

**IMPORTANT
MEMBERSHIP
INFO INSIDE!**

Peerless Trout

SPRING 2014



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Next Trust Fund Vote is July 17th**
- **PRO-POSALS DUE JUNE 15th**

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Native Provincials 2014

Congratulations to all the athletes that participated in this year's Alberta Native Hockey Provincials! Peerless Trout First Nation was able to send 49 of our youth to participate in this years event. This number is up from the 33 we sent in 2013, and is expected to grow for next years efforts with all the continued support from parents and family. An effort to train more PTFN members to be coaches will help meet the rising demand of hockey players in our Nation!

There were 124 teams competing in over 400 games in various arenas throughout Edmonton on April 3-6th Novice; Junior; Junior Novice (players from PTFN and Wabasca); Bantam; Pee wee

and Midget teams had players from both PTFN and Calling Lake Nations. The Junior Novice team was unbeaten in regular games and only lost by one point in the finals. All of our competitors put in a solid effort and there were no major injuries to report. For a complete list of standings please visit:
www.albertanativehockey.com

A giant THANK YOU to all the family and support who came down to Edmonton and made this trip possible. There were 150 PTFN supporters there to cheer on our youth! We are very proud of this and the fact that all our parents took the online course on Respect in Sports the Parent Program, and allowed

their children to have fun and enjoy this major event in Alberta!



PTFN Students Tour Al-Pac Mill

Students left Peerless and Trout Lake on Oct 2nd. Lana and Beverly have been working together for a few months to set up the dates and the tour for Grade 11 and 12 students.

The trip went really well, we were very well taken care of, thanks to Lana and ALPAC.

The supervisors for Peerless Lake School were: Rosie Cardinal (Peerless Lake School Liaison), and Beverly Cardinal (Peerless Trout Enterprises Inc. Administrator). The supervisors for

Trout Lake School were: Bill Seewepegaham (Kateri School Principal), and Albert Laboucan (Kateri School, Bus Driver). When we arrived to Athabasca, ALPAC supplied the supper for us at the Multiplex. The students played sports and enjoyed each other's company while eating supper.

The next day, students really enjoyed themselves at the mill, ALPAC showed the students all the career departments that are involved in operating Alberta Pacific Forest Industry; from the

Environmental department to the process of turning pulp into paper. ALPAC also has logging and road construction divisions.

Thanks again for your help, we really appreciate it!! The students and I had a great time and look forward to another tour next year. Thank you ALPAC for being a Part of our Community!!

*-Beverly Cardinal -
Peerless Trout Enterprises Inc.*



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Budget 2014-2015

The PTFN 'Fiscal Period' for accounting and budgeting purposes runs for 12 months from April 1st of each year to March 31st of the next year. To prepare for the new Fiscal Period the Chief and Council and their staff put in a lot of hard work to develop the budget forecast in January and February so that the PTFN Administration had their funding allocations in place for April 1, 2014. On February 10, 11, and 12 the Council met with their Managers to review

the budgets, forecasts, funding allocations, and the estimates for both income and expenditures. After the review and some adjustments, the Council made the required decisions in accordance with the Peerless Trout First Nation Election Code and approved the operating budget for the 2014/15 Fiscal Period. The budget is a financial forecast for the upcoming 12 months and things do change throughout the year, so it is reviewed and adjusted as necessary by the Council on a regular basis.

The approved 2014/15 PTFN Budget is a very important Management tool. This is the guiding budget that allows the PTFN Managers to approve expenses for the operation of the First Nation's activities, things like paying staff to operate programs or providing services to the membership. The expenditure of funds can only be authorized by the Managers if the expense is outlined in the approved budget and the Council can only sign cheques or approve funding transfers if it's in the Budget that has been approved by a Quorum of the Council.

