# **ANNUAL REPORT 2015**

CHANGING LIVES: One Contribution at a time...





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# NLCDC Vision & Mission Statement

The Corporation is guided by four fundamental principles: Equity, Transparency, Accountability & Integrity

NLCDC aims to improve the lives of persons living in the catchment area of the Prince Albert Grand Council, Agency Chiefs Tribal Council, Beardy's First Nation, Peter Chapman Band, Chakastaypasin Band, Meadow Lake Tribal Council and the City of Prince Albert and the Rural Municipalities of Buckland and Prince Albert.

### **Mission Statement**

The Northern Lights Community Development Corporation mission is to assist communities in achieving their goals by financially contributing to initiatives that support the economic, social, cultural and environmental sustainability of the communities within the defined catchment area.

### Vision Statement

The Northern Lights Community Development Corporation provides opportunities to achieve healthy, prosperous and sustainable communities.





# CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

It has been such an honour serving as the Northern Lights Community Development Corporation's (NLCDC) Board Chairperson for another successful year. It is my pleasure to present the 2014-2015 Annual Report on behalf of the NLCDC Board of Directors.

Our funds come directly from the 25% of the net profits of the Northern Lights Casino. With the continued success of the Northern Lights Casino, their outstanding efforts allows us to make significant contributions to our catchment area bringing us one step closer to realizing our Vision and Mission statements. This is without a doubt, one of the main positive impacts that the Northern Lights Casino has on the community it serves.

Since inception, NLCDC has proudly donated back to our catchment area an astounding total in excess of \$70 million. This year alone, the Board provided over \$6.77 million in Grants and Donations in several areas such as Community Infrastructure, Health Initiatives, Recreational and Elders and Youth programs.

As overseers of NLCDC, the Board is committed to the four fundamental principles that guide our corporation: Equity, Transparency, Accountability and Integrity. The Board bears these principles in mind with every decision it makes to ensure the continued success of NLCDC.

It has been my pleasure to work with my fellow Board Members who represent the various stakeholders of NLCDC. The representation they provide is second to none.

In closing, I would like to recognize and thank our General Manager, Blake Charles and his staff for all their hard work and many years of dedication to NLCDC.

Sincerely,

Garry Standing NLCDC Chairperson

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# NLCDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS



#### **Gary Standing**

Garry Standing is a member of the Wahpeton Dakota Nation. Garry is a former Chief of Wahpeton and is currently serving his second term as Councillor.



**Shirley Henderson** 

Shirley Henderson is a member of the Montreal Lake Cree Nation. She has been involved with PAGC Women's Commission since its inception and currently serves as their Chairperson. Shirley is one of the original Board members for NLCDC.



**Carl Garvin** 

Carl Garvin is a member of the Red Earth First Nation and became a board member in July 2010. He is a strong advocate for youth in cultural activities.



**Ron Michel** 

Grand Chief Ron Michel is a member of the Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation. He was elected in October 2005 and currently serving his third term as Grand Chief.



#### Tammy Cook-Searson

Tammy Cook-Searson is a member of the Lac La Ronge Indian Band and has been Chief since 2005. Prior to becoming a chief, she was a councillor for her First Nation for eight (8) years.



Steven Jim Steven Jim is a member of the Witchekan Lake Band; of which he has served as Chief for the past 10 years. He was recently elected and serving his first term as Tribal Rep for Agency Chiefs Tribal Council.



#### Eric Sylvestre

Eric Sylvester is a member of the Birch Narrows Dene Nations and is currently serving his second term as Tribal Chief of Meadow Lake Tribal Council. Prior to becoming Tribal Chief, Eric was vice chief for 9 vears.



Jayne Remenda

Jayne has twenty-five years leadership, management, marketing, promotions and event planning experience. She's a former City Councillor and has been a Board Member since 2009



#### **Rick Robillard** Rick Robillard is a member of the Black Lake Dene Nation and is currently serving his second term as Chief of his community.



**Brian Hardlotte** Vice Chief Brian Hardlotte is a member of the Lac La Ronge Indian Band, he was elected as Vice Chief in October 2010.



**Yvonne Longjohn** Yvonne Longiohn is a member of the Sturgeon Lake First Nation, she has been the elder for NLCDC since 2010



#### Peter A. Beatty

Peter A Beatty is a Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation member from the community of Deschambault Lake. He has served his community as a Councillor for 10 consecutive terms and in March 2015 elected to his second term as Chief.



**Blake Charles** Blake has an extensive background in Management and knowledge of First Nations priorities.



#### Judy Quong

Born and raised in Prince Albert, Judy has many years experience in the Finance field. She has been involved with NLCDC since 2002, initially on a contract basis and now as a full-time staff member.



## Jocelyn is a member of the Sturgeon Lake First Nation. Jocelyn started with Prince Albert Grand Council in 1998 and later transferred to NLCDC in 2006.

### **NLCDC GENERAL MANAGER'S MESSAGE**

The Northern Lights Community Development Corporation Board and Staff present to you their 2014 – 2015 Annual Report. The theme for this Annual Report is "Changing Lives: One contribution at a time..."

I have completed one year as the General Manager at Northern Lights Community Development Corporation. It has been a pleasure to work with all our communities and various organizations within our catchment area.

NLCDC continues to move ahead guided by four fundamental principles: Equity; Transparency; Accountability; and Integrity.

