

Special points of interest:

- 500 days till the Games will be March 2nd
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Special Event Receives Grant Funding

Community Initiative Fund, Community Vitality Program Grant awarded Muskoday \$41,875 to host Muskoday and Beyond. Muskoday and Beyond will be a showcase of Saskatchewan Aboriginal talent on July 16th, 2013 at Prime Ministers Park and on July 17th & 18th at the Kinsmen Park amphitheatre in Prince Albert.

The project is two fold as we will have bands and entertainers perform for the public after the Games Opening Ceremonies. The initial plan is to find a headliner through a voting process that will be on our web page. Our first step is to receive input from the public on Bands that they would like to nominate for the voting process. We will then short list the names and sign a contract with each band that will specify the terms etc. for the winning band. The winning band that receives the most votes will then be named as the headliner for the evening and must adhere to the previous signed contract.

Other entertainers will also be showcased through the three days at both venues. We will be requiring bands, fiddlers, square dancers

etc for the three days so send us information about you or your group. The special events committee will review all of the applications and select the entertainers based on several criteria that will specified in the application that will



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be posted on the web page in the new year.

The fund will assist in the rentals of stages, equipment, entertainers fees, security and much more.

The schedule of events will include the PMP portion starting at 8:00pm and going till midnight on July 16th. The Kinsmen Park event will start at 1:00pm to 8:00pm on both the 17th and 18th of July.

All three days will be free to the public and Games participants. Special precautions will be taken during the evening at PMP as

extra security will be hired to ensure the safety of all. Of course this event is to be suitable for all ages as it will be designed to be a family event.

In addition, since this is a huge undertaking we will be requiring the services of a special event coordinator that will be contracted to assist the committee in the operation of the event.

Please send band and entertainer nominations, resumes for the event coordinator to Marvin by email to; marvin@2013fnsg.ca

Community Pride Projects and Events

“The component of the Community Vitality Program is intended to support projects and events that build community pride, social cohesion, celebrate cultural heritage and diversity, promote Saskatchewan artists, increase the capacity of community leaders and organizations, and encourage civic involvement.”

CIF Brochure



Judy McLeod-Campbell receiving a Games shirt after a workshop she offered to our cultural committee.

"I firmly believe that any man's finest hour, his greatest fulfillment to all holds dear, is the moment when he has worked his heart out in a good cause and lies exhausted in the field of battle victorious "

Vince Lombardi
Ava Bear's Pick

Games Office Assistant Hired

Annette Merasty started her new position with the Games on January 9th. It was no slow orientation as we were in the middle of two activities. The first was the opening of the Games office as Gateway Mall handed over the keys to the office on Friday January 6th.



The same day Annette started we had a workshop in a our new board room.

Annette comes to us with a lot of experience in office administration and a bonus in grant writing experience. She hails from Prochet, Manitoba (Reindeer Lake) and has lived in Prince Albert for five years. All the best to Annette in making these Games the Best Ever.

Sport Coordinators

The sport coordinators Ron Bear and Eldon Crain have split the Games Sports into two workable areas. Out of the sports that we are offering each coordinator selected which ones they are in charge of. The decision wasn't easy as we thought about logistics, size of the competition etc.

When all was said and done the following was decided;

- Ron Bear
Sport Co-coordinator
- Canoeing/Kayak
- Archery
- Softball
- Eldon Crain
Sport Co-coordinator
- Golf
- Athletics
- Soccer

Each coordinator is responsible to find volunteers for the specific sport and also a venue coordinator.

These two will be quite busy due to the size of the Games and the number of competition venues we have. If you would like to volunteer at the sporting venues you can reach these guys at the Muskoday Band office at 764-1282 or leave a message at the Games office at 922-5888



New Boardroom at Games Office in Gateway Mall

Games office open at Gateway Mall

The Games office is open, unofficially. We received the keys from the Gateway Mall on January 6th. Greg Dionne and Sharon Faul handed over the keys to a 3000 square foot space located in the heart of the mall. We purchased some equipment in regards to computers, printers etc and a lot was generously donated by businesses in Prince Albert. The set up of the office will have a retail area of about 500 square feet where we can sell Games clothing etc in the front. A beautiful seating area provided by

Leon's Prince Albert and our reception desk where Annette will be set up. In the back we have curtained off space for two offices and all of our files and a large board room that can easily sit 20. Also attached to the space is a large storage room and bathroom. This was more then we bargained for and the space seemed pretty empty the first few days. After a few phone calls, our tri-globals, Sask Sport, Sask Culture and Saskatchewan Parks & Recreation will be sending us posters and banners to fill the walls.

