

North Segment News

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Message from Councilman Hall

Greetings,

IT'S OFFICIAL!!!

On Friday June 21, 2013 at approximately 5:15 pm at the State Capital Building in Bismarck, N.D., in the Governor's Conference Room, the Tribal/State Oil & Gas Tax Agreement Bill #1198 was signed into law, effective on July 1st, 2013.

This Agreement represents a more level playing field and a truer "Government to Government" relationship. Now we want to build on this for the next biennium as we take greater control of managing our mineral resources. What this bill means to the Three Affiliated Tribes is additional new monies, over \$300 million dollars, in the next four years.

There was support from Governor Dalrymple, the Oil Industry, and the Tribe to get this unfinished business done. The Tribal Council took a position that the terms of the agreement had to change and our participation in the legislative session was a priority. Walking away, after the first Bill #1234 was killed, was not an option. We worked hard to make sure a final decision on the Agreement was going to be in favor of the Tribe, hence, Bill #1198 being put onto the floor on the last day of the session – which received overwhelming support from both House & Senate Chambers late on Friday May 3, on day #80, the final day of the session. Overall, it was a team effort all the way from our Tax Director Mark Fox, our lobbyists, Jerry Doan and Al Stenehjem, Scott Davis, Director of the ND Indian Affairs Commission, and the Tribal Business Council, who saw it through to the end.

We also want to inform the North Segment members that we have been making extensive improvements to the Northern Lights Wellness Center and repairing some old equipment and purchasing some new equipment as well, but as we all know this takes money. Once again, we want to show the public we are transparent and accounting to you how your tribal monies are being spent. In this edition, we want to share what we have been working on to date to make improvements and the plans for the future.

I also attended the 4th Annual Prayer Day which the MHA Elders Organization hosted. The message I delivered was, "We need to hold on to our culture. There has to be a balance of culture and development as we move forward in this oil play. Pray for one another for peace and strength and also encourage one another."

I want to invite you to attend and participate in building our segment and come to our next Town Hall Meeting which is scheduled

for Tuesday July 16th, 2013 at 6:00pm at the Northern Lights Wellness Center. A meal will be served followed by the meeting where we will be discussing the MHA Tomorrow Vision Statement. North Segment is being asked to lead the process in this tribal initiative. Come and get involved in the process of positive change in our community.

Have a safe and fun 4th of July Holiday!

★ - Councilman Hall



Tribal Councilman Hall presents traditional gift to the Governor at the signing of the Tax Agreement.



Bill #1198 is signed into law by Governor Dalrymple, representative of the Government of the State of North Dakota, with members of the Government of the MHA Tribal Nation.

Pictured: Tribal Councilman Mervin Packineau, TAT Tax Director Mark Fox, Scott Davis NDIAC Executive Director, Jared Tufte, Governor's Legal Counsel, Governor Jack Dalrymple, Tribal Chairman Tex Hall, and Tribal Councilman Ken Hall.

Nation Building ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **“MHA Tomorrow”** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Eric Hensen, Economist, shared the following slide at the Nation to Nation Building through Economic Development Summit.

The Economic Landscape of North Dakota

- Exploration and production from the Bakken Shale formation has brought significant economic activity.
- Energy development supports a large number of jobs in North Dakota.
- Recent Influx of capital and population in many rural communities.

There are many social, economic, and political complexities that arise from an energy boom but rapid development presents opportunities for nation building.

Ed Hall will be attending the North Segment Town Hall presenting the MHA Tomorrow Vision and inviting your input. July 16, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

MHA Tomorrow is the People’s initiative to develop a strategic plan for the [Nation] that will involve: “Significant Sovereign (jurisdictional), budgetary and administrative consequences that flow from the resolution of planning questions. As the MHA Nation gains more control over federal programs influencing life on the reservation, it may find it necessary to develop its planning and governance capabilities to respond to government responsibilities and government relationships. Sovereignty issues involving transportation, environmental, natural resource, water rights, jurisdiction, taxation, cultural, economic development continue to be at the forefront of its planning concerns.



Pictured: Mr. Ed Hall, Coordinator

The following Objectives developed through Harvard research are identical to what the MHA Nation is striving for today:

- to expand the jurisdictional foundations and institutional capacities necessary for genuine and effective self rule: that is, to achieve substantive decision making control over lands, resources, civic affairs, and community life;
- to build sustainable economies that can make up for the catastrophic loss of resources to the United States and for the generations of poverty that have followed in its wake;
- to maintain Indigenous cultures not as artifacts or tourist attractions but as vital relationships and practices in everyday life;
- to retain for the citizens the viable option of a nation hood that is both separate from and part of the United States - that is, to promote human and civil rights and improved quality of life not only for individuals through enhanced individual opportunity but for culturally and socially distinct self-governing Indigenous communities.

NS Community Development Corporation ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Tony Foote, Corporation Board Member



Tom Hale, CDC VP, Scott Baker, COS & Elgin Crows Breast, CDC Pres.