Northern Lights Community Development Corporation receives 25% of the net profits from the Northern Lights Casino of which approximately 90% is spent on projects in Community Contributions.

long term.

### Ikosi Maku,

**Blake Charles** 



**General Manager** 



# NLCDC STAFF

NLCDC Board and Staff refined the Vision Statement at their 2014 Strategic Planning session to read, "The Northern Lights Community Development Corporation provides opportunities to achieve healthy, prosperous and sustainable communities".

The NLCDC Board and Staff is focused on making a difference for the

# SENATORS CUP

# Key Goals Achieved:

- Celebration of sport and culture that epitomizes healthy living and builds community at all levels
- Leaving a legacy of community building and civic pride for the city of Prince Albert and Prince Albert Grand Council
- Create a positive, lasting and memorable experience with enduring relationships for all participants and partners
- Being a well-organized and well run, employing high standards of organization, coordination, financial accountability and responsibility
- Ensure corporate involvement
- Developed relationships based on trust, cooperation and teamwork
- Partnerships that enhanced the economic, social and cultural wellbeing of member First Nations



# HIGHLIGHTED PROJECTS

The Senators Cup was held from April 10, 11 & 12, 2015 at the Prince Albert Art Hauser Centre. A total of 18 Games were held throughout the weekend. Approximately 3000 spectators young and old watched entertaining hockey, showcasing former NHL, WHL and European First Nation and Metis Professional Hockey Players. A highlight of the event was the honouring and recognition of our past and current PAGC Senators. Families members of the Late Senators Settee, Morin and Bear were also honoured with leadership and sponsors present. A special guest was FSIN Senator Fred Sasakamoose, the 1st First Nation NHL Hockey Player, joining PAGC Leadership with the Puck Drop Ceremony.



# **STANLEY MISSION BOWLING ALLEY**

Last summer construction began for a bowling alley and youth centre that the local residents, visitors and most importantly the local youth could utilize as a fun place to hang out. It's something larger city centres are accustomed to however for a small northern community it is considered to be a great and exciting new addition. Gordon Hardlotte, director of operations at the Stanley

Gordon Hardlotte, director of operations at the Stanley Mission Cree nation, says that like many communities they are always working to find new ways to entertain their young people to help keep them busy and avoid them getting into trouble. The bowling alley seemed to be the perfect fit to not only help ease those concerns but also to help influence visitors from neighbouring northern communities to visit Stanley Mission and take advantage of their bowling alley. "It is also a youth centre

# PRINCE ALBERT WATERSLIDE RESTORATION

The Kinsmen Water Park is a focal point in Prince Albert, SK. during the summer months. The waterslides at this outdoor aquatics facility were closed in 2014 when the slides were deemed unsafe for citizens. The "Save Our Slides" Campaign began in 2014 and, with contributions from partners such as NLCDC, the City was able to re-open the outdoor waterslides for the 2015 season.

NLCDC's generous \$50,000 donation assisted with significant upgrades to the Park, including: restoration and repainting of the structural fiberglass component (slides), interior and exterior restoration of the fiberglass slide structure, repainting the main pool, new carpet on the patio deck, new tile in the women's shower, replacement of six circulating pumps, and the replacement of the scale and regulator.

With the assistance of partners such as NLCDC, the Kinsmen Water Park was re-opened and 2015 was one of the most successful seasons to date. Attendance for public swimming was 32,415, significantly up from 19,151 visits in 2014, and 26,421 visits in 2013. The grand total of visits, including all programming, was 38,798 in 2015.





NORTHERN LIGHTS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

# **Under 16 Boys Canadian Fast-Pitch Championship**

The Under 16 Boys Canadian Fast-pitch Championships was held from August 5-9, 2015 at Prime Ministers Park. The teams, fans, Softball Canada officials, Umpire in Chief and umpires from across Canada were very impressed with our fast pitch facilities and the access we had to Art Hauser Centre and Summer Games Building during the event. Coaches and fans would stop our committee members to tell them how much they enjoyed this Canadian Championship and that it was certainly one of the best they had ever attended.

Our committee was hampered by poor weather as we received a lot of rain over that five day period. If it were not for dedicated ground crew volunteers who were up at 5 am every morning pumping water of the diamonds, spreading quick dry and shale combined with city equipment and knowledgeable City staff supervised by Kathy Berden, this event would not of been played. An event like this cannot occur without dedicated volunteers. Players, fans and dignitaries were very impressed with the organization and effort of all volunteers to make sure all needs were met and in most cases exceeded. They expressed their thanks many times to our committee members.

This event was a huge success and all who attended this championship left our city with the hope of returning one day to play in our community again and playing the great game of fast-pitch on our beautiful facilities.



The Northern Lights Community Development Corporation was recognized as a Grand Slam Sponsor for this Championship. The following list is some of the recognition of how the NLCDC was recognized over the five day event:

- NLCDC logo in Championship Program- Recognized as a Grand Slam Sponsor
- Listed as Grand Slam Sponsor on Softball Canada Website for Under 16 Boys
- Grand Slam Sponsor signage on both diamond outfield fences and sponsor wall
- Northern Lights Community Development Corporation logo included on all tournament transportation
- Included in Announcers Thank you to sponsors during the round robin and Championship Games.

# Prince Albert Tourism Borealis Music Festival

The Borealis Music Festival was held from Friday July 31st to Monday August 2nd, 2015. The Festival attracted visitors and performers from local, regional, provincial, national and international markets. It is the intention of the organizers to market the Festival to visitors that expect a quality experience and that the event will generate a high impact to the community by way of increased destination awareness, community collaboration and socio-cultural benefits.

