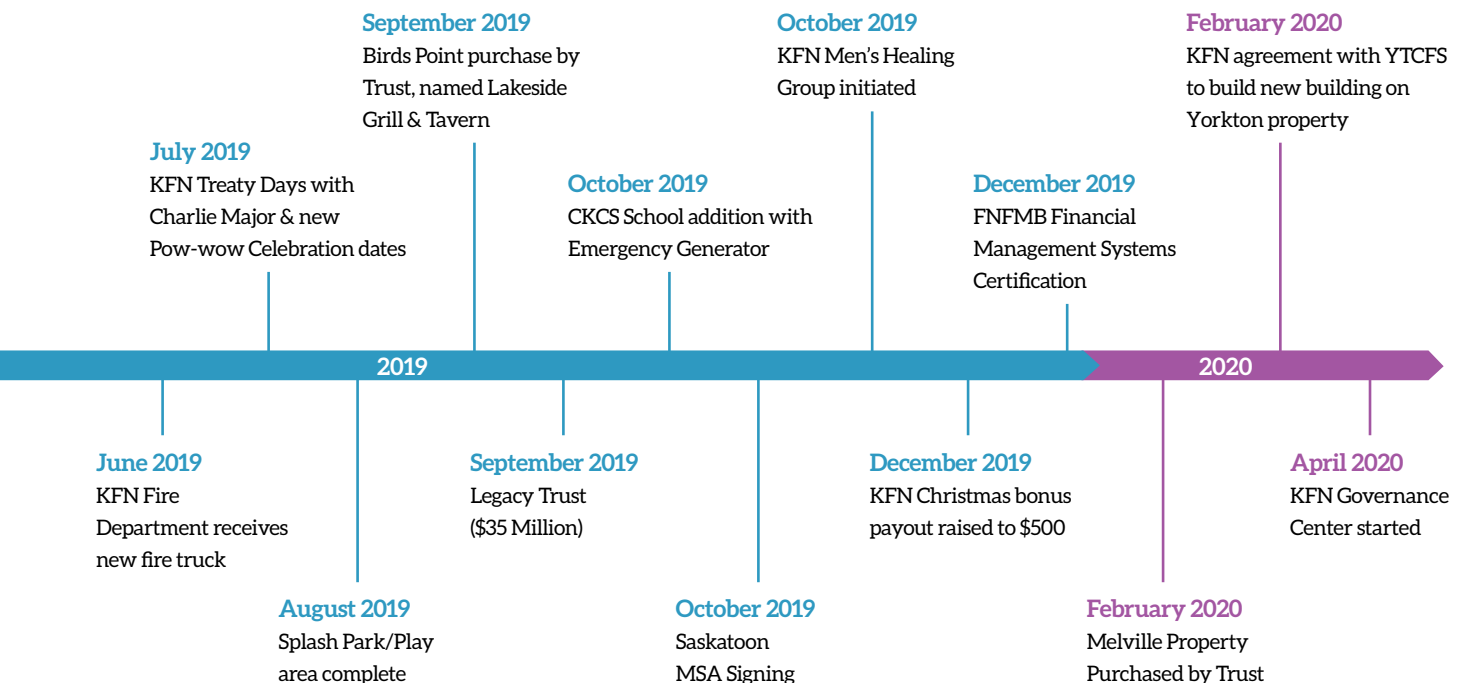
Chief Taypotat with Kahkewistahaw Band Member Private Aisaican and Private Carriere from Lac la Ronge at Bold Eagle Graduation in Wainwright AB, August 2019.

Timeline of Chief and Council's Accomplishments





Chief & Council with the 1907 Trustees, Elder Joan and lawyers Stephen and Al after we successfully passed the Trust changes in December, 2017.



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Great Administration Team and Workforce

The amazing KFN Administration Team guides the local workforce and oversees the overall operations of KFN. This is effective governance in action and is the core ingredient for Nation-building. People like Josephine, Geraldine, Judy, Jean and Faith, Allan, Sheldon and Arlene are the proof that we have a competent, dedicated administration who go above and beyond to build up our people, trust in our Membership's abilities and invest in their skill development.

