

North Segment News

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NATION TO NATION BUILDING THROUGH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-SUMMIT

Greetings,

We just completed our Fourth Summit and this year's theme was "Nation to Nation Building Through Economic Development."

The MHA Nation Tribal Oil & Gas Company, Missouri River Resources, was the official corporate host and they invited all of the stakeholders to come together to discuss issues and find solutions, examine business models, and create alliances.

In the Summit forum we gain new knowledge from experts in the industry and from one another's practices. Together we are becoming better equipped to develop and protect our resources and to rebuild our Tribal Nation.

Eric Henson of Harvard University, one of our Keynote Speakers is a research fellow on the Harvard Project and presented two approaches to Nation Building in American Indian Tribes. Thirty plus years of research clearly shows two distinct approaches to Economic Development; one works, one doesn't. The development and planning process begins first with the assertion of your Sovereignty, Building Institutions, Setting Economic Policy, and then Taking Action. This is the model we must to incorporate into our practices if we are to properly manage our resources, create sustainability, and strengthen our Nation. All of the speakers addressed these steps and shared their successes: Professor Raymond Cross of University of Montana School of Law has written "The Energy Plan" as guide for the MHA Nation to create energy plans and policies that support long term sustainability.

Our Tribal Government also participated in the Summit and presented and presided over the opening session. Chairman Hall, Councilwoman Brugh, Councilman Fox, and through representatives, Councilman Phelan and Benson, gave official welcome messages. Chairman Hall shared the Strength in Unity and that we all need to work together on these Tribal Projects so that responsible development can occur. He emphasized the need for greater compliance on environmental, and that the Tribe's role will increase in this area. He stated that he is not in agreement with the Tribal State Tax Agreement because it's not a fair agreement, and that the State does not provide any support back to the Tribe in any source yet they receive millions of dollars from our Tribal oil revenues every month. On the Refinery project he shared that they have an attorney advising and a financing firm from NYC managing. He emphasized that this project will project numerous employment opportunities.

Grand Chief Dr. Matthew Coon Come, an international indigenous rights expert, talked about Economic Sovereignty through proven and successful leadership and business practices of a Nation. He shared of his peoples tie to their land and their exertion of their rights from their Original Sovereignty. The Grand Council of the Crees in Quebec Canada have had full participation in writing the United Nations

Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples [UNDRIP] and they use this instrument today to insist that any development in their territory requires their Free, Prior, and Informed Consent. He was also accompanied by the Bellotti - Dundee Group who presented on Capital & Partnerships. They have global projects and showed how they can support us through their financial strength and technical expertise. They emphasized their social commitment to Youth & Education through their Business Schools, and Schools of Mines.



MHA Nation Tribal Council Representatives: Fred Fox, Ken Hall, V. Judy Brugh, Montana State Senator Jonathan Windy Boy, Chairman Hall



Tribal Council Representatives Brugh, Hall and Fox with Grand Chief Doctor Matthew Coon Come



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A number of important topics were discussed and many follow up meetings will be planned. Thank you again to everyone who supported and participated in this event.

NATION TO NATION SUMMIT REPORT ◆ ◆ ◆

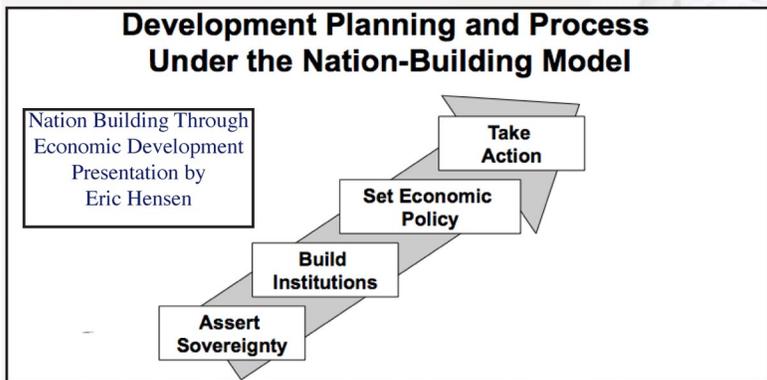
There were 25 Tribal Nations & First Nations, 95 Oil Industry Companies, Individual Indian Allottees, 24 US States, 4 Canadian Provinces, 3 Foreign Countries represented at the two day Summit. The entire continent was represented and people came from Alaska, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Arizona, and from all across Canada. We would like to give a special thank you to the Tribal Tourism Department for their role – they created a unique event with the Teepees, Buffalo robes and skulls, and Warbonnets adorning the center and sharing the culture of the MHA Nation. Thank you also to all of the Posts, Auxillarys and to the Mandaree Singers for their support. These events are possible because of the sponsors who support financially – all of the finances of the Summit are raised independently and no Tribal Funds are used in this event. Contracts are awarded to local groups and this year they were granted to the New Town Aging Program, Group of Facilitators going to facilitate a National Conference in New Mexico, TDH catering, Hope Baker Photography, DJ Rocks, Emcee Pete Coffey II, Valerian Three Irons for traditional com balls. The Nation to Nation Building Through Economic Development Summit purchased and donated new tables and chairs to the Northern Lights. Investment back into the community for the use of the building and for future events being hosted there. Overall, the Summit was highly successful. Look for the Summit updates and photo's on our facebook page.

TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL & COMMITTEES ◆

All of the TBC and Committee meetings are open to the public. If you wish to have an item addressed on the agenda – call the Segment Office and the staff will assist you with the process: Item must be heard by the respective Tribal Council Committee, and then depending on the outcome at Committee level, it may move on to the full Tribal Business Council. *This is according to policy and procedure of the MHA Nation.

Economic Development & Education Committee: Councilman Hall is the Chair of the Tribal Council Committee on Economic Development & Education Committee. He gave the background on the North Segment Development Corporation and explained this is the direction that the North Segment is going: this resolution will give the Corporation a Clear Line of Authority and Autonomy. He said that during Tribal Councilman Malcolm Wolf's administration Mr. Wolf created this group. There are existing Bylaws & a Charter, and, a Tribal Council Resolution #03-160 DSB, signed by the Chairman and the Secretary. On 03/27/12 – NSCDC Board Director, Tom Hale, on behalf of the Board and presented a resolution to give "Oversight Authority of the North Segment Community Development Corporation". Motion was made by Councilman Fox, Seconded by Councilman Phelan to approve the Resolution. Vote 3-0. Carried Unanimous. Both of the Resolutions, Corporation Bylaws, and the Charter will be available by link on the Facebook Page: North Segment of the Three Affiliated Tribes. Also, copies will be made available to any interested persons at the Northern Lights. Under Discussion, Mr. Hale requested Seed Monies for the Corporation and the request was added to the Minutes and will be brought to the full Tribal Business Council on April 11th at the Regular TBC Meeting.

Health Committee – Ongoing discussions have been made with Sanford Health on a possible relationship with the Three Affiliated Tribes. We will keep you posted. Also Native Health Group, Inc. did a presentation to some members of the Health Committee, Health Authority Board, and Elbowoods staff on third party billing, contract health, insurance and a number of the other topics. Dave Tonemah is the owner of Native Health Group, Inc. and his brother Dr. Darryl Tonemah is a partner and health expert.



This diagram is the beginning of a series on the Nation Building Model.

All community members are invited to the Community Easter Dinner on Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at Northern Lights.

◆ Staff Spotlights: NS Administrative Professionals



Colleen Halvorson

Colleen Halvorson is an enrolled member of the Three Affiliated Tribes and a lifelong resident of North Segment. She is currently employed as an Administrative Assistant for the North Segment Administration. Colleen began seeking

employment while still in high school; she worked for the 4 Bears Casino at the Snack Bar, she then worked for New Town Cenex where her duties consisted of working as a cashier interacting with customers, counting inventory, placing orders for merchandise. Colleen chose to complete her high school education by G.E.D. in 2010 and in 2011 Colleen graduated from the Dale Carnegie Training Course for customer service and people skills. Colleen worked for Elbowoods Memorial Clinic before accepting her current position as Administrative Assistant on Councilman Hall staff. She can work proficiently at either office in an ever changing assignment schedule: she has good telephone etiquette, will also complete many writing assignments on the computer, pay bills, take notes at council meetings and make contact with clientele to assist community members. Colleen is a mother of two children and she enjoys spending time with her family on her days off and going to visit her parents on the weekends.



Cylee Johnson

Cylee Johnson, age 19, is an enrolled member of the Three Affiliated Tribes. She grew up in Watford City, ND, and graduated from Watford City High School in 2011. She currently resides in New Town, ND.

She is an Administrative Assistant to Councilman

Hall at the Tribal Headquarters.

Cylee is currently working on her Associate of Arts Degree through Bismarck State College.

She worked previously at Buffalo Wild Wings in Bismarck, ND, and Badlands Hardware in Watford City, ND. She is the mother to a precious hidden gift Nakiah Jordyce James. Cylee likes riding horse, working out (crossfit), skydiving, kayaking and spending time with her family.

