

Spring Newsletter 2016

# Peerless Trout First Nation

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PTFN's Junior Novice Team, brought home the gold!

## Native Provincials 2016

Native provincials 2016, was a big success again. The hockey players, the coaching staff, along with parents enjoyed a weekend of hockey. It was good to see people out there supporting our future star players. Total number of PTFN members that went and competed were 61 and brought home medals in three different

home the gold medal. This team did very well and will continue to do so as they keep growing and practicing, Job well done to the players, coaches and parents.

Our PT Wolverine's team, which is the Sr. Novice age group, (7-8 yrs. olds) brought home silver medal this year, just an inch away from gold but these kids totally enjoyed themselves, which is the main thing.

The youngest PT Hawks team in the pre novice division (ages 5-6 yrs.) brought

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# TRUST PROGRAMS UPDATE

What's new with the Trust Programs Approved by You?

## Brushing Program

**Application deadline  
June 15, 2016**

This program is focused on summer employment for PTFN members in post secondary/ high school /college students who are currently attending, and are planning on continuing with their studies in the fall semester.

Our first priority are College students but will consider Northland high school students depending on interest and funds.

Students over the age of 16 are encouraged to apply. Applications can be found at the Trust Department Office.

## What is Needed to Apply for Post Secondary Training & Sponsorship Program?

Application form now available online!

Check out: [www.ptfn.net/trustpse/](http://www.ptfn.net/trustpse/)

### Application Checklist

- ◆ Letter of acceptance into the courses you will need to continue with your education
- ◆ Cost of tuition and books
- ◆ Course outline
- ◆ Potential start and end dates
- ◆ Proof of dependents living with you: either copies of their birth certificates or their Alberta Health Care cards

All this information is required with your completed application before it can be processed for approval. Please send your completed application back to our office (or complete online) before the following dates:

**FALL SEMESTER -JUNE 15, 2016**

**WINTER SEMESTER -NOVEMBER 15, 2016**

If you fail to meet the above deadlines, Peerless Trout First Nation will have no choice but to decline your funding application.

Funding allocated to each person will vary depending on need and specific situation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Trust Department.



**Cemetery Restorations**



## Cemetery Restoration Program

The cemetery restoration program is aimed to restore broken, dilapidated or worn out houses at the cemetery and other grave sites inside the Nation's boundaries. To date there have been 40 successful restorations. 20 in Peerless and 20 in Trout.



## Recreation

To date we have sponsored 25 teams in various sport tournaments such as: ice hockey, ball hockey, volleyball and baseball. The program only sponsors tournament entry fees and the tournaments have to be based out of the community.

With the recommendation of the Trust Department, along with the approval of the Trustees; the program is not only adult based anymore, but also includes children seven years and up, for sports and recreation.



## TREATY DAYS

August 08-11 2016

## Highlight: Volleyball

Recreation hosted a volleyball league in the beginning of February until the end of March. We had seven ladies teams who entered. They played twice a week and in the end all teams competed in a tournament.

The first place winners were Corrine's team, second place winners were "PT Chicks" and third place winners were "Can you dig it".

Prizes awarded were jackets, hoodies and the third place winners won their entry fee monies back. Also awarded were individual awards based on how the players competed throughout the league and tournament. Thanks to the teams who entered and the volunteers who helped make this league a success. Hopefully we will see a lot more events like this in the near future.

-Liz Cardinal, Recreation



First Place Winners



Second Place Winners



Third Place Winners

## Minor Hockey

There were six teams in minor hockey with a total of 88 players for the 2015 season and we are expecting 100 or more in the upcoming season.

The Minor Hockey program will run from October to the end of February 2016. After February, it is up to the coaches who they want to take to provincials.

Registration will start in August. Please check posters that will be up in the community for official dates.

As the numbers of children involved in the Minor Hockey Program increase more volunteers are needed though out the regular season. This year we will need more coaches and dressing room helpers. Please help support our children and volunteer. Contact the managers for more information or call William.

For example, last season for the Pee Wee age group we had one boys team and one girls team. Next year we will be making two boys teams since our numbers in this age group are rapidly increasing.

There are at least 25 practices throughout the season. There will be games played out of town and maybe extra games out of town as well.

The arena in the PTFN area is currently in the design phase. We can not wait for it to be an up and running facility for our community to enjoy for years to come.