The growing KFN workforce is the reason our Council is working so hard to get it right. Our teachers, carpenters, maintenance crew, administration staff and all other employees are doing their best every day to create family wellness and a strong community. It is our people who are making a difference and pushing Kahkewistahaw to great heights. When we are united in a common dream, we are guaranteed success.

My Personal Highlights

My first term as Chief has been an amazing, fulfilling adventure. Some highlights:

- Enjoying our Community Christmas Dinners and yearly member bonuses of \$500. These celebrations bring up morale and it's nice to break bread with KFN members wherever they call home.



Chief Taypotat with the high school senior girls and future mothers.

- Completing the Capital & Revenue Mismanagement Claim of \$49.4 million. We paid off some KFN bills, bought a new fire truck, and each Member received a per capita payment. The remaining \$35 million was put into a trust fund to ensure long-term financial stability for the next generation and the generations to come.
- Achieving First Nation Financial Certification, which allows us to take out loans at a lower interest rate by adhering to strict guidelines. There are only 27 First Nations in Canada with this recognition, and KFN is one of them.
- Planning our new Governance Centre, which should be completed by September 2021. It will be a state-of-the-art building that will reflect the progress we have achieved together.
- Becoming a first-time dad in October 2019 to Beatrice Autumn Reader-Taypotat. Bea is a little firecracker who loves dancing and eating. She's taught me the true meaning of love and family.

To our KFN Membership, 2,234 citizens strong, I want to acknowledge every one of you, here at home and away. I am always reminded of you when I look down and see the KFN logo on my beaded medallion. No matter where I am, or where you are, you are all near my heart, guiding me. We are everywhere, beautiful and growing, and that makes Kahkewistahaw a First Nation on the rise! Ekosi.

Chief Evan. B. G. Taypotat



Chief Taypotat speaking to Citizens at Kahkewistahaw Pow-wow Celebration 2018



Councillor William Kaysaywaysemat

I spent many years living in Ottawa and working for INAC in Quebec. I have been employed in various positions for KFN, including education coordinator, housing coordinator, and chair of Kahkewistahaw 1907 Trust.

Portfolios

1907 Trust
Education
Membership
Administration & Finance

Councillors Shared Portfolios

Economic Development
Governance
Treaty Protection

Trust

The New Trust Agreement went into effect on January 1, 2018, after a community consultation process, amendments, and a successful ratification vote. It was renamed the Kahkewistahaw 1907 Specific Claim Trust Agreement.

It provided all members over the age of 18 with a Per Capital Distribution (PCD) of \$1,000 each. All KFN minors will receive their \$1,000 PCD from the Trust on their 18th birthday after completing and providing required documentation. Future KFN Members will receive a \$1,000 PCD in the same way, which is a significant change from the previous Trust Agreement that did not provide for future generations.

The Kahkewistahaw 1907 Specific Claim Trust Agreement gives the Trustees the ability to be more aggressive with land purchases. To assist with economic development, the first purchase was Bird's Point in September 2019, later renamed Lakeside Grill & Tavern. The second purchase was the Melville Property in February 2020, which will be used as a fabrication facility for our partnership with Eagle Energy. This venture will give KFN an opportunity to provide training and employment for our Members.



Through the Kahkewistahaw 1907 Specific Claim Trust Agreement, we have created a Community Development Account (CDA), which allows the Trust to distribute 2% of its previous year's market value to various KFN programs.



At the time of ratification, the CDA policy was a draft. Trustees have consulted with Members in Vancouver, Kelowna, Edmonton, Calgary, Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg and on KFN to determine

which programs should be administered by the Trust and in what ways. It was implemented in January 2019, but continues to be amended so Members will have better access to it.

In January 2019, KFN signed an agreement with Canada to settle an outstanding Capital & Revenue Mismanagement Claim for \$49.4 million. These funds created a per capita distribution, made several capital purchases, funded various programs, and set up a KFN Legacy Trust. Please see a further breakdown in the following chart.

The KFN Legacy Trust will be invested to generate revenue for various unfunded programs and to help with future economic development. A Trust Agreement was developed for the KFN Legacy Trust that states how funds may be used, and outlines accountability and transparency requirements.

