



BIG JOE LEADING THE PARADE AT WOOD MOUNTAIN RODEO - 1924

MESSAGE FROM CHIEF AND COUNCIL



**Standing Left to Right: Councillors Travis Ogle, Stanley Lethbridge and David Ogle
Seated Left to Right: Councillor Loretta Lethbridge, and Chief Ellen B. LeCaine,**

Greetings and Happy New Year to all band members and their families from Chief and Council of Wood Mountain Lakota First Nation.

Some the biggest issues we are working on this year include education, housing, economic development, the permitting of our lands, specific land claim and reviving our cultural knowledge and language.

Our commitment, as your Chief and Council, is to honor our elders; to honor our culture; to bring back our language and traditions; and to continue fair and equal treatment of our membership.

On behalf of Chief and Council and our entire community we express our condolences to the families of Sandra Fenty, Marie (Ferguson) Knapp and Kirk Goodtrack.

Respectfully, Chief Ellen B. LeCaine

NEW LOGO FOR WOOD MOUNTAIN LAKOTA FIRST NATION



As you read in the 2017 Fall Edition of our newsletter, Chief and Council had made the decision it was time for Wood Mountain Lakota First Nation to have a website. As we began the process of building the

website for our Nation, we were informed that our name and logo were already in use. We discovered a website and Facebook page claiming to belong to Wood Mountain Lakota First Nation already in existence. We learned that band member, Henry Lethbridge had developed both of these entities and was the moderator to both. Neither of these entities had been approved by our Nation. At our 2018 Annual General Meeting there was a motion made to have Henry Lethbridge remove our band logo and name off of the Facebook page and website. He said he would do so but only if he was sent a cease and desist letter. The letter was mailed to Henry Lethbridge on August 3, 2018.

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The letter stated the band logo and name were to be removed from the Facebook page and website that were falsely leading the public to believe both were the property of Wood Mountain Lakota First Nation.

Sadly, but not surprisingly, Henry Lethbridge did not keep the words he spoke to 55 fellow band members at our Annual General Meeting.

Chief and Council made the decision to have our logo redesigned and registered. We received a letter dated February 7, 2019 stating:

The Canadian Intellectual Property Office provided public notice of your adoption and use of the mark by the Saskatchewan Research Council on January 30, 2019 and assigned Serial Number 925,439. When a public authority mark is published pursuant to Section 9 of the *Trademarks Act*, it enjoys exclusivity for all goods and services and no renewal fees are required to be paid to maintain it.

In the near future we will work on building our Wood Mountain Lakota First Nation website.



Jays Care Foundation First Nations Rookie League Program



FHQTC partnered with the Jays Care Foundation (the charitable arm of the Toronto Blue Jays) to launch the Rookie League.

All 11 First Nations under File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council participated in the Rookie League Baseball Program. It was really unique in the fact that it was not all about winning.

Rookie League is a baseball league built around community involvement. Everyone from elders to youth contributed to the baseball games. You did not have to be a ball player to be in the Rookie League. Everyone from the people who brought the water to the people in the stands and everyone in between were encouraged to participate in the ball games. It was not all about winning and losing and scoring runs. It was about bringing a community together.

Okanese First Nation scored the most points in our league.



WOOD MOUNTAIN ROOKIE LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAM 2018

Bill S-3 and the Collaborative Process on Indian Registration, Band Membership & First Nation Citizenship

Our Community Consultation was held on February 16, 2019 with 30 participants – primarily band members and those hoping to gain knowledge of the process.

The purpose of the presentation was:

- To provide information on the Collaborative Process on Indian registration, Band Membership and First Nation Citizenship
- To provide a brief look at Bill S-3 amendments to the *Indian Act* registration provisions
- To gain input on the implementation of upcoming changes to the *Indian Act*

The presenters were Violet Kayseass, Indigenous Services Canada; Geraldine Linton, Wood Mountain Lakota First Nation Governance Officer; and Rita Farrell Racette, MLT Aikins.

Changes from *An Act to amend the Indian Act in response to the Superior Court of Quebec decision in Descheneaux c. Canada (Procureur general)* (Bill S-3) will come into force at two different times:

- 1) those that took effect on December 22, 2017; and
- 2) those that will come into force after consultation.

After the power point presentation there was a breakout session in which we split off into two groups for our input on the presentation. We were asked to discuss and document, as a group, what

we thought about the proposed changes and how those changes would affect our Nation.

For information on Bill S-3 and the Collaborative Process on Indian Registration, Band Membership and First Nation Citizenship you can visit:

- <https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1525287514413/1525287538376>
- <https://www.canada.ca/en/crown-indigenous-relations-northern-affairs.html>

A mom texts, "Hi Son, what does **IDK, LY & TTYL** mean?"

He texts back, "I Don't Know, Love You & Talk To You Later."

The mom texts him, "It's ok, don't worry about it. I'll ask your sister, love you too."

Photo Gallery



From Left to Right: **KENNETH, GERRY, JACK**

Bannock Baking Competition at Cultural Camp



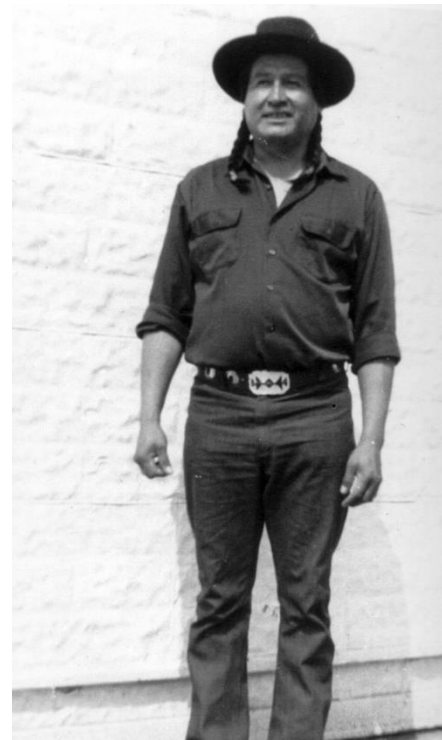
From Left to Right: **MARY, TIA, KARYSS**



WOOD MOUNTAIN STAMPEDE 1930



ELDERS IN THE GRAND ENTRY AT POWWOW 2007



LLOYD (RIP) GOODTRACK-
Lloyd was the grandson of Oye Washte and Ayuta Najin Ktewin. He attended the Lebret Indian School. During his summer breaks his grandfather taught him traditional songs and drumming. During his summer breaks his grandfather would take him to Fir Mountain to see the picture show once a week. Rip was a well-known proud Lakota Sioux man.



ANNUAL SUMMER GATHERING
JULY 19TH, 20TH, & 21ST, 2019

Friday, July 19: Health Fair 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Saturday, July 20: Financial Audit 10:00 a.m.
and Annual General Meeting 1:00 p.m.**

Sunday, July 21: Pipe Ceremony 11:00 a.m.

Feast 12 noon

Powwow 1:30 p.m.

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