The budget is outlined in the PTFN Budget table, and as you can see PTFN has income from a few sources and there are a number of

different expenditure areas. This is a summary of the 2014/15 Budget; the full budget is over 5 pages of detailed information for each income source and expense item within the QuickBooks Bookkeeping Accounting System. The bottom line and the good news is that PTFN has a budget with a forecasted Surplus of \$129,326, which provides a contingency fund for unexpected expenses that Council have to approve throughout the year or if adjustments need to be made to the budget as things change with either the income or expenses over the 12 months of the Fiscal Period. We've included two pie charts to outline the breakdown for you of the Income and Expenditures for 2014/15 based on the current forecast. These two graphics give you an outline of the volume of income sources and the relative size of expenditure areas.

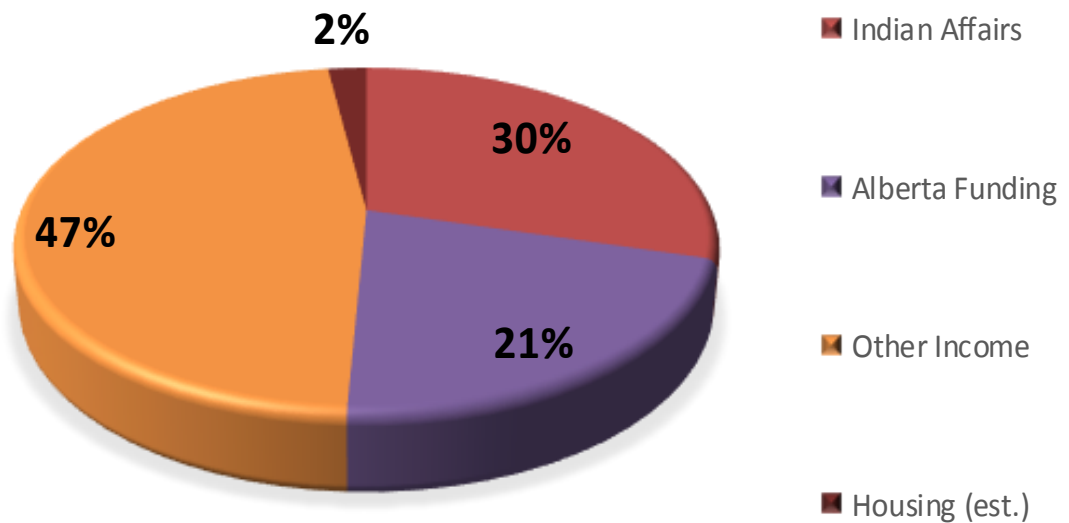
Council and the Band Managers would like to thank the Finance Unit staff, Lila Oar and Saralee Letendre, and our Finance and Accounting Advisor, Ms. Lee Day (Certified Management Accountant), for all the work they put into developing the 2014/15 Budget.

