

North Segment News

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Message from Councilman Hall

Greetings,

As we approach the end of the fiscal year for 2013 we are very excited about our progress and will continue to address our needs for the North Segment Community. One of our dire needs of course is Housing. Our office along with the North Segment Community Development Corporation are continuing to make housing a priority. We have been meeting with a number of developers and doing our due diligence to get the best quality home that is affordable.

We are working hard to implement housing infrastructure projects before the end of this construction season so we can proceed. I am happy to report that the North Segment Community Development Corporation did a drawdown of \$1.5 million dollars to help with infrastructure needs in North Segment. We will keep you posted.

I am also happy to report that North Segment is doing a truck traffic monitoring system with some of our local companies like Rezco, J&J Rental Oil Field Services, Trustland Trucking, and also the TAT Fire, New Town Ambulance, TAT Law Enforcement, New Town School. This will be a Pilot Project to get hard data and will run for 90 to 120 days. It is part of the Public Safety Issue that we are addressing in our community.

We had another successful Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, July 16, 2013 at the Northern Lights Community Building where a number of concerns were brought up. Housing continues to be at the top of the list along with the environment where it was a unanimous vote to have the Tribal Business Council support the TAT Environmental Division. The vote was to the TBC and assist in funding the Environmental Division for additional staff and resources.

On Thursday July 18, 2013 our Elders received their July payment of \$600.00 and the Aging Program provided the meal and the NS Office had a bingo and door prizes as well. I gave a quick update to the Elders and opened the floor for their input. Here are some of the things they mentioned. An Elders Center, Alcohol & Drug Treatment Center, Handicapped Accessible Housing, Assisted Living Center, Veterans Home just to name a few. We thank them for their input and will strive to meet those needs as we move forward.

We will continue to stay positive, work hard, and hope to see you at the next Town Hall for more of your input.

-Councilman Hall



Councilman Hall with Mr. Kerlikowski, Director of the Presidents National Drug Control Strategy, Federal Drug Control Program, Washington, D.C.

Friday July 19th - In the meeting with Senators Heitkamp & Hoeven, and Mr. Kerlikowski, Councilman Hall thanked the Congressional representatives and Tribal Leaders for addressing the important issue of drugs on Indian Reservations.

He shared the bold steps that the North Segment has taken by drug testing himself and all of the staff twice. Also the Tribal Business Council have taken action by creating a Drug Task Force, and committing \$1 Million dollars to support that work; increasing funding for each Segment's Security Divisions, and he presented the Senators with the MHA Tribal Drug & Gang Threat Assessment report.

He shared that as Tribal Leaders they are very concerned and welcome any support and help they can provide. Councilman Hall also invited Judge Johnson and other members of the MHA Nation who were present to speak.

Many of the Tribes present shared how drug testing for their Tribal Leaders and staff is mandatory. This is already a standard in the North Segment Offices.

North Segment Community Development Corporation

Looking forward at the broader picture, we are working closely to participate in the MHA Tomorrow initiative with Edward Hall to clearly define what our Tribal Nation Vision and Mission are. The Bakken has brought many challenges and opportunities but we are positioning ourselves so we are managing our resources; mineral and financial, and, that when the play is all said and done, that we will be here thriving and telling our own story.

As Chairman of the Tribal Business Council Economic Development and Education Committees, we have directed our own Tribal Member, Cesar Alvarez to research the creation of an MHA Nation Education Trust Fund. We must secure and invest our financial resources into our children and their future - this will be a permanent fund to support all types of education and training for our people. He presented his initial findings at our Town Hall, will meet with all of the essential Tribal Programs, and, he has been in dialogue with other Tribal and First Nations who have existing Trust Funds and will be presenting to the Tribal Business Council again in August.

During the time I visited with the Elders, we discussed the necessity to have a place where our seniors can gather, meet and visit. I shared that we will be lobbying for an Elders Center for our Segment in the next budget cycle.

In the Town Hall you shared that protecting our Environment is a very high priority. In the upcoming budgeting cycle I will take your words forward and lobby for an increased budget for our Environmental Division to support the critical work of regulatory and enforcement of our environment and non renewable resources, such as water.

