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I would to thank each and everyone one of you who supported me again to represent you for another term...It truly is an honor. The past three months have been very busy. I have been given the same port folios: Social Development, ICFS, Internal Lands, we currently all share the following: Youth/Elders, Membership, Sports & Rec, and Churches.

On March 10-12, I attended the 2015 Saskatchewan First Nations Emergency Management Forum in Saskatoon...This forum was very informative, I had made recommendations to send band members next year. They had speakers from **AANDC** (Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada) **Emergency Management- Program Enhancement...Health Emergency Management in Saskatchewan** (Health Canada-First Nations and Inuit Health Branch)...**Emergency Management & Safety** (Emergency Management and Fire Safety, Ministry of Government Relations, Saskatchewan)...**Spring Flooding Forecast** (Water Security Agency)...**Wildfire Management** (Ministry of Environment)...All information is very important, as we have faced many crisis in our community...We need to keep our safety plan update, and get all members informed...Our community seems to come together when needed...I have all documentations in my office if anyone would like to read thru them or make copies...as the information all covers on what?, when?, who?, to do with evacuations....and we all know the past couple years we have dealt with evacuations.

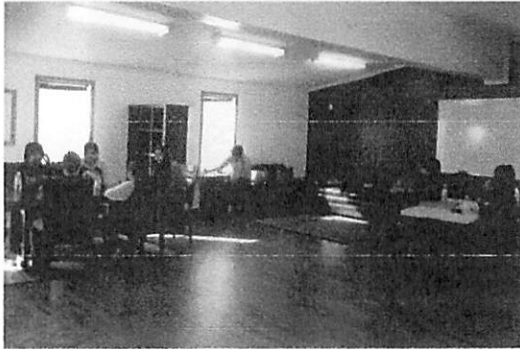
Also on March 17, 18 I attended a workshop on Estate Planning...the topics included: **The Law of Wills and Estates, AANDC What happens when there is no will?, Family Homes on Reserve and Matrimonial Interest or Rights Act...**All speakers were very interesting, and stressed on how important wills are...When we lose loved ones, it's very difficult to deal with issues such as monies and materialistic items...I recommend everyone to make a will, I know it's a hard topic to discuss but to make things easier on your loved ones it's recommended...I also have all the documentations if you would like copies.

## Youth Support Centre Update

### Peter Chapman Submission for the Newsletter

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Thank you for your continued leadership and support for the community and specifically youth in our community and if we work together we can protect as many youth and provide a safe, healthy environment for the youth to go. Our kids needed this space, a place to call home.



By competing in the Challenge 4 Communities and winning first prize the Centre received new laminate flooring to replace the duct tape fixed linoleum on the top floor, the basement was redone whereas the mold was removed and new insulation, walls and jip rock was all reinstalled. The building contract was finished the renovations on March 31, 2015. From then we began to furnish the Centre to open May 21, 2015.

We have hired Courtney Constant to run the Centre and she has resigned at her current position of Child Care Worker with the Melfort Daycare and will start the programming in May with us. We purchased all new furniture and many program supplies for the centre activities, including but not limited to board games, sports equipment, arts & craft supplies, books, crayons, markers, paper & more. We also thought ahead and purchased extra fold away tables and chairs for the various activities that will be happening in the Centre.

The Grand Opening was a huge success. There was lots of food and activities for everyone. And unbelievably it lasted until the very end. The event brought the community out...Free food usually does that!! The bounce houses were a great addition to the event.

As they say, pictures say a thousand words. Here are some pictures from the event. These are all compliments of others as I was busy making 288 hot dogs for all those that attended the event. There was some powerful messages and feedback about the success of the Centre and the future of our community because of the great things that will come out of the Centre initiatives that have filled my heart with pride on all the hard work to get the Centre ready for programming at the end of the month.



The Youth Support Centre will have structured, cultural programming to provide traditional development and awareness of our culture. The activities and programming that will be offered within the Centre, but not limited to, are as follows: Weekly informational workshops, homework sessions, computers, Maternal Child Health workshops & activities, Fun & Games, Life Skills workshops, Outings,

Arts & Crafts, and Drop-Ins. The programming and activities offered at the Centre will be based on monthly themes, holidays, seasons, community events happening and prevention themes of the week/month. The Centre programming will focus on developing our youth to grow into responsible, healthy, active, contributing members of the community.



We had a free barbeque for the Grand Opening. We handed out 24 dozen hot dogs with all the fixings, including salad, and refreshments. We even had a Grand Opening cake and cupcakes for the opening to share with those that attended the event.

We wanted to bring the building back to life and we sure did. Now the youth have a place to call their own. The youth need support, help and guidance. As we have now hired a Director and she will start on May 21<sup>st</sup>, we will set up programming on that day. It is expected that the Centre will be open for afterschool and evening programming, with educational content.



The Centre will be the catalyst to empower, educate and support our youth in organizing themselves, mentoring them along the way to a brighter future and giving them the opportunity to lead themselves to a positive future. I know that I speak for all of the children in the community as I say, "Thank you for thinking of us!"

May 14, 2015

**SA/Special needs Monthly Reports**

To whom it may concern;

Special needs committee will be meeting very soon regarding dispersal of needs equally to all the Tri Nation members of James Smith Cree Nation.

SA and the special needs committee will be meeting every 3 months to discuss and review furniture requests. The special needs committee will be assigned the task of visiting each home of the clients to assess the needs of the home. This will be in regards to furniture or beds the client may be requesting.

As of to date SA receives approximately \$12,400 monthly in special needs from AANDC. This will be recurring for the new fiscal year 2015/16.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to come see me at my office or call me (306) 930-6926

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason C. Burns". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "B".

Jason C. Burns

Income Assistance Director and Social Development