PTFN Budget for 2014/15

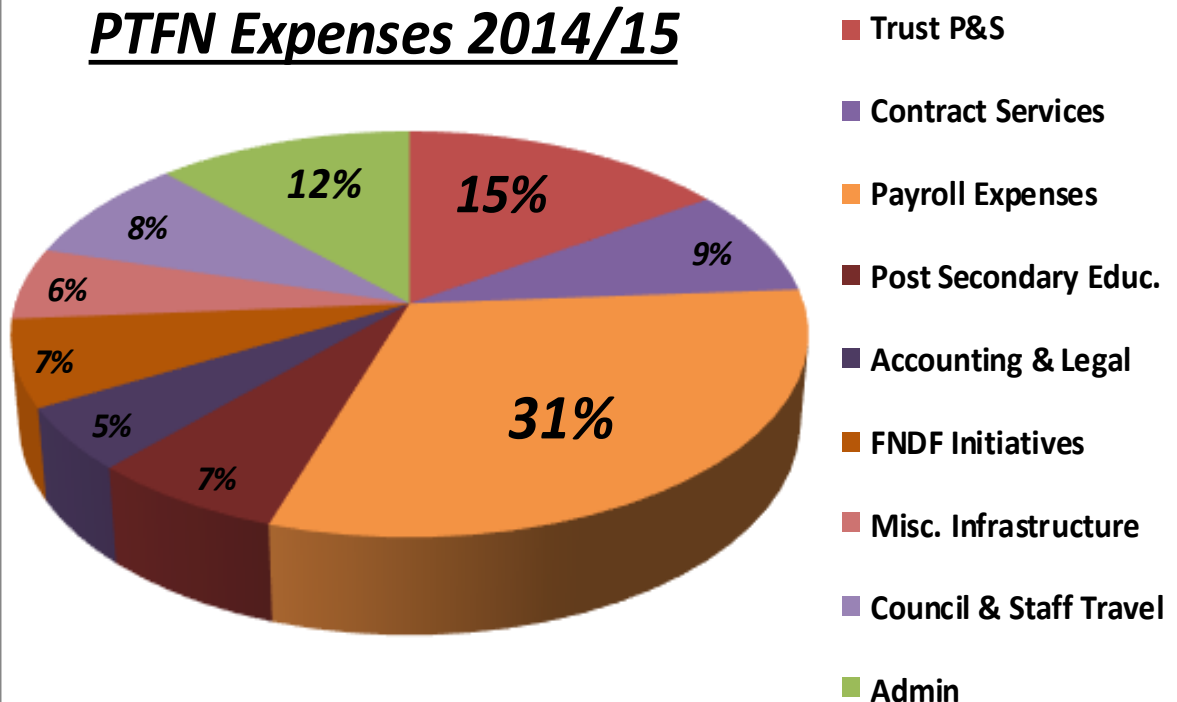
Indian Affairs	\$916,814
Alberta Funding	\$661,001
Other Income	\$1,465,750
Housing (est.)	\$65,100
Total Income:	\$3,108,665
Trust P&S	\$456,322
Contract Services	\$254,700
Payroll Expenses	\$925,717
Post Secondary Educ.	\$205,000
Accounting & Legal	\$150,000
FNDF Initiatives	\$206,250
Misc. Infrastructure	\$170,750
Council & Staff Travel	\$252,200
Admin	\$358,400
Total Expenses:	\$2,979,339
Projected Surplus:	\$129,326

Budget 2014-2015 Income & Expenses

PTFN INCOME 2014/15



PTFN Expenses 2014/15



January 2014 Trust Vote Results

Two new programs were approved on January 7th 2014 from trust funding

The vote held in January 2014 to use up the excess funds from the 2013/2014 trust fund budget was a success!

There were a total of 68 voters who made their voices heard on Tuesday January 7th 2014. Voters were considering two programs to benefit the community. The

first proposal was for a *community emergency response* budget and the second proposal to help *control the wolf population* around PTFN. The Peerless Lake community saw 49 voters come out and Trout Lake saw another 17. There were also two off-reserve members who mailed in their vote.

The *community emergency response* proposal received

64 members voting YES making it a total of 94% support. The wolf control proposal was found to be in favor by 61 members giving it a total of 90% support. Both proposals passed well beyond the 51% majority needed and have been successfully implemented.

Summary of Projects Funded by Trust

Year	Approved Program	Amount	Term
2012	Minor Hockey	\$14,322	On-going
2012	Funeral Support	\$24,200	On-going
2012	High School Diploma	\$66,000	On-going
2012	Medical Emergency	\$5,500	On-going
2013	Rink Shell	\$250,000	2-year
2013	Elders Budget	\$20,000	On-going
2013	Hockey Program	\$30,900	On-going
2013	Brushing: Peerless	\$35,000	On-going
2013	Brushing: Trout	\$35,000	On-going
2013	Native Provincials	\$40,000	On-going
2013	Treaty Days	\$50,000	On-going
2013	Recreation Program	\$85,000	On-going
2014	Wolf Bounty	\$8,400	2-year
2014	Emergency Response	\$87,000	On-going
TOTAL Approved Programs		\$751,322	
Estimated free balance		\$86,178	

NEXT VOTE: JULY 17TH 2014

Council would like to announce the next trust fund vote will be taking place on July 17th 2014. The Nation will be accepting proposals from PTFN members who are 18 years or older for consideration in the next vote.

A summary of the current projects that are funded by the trust is displayed on the left. The estimated balance of money for new projects is \$86,178. When considering projects please keep this limit in mind.