The three-day event hosted multiple performance venues and workshops. The main festival site held at Kinsmen Park situated in the heart of the City. Additional venues were distributed throughout the City making use of both privately owned and public facilities.

NLCDC's funding was instrumental in assisting to secure world class talent including two-time Juno winner; Fred Penner, The Harpoonist & the Axe Murderer and Toronto-based group; July Talk, as well as many other performers at the main stage.

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**FIRST NATION/ORGANIZATION PROJECT** Beardy's & Okemasis First Nation **Big River First Nation Big River First Nation Big River First Nation** Birch Narrows Dene Nation Canoe Lake First Nation **Canoe Lake First Nation** Canoe Lake First Nation City of Prince Albert Clearwater River Dene Nation Cumberland House Cree Nation English River First Nation English River First Nation **Flying Dust First Nation Flying Dust First Nation** Fond Du Lac First Nation Indian Residential School James Smith Cree Nation La Plonge First Nation LLRIB Grandmother's Bay LLRIB Grandmother's Bay LLRIB Hall Lake LLRIB Hall Lake LLRIB La Ronge LLRIB Little Red LLRIB Little Red LLRIB Little Red LLRIB Sucker River Makwa Sahgaichcan First Nation Makwa Sahgaichcan First Nation Ministikiwan Lake Cree Nation MLCN Paskwawaskihk Montreal Lake Cree Nation Montreal Lake Cree Nation North SK River Metis Local 269 PBCN Denare Beach PBCN Deschambault Lake PBCN Deschambault Lake PBCN Deschambault Lake PBCN Deschambault Lake PBCN Kinoosao PBCN Pelican Narrows **PBCN Sandy Bay PBCN Sandy Bay** 

Active Living Space BFC Building a Fitness Family Housing Improvements **Office Renovations** Backhoe Purchase Purchase of Maintenance Vehicle Water Truck Purchase **Community Centre Furnace** Arena Renovations **Radio Station Upgrade** Youth Centre Upgrade Kinsmen Water Park New Fire Truck & Equipment **Building Renovations English River Arena Repairs** Radio Station Upgrade Habitat for Humanity Telephone Upgrade Band Hall Tables & Chairs Housing Upgrades **Pine Channel Pilgrimage** Pine Channel Pilgrimage Memorial for Former Students Purchase of Fire Truck **Community Building Renovations** Community Spring Clean Up Ice Resurfacer Chimney Retro Fit Installation of Chain Link Fence **Chimney Retro Fit Community Beautification Community Garden Renovations to Community Centre Repairs to Church Volunteer Housing Improvements** Community Spring Clean Up Community Van Maintenance Vehicle Purchase Chimnev Retro Fit Wahpenshawasis Solar Panel Youth Centre Fire Hall & Truck Hall Furnace Replacement **Facility Renovations** School Sound System Parkland Hall Renovations Coverall Structure Ph I **Cemeterv Shelter Community Roads Improvement Community Waste Disposal** Log/Gazebo/Camp Site Community Spring Clean Up Timber Harvest for Log Homes **Heating System** New Band Office Ph II

**PBCN Sandy Bay PBCN Southend PBCN Southend PBCN Southend PBCN Southend PBCN Southend PBCN Sturgeon Landing PBCN Sturgeon Landing PBCN Sturgeon Landing PBCN Sturgeon Landing PBCN Sturgeon Landing** Peter Chapman Band Prince Albert Grand Council Red Earth Cree Nation Red Earth Cree Nation **Royal Canadian Legion** Shoal Lake Cree Nation Shoal Lake Cree Nation **Sturgeon Lake First Nation** Sturgeon Lake First Nation **Sturgeon Lake First Nation** Sturgeon Lake First Nation Sturgeon Lake First Nation Wahepton Dakota Nation Wahepton Dakota Nation Waterhen Lake First Nation Waterhen Lake First Nation Witchekan Lake First Nation

Window Replacement Admin. Office Furniture Church Renovations **Community Playground** House of Prayer Office **RC Church Extension** Annual Spring Clean Up Community Clean Up **Community Hall Repairs Repairs to Boardwalk** Walking Bridge Community Upgrade SAMB Centre Improvements Storage Appliance Building Trueserve Inc. Tour Maior Roof Repair Daycare/Headstart Project Water Treatment Computer Upgrade Project Elder's Lounge Equipment Upgrade Office System Upgrade Radio Station Upgrade Housing Relocation Tatanka Store AC Replacement **Community Centre Community Centre Ph II** 

School Repairs

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

### **Economic Development**

FIRST NATION/ORGANIZATION PROJECT **Birch Narrows Dene Nation Buffalo River Dene Nation** Chakastaypasin Band Chakastaypasin Band **Flying Dust First Nation** LLRIB La Ronge Meadow Lake Tribal Council **PBCN Pelican Narrows PBCN Pelican Narrows PBCN Sandy Bay** Pelican Lake First Nation **Pelican Lake First Nation Prince Albert Grand Council Prince Albert Grand Council** Prince Albert Grand Council Prince Albert Grand Council **Red Earth Cree Nation Red Earth Cree Nation Red Earth Cree Nation** Sturgeon Lake First Nation

