DAKOTA OJIBWAY TRIBAL COUNCIL
“Indian control of Indian Development”

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Chairman’s Message
Chief Murray Clearsky
Chair / DOTC Council of Chiefs

Effective April 1, 2012, the Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council consists of 6 member First Nations- Roseau River Anishinabe First Nation, Swan Lake First Nation, Long Plain First Nation, Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation, Birdtail Sioux First Nation and Waywayseecappo First Nation. To the three First Nations who have made decision to withdraw as members from the DOTC, we wish them well.

When delivering programs and services to meet the needs and expectations of its membership, the Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council will continue to make use of innovative and progressive outlook gained over the past 40 years. That the Tribal Council remains strong, on this score, there is no doubt. According to 2011-12 General Assessment by the Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, measured along the Organizational and Program Management categories, the Tribal Council falls within the “Low Risk” category. Barring need for one or two minor correctives, “no action” has been identified for corrections. For 2012-13, we fully expect to retain this mark!

The six member First Nations of DOTC are working aggressively and hard to undertake community and economic initiatives so that our membership can avail for themselves the opportunities to realize a better quality of life. While we recognize below two First Nations for their achievements, I am certain there will be more kudos to follow as we are provided with relevant information.

DOTC offers congratulations to two of its member First Nations for their achievements. Long Plain has successfully developed its property on 480 Madison in Winnipeg that now houses the Yellowquill College. The Relocation and Grand Re-opening Celebrations held on 25 January 2012 were attended among others by Senator Gerry St. Germain, Member of Parliament Pat Martin and Grand Chief Derek Nepinak of Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs.

We all also offer congratulations to Swan Lake First Nation for winning the gold award for good management from the Institute of Public Administration of Canada and Deloitte. The First Nation beat out Lethbridge, Alta. and London, Ont. in the municipal services category. The First Nation serves for us all a great example to follow.

The Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council will retain an innovative perspective to relevantly addressing arising challenges and issues. Canada is a changing society and, there is a need for the Tribal Council to propose and undertake appropriate initiatives. DOTC Administration (and programs) will be directed to further develop areas identified to date- Communication/Marketing/Outreach, Education and Knowledge-based Economy, Political Participation and Making the Voice Heard and, First Nations-Corporate Partnerships.

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Message from the CEO
Robert Daniels
CEO/Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council

I am pleased to provide some highlights of activities undertaken by DOTC Administration during January-March 2012. These are in addition to normal and routine administrative responsibilities falling under the main areas of the executive, finance and operations. The required evaluations for all programs have been completed. The work-plans for 2012-13 have been compiled and submitted to Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada. In addition, the DOTC website is now updated and launched.

When requested by the Leadership, DOTC Administration has provided necessary support in support of initiatives/issues of importance to the respective First Nations. Communication and media briefings were developed for Long Plain First Nation announcing the Relocation and Grand Re-opening of the Yellowquill College to 480 Madison Street in Winnipeg. Similarly, a briefing note was developed for Birdtail Sioux First Nation. DOTC Finance provided support to staff in Canupawakpa Dakota Nation.

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Chief Irvin McIvor has consistently reiterated it is crucially important that citizens from First Nations participate at all levels in the political process. If the voices are to register and be heard, this is a necessary step that needs to be encouraged and undertaken. To achieve this goal, public education and distribution of relevant information are important steps. This holds true not just for citizens of Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation but those of all First Nations.

Guided by Chief McIvor, Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council has worked with Elections Manitoba to develop a pilot-project for Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation. The project will be delivered sometime in May-June 2012. It is hoped that the project will be later delivered to other interested First Nations.

To facilitate delivery of the project, there will be representation of staff from Sandy Bay High School, DOTC, Elections Manitoba and, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada. With respect to provision of relevant information, attention will be given to general understanding about questions such as- What does it mean to vote? How/when did we (First Nations) get the right to vote? Why people vote? Why is it important to have someone in charge of overseeing elections? Who can one vote for at the band, municipal, provincial and national levels? What are the requirements, roles and responsibilities of citizens, candidates, political parties and electoral staff.