“Like Jabez, God has given me large territory and favor and with that there is no limit to what God and I will do.”

“Brought us to be an overcomer of circumstances. Not defined by circumstances, something greater abides in me.”

Cylee is an efficient and diligent employee and an asset to the community.

Chief of Staff Scott Baker says “You can see their potential and it’s important to nurture and foster them as they work and train. They have excellent talents that we’re drawing from.”

◆ UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 02** | **Community Easter Dinner**
Northern Lights Cafeteria 6:00pm

- Apr 02** | **Probate Code Input Meeting**
Northern Lights 6:30pm

- Apr 07** | **Comedy on the Rez**
Northern Lights 2:00pm

- Apr 09** | **NS Community Dev Corp Meeting**
Northern Lights 6:00pm Open to Public

- Apr 09** | **NS Community Board Meeting**
Northern Lights 6:00pm Open to Public

- Apr 10** | **New Town Chamber of Commerce**
New Town Civic Center 5:30pm

- Apr 11** | **Pool Project Meeting**
Northern Lights Conference Room at 11:00am. NSCDC will oversee this.

- Apr 11** | **Regular Tribal Business Council Mtg**
10:00am Tribal Chambers
TBC Ec Dev/Ed Cttee Meeting
Tribal Chambers TBA

- Apr 16** | **North Segment Town Hall**
Northern Lights Building 5:30pm
Everyone is invited. Supper Provided.

- Apr 17** | **Tribal Council Health Committee Meeting**
Tribal Chambers 10:00am

- Apr 22** | **Community Clean Up/Earth Day Activities** Meet at Northern Lights



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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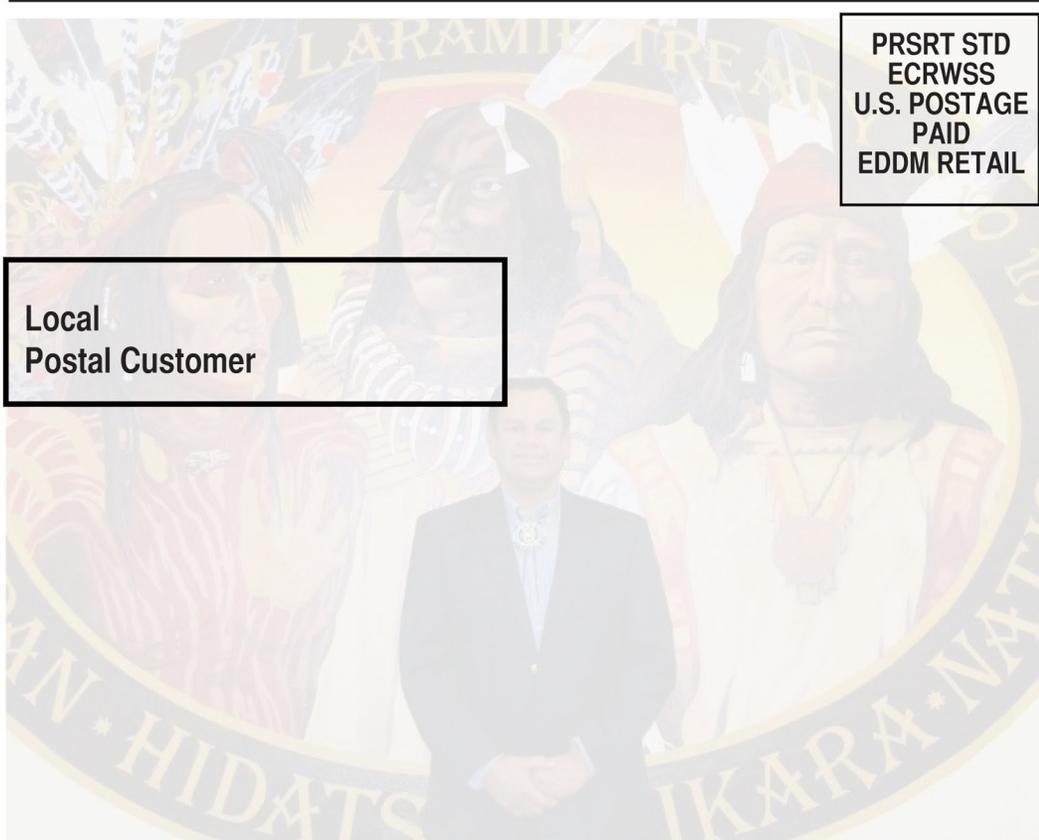
North Segment Youtube channel coming soon.

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