## Note on Native Provincials

I have confidence that we will get gold next year! We have three years to ferment our players, teaching them all the skills necessary and allowing them to practice and hone in on their abilities. By the time we get to midget we will be ready to win the championship. We are getting better every year and more organized. We are getting there!

I am also please to announce that we have four players that have made an elite spring team in Edmonton where they will be coached by ex-Oiler Norman Lacombe. There will be a big tournament in Edmonton on May 27<sup>th</sup>. I am proud to see how successful we are considering we are just a little team from the woods.

PTFN Pee Wee Players Joining The Alberta Thunder Team:

Malakie Muskwa

Durwin Okemow

Mitchelle Laboucan

Brandy Houle

*-William Houle, Councilor & Minor Hockey*



Thank you to the parents for bringing kids to practice all the time. You have all shown such commitment for the kids and are a very good group of people, never abusing the referees at games. It makes me proud to watch our group be so honorable.

*-William Houle, Councilor & Minor Hockey*

Pee Wee Girls Team



## Native Provincials 2016 –CONT.

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These boys were very competitive and challenged, at the same time they knew how to have fun.

We also had teams go in the Atoms and Pee-wee Girls divisions. The children had a great experience and had a lot of fun competing in the tournament.

A few other players, in the older divisions also competed. These players had to join up with other teams from other communities as we don't have teams and/or coaches this year for these age groups.

Thank you to Peerless Trout First Nation for your financial help throughout these four days, as this is the tournament that everyone looks forward to each year, and each year our children keep improving as you can see from the above mentioned placements. With our hard working coaching staff and our supportive parents we will reach the stars, one day.

*-Norma Noskiye, Trust Department*



Atom Team



Senior Novice, won Silver

## Thank You For Supporting Hockey

The school for always  
allowing the use of  
their space anytime for  
meetings

Plan4ward Consulting

Triple K

PTEI

MD for letting us use  
the arena free of  
charge and  
other facilities

Cenovous

Laracina

Ingram Consulting

...and PTFN!



Pee-wee Boys, won Silver

# TRUST PROGRAMS UPDATE

## What's new with the Trust Programs Approved by You?

### Winter Carnival 2016

On March 18, 19 and 20th, Peerless Trout groups fundraising for different causes. It was Recreation held a winter carnival in Peerless great to see people come out, play and have a Lake. Events were held in the hall and on the good time.

premises. People came out and played indoor games as well as outside games. The weather was perfect for the events which made it more enjoyable for everyone.



On Sunday, we had a hockey skills competition and milk jug curling, which people really enjoyed playing. We also had remote control car racing in the hockey rink. We ended the carnival with more indoor games and a tug of war.

We started the weekend with indoor games in the hall on Friday night. We had minute to win it games. It was fun to watch these games and even more fun to participate.



Saturday afternoon, we had outdoor events such as snow shoe races, toboggan races and paint ball target shooting. We also had a few more indoor games just to give people a chance to warm up and enjoy the concession, which was set up by some local

All and all, it was a great weekend of fun and games. It was great to see people both young and old come out and enjoy the weather, enjoy the food, and enjoy the games. Hopefully we will have more events in the near future!



-Liz Cardinal,  
Recreation



## Housing Update

Since our last newsletter the community received four older trailers from Northland School Division that were renovated to provide additional rental homes within the community.

The recent Federal budget has announcements in support of First Nation housing, your Housing Department has submitted proposals with hopes of obtaining new funding to address our significant housing needs. If our proposals are successful in obtaining new funding we may be able to implement a Carpenter Apprenticeship Program, enhance our Renovation Loan program in addition to increasing the number of homes within the community.

We will keep the community updated with further announcements pending Federal Government decisions.

One new program recently implemented is the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (commonly known as R.R.A.P). The program offers financial assistance to low income households to repair substandard homes to a minimum level of health and safety. C.M.H.C. has very strict criteria and limited funding associated with the program, community members are encouraged to contact the Housing Dept. for additional information.

We are pleased to announce that of the current twenty-nine rental properties only 2 households are in minor arrears, we still have approx. 6-7 households who have made no efforts to honour their Renovation Loan Agreements! The non-repayments impact our ability to lend to those families who want to repair and maintain their homes. Those who choose not to honour their loan agreements have been served with Provincial Court documents, the Courts have been awarding Judgments against those who refuse to pay, also once deemed in Default of payment the Courts automatically report those individuals to the Credit Bureau which then

limits those individual's ability to borrow and obtain credit.

Further, Garnishee of wages and Court filing costs will be sought from those not paying.