New project proposals will be accepted until the 15th of June 2014. Please see the sample proposal form below. For further instructions or to get a project proposal form please see the PTFN office or the Sub-office.

Once projects are submitted and approved by council there will be a summary of all proposals to be considered for the vote in the next newsletter for PTFN members to review.



***PTFN members who are 18 years or older can
vote and submit project proposals!***

PROPOSALS DUE JUNE 15TH 2014 !!

Proposal Name:

Purpose

Duration

Start:

End:

Multi Year?

***Pick up your PROPOSAL
FORM from the PTFN office
or Sub-Office!***

Budget (expenses)	Estimate (\$)	Notes
	Subtotal	

Management or Qualification of Project:

Insight on how project is to be run. What qualification do people need to receive benefits of program.

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*Solutions to Sudoku on
back page*

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Meet the New Staff at PTFN



Norma Noskiye –Trust Fund Program Coordinator

Has lived in the community of Trout Lake, Ab her entire life and has raised three beautiful daughters and one handsome son. She is now excited to meet the challenges found in her new role as program coordinator. 2013/14 was also Norma's first year as a hockey mom.

Tamara Noskiye –Data Clerk, Finance

Tamara lives in the Trout Lake community. She has two children, one boy and one girl. Since beginning her work with PTFN in February she has been inspired to further her educational goals in business administration, part time starting in September, while continuing her work on the finance team.



Jim Natowastanum –Capital Coordinator & Concrete Plan

Jim joined the PTFN team in February 2014. He is a Peerless community member. Jim has extensive experience in the oilfield, which gave him the experience on infrastructure and construction projects, working in team environments and project management groups, these skills are a excellent fit for our new position. We have recruited a certified concrete professional to advise and support him in this new position as a management trainee.



PTFN Students Tour AL-PAC Mill

High school students from Peerless Trout Lake First Nation, who had attended Al-Pac's Career Week last fall, braved the winter temperatures on October 2nd 2013 to participate in a tour of Trout River Road operations with Al-Pac team members at the ALPAC Mill.

The tour commenced from Trout Lake, with the first stop featuring a blazing fire and interesting discussions from Trapper Coordinator Steve Borejko and Operations Planning Lead Cal Dakin. The kids were treated to smokies over the fire, and then split into groups to compete in their own fire building contest. The next stop featured Al-Pac's Trout River Road construction operations, where West Operations Team Lead Chris Hamlyn introduced equipment and how each stage of a road is built. Marian Reichel, the Grade 12 teacher at Trout Lake School, summed up the day by saying "I was really impressed with the level of organization and care and attitude... I knew nothing about Al-Pac and I am happy to know how carefully the timber harvesting is planned."

The kids, as well as Al-Pac team members, had a great time despite the winter weather, and look forward to future events as informative and enjoyable!

Main Photo: Students and teachers from Peerless and Trout Lake schools with Al-Pac Woodlands team members keep warm by the fire.

*- Lana Wilhelm
(Woodlands Contact Coordinator –
Alberta Pacific Forest Industries
Inc.)*

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Peerless Trout Enterprises Inc. Updates

THE SIX MAIN OBJECTIVES THAT WERE ESTABLISHED FOR PTEI AND EACH ONE'S TARGETS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

BUILD PTEI

- ⇒ **Increase asset base:** 7 pieces of construction equipment purchased
- ⇒ **Secure Long Term Contracts:** Ongoing work secured with a number of clients including Atco & AlPac
- ⇒ **Secure New Clients:** 6 new major clients including Koch Energy, CNRL, Chandos, Pen-growth
- ⇒ **Meet with potential industry clients working in the PTFN traditional territory:** Ongoing

MAKE PTEI SUSTAINABLE

- ⇒ **Secure Multiple contracts:** 23 total clients (10 major, 13 smaller)
- ⇒ **Make PTEI profitable:** approx. \$6.8 million in revenue
- ⇒ **Build working capital reserve:** \$150,000 in working capital established