Current Trustees

Chairperson Justin Delorme

Stan Bobb

Leigha Taypotat

Leslie Sparvier

Tashena Taypotat

Three positions will expire December 2020. Contact Trust Coordinator Marlous Louison to apply.

Settling Mismanagement Claim

In January 2019, the First Nation signed an agreement with Canada to settle an outstanding Capital & Revenue Mismanagement Claim for \$49.4 million. The Settlement was utilized to do a Per Capita Distribution, make several Capital purchases, fund various First Nation programs and to set up a KFN Legacy Trust.

The chart on the following page illustrates the breakdown that was utilized.

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| Kahkewistahaw First Nation | | | |
| INAC CAPITAL AND REVENUE ACCOUNT MISMANAGEMENT CLAIM | | | |
| Settlement Amount: | | | \$49,403,870.41 |
| KFN Legacy Trust | | | |
| | | \$35,000,000.00 | To be invested in KFN Legacy Trust |
| PCD & distribution costs | | \$4,500,000.00 | |
| KFN Operating Expenses | | \$3,000,000.00 | |
| Legal | | \$2,470,000.00 | |
| Powwow | | \$250,000.00 | |
| Sports & Recreation | \$700,000.00 | | |
| Adult Sports | \$100,000.00 | \$800,000.00 | |
| Housing - Phase 24 Equity | \$350,000.00 | | |
| Housing - Band | \$280,000.00 | | |
| Housing - CMHC | \$300,000.00 | | |
| Housing - Move 4 Units | \$250,000.00 | | |
| Housing - Home Owners/Rer | \$170,000.00 | \$1,350,000.00 | |
| (including on reserve Market Housing Program) | | | |
| O&M - Grader | \$328,500.00 | | |
| O&M - Overhead Doors | \$15,000.00 | | |
| O&M - Insurance | \$56,500.00 | \$400,000.00 | |
| Fire Dept - Fire Truck | \$334,900.00 | | |
| Fire Dept - Other Equip | \$65,100.00 | \$400,000.00 | |
| Elders Program | \$100,000.00 | \$100,000.00 | |
| Education - Insurance | | \$100,000.00 | |
| Miscellaneous (see list) | | \$1,033,870.41 | |
| | | \$14,403,870.41 | \$35,000,000.00 \$49,403,870.41 |

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| MISC BUDGET DRAFT | | \$1,033,870.41 |
| Mack Truck | \$150,000.00 | |
| Belly Dump | \$60,000.00 | |
| Splash Park | \$650,000.00 | |
| Street Lights | \$75,000.00 | |
| Powwow Grounds Grass | \$15,870.41 | |
| Bear Bins | \$83,000.00 | \$1,033,870.41 |

Education

This portfolio oversees all informal and formal education within KFN, from our youngest Members to those exploring post-secondary education and training.

The Daycare/Headstart addition was completed, and the program has undergone a restructuring, which was completed in June 2018. The Daycare/Headstart program now functions in a more efficient, effective manner.

The final phase of the original school design was completed in October 2019, and includes additional classrooms, a multipurpose room, changing rooms and an Elders' area. An emergency generator was installed, which was not part of the original design, but was added to be used by the Nation in the event of a natural disaster, extended power outage or other emergency.

Kahkewistahaw is providing many post-secondary opportunities on our First Nation:

- The Early Childhood Educator Diploma program was completed in 2018.
- A partnership in 2018 with Southeast Regional College offers the Business Administration program at our Resource Centre.
- A partnership with the University of Saskatchewan in 2018 offers the ITEP program. Eight KFN participants are currently in their third and final year of an accelerated program.
- The Carpentry Level 1 & 2 program that started in November 2019 has 12 participants, 8 of whom are KFN Members.
- A partnership with Southeast Regional College will offer a welding program in 2020. Dates will be posted.



Education Committee Members

Josephine Kaysaywaysemat

Charlene Alexson

Leila Bob

Thorina Wilson

We are currently looking for an Elder to sit on our committee.

Membership

The Membership Committee continues to process applications to become Kahkewistahaw First Nation Members. They are reviewing the Election Act and the Membership Code, which need updating because of legislation and governance changes. Once we complete the proposed amendments to both, a consultation process with membership will be scheduled. We expect a ratification vote by the end of 2020.