Legal Challenge Legal Challenge Impact Development Agreement Impact Development Agreement **Business Analysis** Community Training **Buffalo River Legal Challenge** Canoe Lake Legal Costs Canoe Lake Wild Rice Seed Discover MLTC Tourism MSFN Career Centre Waterhen Pontoon Boat Trapper's Assistance Program Woodland Cree Security I/K Transmission Line Oil & Gas Project Oil & Gas Project Canadian Nuclear Safety Frog Portage Tramway NRTA 2014 NSTA Feasibility Study Sipanok Mapping Sundown Cabin Development Upgrade Bison Facilities

NORTHERN LIGHTS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

### Social Development

FIRST NATION/ORGANIZATION PROJECT Big Brother's & Big Sisters Birch Narrows Dene Nation Black Lake First Nation Catholic Family Services Catholic Family Services City of PA Playground **Flying Dust First Nation** Fond du Lac First Nation La Plonge First Nation LLRIB La Ronge LLRIB La Ronge Montreal Lake Cree Nation Montreal Lake Cree Nation PA Early Childhood Council PA Share A Meal PA Tourism **Red Earth Cree Nation Red Earth Cree Nation** The PA Metis Grannies Assoc.

Many More Matches Family Camp Out Community Life Skills Active Parenting Now **Building Healthier Relationships** Kidzfest 2015 Riverside Market Garden Staff & Leadership Retreat Youth Programming **Community Kitchen** Men's Wellness Camp Promoting Healthy Living Youth Empowerment PA Family Expo **Greenleaf Project** Borealis Music Festival Men's Retreat **Prevention Awareness Week** Gathering

### **Education**

FIRST NATION/ORGANIZATIONPROJECTAgency Chiefs Tribal CouncilYouth DeveHatchet Lake First NationSchool YouMontreal Lake Cree NationPA Urban WPrince Albert Grand CouncilScholarshipSturgeon Lake First NationSmart Boar

PROJECT Youth Development Initiative School Youth Trip PA Urban Website Scholarship Banquet <u>Smart Board P</u>urchase

### Justice

FIRST NATION/ORGANIZATIONPROJECTPBCN SouthendYouth CurfePeter Chapman BandCommunityPrince Albert Grand CouncilMemorial WProvincial Metis Women Assoc.Forum

PROJECT Youth Curfew By Law Community Consultations Memorial Walk Forum

### Health

#### **FIRST NATION/ORGANIZATION PROJECT**

Hatchet Lake First Nation Montreal Lake Cree Nation Montreal Lake Cree Nation Prince Albert Grand Council Prince Albert Grand Council SK Assoc for Community Living Sturgeon Lake First Nation HIV/AIDS Youth Conference PA Urban Family Wellness Urban TRAP Program First Nations Hospital Trust Residential School Survivors Northern Partnership for Inclusion First Nations Hospital Trust

### Culture

FIRST NATION/ORGANIZATION PROJECT Agency Chief Tribal Council Agency Chief Tribal Council Beardy's & Okemasis Beardy's & Okemasis First Nation Beardy's & Okemasis First Nation **Big River First Nation Birch Narrows Dene Nation Birch Narrows Dene Nation** Birch Narrrows Dene Nation Black Lake First Nation **Black Lake First Nation** Black Lake First Nation **Buffalo River Dene Nation** Canoe Lake First Nation Chakastaypasin First Nation Clearwater River Dene Nation Cumberland House Cree Nation Cumberland House Cree Nation Eagle's Lake First Nation Eagle's Lake First Nation **Flying Dust First Nation** Fond du Lac First Nation Fond du Lac First Nation Hatchet Lake First Nation Island Lake First Nation James Smith Cree Nation James Smith Cree Nation La Plonge First Nation Lac La Ronge Indian Band LLRIB - Stanley Mission LLRIB Grandmother's Bay LLRIB Grandmother's Bay LLRIB Hall Lake LLRIB Hall Lake LLRIB La Ronge LLRIB La Ronge LLRIB La Ronge LLRIB La Ronge LLRIB Little Red LLRIB Little Red LLRIB Stanley Mission LLRIB Stanley Mission LLRIB Stanley Mission LLRIB Sucker River LLRIB Sucker River Makwa Sahgaiehcan First Nation Meadow Lake Tribal Council Meadow Lake Tribal Council Minahik Waskahigan School MLCN Paskwawaskihk

**Cultural Camp** Wellness in Service Annual Pow-wow Feast & Round Dance Pipe Repatriation Celebration Cultural Event Clear Lake Cultural Winter Fest Project **Treaty Day Celebrations** Fish Derby Traditional Caribou Hunt **Trappers Training Assistance Cultural Event Cultural Event Cultural Event** Cultural Event **Cultural Event** Eastern Sector Fish Derby **Cultural Event** Youth Centre Project **Cultural Event** Annual Winter Carnival Canada Day Celebrations Annual Hunting Trip Annual Winter Festival Community Christmas Hampers **Cultural Event** Elder's & Women's Gathering Healing Workshops Leadership Hunt Trapper's Assistance **Cultural Event** Cultural Event **1st Annual Winter Festival Cultural Program** Woodland Cree Gathering **Brabant Gathering** Community Winter Festival **Cultural Event** Community Winter Festival Traditional & Cultural Equipment **Community Winter Festival** Pinehouse Cultural Gathering Traditional Camp Women's Wellness Camp Paskwawaskihk **Cultural Event** 2014 Community Gathering 2014 Community Gathering **Cultural Event** Community Winter Festival Traditional & Cultural Equipment **Cultural Event** Canoe Lake Hunting Camp **Cultural Event** Northern Elder's Gathering **Community Winter Festival** 