A meeting will then be held with the Elders in Sandy Bay to attain their advise and input.

The second part will involve the undertaking of a “mock election at the community level” to guide the citizen through the electoral process. This process will involve students from the High School in Sandy Bay. A workshop will be provided to students. From this effort, it is anticipated students primarily from Grades XI and XII will volunteer as “candidates” and “electoral staff” for the above “mock election”.

On related front, Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation is leading the effort to have Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada explore the usage of E-voting for elections in First Nations. E-voting can streamline the tabulation/counting of votes casted. An efficient process reduces the amount of time presently required to announce the outcomes. Instead of the typically 12-15 hours required for counting in the larger First Nations, this time could be reduced to about an hour or so.
DAKOTA OJIBWAY HEALTH SERVICES

“In tradition, you are supposed to stand and tell your child, ‘if you go down that road, this is what it is going to be.’ If you educate and strengthen those women, then you will have all those voices to go and stand and we will get stronger.” Source: Bea Shawanda in Healing Our Nation: Resource Manual (1995:74).

For DOHS capacity building within our membership communities continues to be a priority. Highlighted below are few of the training opportunities recently offered to our member First Nations. Case Management, Home & Community Care, Nursing, and NAYSPS/FASD each held different training events during the winter months.

In January, Case Management Initiative (CMI) delivered a training event geared for the leadership levels to assist in creating an informed and supportive environment for the work being done at the community level. The session was attended by Health Directors, DOTC Administration and Band Councilors who have responsibility for Health Portfolios. This training session fed into the development of the required training for the community workers planned to take place in the following weeks.

The Frontline Case Management training session held in March sought to transfer knowledge and skills to enable Frontline workers to participate in the development of a Case Management model for their individual communities. The Model, or Framework for service, seeks to link all community services, and generate a network of Frontline and Supervisory support across First Nations communities for the Sharing of Best Practices in Case Management. Following a strategic case management approach the CMI has provided Resources, Training, and Networking opportunities for frontline workers and those who supervise them.

Communities have been preparing for the amalgamation of the In Home Care Program (AANDC) to the Home and Community Care Program (FNIH). DOHS Nursing programs hosted a meeting on January 27, 2012. The meeting was a great start as for the planning phase of amalgamation, issues and, concerns were identified. The next steps will be to work with both program funders to ensure issues and concerns are addressed prior to the amalgamation. DOHS will provide support to the DOTC communities with the amalgamation, and development of a training plan to assist with the transition. The south zone quarterly meetings were held in December and February to provide professional development for the nurses, coordinators and, community health representatives.

NAYSPS/FASD provided the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Transsexual Two Spirit Queer Questioning Individuals* (LGBTTQ*) Awareness and Ally Training. These two trainings provided the front-line workers with capacity building opportunities to support those at risk groups within our communities. The increased abuse and emotional turmoil faced by LGBTTQ* population can lead to desperate outcomes, interpersonal violence and a lack of support from family, peers and community. These issues have been cited as reasons for increased rates of suicide attempts and death by suicide in this at risk group, not because of their sexual orientation.

We now have a total of twelve front-line workers from six of the DOTC membership and DOHS. These individuals now have the skills to recognize suicide risk factors, warning signs, at-risk behaviors, high-risk groups within this at risk group. In addition the participants were trained to identify personal and professional bias, and how to be more open and affirming of all people regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity.

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ON-RESERVE HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE

We are still doing our daily routine of housing inspections in the following:  CMHC Sec 95

Band-owned rental housing program, Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP), Physical Condition Reviews (PRCs) and the write-ups for the maturing housing units within DOTCHAI.

We are in process of completing seventy-four PCRs for CMHC. There are fifty-six DOTCHAI units that are maturing this year and these will as per requirements be inspected. These inspections include cost estimates for material and labour on the Automated Work Description System.

