

FALL NEWSLETTER 2014

PTFN



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING ELECTION FOR CHIEF AND COUNCIL

On October 30, 2014 Peerless Trout First Nation members will be asked to vote for Chief and one Councillor for each community (Peerless Lake and Trout Lake). Polling stations will be open from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm on election day. There will be a polling station open in each community.

For further details on how to become a candidate in the election and the nomination process see the article "Election" on page 2.

Please make sure to bring your Identification in order to cast a vote for this election. This can be in the form of Treaty card, drivers license, birth certificate etc.

**THE ELECTION WILL
BE HELD ON**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER
30, 2014**

**Polling stations are to be
open from
9:00 am to 8:00 pm
on Election day**

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Health Centre Grand Opening October 3rd 2014 at 2:00pm*
- *Nomination and voting processes*

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ELECTION 2014

The Chief and Council of Peerless Trout First Nation have declared that the election for Chief and one Councillor from each community will be on October 30, 2014. This article will contain important information on the vote.

NOMINATION PROCESS

To be considered in the upcoming vote, a candidate must be nominated. The following are the nomination meeting times and locations:

- ⇒ Nomination Day @ Peerless Lake is on October 1, 2014 from 6 pm to 9 pm in the Peerless Lake Community Hall
- ⇒ Nomination Day @ Trout Lake is on October 2, 2014 from 6 pm to 9 pm in the Trout Lake Community Hall

In order to be nominated one must get two (2) nominators to nominate a candidate; the first Nominator must pay \$25.00 and the second Nominator must pay 10.00: these fees are non-refundable.

- ◆ As well, the cost of Nomination for Chief is \$2,000.00 certified cheque or performance bond; the fee is non-refundable.
- ◆ The cost of Nomination for Councillor is \$1,000.00 certified cheque or performance bond; the fee is non-refundable.

All nomination payments are deposited into an Election fund and used to offset costs of the PTFN elections

Candidates wishing to be nominated must be present at the nomination meeting, personally accept the Nomination and submit the Nomination Form and accompanying documents to be validly Nominated.

The accompanying documents are as follows:

- ◆ The money order or certified cheque to the PTFN: (\$1,000 –Councillor, \$2,000 – Chief)
- ◆ A Canadian Police Information Centre (C.P.I.C.) report or letter from the RCMP indicating that there are no unpardoned convictions of the Nominee for an indictable offence and that no indictable criminal charges are outstanding
- ◆ A Child Welfare Information System (C.W.I.S.) report indicating the Nominee has not been charged with offences relating to child abuse and that no charges are outstanding
- ◆ If the Nominee is an employee of the PTFN, or PTFN business entity, a letter from the Chief or Administrator stating they have taken a leave of absence
- ◆ The Election fees (*electors nominating a candidate must pay a non-refundable fee of 25.00 for each nomination and electors seconding a candidate must pay a non-refundable fee of \$10.00 for each nomination at the time the nomination forms are submitted*)



The result of the nomination process will be posted on the Election Notice on October 16, 2014

ELECTION –CONTINUED

THE ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2014;

Polling stations are to be open from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm on Election day

Peerless Lake polling station @ Peerless Lake Community Hall from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

Trout Lake polling station @ Trout Lake Community Hall from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

The formal result of the election will be posted on October 31, 2014 at the Nation's office.

There are copies of the *Peerless Trout First Nation Customary Election Regulations* available at the Nation's Office.

To pick up Nomination Forms or for further information, Linda Noskiye will be the contact person at the Nation. She can be reached at the Nation's Office in Trout Lake @ (780) 869-2391.

Albert Oostendorp is the designated Electoral Officer for this election. Additional information is available by contacting Albert at 780-991-4011 or by e-mail at aomgnt@telusplanet.net.



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE HEALTH CENTRE GRAND OPENING!!

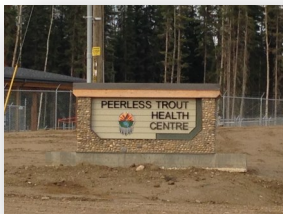
You are formally invited to the Grand Opening of the Peerless Trout First Nation Health Centre. It is with great pride and excitement to announce it is completed and ready to launch into its services and programs for the community of Peerless Trout!

Please join us for the opening day festivities on Friday, October 3rd at 2:00pm.

There will be remarks from Health Canada, the Municipal District of Opportunity, Legislative Assembly of Alberta, Architectural Services, Chandos Construction Ltd., as well as, official opening ceremony and tour.

The new facility is working towards an integrated service delivery model with a full compendium of health programs and services; providing the very best care for the patients and working together to improve access.

To find out more, contact the PTFN Health Centre at (780) 869-2362.



The Health Centre during construction

**You're Invited
SAVE THE DATE!**

2:00 p.m.

Friday, October 3, 2014

Grand Opening

**Peerless Trout First Nation
Health Centre**



For more information contact:

Mary Cardinal @ (780) 869 2346

or Linda Noskiye @ (780) 869 3933

PEERLESS TROUT FIRST NATION

CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATES

FIRE HALLS



In the Trout Lake community the fire hall construction work is underway at the new location (beside the community hall). Work is progressing well. The fire hall is scheduled to be substantially complete in August.

The Peerless Lake fire hall is 95% complete (interior work fully complete, exterior work and the concrete pad in front of the fire hall have to be completed). Power to the building is installed.

Both fire trucks have been delivered, and the quick response trucks will be delivered in September. Most of the other equipment has been delivered and is being installed (including regular fire fighting equipment and equipment for responding to vehicle accidents).