Foreclosure and Eviction proceedings are being initiated against those who have made no effort to honour their agreements, it is preferred loan recipients make immediate arrangements for even minimal repayment to avoid potentially losing their homes to eviction.

It's often said the 3 basic necessities of life are food, water and shelter, community members are encouraged to embrace that belief by continually maintaining their homes.

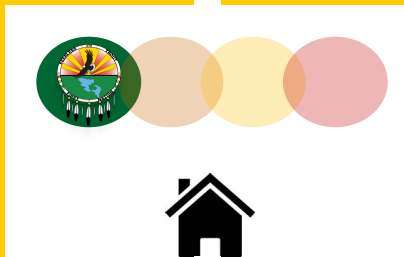
Our children and Elders are amongst our most cherished parts of the community, we can and must to everything we can to ensure they live in warm, healthy and safe homes. Studies have shown children living in well

maintained homes do much better in school and overall much healthier and higher self-esteem than those living in poorly maintained homes.

We are fully aware of the overcrowding situations which sometimes result in adult children having to live with their elderly parents, we are encouraging those folks to help their parents in any way they can to maintain their homes whether it be with utility bills or minor repairs and maintenance.

The Housing Dept. has literature and other information to assist homeowners and tenants address various housing issues, please contact us if you need information to help you maintain your home.

In closing we greatly appreciate everyone who loves, cherishes and maintains their homes and we are committed to continually striving to meet our current, future housing needs and developing a truly sustainable housing program for our future generations.



# Health Updates

## Peerless Trout Health Center

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The PTFN Health Centre is excited to begin delivering more programs within the community. The past few months, we have been working with our health team to plan and deliver programs that Health Canada – First Nations Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) funds to PTFN for health programs. The funding we receive will cover health promotion and prevention in the areas of diabetes, youth, Elders, youth solvent abuse, blood borne pathogens/sexually transmitted infections/HIV/AIDS, mental health and addictions, prenatal nutrition, medical transportation and Aboriginal head start on-reserve.

We now have a staff of eleven and look forward to growing as a health department and hope to work with partners on building capacity and training for band members in health careers. In the May Health Newsletter, we will let you know more about the specific programs we will be offering and include the staff contact names and contact email addresses.

The Community Wellness classes have begun and we have been covering topics such as depression, trauma, stress, grief and loss, and healthy parenting. We look forward to delivering a wide scope of topics but also want to let the community know that we are here to offer counselling services. Because there has not been a lot of services to PTFN, we want to give the community a level of comfort and to build the trust within the community. We are here to help families and individuals for their wellness.

We just finished our first Canadian Prenatal Nutrition Class and look forward to the next classes to deliver the programs which deals with a woman's nutritional and overall health, before and during pregnancy and influences the health of her developing baby. We had a wonderful time with the ladies and each one made beautiful baby blankets.

As most of the community is aware, we have Michael the Nurse Practitioner (NP) that comes to community 4 days per month. AHS has hired another Nurse Practitioner that will give the community more access to NP services. The schedules will be posted each month. Along with the new Nurse Practitioner, AHS has hired a Bachelor of Science nurse (RN) who will be here 1-2 days per week. This is an excellent opportunity for the community as we focus on more public health and to enhance our programs.

The dental team continues to come to the community once a week. Regular dentist visits can do more than keep your smile attractive – they can tell dentists a lot about your overall health, including whether or not you may be developing a disease like diabetes.





New research suggests that the health of your mouth mirrors the condition of your body as a whole. For example, when your mouth is healthy, chances are your overall health is good, too. On the other hand, if you have poor oral health, you may have other health problems.

We would like to let PTFN members know that we are also here as an advocate for you. If you experience any issues with care we want to hear from you. We cannot help unless we know what the situation is so please call us anytime if you need assistance related to health.

For our Elders, we want to start some planning for you. We would also like you to be aware of programs and services offered through the province. There is a program called the Alberta Seniors Benefit that Elders can apply for. The Alberta Seniors Benefit (ASB) program provides a monthly income supplement to federal income sources including Old Age Security (OAS) and Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS).

#### **Eligibility for a benefit is determined by:**

- ◆ the type of accommodation you live in,
- ◆ your marital/cohabitation status
- ◆ are 65 years of age or older
- ◆ your income (combined with your spouse/ partner's income, if applicable, regardless of their age)
- ◆ have lived in Alberta for at least 3 months immediately before applying, and receiving the federal OAS pension, e.g., have lived in Canada for 10 years.