Presently we are wrapping up 35 CMHC units under Sec. 95 and 13 RRAP units within the DOTC First Nations.

Funding for new CMHC funded housing units is still pending.

Employee Profile

John Meechas is the Program Manager/Compliance Inspector/Advisor. Nelson Nepinak resigned from his position as Inspector on December 9, 2012. Darlene Peters was hired December 5, 2011 as the Administrative Assistant for the ORH program. Previously, Darlene worked for Long Plain First Nation in the housing area for 12 years as TRO and Housing Manager/Coordinator. She is knowledgeable about the housing field.
The focus of this Quarterly submission is on Staff Appreciation, Commendation and Community Events.

Dakota Ojibway Police Service held its Annual Christmas Dinner & Service Awards on December 14, 2011 at Days Inn in Portage La Prairie. Acknowledgments included Service Awards, Certificates of Commendation and Recognition presented to staff for their years of service and dedicated service to DOTC member First Nation communities and colleagues. DOPS Appreciation for 5 Years of Service were presented to Giselle Bell, Jo-Ann Helgason, Darryl Hunter, Dale McKay, April McKenzie, Ernest Roulette, Kristen Tompsett, Grant Vogt, Maxine Starr-Elk, Tom Kasto. DOPS Appreciation for 10 or more Years of Service were presented to Frank Kaszas, Matthew McKay, James Pierre, Cindy Prince, Derek Smoke, Joe Chartrand, Jo-Ann Helgason, Dale McKay, Frank Kaszas, Amy Roulette and Derek Smoke. Commendations were presented to: Cpl. Kristen Tompsett, Cst. Amy Roulette and Cst. Derek Smoke for “Service Above and Beyond”. Certificates of Recognition were presented to Cpl. Frank Kaszas, Cst. Dale McKay and Crime Prevention Coordinator Jo-ann Helgason for community service.

DOPS members participated in the Dakota Ojibway Winterfest 2012, held on January 27, 28, & 29, 2012 in Brandon, Manitoba. Sandy Bay and Sioux Valley Detachments provided members from their detachments, as their communities were hosting the tournament. Cpl. Frank Kaszas, Cst. Jordan Starr, Cpl. Kristen Tompsett and Cst. Amy Roulette participated in the meet and greet and, opening ceremonies. The event was well received and quite successful.

DOPS members have re-established the DOPS “Rez Dogs” Hockey Team. Members have participated in games with the youth and Pee Wee teams. This is with the objective to keeping the positive and fun engagement with community youth. All detachments have participated and joined in playing different member First Nations.

DOPS released its Annual Calendar which showcased DOPS members, activities and history of the Police Service. The calendar was well received by DOTC member First Nation communities and, it has been distributed to various other First Nations.

April 22 – 28, 2012 is National Victims of Crime Awareness Week. The event will involve education and raising awareness of victim issues with time dedicated to the preparation to ceremony and culture. On April 26, 2012 at the Keeshkeemaquah Conference Centre DOPS will host a Service Providers Resource Fair from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. that is open to all. See the DOPS Newsletter for more information on the Fair. The Crime Prevention team continues working with community programs towards creating a safer community.

March 2012 has arrived and DOFNHAI has submitted letters to all their tenants in regards to renewing their leases for the year 2012-2013.

We great sadness, DOFNHAI has lost an important key player, Mr. Dan Wade. Dan has gone on to other ventures. He is currently employed at the Assiniboine Zoo. On behalf of DOFNHAI we wish you all the best with your new endeavors. But not all is lost as his trusty side kick Wayne Manyshots, who worked along the sidelines of Dan for many years, now holds the position of DOFNHAI’s Plumbing & Appliance Repair man. DOFNHAI would like to welcome on board Mr. John Beaulieu who is now in the position as DOFNHAI’s Maintenance Repair man. John is a member of the Sandy Bay First Nation and with his experience and knowledge he will be a great asset to the organization.