This is an election year for Kahkewistahaw First Nation. The nomination meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2020, and the election will be held on May 12, 2020. Notifications have been posted and mailed out.

Membership Committee Members

Vera Wasacase

Crystal Cote

Ariel Bobb

Melanie Louison

There is one vacant position to be filled.

Conceptual representations of how the Administration and Governance Centre will look.

Administration

Chief and Council and Program Managers have amended existing policies and developed new ones as they were needed. We will continue to review and strengthen all policies. Chief & Council have taken steps to remove themselves from the administration of KFN by giving Program Managers more authority through these policies.

In September and October 2019, Chief & Council held strategic planning sessions with all Program Managers and Trustees. The Strategic Plan will be updated annually, as it provides the vision, direction and strategy with which resources are allocated to achieve the goals and objectives of each program.

Administration is currently housed in several different buildings in the core area of KFN, which is ineffective and inefficient. A new Administration and Governance Centre will house all departments together under one roof. A Project Management Team will ensure construction remains on time and within budget. The anticipated completion date is late Summer 2021.



Finance

After receiving approval from the First Nation Financial Management Board in February 2018, and receiving its Financial Performance certification, the Kahkewistahaw Financial Administration Law came into effect in April 2018. It was enacted to become more transparent and accountable to KFN Members.



FMB approval means we are a First Nation of good financial standing. The FP certification gives us the opportunity to receive First Nations Finance Authority loans at a lower rate.



In December 2019, we received our Financial Management Systems certification, which creates unlimited opportunities to invest in economic development ventures. This required KFN to review all policies and develop new ones to be compliant. We had to hire more staff, change organizational structure and establish a Finance & Audit Committee.

KFN completed all of its financial audits in a timely manner, with all receiving the highest audit, called Unqualified Opinion.

Economic Development

Through the Trust Agreement amendments ratification vote, we completed the purchase of the Claypool Property in Saskatoon, now referred to as Kahkewistahaw Landing, which we hope to develop in a timely manner. Chief & Council have been in negotiations with the City of Saskatoon to finalize a Municipal Service Agreement (MSA), which is required to begin the process of reserve creation.



Kahkewistahaw Landing is expected to be a major contributor to the economic, political and social well-being of Kahkewistahaw First Nation. It will allow us to form partnerships, generate wealth and create employment opportunities for our Members.



Chief & Council, with the assistance of the Kahkewistahaw Economic Management Corporation (KEMC), will continue to explore all economic opportunities. Our future looks brighter each day. We are thankful for previous Leadership that initiated this process with the vision of a prosperous future and better quality of life for generations to come. We honour them through our commitment to developing this property and realizing their vision.

Governance

Governance is an ongoing task. We are investigating ways to improve our governance practices by communicating with other successful First Nations. In particular, we have had discussions about drafting our own Constitution for Kahkewistahaw, which would be a positive step towards self-government and becoming a sovereign First Nation.

Treaty Protection

This has been identified as a priority for KFN. In the upcoming year, we will build on our knowledge base and become more active in this area, by consulting with knowledge keepers and experts with a background in and understanding of Treaties. We are very mindful of treaty when negotiating any new agreements with Indigenous Service Canada (formerly AANDC).





Councillor Michael Bob

I have served on KFN Council since 1993. I have seen considerable change in how our First Nation has developed and progressed, and I am proud of the advances in Water Treatment, Operations and Maintenance, Land Claims and Economic Development.

Portfolios

Housing
Lands and Resources
Operations and Maintenance and Water
Treatment Plant
Waste Management
Pow-wow

Councillors Shared Portfolios

Economic Development
Governance
Treaty Protection

Lands & Resources

As Kahkewistahaw First Nation develops rapidly, it's vital that we can manage the lands to address the needs of our community and resource development. The KFN Lands and Resources Department is restructuring to better manage the existing lands and any future lands acquired through reserve status. We continue to train in best practises of land management. Lands are our greatest resource and we need to ensure we capture its full value for the Membership. Having a stable land regime will enhance our potential now and for future generations.