### Culture (continued)

#### FIRST NATION/ORGANIZATION PROJECT MLCN Paskwawaskihk MLCN Paskwawaskihk Montreal Lake Cree Nation Montreal Lake Cree Nation Montreal Lake Cree Nation North SK River Metis Local 269 Northern Lights Casino PA Aboriginal Headstart PA Central Dog Mushers PA District Chamber of Commerce FN Culture & Treaty PA Indian Metis Friendship Centre Children's Summer Program PA Indian Metis Friendship Centre Elder's Cultural Retreat Pa Winter Festival PAGC **PBCN Denare Beach PBCN Denare Beach PBCN Deschambault Lake PBCN Deschambault Lake** PBCN Kinoosao **PBCN Pelican Narrows** PBCN Pelican Narrows **PBCN Pelican Narrows PBCN Pelican Narrows PBCN Pelican Narrows PBCN Pelican Narrows PBCN Sandy Bay PBCN Sandy Bay PBCN Southend PBCN Southend** PBCN Sturgeon Landing PBCN Sturgeon Landing **PBCN Urban PBCN** Urban Pelican Lake First Nation Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation Peter Chapman Band Prince Albert Grand Council **Red Earth Cree Nation Red Earth Cree Nation Red Earth Cree Nation Red Earth Cree Nation Red Earth Cree Nation** Shoal Lake Cree Nation Shoal Lake Cree Nation Shoal Lake Cree Nation Shoal Lake Cree Nation SK Co-op Fisheries Sturgeon Lake First Nation **Sturgeon Lake First Nation** Wahpeton Dakota Nation Wahpeton Dakota Nation Wahpeton Dakota Nation Waterhen Lake First Nation Witchekan Lake First Nation Witchekan Lake First Nation

Cultural Camp Youth Round Dance Local Showcase & Recognition Woodland Cree Gathering Cultural Event National Aboriginal Day NLC Annual Thanksgiving Pow Wow Parent & Child Interaction **Crutwell Dog Races** 2015 PA Winte Festival Cultural Event Cultural Event **Cultural Event** Hunter Safety & Trapper **Cultural Event** Spring Cultural Gathering **Caribou Hunting Experience** Christmas Food Hampers Fall Cultural Festival Hunting Cultural Trip Traditional Trappers Gathering Winter Festival Cultural Event Annual Caribou Hunt **Community Gathering** Cultural Event Annual Sping Festival Springe Cultural Festival Cultural Event Urban Cultural Gathering Youth Cultural Camp Woodland Cree Gathering **Cultural Event** Daycare Gathering **Cultural Event** Eastern Sector Fish Derby Fall Cultural Wilderness School Cultural Arts Spring Cultural Harvest **Cultural Event** Eastern Sector Fish Derby **Traditional Engagement** Trapper's Survival Training SK Co-op Fisheries **Traditional Hunting** Boys & Girls Club Cultural Event Language App Development Wacipi 2014 Pow Wow **Cultural Event Cultural Camp** 

**Cultural Event** 

## Recreation

#### FIRST NATION/ORGANIZATION PROJECT

Beardy's & Okemasis First Nation Beardy's & Okemasis First Nation **Buffalo River Dene Nation** Canoe Lake First Nation Cumberland House Cree Nation Cumberland House Cree Nation Eagle's Lake Cree Nation **Eagle's Nest Youth Ranch** Flying Dust First Nation Fond du Lac First Nation James Smith Cree Nation James Smith Cree Nation LLRIB Hall Lake LLRIB La Ronge LLRIB La Ronge LLRIB La Ronge LLRIB La Ronge LLRIB Stanley Mission LLRIB Stanley Mission LLRIB Sucker River LI RIB Sucker River Meadow Lake Tribal Council Meadow Lake Tribal Council Meadow Lake Tribal Council Montreal Lake Cree Nation Montreal Lake Cree Nation PA Community Basketball Assoc. PA Slo Pitch League PAGC/NLC **PBCN Deschambault Lake** PBCN Kinoosao **PBCN Pelican Narrows PBCN Sandy Bay** Prince Albert Grand Council **Red Farth Cree Nation** Sportsmen Men's Softball League St Louis Curling Club Sturgeon Lake First Nation Sturgeon Lake First Nation Wahpeton Dakota Nation Witchekan Lake First Nation Witchekan Lake First Nation

BOFN Arena Project II Bus Chartering Arena Condenser Repairs Arena Project Alotchee Cup Arena Maintenance Playground Cultural Sport & Rec Camps **Playground Equipment** Minor Hockey Coaching **Community Sports Day** Sport, Cultural Rec Transportation **Outdoor Sports Arena** Aquatic Facility Feasibility **Bigstone Outdoor Arena** Hockey Equipment for Youth Northern SK Football League Bowling Complex Youth Centre & Bowling Complex Exercise Room Equipment Traditional & Cultural Activity 2014 SK Winter Games Ministikwan Lake Rodeo MSFN Minor Hockey Activity Program Summer Youth Soccer Youth Basketball Development Backstop Replacement 2014 Golf Tournament **Outdoor Rink Renovations** Multi Purpose Van Hockey Arena **Rec Facility** Senior Hockey Tournament Youth Centre Equipment 2014 Senior Men's Championships **Reconditioning Curling Stones** Boys & Girls Golf League SK Junior Golf Team **Bingo Equipment** Ball Diamond Project **Team Jerseys** 