As mentioned we had a workshop in it on January 9th and it was so nice not having to take everything down and put it all away. We can leave our work out on the walls and let people see the progress that we have had up to date.

Official opening of the Games office will be March 2nd during our 500 days till the Games event. More details and information about the opening will be in the next issue in February.

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Own the Podium-Right on Target

Once again, Sask Sport's Aboriginal Community Sport grant comes through in a big way.

The development of Archery in our community gets another boost as we were awarded through the adjudication process through the Lakeland District for Sport, Culture & Recreation office

\$5,000.

The money will be used to purchase 3D targets that are utilized at the Games competition. This will give our youth the ability to practice on targets that will be at the Games. Previously we had only paper targets.



It will also be fun to set them up on the new trail and range and have them go through the course.

If you haven't accessed this grant yet, what are you waiting for. For more information on it contact your local district or Wanda Cameron at Sask Sport at 975-0810.



Games Infrastructure – Clan Mother Parks at Athletes Village

Games infrastructure development has always been looking toward the future, not just for the five day event. We look at each aspect of development as a what will we do with it in the future.

This article tends to be the opposite as this project will benefit the Games.

Through our community plan that was developed in 2009 we always looked at the development of Clan Mother



Parks to teach our youth and the public about our culture and heritage. From those plans the Community Service Department developed a proposal for Sask Cultural through their Municipal Cultural Engagement & Planning grant. We were awarded \$25,000 to take the idea and forward it into a plan and

implementation.

In creating the green spaces and the Clan Mother Parks in the Veterans Memorial Park will only enhance the opportunity for future tourist and students to learn more about the Plains Cree culture.

Ground moving and development should be starting this spring and participants attending the Games will have some beautiful areas to visit while staying at the athlete village.

Training Partner-Steps Up

A2Z Safety & Training helps out in a big way.

While offering a chainsaw course in Prince Albert. Trevor Montgomery C.S.O. of A2Z needed a place for the participants to take their class room knowledge to the trees. They were able to come out to Muskoday and work on widening the road for the R.V.'s to safely get to



their parking area. They practiced by cutting down a

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swath 10 feet wider of brush and knocking down trees.

The trees will be seasoned for the campers at the village during the Games for their fire pits and the brush will be mulched down for the trails. A2Z has also committed to assisting in training courses for volunteers that will be needed at the Games.



"Sweat plus sacrifice equals success"

Charles O. Finley
Dean Bear's Pick



Judy Mcleod-Campbell conducting workshop for committee

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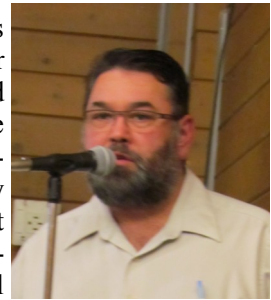
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Good day, my name is Ronald Maurice Bear and I am a proud Band member from the Muskoday First Nation. I am happily married with 4 adult children and grandfather to 3 beautiful grand-daughters. I enjoy spending time with my family and friends when the opportunities present themselves. It is with great pleasure that I can say that I am a family orientated person.



I currently work as the Band's Social Development Director, so naturally I am very excited about Muskoday hosting the 2013 First Nation Summer Games. During these games I will be designated as one of the Sports Coordinators for the events of Archery, Canoeing/Kayaking and the sport of Softball. By hosting an event of this magnitude I believe Muskoday First Nation and our host community partners; the town of Birch Hills and the city of Prince Albert will provide the "BEST GAMES EVER" for all to enjoy.

Fundraiser—Buy your tickets now!!!



Reception area as committee members pose for a quick picture on the furniture donated by Leon's Prince Albert.

Another small fundraiser has been kicked off as Ron Bear tackles this project. He was able to get prizes donated to hold a raffle that will be drawn in February.

- 1st Prize -50" Plasma HD T.V.
- 2nd Prize 5.1 Cubic Inch Freezer with a 250 Gift Card
- 3rd Prize 250 Gift Certificate for the Muskoday Gas Bar

Total value of all of these prizes over \$1,800.00

- Tickets sell for:
- 1 for \$2.00
- Or 3 for \$5.00

Tickets can be bought by any committee member or purchased at the Games Office in the Gateway Mall.

Draw Date will be February 14, 2012

First Golf Tournament Fundraiser will be at the Dakota Dunes on the Whitecap First Nation June 1st.

Look for more information coming soon. This project will be headed by Eldon Crain.