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Progress this year includes:

- Drafted and finalized the KFN Land Management and Use Policy, which will be approved by Chief and Council
- Amended Land Code through community ratification vote to make it consistent with the KFN Financial Administration Law and assisted with its administration
- Workshopped with Lands Committee, Chief & Council, Trustees, Lands Staff and Elders to provide knowledge sharing and an understanding of the deep-rooted history of our Lands
- Developed Pasture Program Workplan, and revised for better operation and satisfied patrons
- Created a Geographic Information System that identifies all KFN lands and current uses to help decision making for community needs, infrastructure, housing, etc. Phase II Land Use Planning will be developed with community member input
- Received \$300,000 from Land Advisory Board and Resource Centre (LABRC) for Kahkewistahaw First Nation Land Legacy

Project to resolve long standing issues from the Indian Act and Indian Agent Era

- Updated office equipment to manage bigger files and accommodate mapping capabilities
- Hired Altus Geomatics (AG) to collect updated imagery of the main reserve and develop survey design for Land Legacy Project
- AG presented at CKCS High School about KFN surveying & mapping, and career options
- Received certified drone license and training to verify AG ground truthing and help stitch together imagery
- Updated locations and information for all buildings on Kahkewistahaw First Nation
- Hired land legacy technician who will research church records, Indian Agent Era land allocations and more at National Archives in Ottawa
- Extended Land Legacy Project to June 2020

Housing

The Housing Committee continues to amend the new On-Reserve Housing Policy. The current policy does not outline up-to-date housing standards in terms of building, allocation, home maintenance and renovations. When the new policy has been finalized with Chief & Council, it will be brought to KFN Members for discussion and approval.



Relocated home

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The Off-Reserve Members Housing Assistance Program assists Members with down payment for a new mortgage, or an existing mortgage payment, or home renovations. Contact the Housing Office for information and an application to access this fund, which has a cap of \$10,000 per application.



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Through the CMHC Section 95 program, Kahkewistahaw was awarded 6 units from the Yorkton Tribal Council Housing Commission in 2019. KFN qualified for these housing units because we have attained the Ministerial Guarantee needed to access funds for housing needs from the program. This Ministerial Guarantee is only available to First Nations that show financial stability and maintain regular reporting requirements to Indigenous Services Canada (formerly INAC).

These six units were purchased from Matix Lumber in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Two units will be stick built in the community, and four are Ready To Move units (RTMs). The RTM units have been moved



RTM home



Stick built home

onto the reserve and the two stick builds will be completed by April 2020, but have not yet been allocated to families.

For the 2020 building season, KFN has been awarded four units. These units will be two-bedroom homes for smaller families or single persons. To reduce costs, they will be built where infrastructure is readily available. A priority for the Housing Committee is that some portion of the work for this year's CMHC housing is available for local carpenters.

Funding from the Legacy Trust has enabled us to move three houses that were sitting in a high-water table area by the old pow-wow site. They are undergoing renovations and will be allocated when complete. Chief and Council has approved that moving forward, all KFN homes will be built with basements instead of problematic crawl spaces.

Operations & Maintenance

Our Operations and Maintenance Team performs weekly, monthly, seasonal and yearly duties for the well-being of our Nation. This fiscal year, we were able to purchase a new backhoe and grader.

Typical tasks include:

- Road repair
- Graveling of roads
- Grass cutting the ditches
- Construction of new roadways for housing
- Installation & repair of water lines
- Waste removal, such as garbage pick ups

We have many infrastructure projects underway:

- Water treatment plant has completed the first portion of its upgrades; work will begin on the Phase 2 expansion in 2020.
- The feasibility study of the lagoon expansion has been completed; Phase 2 construction will begin this year.
- Solid waste transfer station has completed Phase 1 Feasibility; will proceed to Phase 2 construction in 2020.
- Work continues on subdivisions Phases 21 & 22 and Phases 23 & 24.

All of these projects will be fully funded by INAC, however, Kahkewistahaw projects have received a new INAC advisor, which will slow down progress. For example, repayment for the infrastructure work done across the CKCS and along Bacon Road has yet to be reviewed by INAC.

The O&M Team is currently considered Essential Services, as this report comes when the world has paused due to the COVID-19 virus. They are working hard to uphold high hygienic standards and sanitary conditions. Please thank them for all they do in these trying times.