# Senior & Youth

FIRST NATION/ORGANIZATION PROJECT Agency Chiefs Tribal Council Beardy's & Okemasis **Big River First Nation Big River First Nation Birch Narrows Dene Nation** Birch Narrows Dene Nation Black Lake First Nation Black Lake First Nation **Buffalo River Dene Nation** Canoe Lake First Nation Chakastaypasin First Nation Clearwater River Dene Nation **Cumberland House Cree Nation** Cumberland House Cree Nation Cumberland House Cree Nation Cumberland House Cree Nation Cumberland House Cree Nation Eagle's Lake First Nation **English River First Nation Flying Dust First Nation** Fond du Lac First Nation Hatchet Lake First Nation Hatchet Lake First Nation Island Lake First Nation James Smith Cree Nation James Smith Cree Nation La Plonge First Nation LLRIB - Stanley Mission LLRIB Grandmother's Bay LLRIB Grandmother's Bay LLRIB Grandmother's Bay LLRIB Hall Lake LLRIB Hall Lake LLRIB La Ronge LLRIB Little Red LLRIB Little Red Makwa Sahgaiehcan First Nation Meadow Lake Tribal Council Meadow Lake Tribal Council MLCN Paskwawaskihk Montreal Lake Cree Nation Montreal Lake Cree Nation Montreal Lake Cree Nation **Nipawin Oasis** PAGC **PBCN Denare Beach** PBCN Deschambault Lake PBCN Deschambault Lake **PBCN PBCN Urban PBCN Pelican Narrows PBCN Sandy Bay PBCN Sandy Bay PBCN Sandy Bay PBCN Southend PBCN Urban** 

**Elder's Activities** Elder's Camp Elder's Activities Elder's Cultural Christmas Gathering Lac St. Ann Pilgrimage Zander Lake Elder's Retreat **BLFN Annual Carnival 2015** Lac St Ann Pilgrimage **Elder's Activities Elder's Activities** Elder's Activities Elder's Activities 1st Annual Youth&Family Conf. Magaleetch Fish Derby **Elder's Activities Elder's Activities** Elder's Activities Elder's Activities North SK Youth Leadership Elder's Activities **Flder's Activities** Elder's Activities Youth Sport Tournament **Elder's Activities** Can. Native Fastball Championships Elder's Activities **Elder's Activities** Elder's Trips **Elder's Activities** Elder's Trip Youth Cultural Camp Elder's Trip Transportation for Youth Elder's Trip **Elder's Activities** Elder's Trip **Elder's Activities Elder's Activities** NAIG Fees & Chiefs Attendance Elder's Trip Elder's Activities Inner City Sports Urban Transportation Teen Oskayak Cultural Elder's Activities **Elder's Activities Elder's Activities** Elder's Emergency Accommodation **Elder's Activities** Lac St Ann Pilgrimage Elder's Net Setting Cultural Program **Elder's Winter Heating Program Elder's Activities Elder's Activities Elder's Activities** 

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**PBCN Urban PBCN** Urban PBCN Urban **PBCN Urban** Pelican Lake First Nation Pelican Narrows Youth Council Peter Chapman Band **Red Earth Cree Nation Red Earth Cree Nation** Shoal Lake Cree Nation St Louis & District Skating Rink St Micheal's Community School St Paul's Presbryterian Church Sturgeon Lake First Nation Sturgeon Lake First Nation Wahpeton Dakota Nation Waterhen Lake First Nation Witchekan Lake First Nation Youth Bowling Council

Elder's Support Program Elder's Winter Cultural Camp **Recreational Activities** Youth Trapping Cultural Treaty Gathering PARTY & SADD **Elder's Activities Elder's Activities** Youth Conference **Elder's Activities Community Public Skating** Field Trip & Transportation Tri to Send Kids to Camp **Elder's Activities** Mapleleaf Junior Golf Tour **Elder's** Activities **Elder's** Activities Kamloopa Pow Wow Youth Bowling

# To the Members of *Northern Lights Community Development Corporation*:

# Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the accompanying financial statements, including responsibility for significant accounting judgments and estimates in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and ensuring that all information in the annual report is consistent with the statements. This responsibility includes selecting appropriate accounting principles and methods, and making decisions affecting the measurement of transactions in which objective judgment is required.

In discharging its responsibilities for the integrity and fairness of the financial statements, management designs and maintains the necessary accounting systems and related internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are authorized, assets are safeguarded and financial records are properly maintained to provide reliable information for the preparation of financial statements.

The Board of Directors is composed entirely of Directors who are neither management nor employees of the Corporation. The Board is responsible for overseeing management in the performance of its financial reporting responsibilities, and for approving the financial information included in the annual report. The Board fulfils these responsibilities by reviewing the financial information prepared by management and discussing relevant matters with management and external auditors. The Board is also responsible for recommending the appointment of the Corporation's external auditors.

MNP LLP, is appointed by the members to audit the financial statements and report directly to them; their report follows. The external auditors have full and free access to, and meet periodically and separately with, both the Board and management to discuss their audit findings.