WATER, SEWER, ROADS, DRAINAGE

THE PROVINCE
OF ALBERTA HAS
CONFIRMED THEIR
COMMITMENT TO
CONSTRUCT NEW
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOLS IN
PEERLESS LAKE
AND TROUT LAKE

Opus Stewart Weir has been working on the design of the water, sewer, roads and drainage in both communities. Weaver Welding has completed the water supply main that will connect the water treatment plant to the new subdivision. The new water main runs along the main road from the Peerless Lake water treatment plant to the south edge of the commu-

nity, then runs east to the Highway, then north to the Health Center. Water lines will provide fire protection to the Health Centre and the residential area in the south end of Peerless Lake.

Road work is ongoing in the new development area to support the construction of the new Health Centre.

Design of water and sewer systems in Trout Lake that will aid in supporting the construction of the new K-12 school in the community is the next priority for Stewart Weir.

HIGH SCHOOL

The Province of Alberta has confirmed their commitment to construct new elementary schools in Peerless Lake and Trout Lake, but has been slow in moving the project forward. At present, meetings at the political level have been held, as well as a technical meeting in July 2014.

Northern Lakes College has been updated as to the progress on the schools project, and have been asked to reconfirm their involvement in the high school project.

Both the site for the elementary school in Peerless Lake, and the site for the high school in Trout Lake have been cleared to allow for site

survey work and site geotechnical data gathering.



COMMUNITY BUILDINGS & HOUSING

Interior renovations are progressing or completed on a number of community buildings including: newly acquired office spaces beside the school in Trout Lake, the Alberta Works building in Trout Lake, and the project office in Peerless Lake.

Discussions are underway with an Internet provider related to the capital and equipment requirements to

provide wireless internet services for the two communities.

Discussions are also underway with a phone company related to providing cell phone service to the two communities, and to the area between them.

Policy development is underway for housing policies and land use policies for the com-

munities with assistance from Chris

Maracle, in conjunction with the Housing Authority.

The house renovations loan program has been established and work is complete on the first phase of the renovations to existing houses.



Homes by Northplex is building the 10 new houses that are intended for the rental market. The houses have been arriving on site since July, and all units should be in the communities in September

TREATY DAYS FESTIVITIES!!



EVENTS INCLUDED:

- ◆ PARADE
- ◆ CANOE RELAY
- ◆ CLAY SHOOTING
- ◆ MUD BOG
- ◆ TUG OF WAR
- ◆ ARCHERY
- ◆ KNIFE & AXE THROWING
- ◆ TEA MAKING
- ◆ NAIL POUNDING
- ◆ HORSESHOES
- ◆ NATIVE & WESTERN WEAR PAGEANTS
- ◆ GRILLED BURGERS & STEAKS BY COUNCIL
- ◆ FIREWORKS

PEERLESS TROUT FIRST NATION

Chief James Alook

Norman Gladue—Council
William Houle—Council
Sharon Laboucan—Council
Gilbert Okemow—Council



Any Questions or Comments please contact the
PTFN Office at:
Phone: 780-869-3985

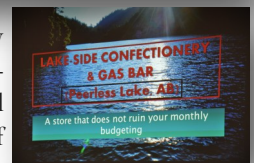
SUCCESS STORY: TRISTEN METSIKASSUS

Chief and Council would like to congratulate and acknowledge PTFN band member Tristen Metsikassus for attending the 2014 Alberta Aboriginal Youth Entrepreneurial Camp (AAYEC). The camp took place in June of 2014 in Hinton, Alberta and Tristen was one of 21 participants. The camp which is primarily sponsored by the Alberta Government focuses on business planning, mentoring and cultural activities.

Tristen says he found out about the camp through Plan4ward Consulting via poster at the



training centre in the community. When asked about the camp he said, "It was a great experience, I met lots of good people and made friends and now have contacts who can help me with my business plan." Tristan impressed the judge's panel and the facilitators with his dedication to his presentation that focused on a convenience store and gas bar. Tristen was very dedicated the entire week and spent a lot of time on marketing his idea. Tristen hopes that youth in the community will take note of the camp and make plans to attend in 2015.



There is no charge to participate in the camp and all travel and retreat costs are paid by AAYEC and its sponsors. The camp is open to youth ages 18-30. The Kee Tas Kee Now Tribal Council, ASETS Coordinator, Penny Laboucan was thrilled to hear that a PTFN community member attended and also congratulates Tristen for participating. For more information on the camp visit AAYEC on Facebook or visit the Alberta Indian Investment Corporation website.

FIREFIGHTING

The new fire halls in each community are almost complete! Only final touches remain before they are fully functional to serve and protect the Nation and surrounding areas. All equipment has been delivered or will be by mid-September. This includes two first response trucks, one for each community.



Please stay tuned for more information regarding volunteer job postings that will be coming to the PTFN community soon! This will be a fantastic opportunity for community members to receive training, work experience, and compensation while providing excellent services to their community.

We are looking forward to working with the Calgary Fire Department to develop the best program for the community emergency response team at PTFN. With their careful guidance and expertise PTFN will be in a top position of service delivery.

"This is an exciting time for Peerless Trout First Nation with the new beginning and all the opportunities that will come. I believe, as my experience as a fire fighter and a Fire Chief, that you must be ready for anything...Like most departments, these halls/members help grow a community and the appreciation of its inhabitants."

—Jason Wigton

