



Pasqua First Nation Newsletter

Introduction

Pasqua First Nation
April 1st, 2003

CHIEF AND COUNCIL

Hello Pasqua Band Members and Community Members. First I would like to take this time to introduce and congratulate our leaders for this term.

We have our **Chief Elaine Chicoose** who has been elected our Leader for the second time around and would like to congratulate her on her re-election.

Secondly I would like to introduce our (6) six Councilors who have been re-elected:

1. **Cecile Asham;** Her portfolio is Education, Finance, and Administration. Cecile has been a Leader in our Community for 14 years.

2. **Erick Gordon;** his portfolio is Housing , Economic Dev. And Intergovernmental Affairs. Erick has also been a Leader in our Community for 10 years.

3. **Delbert Pasqua;** his portfolio is Public Works, Land and Resource. Delbert has been a band leader for 4 years.

4. **Caroline Stevenson;** her portfolio is Education, Sports, Recreation, Youth , Culture And Justice. Caroline has been a leader for 4 years.

5. **Fabian Ironeagle;** his portfolio is Intergovernmental Affairs Health, Elders, Social Dev., Veterans and AHF. Fabian has also been a leader in our community for 2 years.

6. **Leroy Obey;** his portfolio is Health, Elders, Social Dev., Veterans, AHF, as well as Finance and Administration. Leroy has been a leader in our Community for 4 years.

There are two (2) new band councilors and would like to take this time to congratulate

them on their election.

7. **Clayton Cyr Jr.;** his portfolio is Housing, Economic Dev., and Lands and Resource. Clayton has been a leader in our community in the past.

8. **Lindsay Pasqua;** his portfolio is Public Works, Sports Recreation, Youth, Culture and Justice. Lindsay has also been a leader in our community in the past

With that I would like to thank all who have participated in electing our new leaders and hope they enjoy and have a great experience.

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PASQUA BAND OFFICE

The Pasqua First Nation Band Office hours of operation are: Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm, except holidays. The Pasqua Band Office consists of numerous staff members. They are as follows:

Receptionist—

Shirley Agecutay:

Shirley's duties are answering the phones and directing calls to the appropriate person. And also recording incoming mail and faxes as well as numerous other duties, if not for our secretary this office would not run appropriately.

Social Development Worker - Ruby

Ironeagle: I issue social assistance to those who would qualify, I promote employment, readiness, financial assistance for employment and education.

reminder: cheques will not be released until the first of every month, if the first falls on a weekend, cheques will be released the following business day.

Health Director -

Andreanna Gordon:

I promote a healthy lifestyle, and community wellness. To ensure that we can meet the needs of the community by providing the programs that would achieve this goal. Example: CHR, CHN, Homecare nurse, Homecare Aid, Homemaker, Wellness Therapist and Medical Transportation

Manager of Administration and Band Services—Marcella

Poitras: Ensure the Band is Operating within its guidelines and is accountable to all Pasqua First Nation Members.

Community Health Representative—

CHR— Olive Ironeagle: Employment by the Band to Provide

- certain Health Care Services
- Community Development Activities
- Liaison activities work in cooperation with community Health

nurse—

accountable to the chief and council / Health Manager.

Maintenance Manager - Morris Agecutay:

As Maintenance Manager I am responsible for the following Program areas Water O & M, Roads O & M, Fire Protection, Community Buildings, Capital Roads, Sanitation. Please Call me on my cell if any problems in these areas arise 331-7877.

Homemaker - Maureen Obey:

I help our Elderly people to maintain their household cleaning, and monitor their health and if any health concerns arise I notify the appropriate people to make sure that they are properly cared for and the right steps are taken to ensure their health.



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Payroll Clerk -

Nadean Cyr: As Payroll Clerk I am responsible for the payroll of 38 regular staff members. I am also responsible for contractors cheques, as well as monthly payroll remittances. I have been in the payroll position since August 2002, I will return to accounts payable when Kendra Poitras returns from school.

Accounts Payable - Sharon Gambler:

- to input and have payables ready for payment
- Print and mail Cheques

Education Development Coordinator—Beverly Chicoose:

Just a few lines of information in the area I look after under this position are:

- 1) Post-Secondary Education
- 2) Mature Students
- 3) ARDS
- 4) Education Reform

Feel free to contact me

at the Band Office, for further information on any of the above programs. GOOD LUCK! Students on your finals and have a good summer.

Lillian Cyr– Secretary to Chief and Council / Registry Administrator:

Under the direction of Chief and Council

- Co-ordinate Chief and Council minutes and type Correspondence and BCR's
- Co-ordinate and set up General Band Meetings on and off Reserve.
- Type Correspondence and Memo's for department Heads as requested.
- Receive requests from Band Members and forward to Chief and Council and/or Department Heads.