The occupancy rate within the organization is still at 98% capacity. In regards to tenants whose rent has increased to a market value, we are addressing their needs and concerns, but with the occupancy being so high, there is little turn over due to the vacancy rate in Winnipeg. The DOFNHAI organization is taking strict measures in addressing the No Pet Policy, and upon the signing of their new leases, we are requesting the licensed papers. We have enabled for DOFNHAI tenants to grandfather their pet. With the snow build up out there, we would like to remind our tenants to keep their walk ways shoveled and to remind the tenants to regularly maintain their furnaces by changing their furnace filters.

Our office is located at 100-11 Arden Avenue. The staff at DOFNHAI would like to wish everyone a safe Easter holiday.
Watch for our new website which will be launched in early April 2012!

Congratulations
Congratulations from the Board of Directors and staff of Community Futures to Swan Lake First Nation for winning the gold award for top public service presented by the Institute of Public Administration of Canada and Deloitte. This award recognizes Swan Lake First Nation’s good management practices.

Community Visits
The Community Futures staff will be travelling to the communities over the next few months to meet with those interested in establishing a business. Posters indicating the date and time will be distributed in mid April. If you are hosting a local community event or career fair, we would like to come out and promote our program and services.

Dakota Ojibway Winter Fest 2012
The Community Futures staff participated in the trade show at Dakota Ojibway Winter Fest at the Keystone Centre in Brandon, January 27-29, 2012. Attending this major event allowed us to re-connect with clients, visit with friends and relatives and promote our program and services at the same time. It was a very well attended event. We had a number of inquiries on the program and services we offer and a total of 148 people entered our prize draw. Trevor Anderson was the winner of the ceremonial bone earings.

Vision Quest Conference & Trade Show
The 16th annual Vision Quest Conference & Trade Show takes place at the Winnipeg Convention Centre from May 15 to 17. More than 1000 Conference participants will come together at Vision Quest to discuss and promote Aboriginal business, community, and economic development. Delegates from across Canada and throughout Manitoba include entrepreneurs, innovators, business leaders, and youth. The desired outcome is building capacity, inspiring new initiatives, and encouraging success in Aboriginal communities. Since inception, more than 10,000 participants have taken part, and contributed to Vision Quest’s national profile and highly respected reputation.

The Vision Quest Trade Show will expand in 2012. More than 100 exhibitors will take part, representing business suppliers, service providers, hospitality groups, career opportunities, economic organizations, educational institutions, and information services. In addition, a wide selection of artists and artisans will have one-of-a-kind gifts and artwork available for purchase. The Vision Quest Trade Show offers free public admission.

Registration is available online at www.vqconference.com. Register by April 9 and save $75. Exhibitor and sponsor applications are also available online. With over 100 exhibitors and 1,000 Conference participants, the trade show floor promises to be a busy place in 2012.

Enter to Win a Free Trade Show Booth
Once again, we will be offering a free trade show booth to an artist/crafter from the DOCF region. To enter the draw please forward your name and contact information via email to kim@docfdc.mb.ca by April 30th. The winner will be contacted on May 1, 2012.

For further information please contact our office at 1-866-988-5373 or visit our website at: www.docfdc.mb.ca

The two visits per First Nation School will be winding down with visit completions scheduled for March 31, 2012.

This brings to a close the completion of the five year pilot. Funding for year six has been finalized with a few changes to be added to this fiscal year mandate. These changes will be elaborated on in the new fiscal year and are at the request of our funding source, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC). The requirement of at least two annual visits per First Nation community school will remain unchanged.

More emphasis will be placed on identifying individual training plans for maintenance personnel that SMTP works within the forty-eight schools throughout Manitoba. Scheduling of visits needs closely coordinated given previous experiences of getting in and out of some communities due to issues related to weather and accommodations.