Through the Town Hall Meetings we’ve hosted since November 2012 – the people have consistently stated that “Housing” is the priority area of development for the entire tribe. Before the oil play/boom – the housing need identified on the reservation is 400 homes. The North Segment Community Development Corporation has begun building 48 homes in New Town. The NSCDC has signed with Native Communities Development Corporation and ArmatusOne, which is one of the industry’s leading full-service manufacturing and construction companies. This will be a mix of 3 and 4 bedroom residential units with square footages ranging from 1,400 square feet for a 3 bedroom starter home to 2,200 square feet for a 4 bedroom home.

Additional Housing and Business Development Projects are under review for the Van Hook, Hidatsa Hills, and the Old North Segment areas. As well, the Corporation Board has been meeting with Investors and Developers for the New Town Main Street Project: which will reinvigorate the downtown area.

The Elbow Woods Clinic is also building 90 housing units for clinic staff: Jim Foote is the Project Coordinator on this.

Traffic Monitoring & GPS Vehicle Tracking Program ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

The Corporation, in partnership with Native Resource Management has initiated a pilot project to collect data on 100 vehicles for a period of 90-180 days, beginning in August 2013. Three Tribal Owned Trucking Companies have agreed to participate in this pilot: Rezco, J&J Rentals, and Trustland have assigned their semi trucks. Also, first responders will be part of the pilot: law enforcement, ambulance and New Town Fire Department.



TBC Resolution ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Councilman Hall has put forth a resolution entitled “*Establishing reasonable meeting hours for all Three Affiliated Tribes Business Council meetings with due respect and consideration to the Three Affiliated Tribes Tribal Membership.*” The resolution is posted on the Facebook page and we invite your input and recommendations.



Fire Safety Training ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

S130/190 training is the basic Wildland firefighting training that provides a starting firefighter with all the skills needed to start a wildland firefighting career. With this training, a firefighter can fight fire anywhere in the United States and as of this newsletter, we have Three Affiliated Tribes firefighters including two of the “new rookie” firefighters in Craig, Colorado, fighting fire right now.

Please be safe with fireworks this 4th of July
TAT Fire Management: 627-2897
Fire Management Officer Marle Baker: 701-421-1423
Law Enforcement: 701-627-3617

Northern Lights Community Wellness Center ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

The Building Policy for Northern Lights is in effect as of June 01, 2013. A user fee applies. Call 627-3456 for more information.

Summer Schedule for the Gym-July –Basketball Academy; Open/No Cost–waiver. Contact coach Clint Wolf at 421-1991 or stop by Northern Lights.

Tuesday- Grades 4-6 @ 6-7:30 pm | Grades 7+: 7:30-9pm

Wednesday- Grades 4-6 @ 6-7:30 pm | Grades 7+: 7:30-9pm

Thursday- Grades 4-6 @ 6-7:30 pm | Grades 7+: 7:30-9pm

NL User Fees: \$2.00 Enrolled Members, \$2.00 Non-enrolled /community members, \$1.00 Students. Hardship will be considered.

\$10.00 Non-community / non-enrolled members. ID required.

NL User Fee Includes–Gymnasium [when not in use for camps], cardio room, weight room, aerobics room, showers, sauna, pools.

NL Operations & Maintenance

NL Building is 9 years old and some things need repair and regular maintenance, like exercise machines and weight equipment.

Regular maintenance includes lights replacement, roof repair, insulation, restrooms repair & maintenance, signage, locks, painting. Daily cleaning

North Segment Family Picnic Kick-off to Summer

The picnic was a huge success with over 200 people in attendance enjoying food, family and fun activities for all ages.



Crow Nation Coal Summit



Chairman Old Coyote of the Crow Nation

Councilman Hall was invited to the Crow Nation Coal Summit. He said “We are a people of the land.” We have to ensure responsible, planned, development of our resources. As Allottees at Fort Berthold we formed an Association and then successfully lobbied for the One Stop Shop with Senator Byron Dorgan – so we could get control of the process. We’ve hosted Summit’s and in past our theme was “Stewards of the Land”. We must safeguard and protect our water, air, land and people. As we enter into uncharted territory in the Energy Industry, Tribes have to come together as Nations to Nations like our ancestors. We need to create and establish things that are sustainable for generations to come.

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supplies includes: glass cleaner, bleach, restroom disinfectant and disinfectant wipes, multi-surface cleaner (lysol and comet), vinyl gloves, trash bags, paper towels, toilet paper, sanitary napkin bags, deodorizer, vacuums and vacuum bags, brooms, dustpans, scrapers (gum removal) Indoors: sweep & wash floors, sanitize & restock all bathrooms – twice daily, clean windows, vacuum, clean gym/bleachers, clean all equipment, organize and store equipment. There are plans to re-wire the entire building for internet access. We have purchased a lift to change lights in parking lot & in gymnasium, repair [when necessary] roof. There are plans to replace all office carpets which will cost \$61,652.26 – to replace all office carpets.