Under the policies of Indian Affairs as Registry Admin.

- Register New Born Babies
- Issue Letters of Membership Confirmation
- Provide information and relevant application forms for registration and Adults born prior to April 1985.
- Any other inquires regarding registration and Genealogy.

PASKWA PIT STOP

GREETINGS!

The Paskwa Pit Stop consists of Cynthia Missens, Manager, Cory Missens, Operations Manager, Dawn Kahnapace, Senior Cashier, Gas Attendants Raimy Kahnapace and Derrick Starr, Denise Asham part-time cashier and we have high school students who rotate monthly as gas attendants on weekends.

As many of you already know the store opened up in May 2002 in the resource room at the Band Office. To make the store become a reality it consisted of

long hours, hard work, commitment and dedication. We have many people to thank as well, for making our store happen, like the carpenters, Alvin Cyr, Clayton Cyr Jr., Kevin Kruszelnicki Cyr, Regan Missens and John Thorn who worked on the construction of our store.

Gordon Gill from Aboriginal Services for the business plan and his knowledge in retailing, Peace Hills Trust for their financial aid and the support from Chief and Council. The store has been in operation for al-

most a year, 10 months approximately and we will be going into our first Audit, Norris, Penny and Meyers will be auditing the store March 31, 2002 the store will be closed at 7:00 pm as we will be counting the inventory in the store.

In conclusion I would like to thank all our costumers for their support and our staff.

ABORIGINAL HEALING FOUNDATION (AHF)

Pasqua First Nation has received approval from the Aboriginal Healing Foundation for another project to be worked on over the next two years. This will be the last project we receive funding for from AHF because they are not accepting any more new proposals.

This new project, called, "Addressing the Legacy of Violence—Creating a Safe Community", is intended to address the issues of violence and safety in our community and to encourage all of us to change our attitudes and behaviors as they relate to violence. The project involves two different kinds of training:

- Healing group survivors of violence and abuse to help them to heal, recover and rebuild their lives in a healthy, non-violent way;
- General workshops for members of the community on issues related to violence and healing (e.g. The relationship between addictions and violence)

Part of the project will also be to develop an anti-violence policy for the Band Office and the community and to work on Band Policies that will help make the community safer for all residents..

This project will also provide money to train mem-

bers of the justice committee and to help them develop their policies and define their role in community justice issues. This is also a part of creating a safer community.

Over the next two years, we will be advertising programs and activities and will be encouraging all members of the community to participate in this project in some way., because safety in our community is an issue that concerns us all.





CHIEF PASKWA EDUCATION CENTRE

Happy Spring Time! The teachers and the students are preparing themselves for the second reporting period. A parent teacher meeting will be on April 7th along with there will be a bullying workshop. The workshop is put on by Kim Ebman and is open to all members of the community. The evening will start out with a supper made by the grade 8/9 Home Ec. Class. We look forward to seeing you that night.

To date we have an enrollment of 122 students. With the following staff assignments:

Secretary - Ms. Harlin Ironeagle

1/23 - Miss Pamela Tarr

2/3 - Miss Rhonda Kayseas

4/5 - Miss Twyla Saulteaux

6 - 7/8 Mr. Michael Sanderson

8/9 - Mrs Rachel Clarke

Resource Room - Ms. Tanya McLeod

In-School Coordinator - Miss Tammy Cyr

Librarian - Mrs Leah Kahnpace

Nutritionist - Ms. Frances Chicoose

Maintenance - Mr. George Reynolds

Janitor - Mr. Lester Peigan

T/A's:

Timothy Cyr

Lisa Cyr

Tiffany Cyr

Diedre Missens

Katherine Obey

Temp. Bus Driver - Mr. Donald Peigan

West Bus Driver - Mr. Kris Agecoutay

Volunteer - Mr. Steven Cyr

We encourage the Parents to come out to the school at any time to volunteer or to just stop in for coffee and visit. Your child's Education is important so keep in mind your concerns are our concerns. Any time you have ideas about how to make improvements just stop by for a visit.

ZELDA PEIGAN MEMORIAL DAYCARE

Hours of operation are Monday—Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Pauline Pasqua and Noella Stron-geagle are in Daycare and Myrna Obey and Sharralyn Cyr are in Head-Start. As well as Rhonda VanDerbraggen as the teacher for Head-Start. As of today we have 8 children in Day-care, and up to 5 children

in Headstart. The purpose of the Daycare is to help our community with lower costs in child care and help parents in maintaining their job, without having to worry about their children. In the Daycare there also a Head-start Program which is intended to meet the needs of children who are preparing

to enter their first year of school.

Myrna Obey and Sharralyn Cyr are currently in training for Orientation for Child Care.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call me (Noella) at 332-1821.

