

OCHAPOWACE VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT (UPDATED DRAFT)
STRATEGIC PLANNING
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REGINA, SK
EVRAZ PLACE

VISION STATEMENT DRAFT ONE/FEB24/15

We are a unified proud and prosperous Sovereign Nation

MISSION

Mission statement draft one: Feb 24, 15

To serve our citizens, thru an accountable and transparent government and our own professionals, who as a team who are committed to provide; High quality services, a profitable economic base, protection of our inherent rights and way of life and fulfillment of our Treaties

CULTURE AND TRADITIONS: DRAFT MARCH 23, 2015

OCHAPOWACE CULTURE AND TRADITIONS (DEFINITIONS)

"We are committed to achieving a balanced spiritual, mental, emotional and physical life. This will enable us to achieve excellent in all our culture and traditions:

1. Inherent rights (language and culture, etc)
2. Trustworthy (honesty and accountability) put definitions in appendices
3. Respect life (respectful to mother earth and self) have self-respect before others (look up definitions from previous)(ENSURING LIFE CONTINUES)
4. Quality of life and relationships (committed working to life in quality)(sense of belonging)

MEASURES:

Sovereign, Laws and Government

*Sovereign, Laws and Government (how to measure sovereignty, laws, awareness, the Elders say that our Sovereignty was never given up, it is within us, it needs to be "awaken" such as the Cree Language. Moving towards Sovereignty: enforcing the laws, examples of Sovereignty and Governance: Indian act governance of First Nations. For sovereignty practice good governance, such as by laws, in order to move in that direction, is to have your governance in place, in order to move forward is to get the support from the membership. *Rights as a sovereign person, example is showing your Treaty card at Walmart, a practice that has been out for years. In order to be self-sustaining the funding agreement is there and causes a dependency on the government, the funding agreement should be treaty based or authority. To measure this, you measure by how many laws the band has. To measure sovereignty, approach the membership.*

SOVEREIGN: How to measure, what we want to measure when it comes to a Sovereign Nation.

- increase jurisdiction > how to measure jurisdiction.
- lease land to First Nation People
- revenue sharing
- the number of laws

KEY SUCCESS FACTORS

Measuring Sovereignty

Sovereignty	Today	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Goal
Number of Laws	0	20	30	25	25	100	Today
	First figure out where you are today and then estimate if you're on target.						

*estimate of how the band goes about this and aim towards the target.

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DEFINITIONS OF SOVEREIGN NATION

- Independence with a plan without outside interference.
 - Self-sufficient with own economy and our own identity.
 - Ability of the people to believe our leaders will make decisions that will best suit the band and for generations to come.
 - Having own laws to protect our people and land and outside influences/sources don't apply
 - The control of our own way of life
 - Self-determining, governance process, to govern ourselves, having the authority and responsibility to govern ourselves the way we want to.
 - Living the way before colonization, assimilation, looking past personal views of each other, working together for success, being with one that was given to us, like water, earth, air. Living in balance. Taking care of our own kind, no boundaries, and no borders.
- *add these definitions to the appendices to the strategic plan

Cree Language: percentage the speak the language, percentage that practice the ceremonies (crucial to our identity, nationhood and strengthen the old ways)

Employment: Youth socio-economic success, case management, productive proud citizens

Definitions:

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