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Norway House Cree Nation Launches Economic Development Department

Norway House Cree Nation, Manitoba – For the first time in nearly twenty years, Norway House will open a department exclusively dedicated to economic development. The mandate of the department is to 1) enhance community economic development within Norway House and 2) to enhance Norway House’s participation in the Canadian and global economy.

Postings for economic development officers were made from October 21, 2021 to November 30, 2021 and from January 26, 2022 to February 28, 2022. Rob Campbell, the National Director of Indigenous Services at MNP and Norway House band member volunteered his time to sit on the interview panel. The successful candidates were all Norway House band members found to have the required experience, qualifications, and education: Trevor Thomas, Melanie Halcrowe, and Logan Tait-Reaume.

The department has been working hard on a number of initiatives that are ready to be announced to the community.

With support from Nature United, an entrepreneurship program will provide support to Norway House band members who need assistance with business plans, loan applications, and other forms of support. The goal of this program is to increase local employment and encourage local spending in order to multiply the effectiveness of every dollar that enters the Norway House economy. More information about this program will be available through the Norway House Facebook page.

MNP has been engaged through funding from Indigenous Services Canada to co-develop a long-term economic development strategy. This project involves an exploration of major investment opportunities that will increase Norway House’s participation in the Canadian and global economy.

Through a partnership with the Asper School of Business a Paid Professional Placement program is being developed to assist Norway House band members who are interested in pursuing a master’s degree in business administration. Free GMAT support, tutoring, study materials and other supports are now available to band members interested in a career in business.

The economic development department is collaborating with the housing department to establish a housing authority. One goal of this initiative is to establish a housing market on-reserve which will allow members to invest in real estate. This will contribute an increase in GDP of Norway House and result in an increase of living standards across the community.

For more information on these initiatives please follow the Norway House Cree Nation Facebook page

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