#### **Monthly payment schedule**

The benefit year of the Alberta Seniors Benefit program begins July 1 of each year and ends June 30 of the following year.

#### **2016 schedule**

Monday, January 25, 2016

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

Wednesday, March 23, 2016

Monday, April 25, 2016

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Friday, June 24, 2016

Monday, July 25, 2016

Thursday, August 25, 2016

Monday, September 26,  
2016

Tuesday, October 25, 2016

Thursday, November 24,  
2016

Monday, December 19, 2016



#### **General Eligibility**

In general, for July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, a single senior with an annual income of \$26,400 or less, and senior couples with a combined annual income of \$43,000 or less, are eligible for a cash benefit. These income levels are guidelines only, and are for seniors whose income includes a full OAS pension. Each Elders must fill in the application forms. We will have those available here at the health centre.

Each month, the PTFN will be sending out a Newsletter with articles of various health topics and supply updates as required.

We look forward to seeing you and look forward to offering more programs and services within the community. If you have any feedback for us or would like to offer suggestions, please give me a call at the PTFN Health Centre 780-869-2362.

Respectfully,

*Lorraine Muskwa, Health Director*

## Supervisory Training for Managers

Band Manager, Jason Wigton arranged a two day supervisory course for the PTFN, Health Centre and the Development Corporation managers. The two day session was well attended with all managers participating. The session allowed the staff to assess their management styles through the use of the Colour Spectrums personality assessment. The course also offered an overview of conflict resolution and goal setting techniques. Managers were also trained on techniques for employee evaluations and individual work plans. After the session the staff were tasked with completing all the employee evaluations by March 31, 2016. We are happy to report that all management completed employee evaluations and this task will now become part of their job description. The session was facilitated by Janene Wilson of Plan4ward who is a certified Coach of the international Coaching Federation and Neuro Leadership Institute.



### Sudoku Answers

8	1	4	3	7	2	6	9	5
5	9	2	1	6	4	3	7	8
6	3	7	8	9	5	4	1	2
1	6	5	9	3	8	7	2	4
4	7	8	6	2	1	9	5	3
9	2	3	4	5	7	1	8	6
3	4	1	2	8	9	5	6	7
2	5	9	7	4	6	8	3	1
7	8	6	5	1	3	2	4	9

5	6	7	4	9	8	1	3	2
9	4	8	1	3	2	6	5	7
2	3	1	5	7	6	9	8	4
3	7	4	6	8	9	2	1	5
1	2	6	3	4	5	7	9	8
8	9	5	2	1	7	3	4	6
6	8	3	7	5	1	4	2	9
4	5	2	9	6	3	8	7	1
7	1	9	8	2	4	5	6	3

## PTFN Facebook Success

The Peerless Trout First Nation Facebook page has been a huge success. To date the Nation has a following of 255 and everyday brings more likes to the page. It has proven to be a great way to stay in touch with the members and get the word out about important information. If you have not done so, please check out the Facebook page and follow us for regular updates, job postings and community events !





## PTFN Development Corporation Update

**Alpac Winter Road Project** – Even with a late start, the project was a success. Our crews, lead by Cheyenne Alook, completed the project for Alpac on time and on budget. During the close out meeting Alpac noted that this was our best season to date. The success of the project is a testament to the great workforce that PTFN has to offer. This was Cheyenne's first season on this project and he proved that he is the right man for the job.

**West Fraser Timber Harvest** – PTEI increased their line up of equipment to complete the volume harvested this year. With a warm winter we were 6 weeks delayed getting access to our winter blocks. With the delay and large volume to harvest the pressure was on our crews and leaders. Under Brad Laboucan's direction our crews really stepped up this year and completed the quota.

**Fire Smart** – Our crews completed 16 ha's this season. With 8 ha's in each community, our crews completed work with a high level of professionalism. SRD stated that the all criteria outlined in the contract were met and the final product looks fantastic.

### Upcoming Projects and Endeavors

**Logging** – With 80,000 m3 to harvest this summer our team will be working hard to get ready for the season. Weather permitting we will start the harvest at the end of May 2016. With the recent purchase of a camp we will be better prepared to ensure our members have a comfortable place to stay while completing the task ahead.

**Alpac Summer Roads** – Beginning the end of May 2016, Cheyenne will lead his crew in the completion of the next 10 km's of the Alpac road project. With a successful season in the books I am confident we will have a repeat of success on this project.

