

DRAFT NUMBER THREE

Ochapowace Community Plan DRAFT APRIL 20, 2015

Vision

We are a unified, proud, and prosperous Sovereign Nation

Mission

To serve our *peoples of Ochapowace Nation* through an accountable and transparent government and our own professionals, who as a team provide high quality services, a profitable economic base, protection of our inherent rights and way of life and guidance in fulfillment of our Treaties

Ochapowace Culture and Traditions

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

Measures

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

Cree language: percentage that speak the language, practicing the ceremonies, (crucial to our identity, nationhood, extremely important and re strengthen the old ways,)

Sovereign, Laws and Government:

How to measure sovereignty: counting laws, awareness approach the Membership. The elders tell us that our sovereignty was never given up, its within us, needs to be “awaken” such as our Cree language, moving towards sovereignty: enforcing the laws, examples of sovereignty and governance: Indian act -governance of first nation, sovereignty practice good governance such as bi-laws, to move in that direction, is to have your good governance in place, in order to move forward is to get the support from the membership,

Example: *right as a sovereign person, showing treaty card at Wal-Mart, no longer in use anymore,) (want to be self-sustaining but the agreement is there, the dependency of the government, agreement should be treaty based/authority)

Core Strategies Draft One:

1. Treaties, Governance And Self Sufficiency

A stable governance, Ochapowace nation will create a path to self-sufficiency. Our policies and laws will establish and maintain nationhood at the highest level, governing ourselves into the future.

2. Language And Culture

To promote, protect and enhance our customs, through the knowledge or our language, culture & traditions that was passed on to us from time immemorial.

3. Prosperity:

To promote quality of life that will ensure happy, healthy and prosperous people of the Ochapowace nation

Definitions for Draft VISION

UNIFIED: families working together, strengthen one another, preserve in harmony and balance with the self, family community, Nation, co-existence, innovative

PROUD: to be a Neyhiyo, proud of Community, leadership

PROSPEROUS: enterprising, self, family commitment, nation, high quality service, strong people, proactive, thriving, entrepreneurs.

SOVERIEGN: self-determined governance process, respected by other Nations, independent, nation hood, recognition, having the authority and the right to govern itself.

Definitions for Draft MISSION

CITIZENS: people of our Nation, people who live on reserve

TRANSPARENT: good communications, fiscal transparency with our people, open with business.

HIGH QUALITY SERVICE: attitude and services are high quality, care about people. Protection of our inherent rights and way of life: “What are our inherent rights? “ Inherent rights are our Language, Culture, Self-Determinations, and Values, connection to our land, values and traditions. Right to participate in decision making at all decision making levels.

FULLFILLMENT OF OUR TREATIES: original relationship with the crown, portability of rights, we are responsible as individuals and take advantage, treaty education, treaties are nation to nation relationship