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Our Justice Committee has been meeting on a monthly basis, the committee has participated in assisting our membership return to our community from correctional institutions, our Justice, Youth Worker Sheldon Peigan, Has been working with youth in our community. The

Culture camp last summer, the Drop in Center at the Band Office, Sheldon also assists with the Boxing at the school and other youth activities in our community. The Justice Committee faces the challenges in our community with optimism, there are going changes in the area of

Justice with the Federal and Provincial Government that are emphasizing responsibility on First Nation Communication, Our Justice Committee is always looking for your guidance and direction.

Della Chicoose—Finance

Hi my name is Della Chicoose, I am a Member of the Pasqua First Nation and presently employed as the Director of Finance. I started my position June 3, 2002 and have since enjoyed getting to know the operations of the Band and becoming re-acquainted and challenging as The Director of Finance,

I monitor the overall accounting, budgeting and financial management of the Pasqua First Nation. I work closely with the program managers and their respective councilors by providing monthly departmental reports to ensure they are operating within their budgets. I am also working with the Finance Committee in

developing a Finance Act and once implemented would ensure accountability to the members of the Pasqua First Nation.

At this time we are busy preparing for our 2002-2003 audit and look forward to presenting Pasqua First Nation's financial position in our next newsletter.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

GREETINGS!
Pasqua Band Members.
Hi my name is Lindsay Pasqua, I'm on the Portfolio of Sports and Recreation. A part of my council duties is to find ways for funding

and creating activities that involve our youth mostly but also all our band members.
Starting April 8th, 2003, we will be having our Bingo's at the Band Hall. The Bingo's are for fund raising for the

children for the purposes of sports and recreation.

Your support in either just coming out to play or volunteer would be greatly appreciated.



PASQUA BOXING CLUB

GREETINGS Pasqua First Nation Membership. My name is Erick Gordon from the Pasqua First Nation. I've been involved with our children / youth Boxing club. My background was having grown up in activities like Hockey, Ball, Material Arts and Boxing. Right now we have a Boxing club that has been running for its second year, and is now being registered with the Boxing Saskatchewan Inc. We have had approximately 15-35 children / youth boys and girls attending throughout the season. Seasons first Monday of September and ends last Wednesday or Friday of April or May (approx. 8-9 months). The instructor is Wesley Sunshine, a three (3) time Canadian Champion who also has a brown belt in Ju-Jitsu from the Fishing Lake First Nation.

The main goal behind this club is to bring activities that give our children / youth a form of physical condi-

tioning that enhances ones feeling good about themselves, healthy bodies brings on healthy minds which in turn has a healthy spirit. The program also helps our children / youth to be in condition for all other sports, which gives them self-esteem, self-confidence. Also the opportunity to travel and see different provinces, cultures, etc. We have other councilors involved in recreation area which are there portfolio's, Caroline Stevenson, Lindsay Pasqua who have been bringing in more activities for our children / youth to participate in.

On March 29/03 the Pasqua First Nation Boxing Club went to a boxing match, held in Regina, sponsored by the Regina Friendship Center Boxing Club. It was good to see some of our First Nation neighbors participating and winning against other non-native boxers.

- On April 26/2003 we may have 1-2 of our kids par-

ticipating in Weyburn Boxing Match come out and show your support.

Any parents or Guardians wanting to come and help out. Whether it be on class nights or fund raising, please leave your name at the Band Office. I have also included a program of who boxed at the Regina Friendship Center Boxing Match on March 29/2003

Thank you for your time and consideration

Erick Gordon
Pasqua First Nation
Councilor



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **There will be a garage sale on the 17th of April, for AHF, come out and check out the merchandise.**
- **There will also be a urban band meeting at the Gathering Place on April 30th, 2003 at 6:00 pm regarding informational work session. Lunch will be served.**
- **There will also be a Pasqua Band Meeting for the on reserve members on April 29th, 2003 at 6:00 pm.**
- **BINGO... ON April 8th, 2003 at the Pasqua Band Hall**
 - Early Bird 4 x \$10 = \$40.00
 - Jiffy \$20 + \$40 = \$480.00
 - Bonanza (wild #)

From the Publisher

Just a short letter from your editor or publisher. Hi my name is Laurie Ann Obey I am a Pasqua Band Member, I am employed at the band office threw the WOP Program, And I am trying to enter the work force again, threw this program. My duties at the Band Office are mainly for the people to do any kind of typing or assistance that I can help with. As part of my job is to do a news letter for the Band members to keep you in-

formed on what's happening and where we are at as a Band. If you have any thing that you would like to add to the news letter please do not hesitate to contact me at the office. Also if you have any upcoming events that you would like to get published in the newsletter, our next newsletter will be going out on June 1st, 2003. Thank you for those of you, that helped in making this letter a success.

Sincerely:

Laurie Ann Obey