**Campground Project** – We are in the process of securing the local campgrounds so they can be managed by PTFN. Once in place, this new business line will offer additional employment opportunities for local members.

**Oilfield Services** – We are actively pursuing opportunities to take over oilfield services within the TLU. PTFN has the local talent to provide this service and so who better to complete the work that is happening in our own backyard. As this opportunity will soon be a reality please keep your eyes open, as we will be posting for the required positions.

**Gravel Exploration** – Another goal this season is exploring gravel opportunities. Alpac will be assisting our team in locating the gravel deposits. With ongoing roadwork in our area, the acquisition of gravel will prove to be a profitable and sustainable venture.

## PTFN Development Corporation Update

With many new projects and opportunities on the horizon, I ask that you keep your eyes open for postings of employment opportunities. During the last year PTFN Development Corporation and PTEI had the pleasure of employing 145 local members and our goal is to increase that number every year.

*-Dave Drover, Chief Operating Officer, PTFN Development Corporation*

## Campground Update

The PTFN Development Corporation is working on a project to take over management of the Peerless and Narrows user-maintain campgrounds as a business venture. The goal of the business is to generate revenue for the Nation that will support programs, employ up to six PTFN members seasonally and help keep the sites clean and secure. The final stages of planning for



the business are in progress and an application for a provincial lease that will grant PTFN Development Corporation the right take over the sites will be ready for submission in the upcoming weeks. Chief and Council would like to have the lease in place and the business running for as much of the 2016 camping season as possible.

The current lack of oversight at the Peerless and Narrows sites remains a concern to Chief and Council. To help prevent further problems while the lease application is in progress, the Nation negotiated an interim service agreement with the government of Alberta that will have PTFN staff working to clean up the sites, collect information for the business plan and keep an eye on users. Public engagement and information sharing is important for the campground business to be successful and feedback on how the campgrounds could be improved is welcome from PTFN members.

## Old Timers Hockey Fundraiser

In Red Earth Creek on February 27th 2016 a fundraiser hockey game was held between the Peerless Lake Hawks team from the '80's and the current Pee Wee PTFN Hawks (ages 11 & 12). The game was not planned as a fundraiser but when they heard that some of the current Pee Wee players did not qualify for the PTFN provincials funding, the Old Timers thought it would be a great idea to collect money to help send them to provincials too!

Players from the Old Timers team traveled from across the Province (High Prairie and Wabasca) to be at the game. The Old Timers team had 17 players who could make the game. The Red Earth arena said it was the biggest crowd they had ever had with over 250 in attendance.

The final score was 9 to 7 for the Old Timers. A big thank you to everyone who came out to support these two teams. All of Chief and Council was in attendance as well. We look forward to next year's game as the Old Timers get older and the young Hawks get better and better!





## Trust Fund Community Programs: Spending Recap

Since the community began voting on community programs using the PTFN Trust Fund dollars, there have been 18 programs successfully voted into existence. An overview of the spending on each program per year has been included on the following pages to give members a clear picture of every program from the year it was voted in to the end of the fiscal year 2015 (April 30th 2016). The graph below is a summary of the total amount spent per program divided by the total amount available to be spent (approved) per program.

The programs using their full budget are: hockey program (110% of budget), treaty days (102%), wolf control (98%), and Native provincials (93%). The programs using the least amount of their approved budgets are: escorts city medial trips (5%), adult literacy (9%), recreation program (42%) and funeral support (44%). Some programs are not using their full budget because of lack of community interest. A program description will be included for every program so members can know and use programs applicable to them.

### Minor Hockey Program—voted in 2012 \$13,020—addition in 2013 \$30,900, total \$45,222

Children's hockey program that covers tournament fees, coaches and clinics, hockey committee and program director. **110% budget used.**

### Medical Emergency –voted in 2012 \$5000 –addition in 2014 \$6000

Help families experiencing a medical emergency to assist in travel/ accommodation costs. \$100/family/ emergency. **47% budget used.**