Total Maintenance Costs this Fiscal Year: \$204,637.71

Fundraising: User fees are applied to the grants and donations budget. Sponsors are acquired to publish this newsletter. New chairs and new tables were purchased by the Nation to Nation Building Through Economic Development Summit and donated to the Northern Lights. In total 100 new cushioned chairs, and 20 new tables. Approximate Cost was \$8,000.00.

Tribal Business Council ★ ★ Committees ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Health & Human Services Committee:

Chair-Ken Hall, Members-Randy Phelan, Judy Brugh

Economic Development & Education Committee:

Chair-Ken Hall, Members-Fred Fox and Barry Benson

Judicial Committee:

Chair-Randy Phelan Members-Mervin Packineau, Judy Brugh

Natural Resources Committee:

Chair-Fred Fox, Members-Randy Phelan, Judy Brugh

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Housing: Jerry Nagel
Health Board: Phyllis Howard
Gaming Commission: Tony Foote
FB Community College: Arthur Mandan

★ UPCOMING EVENTS

July 04 | **Community Events** Check Tribal Website and follow us on facebook.

July 11 | **Tribal Business Council Meeting**
Tribal Chambers - 10:00pm

July | **Basketball Academy** Northern Lights Building Every Tuesday-Thursday from 6:00pm-9:00pm | Free | Open to all ages

July 16 | **North Segment Town Hall Meeting**
Northern Lights 6:00pm. Supper will be served.
"MHA Tomorrow"

★ NORTH SEGMENT NOTES

State Fair Megabands:

\$100 bands @ \$6,008.00 were bought by the North Segment for the first 100 kids who picked 10 bags or more at the Community Clean-Up day. Names will be posted on Facebook.

Four Bears Casino Fireworks Display July 4, 2013 at the Four Bears Park



Many things we do are not reported in the Newsletter because of space, but, we invite you to follow Tribal Councilman Hall each day at the facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/NorthSegmentOfTheThreeAffiliatedTribes>



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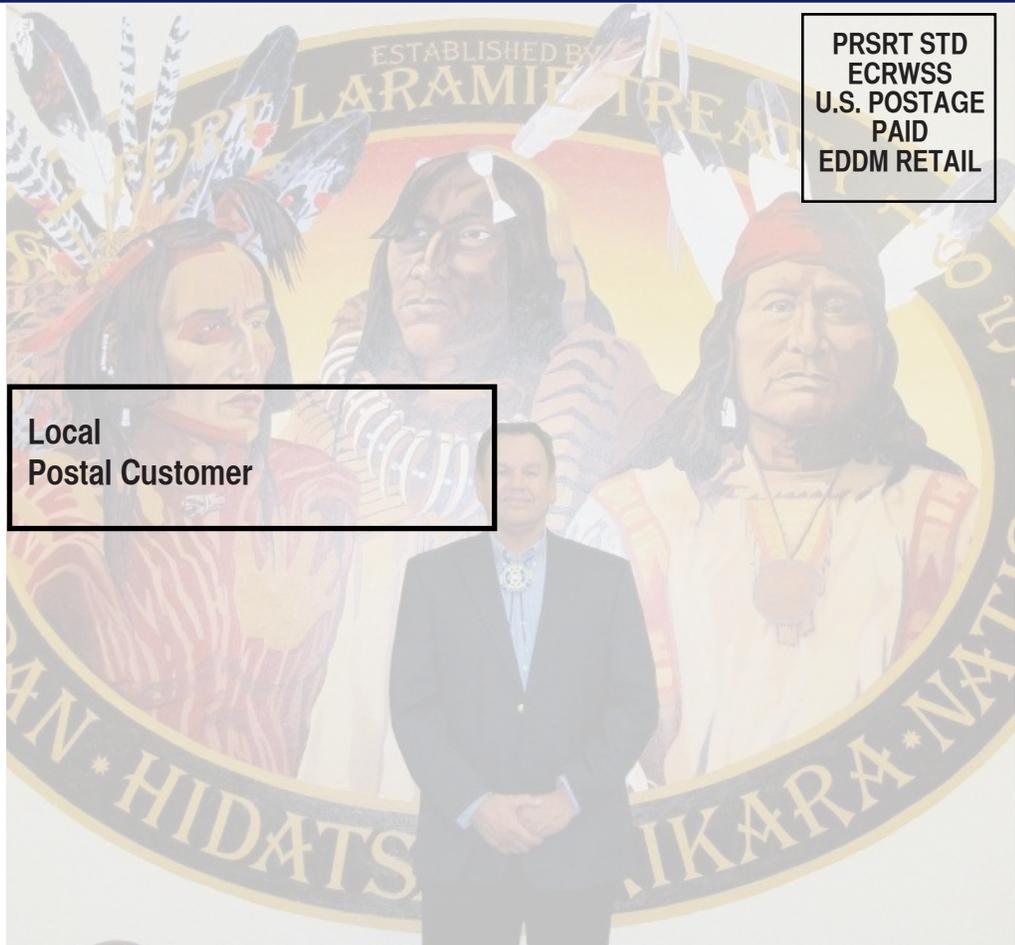


North Segment Youtube channel is live.

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