Kahkewistahaw Pow-wow

The 2019 Kahkewistahaw Pow-wow was held in the second week of July. The decision to move the Pow-wow to weekdays was a great one, as it improved the size of our crowd and participation rates. The event was attended by many drums, dancers and visitors from Canada and the United States. At the celebration, Chief & Council honoured all past KFN Chiefs and Councillors, as it was their visions and dreams that created the building blocks that Kahkewistahaw now has to move forward.

The Pow-wow Committee is hard at work to create a great weekday pow-wow this upcoming July 7, 8 and 9. They are planning its staffing and ask families to come forth with their specials. Look for the advanced poster at the April Pow-wows.

Chief and Council have bestowed a name upon the Pow-wow grounds: the Bernard Bob Memorial Pow-wow Grounds. The family is honoured to have this recognition of their husband, father, uncle and mushum.



Pow-wow Committee



Honouring of Fire Department from 2018 Pow-wow

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Members Dancing in Grand Entry



Chief & Council and Executive Assistant



Councillor Iris M. Taypotat-Scribe

My late parents are Marjorie and Albert Taypotat. Previous to becoming an elected councillor in 2011, I have worked in various fields of Childcare and Education. I have also had the opportunity to serve and sit with the Kahkewistahaw Health Committee Member and Ochapowace/Kahkewistahaw Home Care Program.

Portfolios

Health
Fire Protection
Gaming
Income Assistance Program
Elders & Veterans

Councillors Shared Portfolios

Economic Development
Governance
Treaty Protection

Elders Portfolio

We have 153 registered Elders aged 60 years and over. In the past, the KFN Elders Program has been unfunded, but supplemented by the Painted Hand Community Development Corporation and the Elders' own fundraising.



This past year, a budget was secured for the KFN Elders Program through the Legacy Trust Account.



This financial support allows some of our Elders to attend Language and Cultural Training events and other activities such as birthday parties and day trips. Many activities include those who live off-reserve. Some highlights:

- Four Band Elders Gathering (Kahkewistahaw, Cowessess, Ochapowace and Zagime Anishinabek alternate hosting duties)
- Annual Treaty Four Gathering in Fort Qu'Appelle
- Annual day trip to Brandon DOTC Winterfest
- First Nation Language Keepers Conference in Saskatoon
- National Gathering of Elders in Winnipeg
- A five-day trip to the Black Hills, South Dakota, 2018
- National Gathering of Elders in Edmonton, 2017
- Regina Exhibition, 2017

The Seniors Utility Program is available to all KFN Elders, in which arrangements can be made to pay for your utility bills. If you are eligible, please submit a letter to the Finance Department with your full name, address, date of birth and status number. Upon confirmation from the Membership Department, arrangements will be made.





Veterans

Every year on November 11th, we host the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Park to honour the 28 KFN veterans who were enlisted and served in WWI, WWII, Korean War, Afghanistan and overseas.



In 2017, we released a book called *Onapehkasiyiniwak Ote Ohci Kah-kwiwistahaw* (Courageous Warriors of Kahkewistahaw First Nation). It includes interviews with KFN veterans and families, and is available upon request from the Band.

In Honour & Memory of Kahkewistahaw Veterans

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| Irvin Alexson | Amy Hammie P. Busche | |
| Ross D. Alexson | Bert Francis | Stanley McKay |
| Roy Alexson | Hugh Francis | Archie Mequaquay |
| Victor Alexson | Joe Francis | Kenny Mequaquay |
| Victor J. Alexson | William Francis | Crawford Sparvier |
| Jim Belanger | Ross Francis | Herbert Sparvier |
| Jack Bobb | Wilfred Isaac | Robert Sparvier |
| Clinton Bobb | George Kaysaywaysemat | |
| Robert Bob | Harry Kaysaywaysemat | |
| Joseph G. Wasacase | Fred Mckay | Evan B.G Taypotat |
| Hector Wascase | | |

Income Assistance Program

This is a federally funded program that provides financial assistance to individuals residing on Kahkewistahaw who are experiencing financial difficulty in providing for their basic needs. Eligible people must complete an application and provide required documents and identification. Payments are received by clients who qualify twice a month. This program is a last resort.