The staff had the pleasure of meeting with Senator Gerry St. Germain from Ottawa. He is highly supportive of the program. He recognised the uniqueness of this program and, said that the need for ongoing preventative maintenance management is highly important in preserving the school as a valuable asset and foundation for First Nations in Manitoba and throughout the country. This outlook is in line with the Report on “Reforming First Nations Education: From Crisis to Hope” issued under his Chairmanship by the Senate Committee on Aboriginal Peoples. The main theme of the report being that a student’s achievements is large part based on an environment that is conducive to learning.

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ACTIVE MEASURES INITIATIVES:

Case Management Initiative (CMI) – a workshop was held January 11-13, 2012 with regard to CMI for First Nation leadership and health workers. On March 7-9, 2012, a second workshop was convened for First Nation frontline workers including income assistance administrators. These training events provided for case management within First Nation systems which also encompasses necessary aspects such as communications, collaboration, effectiveness and empowerment to provide better services and thereby meet the needs and expectations of the client. The participants learned about advantages of using case management and solution-focused methods to co-create service provision system at the local community level. Social development advisory staff were in attendance to support First Nation Income Assistance staff during the session and will continue the support case management systems in their communities.

Youth Leadership Initiative – DOTC area Community Active Measures Representatives are Cheyenne Ironman and Darise Peters. The two representatives have received training in portfolio building; Cultural, Economic, Political, and Social (CEPS); First Aid, CPR, Workplace Hazardous Materials Information Systems (WHMIS); Food Handlers certification. In addition, opportunities to participate in Creating Linkages Conference; Active Measures conference; Motivational Interviewing; Research Conference U of W; Tour U of M; presenters at Family Violence Prevention Conference; BC Youth Gathering in Nanaimo, BC March 20-23, 2012. These youth will share their training and experiences with other First Nation youth. These training initiatives were delivered by qualified professionals in their field and supported by AANDC and Tribal Councils.

Income Assistance – a workshop was held February 16, 2012 at AANDC boardroom regarding these changes for the new fiscal year 2012-2013. This introductory workshop for First Nations in the DOTC tribal area was informative and overly intensive. However, once First Nation Administrators absorb all the changes forthcoming, another workshop will take place in the near future. The basic changes are new forms for reporting and the reporting cycle will be on quarterly bases to AANDC for CFA FNs.

Compliance Reviews – compliance will change from % rate to Risk-Based scenarios for FNs, three levels: low-risk, medium-risk, high-risk. FNs will be assessed into these levels before the new fiscal year. Compliance reviews will be based on these assessed levels to: no compliance activity (low); desk reviews (med); and on-site compliance plus program mgmt & evaluation (high). Further Workshops will be held in the new fiscal year.

Social Development Advisory staff, as well as AANDC staff will further support in the transition of changes through collective workshop scenario or during the scheduled onsite advisory for individual First Nation that require further updates.

Submission by Tim Wasicuna, Director, Social Development Program

DOTC SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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YELLOWQUILL COLLEGE

Greetings from 480 Madison Street; our new location in Winnipeg!

We have moved and are now holding all our classes from this location. The space we are currently located at is owned by Long Plain First Nation. Long Plain held a grand opening of the building in January with dignitaries from the federal government, members of Long Plain, Yellowquill College students and staff, and general public in attendance.

With the larger classroom sizes, we are now able to accommodate more students. Classrooms are fully equipped with the technology students may need to successfully complete their courses. Overall there is more room for students whether they are in a classroom or in the student lounge facilities. We invite all interested to visit us and inquire about programs in they may want to enroll.

A program change is being made and anyone wishing to apply to the First Nation Child and Family Services diploma program should note that this program will be starting on AUGUST 7, 2012. An Essential Skills component is being added to the program which is mandatory for all students enrolling in the program. Further application information can be found on our website at www.yellowquill.org.

Applications for all programs starting in September 2012 are now being accepted. If you wish to find out more information on any program at the college, please feel free to visit our website at www.yellowquill.org or call us at 1-204-953-2800. We would be happy to answer any inquiries you may have.

Doreen Beauchamp, Director/Yellow Quill College
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