May 29, 2015

**Financial Controller** 

# Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in of Northern Lights Community Development Corporation, the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an which comprise the statement of financial position as at opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. March 31, 2015, and the statements of operations, changes An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of a summary of significant accounting policies and other accounting estimates made by management, as well explanatory information. as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement. whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Northern Lights Community Development Corporation as at March 31, 2015 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Prince Albert, Saskatchewan May 29, 2015

MNPLLP

**Chartered Accountants** 



# AUDITOR'S REPORT

## **Statement of Financial Position**

#### As at March 31, 2015

	2015	2014
Assets		
Current		
Cash	1,960,115	2,560,249
Reserve cash	663,182	376,776
Accounts receivable	6,019	17,170
Prepaid expenses	1,075	20,544
	2,630,391	2,974,739
Capital Assets (Note 3)	14,278	23,4 <mark>3</mark> 6
	2,644,669	2,998,175
Liabilities		
Current		
Accounts payable and accruals	13,656	8,079
Community contributions payable	1,953,553	2,589,885
	1,967,209	2,597,964
Net Assets		
Internally restricted investment in capital assets	14,278	23,436
Internally restricted net assets	413,182	376,775
Internally restricted legacy fund	250,000	
•	677,460	400,211
	2,644,669	2,998,175

Approved on behalf of the Board



Director

## **Statement of Operations**

For the year ended March 31, 2015

	2015	2014
Revenue		
Interest income	9,599	23,387
Gaming proceeds	7,570,977	8,419,408
Total revenue	7,580,576	8,442,795
Direct Expenses		
Current		
Salaries and benefits	144,344	139,152
Advertising	21,126	21,321
Office supplies	5,822	2,295
Information technology	3,512	3,840
Professional services	500	19,741
Travel	-	14,992
	175,304	201,341
Governance expenses		
Board governance	209,009	249,701
Board development	15,492	23,408
Meeting costs	9,833	41,596
Insurance	3,544	3,772
	237,878	318,477
Administration expenses		
Salaries and benefits	144,344	139,152
Sponsorships and donations	69,948	84,387
Promotions	50,634	87,798
Management fees	38,494	54,363
Rent and occupancy	37,419	37,419
Travel	29,242	72,408
Professional services – audit	23,512	13,233
Advertising	17,399	46,777
Amortization	9,158	7,016
Telephone and cellular	8,688	4,231
Office supplies	8,430	8,379
Repairs and maintenance	5,001	-
Professional services – legal	3,051	6,664
Professional development	2,677	17,971
Minor equipment	450	-
Bank charges and interest	437	266
	448,884	580,064
Community contributions	440,004	555,004
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Community contributions	6,765,944	7,312,789
De-committed community contributions	(624,683)	-
	6,441,261	7,312,789
Total expenses	7,303,327	8,412,671
Excess of revenue over expenses	448,884	580,064

# Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year ended March 31, 2015

	Invested in capital assets	Internally restricted net assets	Legacy fund	Unrestricted	2015	2014
Net assets, beginning of year	23,436	376,775	-	-	400,211	370,087
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	(9,158)	-	-	286,407	277,249	30,124
Net transfer to (from) legacy fund	-	-	250,000	(250,000)	-	-
Net transfer to (from) internally restricted net assets (Note 2)	-	36,407	-	(36,407)	-	-
Net assets, end of year	14,278	413,182	250,000		677,460	400 <mark>,21</mark> 1

# **Statement of Cash Flows**

For the year ended March 31, 2015

			Cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents include	balances with banks a	ind short terr	
	2015	2014	investments with maturities of three months or les			
Cash provided by (used for) the following activities			to restrictions that prevent its use for current purposes is reserve cash.			
Operating						
Excess of revenue over expenses	277,249	30,124	Capital assets			
Amortization	9,158	7,016	Purchased capital assets are reco			
De-committed community contributions	(324,683)	-	are recorded at fair value at the date of contribution if fa reasonably determined.			
	(38,276)	37,140				
Changes in working capital accounts			Amortization is provided using the amortize the cost of assets over t			
Accounts receivable	11,151	(11,486)	amortize the cost of assets over th	neir estimated userui li	ves.	
Prepaid expenses	19,469	(15,413)		Method	Rate	
Accounts payable and accruals	5,577	4,095	Automotive	straight line	30%	
Community contributions payable	(311,649)	527,574	Computer equipment Equipment	straight line straight line	40% 5 years	
	(311,728)	541,910	Leasehold improvements	straight line	5 years	
Investing				5	1	
Purchase of capital assets	-	(29,822)	Internally restricted funds			
Increase (decrease) in cash resources	(313,728)	512,088	424,937 \$413,182 (2014 \$376,776) of unrestricted net assets to be use emergency funding and \$250,000 (2014 \$nil) for the Legacy fu			
Cash resources, beginning of year	2,937,025	2,424,937				
Cash resources, end of year	2,623,297	2,937,025				
			has internally restricted net asset			
Cash resources are composed of:			(2014 \$23,436). These internally for other purposes without approv			
Cash	1,960,115	2,560,249				
Reserve cash	663,182	376,776	Revenue recognition			
	2,623,297	2,937,025	The Corporation follows the deferral method of accounting for			
			CONTINUATIONS. RESUICTED CONTINUA	cions are recognized as	sievenue	



For the year ended March 31, 2015

#### 1. Incorporation and nature of the organization

Northern Lights Community Development Corporation ("the Corporation") was incorporated under the Non profit Corporations Act, 1995, of Saskatchewan and thus is exempt from income taxes under Part I of the Income Tax Act ("the Act"). In order to maintain its status as a registered not for profit organization under the Act, the Corporation must meet certain requirements within the Act. In the opinion of management these requirements have been met.