### Funeral Program– voted in 2012 \$20,000

A \$5000 funeral assistance program. **44% of budget used.**

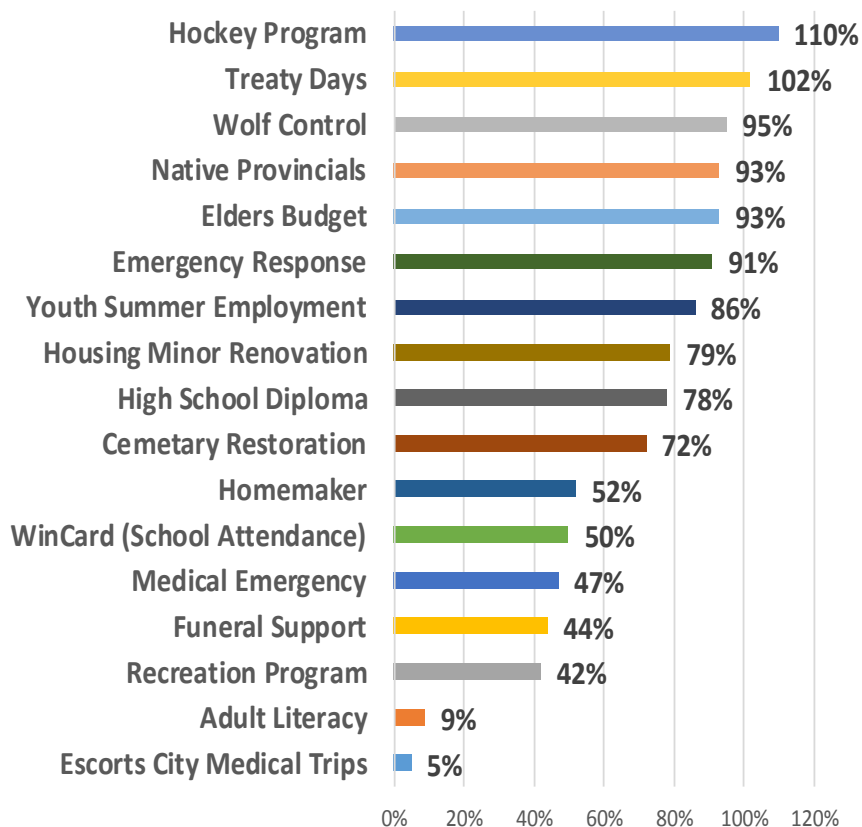
### High School Diploma –voted in 2012 \$66,000

Help those 17+ obtain their high school diploma/GED (or post-secondary education) by providing financial support, tutoring, books etc. **78% budget used.**

### Emergency Response—voted in 2014 \$87,000

Serves PTFN members by providing community based emergency response team who provide timely assistance during a major incident (firefighting, etc. ). **91% budget used.**

Percentage Spent Out Of  
Total Approved Program Funding  
(Start Date to End of Fiscal 2015)



## Trust Fund Community Programs: Spending Recap

		2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Hockey Program	\$ Approved	\$ 14,322	\$ 45,222	\$ 45,222	\$ 45,222	Total Approved \$ 149,988
	\$ Spent	\$ 13,943	\$ 41,764	\$ 62,128	\$ 47,128	Total Spent \$ 164,963
	% Spent	97%	92%	137%	104%	% Spent <b>110%</b>
Funeral Support	\$ Approved	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	Total Approved \$ 80,000
	\$ Spent		\$ 5,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	Total Spent \$ 35,000
	% Spent	0%	25%	75%	75%	% Spent <b>44%</b>
Medical Emergency	\$ Approved	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	Total Approved \$ 32,000
	\$ Spent		\$ 10,145	\$ 1,747	\$ 3,085	Total Spent \$ 14,977
	% Spent	0%	203%	16%	28%	% Spent <b>47%</b>
High School Diploma	\$ Approved	\$ 66,000	\$ 66,000	\$ 66,000	\$ 66,000	Total Approved \$ 264,000
	\$ Spent		\$ 62,477	\$ 75,762	\$ 68,331	Total Spent \$ 206,570
	% Spent	0%	95%	115%	104%	% Spent <b>78%</b>
Elders Budget	\$ Approved		\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	Total Approved \$ 60,000
	\$ Spent		\$ 11,138	\$ 25,626	\$ 18,815	Total Spent \$ 55,579
	% Spent		56%	128%	94%	% Spent <b>93%</b>
Native Provincials	\$ Approved		\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	Total Approved \$ 120,000
	\$ Spent		\$ 16,967	\$ 46,567	\$ 47,956	Total Spent 111,490
	% Spent		42%	116%	120%	% Spent <b>93%</b>
Recreation Program	\$ Approved		\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000	Total Approved \$ 255,000
	\$ Spent		\$ 10,125	\$ 28,390	\$ 69,637	Total Spent \$ 108,152
	% Spent		12%	33%	82%	% Spent <b>42%</b>
Treaty Days	\$ Approved		\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	Total Approved \$ 150,000
	\$ Spent		\$ 44,221	\$ 49,461	\$ 59,479	Total Spent \$ 153,161
	% Spent		88%	99%	119%	% Spent <b>102%</b>
Youth & PSE Summer Employment	\$ Approved		\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	Total Approved \$ 210,000
	\$ Spent		\$ 70,000	\$ 74,599	\$ 34,993	Total Spent \$ 179,592
	% Spent		100%	107%	50%	% Spent <b>86%</b>