EMPLOY PTFN MEMBERS

- ⇒ **Employ 10 to 15 local members of the local community:** 15 employed currently from PTFN



ENGAGE LOCAL CONTRACTORS

- ⇒ Give local contractors 'First Right of Refusal' for work provided they meet PTEI sub-contractor Core Eligibility requirements : 11 local contractors received sub-contracts in 2013/14
- ⇒ Meet with members who are local contractors twice a year: regular meeting occurred

IMPROVE REPORTING TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- ⇒ Develop Financial Forecast: monthly meetings
- ⇒ Develop Objectives: complete
- ⇒ Develop revised quarterly reporting system: complete, reports provided to BoD quarterly
- ⇒ Develop a 3 year financial plan: in development

OFFSET OVERHEAD COSTS WITH PROV. GOVT. FUNDING

- ⇒ Develop and submit a \$100,000 proposal for financial support from the province: Government of Alberta approved a \$95,000 funding proposal in January, 2014

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Treaty #: Ten digit number that starts with 478,447 or 459 etc. on your treaty card.

Band Membership: Peerless Trout First Nation Membership List

Children who were born in 2009 or after: These children are not on the PTFN Membership List. Children may have a PTFN treaty number but this does not mean child is a member of Peerless Trout First Nation. These children were not born yet when the initial transfer was done from Bigstone Cree Nation to Peerless Trout First Nation. This is the reason that some children are not on the Membership List.

In order to apply for your child to become a band member, parents/guardians must fill out a one page application. This application will then be forwarded to the Membership Committee who will review each application accordingly. This application can be picked up at the band office in Trout Lake.

BIRTH REGISTRATION

A child's birth certificate must be included with the Birth Registration Application. A new application which requires the parents and the grand parents have to be included on the application.

There has been a change at AANDC (Aboriginal Affairs Northern Development Canada - Alberta Region). I will still be filling out the necessary application to register children, however, these applications will no longer be going to the Edmonton office; all the applications will be forwarded to the Calgary office. I will not be bringing back new treaty numbers even if I take applications to the Edmonton office. The process of receiving a treaty number can take up to six (6) months now.

My recommendation to parents: Order your child's birth certificate as soon as your child is born, and fill out the registrations form as soon as possible. Please do not wait till your child is one (1) years old. The process of registering your child will take longer than usual.

PAPER LAMINATED CERTIFICATE OF INDIAN STATUS (C.I.S.)

These are the type of treaty cards that I can issue at our local band office. These cards will no longer be valid. Right now I do not request all the required documents in order to issue a status card. AANDC are in the process of changing this too.

SECURED CERTIFICATE OF INDIAN STATUS

(16 years or older)

All Certificate of Indian Status (treaty cards) will be issued in Ottawa. These are new plastic cards with a digital photo & digital signature. The requirements of this new card are the following:

1. Two pieces of photo identification and a birth certificate with the correct spelling of the name on all the documents.

Acceptable:

Valid Canadian Passport

Birth or Baptism Certificate

Provincial Identification Card

Old (laminated) Status Card

Health Care Card

Driver's License

Firearms License

2. Guarantor Form

An application for an individual under the age of 12 must be accompanied by:

1. An identification to identify the parent or legal guardian.
2. Wallet size birth certificate, school identification etc.
3. A copy of the legal guardianship order naming the guardian, if the legal guardian is applying on behalf of the child.

BAND TRANSFER FORMS

These forms are still available if an individual wants to transfer to Peerless Trout First Nation.

Any questions regarding the above items please call me at the office.

Linda Noskiye, Membership

|| Sudoku

The aim of Sudoku is to complete the entire grid using the number 1-9. Each number can only be used once in each row, once in each column, and once in each of the 3x3 boxes. Visit www.sudokuoftheday.com for further tips and help about how to play –and good luck!



Chief & Council -Peerless Trout First Nation

James Alook –Chief

Norman Gladue –Council

William Houle –Council

Sharon Laboucan –Council

Gilbert Okemow –Council

**PLEASE CONTACT PTFN OFFICE WITH
ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:**

PHONE: 780-869-3985

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