Our Tribal Budget process is beginning and we will be seeking increased funding for our Segment. I invite you to be part of the process of rebuilding our community and Tribal Nation-come to the Town Halls, participate, and lead.



North Segment Community Development Corporation - Building Community for the People. Pictured L to R: Elgin Crows Breast, Scott Baker, Tom Hale, Councilman Ken Hall, and Valerian Three Irons

◆ NATION BUILDING ◆

What Do Successful Tribes Have In Common?

Successful Indian nations...

- **Assert** the right to govern themselves.
- **Exercise** that right effectively.
- **Build** capable governing institutions.
- **Match** their governing structures to their cultures.

The task is Nation Building

We are continuing to implement the Nation Building Approach and a new way of doing business to be accountable, transparent, responsible and to have a vision.



Pictured: (Back Row) Bruce and Linda Gillette, Cesar Alvarez, Judy Yesilith, (Front Row) Unknown, and Elise Packineau attended the Town Hall Meeting on July 16, 2013 at Northern Lights Building.

Town Halls Continue ◆

The Town Halls have helped us realize what the key issues are for our people and HOUSING remains the number one priority for us. We have revived the North Segment Community Development Corporation that Councilman Malcolm Wolf created during his administration and they are serving an integral role in leading and building. They work closely with my Office and their mandate comes from you - the people. We are creating a path to home ownership for our members and we are beginning the building of new homes/housing units in the segment. Currently engineers are being contracted for infrastructure development.

Community

Councilman Hall Addressed the Elders and Invited Their Feedback and Direction

The Elders expressed their need to have an exclusive Center for the Elders and this will be addressed in the upcoming budget cycle.

They also shared that the community needs a Treatment Center, Assisted Living, Housing, Home Healthcare Services and that the sanitation situation of trash overflowing in bins needs to be addressed. Scott Baker is working closely with the Environmental Program to ensure there is no illegal dumping by non-residents, and, that a high standard of cleanliness is maintained.



Pictured: Fort Berthold Team that won against the undefeated "On Eagles' Wings" Team at the Northern Lights Building on July 29, 2013.

On Eagles' Wings

On Eagles' Wings, an International Group, came to Fort Berthold with their all Native team representing over 35 tribal nations throughout the United States and Canada, including, but not limited to Navajo, Choctaw, Yupik Eskimo, Apache, Tuscarora, Lakota Sioux and Crow. The events were held outdoors on the northern lights parking lot and included a series of basketball skills trainings & competitions, and games. The Fort Berthold Team on the 5 on 5 game became the first team to win against the OEW Team.

The team members took time to share their stories of how they came out of alcohol and drug addiction and abusive situations through their spirituality and relationship with God, and how others can do the same.

The team stayed at Northern Lights and were invited into the Tribal Chambers to meet the Tribal Leadership. The team gifted the community with \$300 as a thank you.



Coach "Fish's" Basketball Academy at Northern Lights Building



Mr. Edmund Baker, Environmental Office, said, "It's going to take a collective effort" to regulate and protect our water and environment. "Tom Abe proposed a motion to give Councilman Hall support

to move forward on obtaining an increased budget and increased staff, to double or triple, at the Environmental Division under Mr. Baker. Consensus and Majority supported this.

TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL COMMITTEES

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE:

Chair-Ken Hall, Randy Phelan, Judy Brugh

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Chair-Ken Hall, Fred Fox and Barry Benson

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE:

Chair-Randy Phelan, Mervin Packineau, Judy Brugh

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE:

Chair-Fred Fox, Randy Phelan, Judy Brugh

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Chair-Tex Hall, Vice-Fred Fox, Treasurer-Mervin Packineau, Secretary-Judy Brugh

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Councilman Hall Board Appointees for North Segment

TERO Commision: El Marie Conklin
FB Communications Enterprise: Judy Yesilith
Housing: Jerry Nagel
Health Board: Phyllis Howard
Gaming Commission: Tony Foote
FB Community College: Arthur Mandan
Peoples Fund-Tomasina Mandan Stevens
Mountrail County Social Services Board-Kathy Eagle

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug | **NS Community Board Elections**
Postponed until further notice

Aug | **NS Community Clean Up**
Postponed until further notice. Kids will receive school supplies as an incentive.