### Elder Budget—voted in 2013 \$20,000

A fund to support our Elders so they can attend special events and out of town meetings where their input and attendance is valued. \$1000/meeting. **93% budget used.**

### Native Provincials—voted in 2013 \$40,000

A program to support PTFN youth hockey players and their families attend the Native Provincials. Funds help with registration, travel, accommodation and meals for players and parents. **93% budget used.**

### Recreation Program—voted in 2013 \$85,000

Coordinate and support local sports team and special events throughout the year. Adult based community recreation league. Can support youth programs as well by need. **42% budget used.**

### Treaty Days—voted in 2013 \$50,000

Fund for Treaty Days activities. **102% budget used.**

### Youth & PSE Summer Employment –voted in 2017 \$70,000

Summer employment opportunity for high school students of post secondary students. **86% budget used.**

### Cemetery Restoration—voted in 2014 \$14,400

Renovate/ fix up houses 20 houses in cemetery per year. **72% budget used.**

### Escorts for City Medical Trips—voted in 2014 \$10,000

Compensation for escorts providing transportation/ help on medical trips. Also, allowance to access medication and supplies that are not covered from other funding sources. **5% budget used.**



		2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Emergency Response (Firefighting)	\$ Approved			\$ 87,000	\$ 87,000	Total Approved \$ 174,000
	\$ Spent			\$ 29,236	\$ 129,682	Total Spent \$ 158,918
	% Spent			34%	149%	% Spent 91%
Cemetery Restoration	\$ Approved			\$ 14,300	\$ 14,300	Total Approved \$ 28,600
	\$ Spent				\$ 20,630	Total Spent \$ 20,630
	% Spent			0%	144%	% Spent 72%
Escorts City Medical Trips	\$ Approved			\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	Total Approved \$ 20,000
	\$ Spent			\$ 500	\$ 400	Total Spent \$ 900
	% Spent			5%	4%	% Spent 5%
Home Maker	\$ Approved			\$ 39,120	\$ 39,120	Total Approved \$ 78,240
	\$ Spent			\$ 553	\$ 40,094	Total Spent \$ 40,647
	% Spent			1%	102%	% Spent 52%
Housing Minor Reno	\$ Approved			\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	Total Approved \$ 160,000
	\$ Spent			\$ 42,282	\$ 84,847	Total Spent \$ 127,129
	% Spent			53%	106%	% Spent 79%
Literacy	\$ Approved			\$ 12,945	\$ 12,945	Total Approved \$ 25,890
	\$ Spent				\$ 2,385	Total Spent \$ 2,385
	% Spent			0%	18%	% Spent 9%
WinCard (School Attendance)	\$ Approved			\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	Total Approved \$ 40,000
	\$ Spent			\$ 20,000		Total Spent \$ 20,000
	% Spent			100%	0%	% Spent 50%
Rink Shell	\$ Approved		\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000		Total Approved \$ 500,000
	\$ Spent		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Total Spent \$ -
	% Spent		0	0		% Spent 0%
Wolf Control	\$ Approved			\$ 8,400	\$ 5,600	Total Approved \$ 8,400
	\$ Spent			\$ 2,400		Total Spent \$ 8,000
	% Spent			29%	67%	% Spent 95%

#### Homemaker for Elders or Disabled—voted in 2014 \$39,120

Help Elders or Disabled with cleaning, laundry, shoveling etc. **52% budget used.**

#### Housing Minor Renovation—voted in 2014 \$80,000

Fund allocated though the housing department for renovations. **79% budget used.**

#### Adult Literacy—voted in 2014 \$12,945

Intended to help adults with below grade 9 education with core classes such as English, math, social or science. Provides mentor, tuition, books etc. **9% budget used.**

#### WinCard—voted in 2014 \$20,000

Program intended to increase attendance in the K-12 school by providing prizes based on good attendance. **50% budget used.**

#### Rink Shell—voted in 2013 \$250,000, 2-year Program

Provide funding for covered hockey arena. Project is in the planning phase. **0% budget used.**

#### Wolf Control—voted in 2014 \$8,400, One Time

Intended to help control the wolf population in the communities by providing reward for proof of kill for wolves. **95% budget used.**

For more information or to access funding on any Trust Program that you qualify for please contact the Trust Department who are here to help with your inquiries.