The Pre-Employment Supports Program is supported through Yorkton Tribal Council and focuses on clients aged 18-24. It offers skills and job training, career counselling and interview preparation. The goal is to help clients attain their educational goals and/or to gain employment.

Committee members

Vera Wascase, Income Assistance Administrator

Delores Alexson

Noreen Cyr

Wynter Goodman

Jean Bear-Taypotat

We have a position open for an Elder.

Health

The KFN Health Staff and Committee achieved accreditation in November 2018. The long hours required to gather information through surveys and community interaction helped to define the goals of the Kahkewistahaw Health Department, and to create the vision of all Members having access to holistic health care. Congratulations to Josephine Kaysaywaysemat for achieving her Health Manager Certification.

The Kahkewistahaw Health Centre provides programs and services assisted by partnerships with Ochapowace/Kahkewistahaw Home Care Program, YTV Child & Family Services and the YTC Prevention Program. We also use second-level services from Yorkton Tribal Council Health Services. These programs include:

- Prenatal Program
- Immunization Program
- Maternal Child Health
- Child Oral Hygiene Initiative
- Mental Health & Suicide Prevention
- National Native Alcohol & Drug Awareness Program
- Communicable Disease Control & Management
- Medical Transportation Program

The Ochapowace/Kahkewistahaw Home Care Program began in 2000 and is a unique entity in Saskatchewan. It is two independent Nations coming together to create and implement a joint program, as opposed to others that run at the Tribal Council level, or those still provided by FNIHB.

Six staff members serve 25-30 clients in each community, providing high quality, supportive care based on respect for the client and family.

Committee Members

Brenda Taypotat-Elder

Tina Alexson

Clarisa Taypotat

Jacqueline Alexson

Tracie Bobb

Gaming

We are governed by Indigenous Gaming Regulators, an institution of the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations, whose primary goal is to licence and regulate on-reserve charitable gaming activities. Regular bingos and prize bingos are hosted bi-weekly on KFN, with monthly reports of revenues and profits submitted to Indigenous Gaming Regulators. Congratulations to bingo manager, Darcia Kaysaywaysemat, for a successful year.



If your group would like to request a bingo, please contact the Fundraising Committee, which will review and grant your application as is possible.



The Painted Hand Community Development Corporation has funding deadline dates every quarter (April 15th, July 15th, October 15th, January 15th). Organizations are encouraged to submit proposals for unfunded programs in the areas of education, recreation, cultural development, Elders and youth activities, and justice initiatives. In the past, many KFN programs have received funding:

- 27 applications totalling \$146,842 in 2018/19
- 49 applications totalling \$165,110 in 2016/17

Fundraising Committee Members

Flora Bobb- Elder

Denise Taypotat

Bonnie Beaudin

Charlotte Alexson

Bernard McKay

Fire Protection

The Fire Department consists of 17 regular members, some of whom have served the KFN community for up to 25 years. All members are fully certified to provide service in medical emergencies and are trained through Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies, Yorkton Tribal Council, St. Johns Ambulance and Volunteer Firefighters Association. Fire Chief Stan Bobb has contributed strong leadership to the Fire Department for many years. He is to be commended.

Highlights include:

- Education and training for community groups
- Annual visits to CKCS school during Fire Safety Week
- Completed Naxalone overdose training in 2018
- Received training with STARS Air Ambulance in 2018
- Connected to provincial fire dispatch system
- Trained 15 first responders to assist in medical emergencies
- Honoured all firefighters at the Kahkewistahaw Pow-wow in July 2018
- Purchased new tanker truck in June 2019



New fire truck and our brave Fire Department members



Councillor Cory Alexson

I believe quality community and social development programming will strengthen the future health of our children and generations to come. I am proud of the return of our Kahkewistahaw children, our drug and community engagement strategy, and our sports development.

Portfolios

Kahkewistahaw Economic Management Corporation (KEMC) Board Chair
Justice
Child Family Services & Prevention
Sports & Recreation

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Treaty Protection

Kahkewistahaw Economic Development

KFN is confronting new challenges in healthcare and economic development, as we protect our employees and businesses from the unfortunate impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Special commendation goes to KGCS General Manager Sheila Bobb, who acted swiftly to implement a COVID-19 policy and had Plexiglas installed to protect our employees.