Aug | **North Segment Family Street Dance**
Northern Lights Parking - Following Clean Up. Bands, DJ, Food & Fun
Postponed until further notice.

Aug 07 | **TBC will be hosting Tribal Leaders from the Ute Tribes**

Aug 08 | **Tribal Business Council Meeting**
Tribal Chambers - 10:00am

Aug 08-11 | **Little Shell Pow Wow**
Little Shell Pow Wow Grounds

Aug 09 | **Tribal Business Council will be hosting the Governor and State Legislators at Pow Wow**
A-Frame - 5:00pm

Aug 15 | **New Town First Day of School - Thursday, August 15, 2013**



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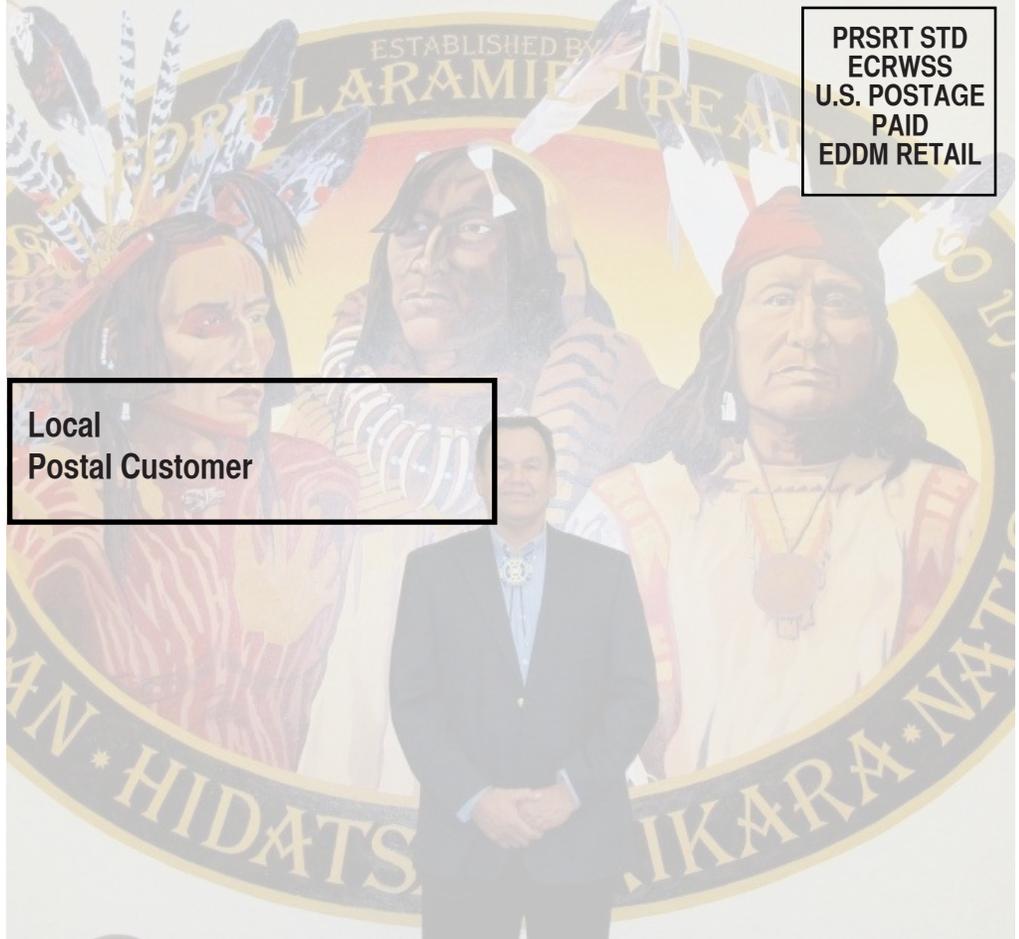


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