(780) 869-2391

# PTFN ELECTION

## Important Information on the Upcoming Election

### **Nomination Day Peerless Lake:**

September 26th 2016 @ Peerless Community Hall  
5:00pm to 9:00pm

### **Nomination Day Trout Lake:**

September 27th 2016 @ Trout Community Hall  
5:00pm to 9:00pm

### **Election Day:**

October 26th 2016 at Peerless Community Hall  
& Trout Community Hall  
9:00am to 8:00pm

The election is for one Council position in Peerless Lake and one Council position in Trout Lake.

To be nominated, candidate must be 18 or over on the date of the election (October 26<sup>th</sup> 2016).

### **You are eligible to vote if:**

- ◆ You are a PTFN member.
- ◆ 18 years of age or over on the date of election AND provide identification showing your name, date of birth and address.

*The identification requirements also include the address of the voter and nominee. The address will be on the voters list provided by PTFN.*

**\*\*\* Members must bring ID on the day of the vote and day of the nomination as PTFN staff will no longer be able to confirm individual's identity as this has become an issue in the election appeals in the past.**

***If you do not have identification, the PTFN Membership Officer, Linda Noskiye, will be available to support members with securing Status Cards to help with identification, however the Membership Officer will not be available during the Nomination or Vote days to avoid an appeal.***

***Please get your ID before nomination and vote days or you will not be able to participate in nomination/vote.\*\*\****

**For Candidates:**

Each candidate running for office may only appoint 1 (one) scrutiner.

If you wish to appoint a scrutineer, you must **provide written notification to the electoral officer two days prior to the vote**. This is a stipulation within the PTFN custom election code and it must be followed to avoid appeals.



There are copies of the PTFN custom election code available for members to pick up in the Trout Lake Sub-Office (which is also the location of the Housing Department) and the PTFN Sub-Office in Peerless Lake (which is where the post-office is located).

Electoral Officer appointed by the Council:

**Albert Oostendorp**

**Phone 780.991.4011**

**Email: [aomgnt@telusplanet.net](mailto:aomgnt@telusplanet.net)**

**Please contact for further questions.**



## Congratulations PSE GRADUATES!

### PSE Graduates

Picture: left to right

Sheirra Noskiye,  
Office Administration

Heather Alook,  
Academic Upgrading

Serena Okemow,  
Academic Upgrading

Manager PSE Program:  
Wilma Sinclair



Other graduates did not attend ceremony.



# Sudoku Puzzles

5	6		4	9	8			2
	4		1		2	6	5	
		1					8	4
		4	6		9	2	1	5
	2		3					8
8	9			1		3	4	6
	8	3	7	5			2	
		2	9			8		1
	1					5		

To play Sudoku: fill a 9X9 grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3x3 boxes contain the digits from 1 to 9.

8	1	4		7		6	9	5
		2	1	6		3		
					5		1	
1		5	9	3				4
		8	6	2				3
9		3	4				8	6
3			2		9	5	6	
						8		
7	8	6			3	2	4	9

## A Word from the Band Manager

Hello,



Welcome to a new year, and what an exciting year it will be for the Nation. It is going to be a busy one! Starting this July the new administration building will begin construction and all of the agreements have been signed for the two new schools. Please keep posted as the Nation will be holding community meetings so the community members can help in the new design of the schools.

I would like to recognize all of the administration staff for all the hard work they have done and continue to do every single day. Peerless Trout First Nation has become one of the provincial leaders in Housing, Finance and Health with programs run by the Trust department.

With Emergency Services, the Fire Department has been growing in leaps and bounds. This is all because of all the dedicated fire fighters that have joined since the creation of the fire halls just over a year ago. There are already a number of fire fighters completing their NFPA 1001 training, which should be completed sometime this fall. This means that all of the Nation's fire fighters will have the exact same training as any City fire fighter. Peerless Trout along with Loon River have partnered and with the assistance of the Peace River SARS chapter are on the way of becoming the only First Nation operated Search and Rescue chapter in Alberta.

-Jason Wigton, Band Manager

Director of Emergency Services