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While we adapt, Kahkewistahaw Economic Management Corporation (KEMC) continues to focus on its land development strategy to ensure a prosperous future for KFN Members. Our Saskatoon and Yorkton properties are slated for active construction this summer. We look forward to the job creation and revenue from those initiatives.

Kahkewistahaw Landing

This site is about 40 acres of land located immediately south of the John G. Diefenbaker International Airport in Saskatoon. It is part of the Hampton Village Business Park, and reserve designation is expected by fall of this year. The site's proximity to the airport, residential areas and existing industrial uses makes it attractive for further industrial and commercial development. KEMC has taken on the role of Lead Developer for the entire area, to ensure the development process and servicing installation continues without delays.

Initial planning has been completed for the KFN gas station and c-store on this site, and we are reviewing the feasibility of a hotel

and convention centre. We are also in discussions with potential tenants such as office space, financial institutions, retail sales, recreational facilities, medical centre and restaurants.

Kahkewistahaw Gas and Convenience Store

KGCS continues to post solid financial results and provides an extremely high standard of customer service that has translated into a loyal customer base. The store received several upgrades over the past few months including new dispensers, an electronic pylon sign, and smaller touch-ups. We are planning an expansion to create a quick-serve restaurant. Updates to come!

Mamawi Holdings

A letter of intent has been signed with Yorkton Tribal Council Child and Family Services to begin construction in Yorkton as early as this fall. KEMC will lead construction of the 30,000 square foot office building to ensure KFN and its Members receive as much economic and employment benefit as possible. Job opportunities will be posted to KFN Members first as they become available.

New Business Opportunities

KEMC is pursuing the development of a civil earth works division for KFN's sand and gravel operations, which would create more job opportunities for our Members, and allow us to compete for lucrative provincial and federal contracts.

A core focus of KEMC's development strategy is to leverage the strengths and resources of KFN and its Members. While much of the current focus is on construction, the development of Kahkewistahaw Landing suggests that opportunities in various industries will open up for our Members.

KEMC Board Members

Holly Cooper
Amanda Louison
Vida McArthur
Chris Sicotte

KAHKWISTAHAW FIRST NATION SPECIAL UPDATE

Justice

As of March 2020, the majority of our team members have received their provincial Safety Guard & Private Investigator certification. Thirteen trainees successfully passed the 40-hour course, and we now have 20 members actively on duty. Team members tend to calls such as unsafe home situations, unknown noises or disturbances, erratic and unsafe drivers, suspicious vehicles and travellers, members walking in the cold or middle of the night, and at times, first-on-scene support for Child Family Services. Kakhewistahaw First Nation is proud of these Members working for our community's safety.

Justice Committee Members

Tatyana Bear

Jayson Bobb

Christina Lerat

Sarah Louison

Karyn Taypotat

Child Family Services & Prevention

CFS Prevention continues to advocate and support all of our families, both on- and off-reserve, to protect and keep safe our children and their best interests. The team welcomes its newest member, Dyanna Martell, who provides families with one-on-one support and group programming that strengthens our families.

Don't forget to enter the KFN poster contest in support of a healthy community. The deadline is the end of April 2020. Share your creativity with us!

CFS Prevention Services Committee Members

Ruth Allary

Noreen Cyr

Clarissa Taypotat

Vera Wasacase

Sports & Recreation

The KFN Sports & Recreation team, Jayson and Alexander Bobb, do an awesome job of keeping our children and youth busy year-round. Some activities have included:

- Gym nights
- Youth dances
- WHL/SJHL games
- Adult fitness classes
- Swimming passes at the Yorkton Gallagher Center
- Regina Fieldhouse access
- Ochapowace Thunder tickets
- Development of women's Storm hockey team
- Athlete development for summer & winter games
- NAIG athlete support
- Maintenance, operation and partial opening of outdoor skating rink



2019 Summer Games athletes

Our Storm 2019/20 hockey season came to a sudden halt, but we would like to give coaches, volunteers and fans a big thank you!

Sports & Recreation Committee Members

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