The Corporation's purpose is to distribute funds for charitable purposes to First Nations charities and organizations and Non First Nations charities and organizations in the communities in which the Corporation is located and in the surrounding area. The Corporation receives funding from the Government of Saskatchewan as a distribution of a portion of net proceeds derived from the Northern Lights Casino.

#### 2. Significant accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not for profit organizations set out in Part III of the CPA Canada Handbook Accounting, as issued by the Accounting Standards Board in Canada, and include the following significant accounting policies:

### Cash and cash equivalents

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in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.



#### Community contributions

The Corporation meets its objectives by providing charitable contributions to First Nations charities and organizations and Non First Nations charities and organizations. The Corporation holds back a percentage of funding approved for charitable contributions until the recipient organizations provide reporting on the use of funds. As at March 31, 2015 the Corporation de committed \$324,683 (2014 \$nil) of these holdbacks payable as no reporting was received from recipient organizations.

#### Measurement uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not for profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period.

Accounts receivable are stated after evaluation as to their collectability and an appropriate allowance for doubtful accounts is provided where considered necessary. Amortization is based on the estimated useful lives of capital assets.

These estimates and assumptions are reviewed periodically and, as adjustments become necessary they are reported in excess of revenues and expenses in the periods in which they become known.

#### Financial instruments

The Corporation recognizes its financial instruments when the Corporation becomes party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument. All financial instruments are initially recorded at their fair value, including financial assets and liabilities originated and issued in a related party transaction with management. Financial assets and liabilities originated and issued in all other related party transactions are initially measured at their carrying or exchange amount in accordance with CPA Canada 3840 Related Party Transactions (refer to Note 4).

At initial recognition, the Corporation may irrevocably elect to subsequently measure any financial instrument at fair value. The Corporation has not made such an election during the year. Fair value is determined by using recent arm's length transactions.

Transaction costs and financing fees directly attributable to the origination, acquisition, issuance or assumption of financial instruments subsequently measured at fair value are immediately recognized in the excess of revenues over expenses for the current period. Conversely, transaction costs and financing fees are added to the carrying amount for those financial instruments subsequently measured at amortized cost or cost.

#### Financial asset impairment:

The Corporation assesses impairment of all of its financial assets measured at cost or amortized cost. The Corporation groups assets for impairment testing when available information is not sufficient to permit identification of each individually impaired financial asset in the group, there are numerous assets affected by the same factors, or no asset is individually significant. Management considers whether there has been a breach in contract, such as a default or delinquency in interest or principal payments in determining whether objective evidence of impairment exists. When there is an indication of impairment, the Corporation determines whether it has resulted in a significant adverse change in the expected timing or amount of future cash flows during the year. If so, the Corporation reduces the carrying amount of any impaired financial assets to the highest of: the present value of cash flows expected to be generated by holding the assets; the amount that could be realized by selling the assets; and the amount expected to be realized by exercising any rights to collateral held against those assets. Any impairment, which is not considered temporary, is included in current year excess of revenues over expenses.

The Corporation reverses impairment losses on financial assets when there is a decrease in impairment and the decrease can be objectively related to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognized. The amount of the reversal is recognized in the excess of revenue over expenses in the year the reversal occurs.

#### 3. Capital assets

	Cost	Accumulated	2015	2014
		amortization	Net book	Net book
			value	value
Automotive	29,822	15,845	13,977	23,031
Computer equipment	920	920	-	-
Equipment	26,949	26,648	301	405
Leasehold improvements	31,686	31,686	-	-
	89,377	413,182	677,460	400,211

## 4. Related party transactions

During the year, the Corporation purchased services from entities that are under common control and/or influence as follows:

Prince Albert Grand Council Administration Services Agreement in the amount of \$361,624 (2014 \$387,000). The annual fee is based on the annual budget approved by the Northern Lights Community Development Corporation's Board of Directors. This agreement expires on March 31, 2017.

As well during the year, the Corporation distributed funds to various First Nation groups which have representation on the Board of Directors of the Corporation. These transactions were in the normal course of operations and were measured at the exchange amount, which is the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the related parties.

#### 5. Financial instruments

The Corporation, as part of its operations, carries a number of financial instruments. It is management's opinion that the Corporation is not exposed to significant interest, currency, credit, liquidity or other price risks arising from these financial instruments except as otherwise disclosed.

#### Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument might be adversely affected by a change in the interest rates. Changes in market interest rates may have an effect on the cash flows associated with some financial assets and liabilities, known as cash flow risk, and on the fair value of other financial assets or liabilities, known as price risk.

The Corporation is exposed to interest rate risk with respect to cash in the bank, all of which are expected to be realized within one year, and which are subject to floating interest rates.

# ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS

All programs seeking funding from NLCDC must meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Involve partnership initiatives or joint ventures between First Nations
- Focus on economic development initiatives
- Focus on services that improve the education, social well being, and/or health of targeted youth, seniors and families
- Create training and/or employment opportunities
- Involve the community in project delivery or implementation
- Demonstrate cultural sensitivity/awareness
- Are Early Intervention programs (i.e. Addiction Assessment and Treatment, Teenage Pregnancy. Stay in School programs)



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# EVALUATION STRUCTURE





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