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Report on Community Economic Development (CED) Projects for Mississauga First Nation

A reminder for community members (on-reserve and off-reserve): We are a resource for your business ideas and can assist/guide you through various phases of your business start-up and expansion. Supports includes supporting business plan creation, identifying funding opportunities (start-up & growth options), expanding your network, or learning about new opportunities available to you and your business.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC DIRECTION

Our directive from chief and council is to facilitate sustainable economic opportunities for MFN to grow. We facilitate this by evaluating opportunities, gathering inputs from our departments and committees to formalize a strategy that meets the needs of the community. We are happy to hear from you on ways we can continue improving this strategy. Send us an email or give us a call.

CHIBLOW LAKE LODGE:

Our season opens May 2024. We continue to evaluate strategies that address the business model and add new experiences to the campground. If you would like to share your inputs or get involved in planning, please send us an email.

CREEKSIDE CANNABIS:

Please contact the CED Department or Creekside Cannabis manager for a copy. The store continues to operate with efficiency. An experienced staff is prepared to assist you. Visit the EcDev page on mississaugi.com to see more updates.

MARKETING:

SPOTS AVAILABLE. Advertise your businesses at our community's entrance sign installation. Contact the CED office to learn how you can have your business represented here. We are always looking for ways to promote the businesses in our community. This includes identifying funding that grows the community's branding and presence in external markets.

COMMUNITY TRAIL SYSTEM:

We are partners with Blind River to address maintenance on the Youngfox–Eldorado Trail and Boom Camp Trail network as per our signed MOU. We access grants to update existing signage and address long-standing maintenance needs. We also aim to add features and experiences for locals and visitors. Message us if you would like to be a part of the planning!

COMMUNITY BAND MEMBER STARTUPS:

Visit the EcDev page on mississaugi.com learn about business start-up supports. We can help you today!

BAND AQUACULTURE BUSINESS:

We are in the final stages of funding arrangements for the project. Once approved, we will be sharing updated timelines of tasks including recruitment, training and growth opportunities.



SKY CANOE

Progress continues with the development of a partnership opportunity to see MFN enter the aerial drone industry. All possibilities are on the table for how the business grows and evolves, but MFN is poised to be a leader in this emerging industry. Of note, band members can start their own small business in partnership with Sky Canoe and MFN. Talk to us and learn how you can move to the skies!

OUTDOOR RINK / RECREATIONAL SPACES

Funding opportunities are emerging to support development in various community spaces.

- A new site is being prepared to facilitate an outdoor rink. Community access aims to be ready for fall 2024! Updates are forthcoming.
- Message us if you have ideas or would like to contribute to the revitalization of a community space!

COMMUNITY GITIGAN:

- Stay up to date with updates shared via the community's media channels. Also, stay in touch with the staff to learn how to get involved.
- Our community's food forest project aims to be completed by July 2024. Come see us to learn what the space will offer.
- We purchased four additional year-round greenhouses. Installation and use of these new assets will start in 2024. We are looking to meet the needs of the community via the food security strategic plan. This is still a working document that requires community inputs.
- We are receiving positive recognition for our work from across the region and province!
- We note emerging interest from members who wish to explore various business opportunities such as maple syrup production, beekeeping, livestock, greenhouse production and more. There is also interest from individuals to learn how to start and manage their own gardens.
- Please visit us to share your ideas on how you'd like to start a business in the agriculture space. This helps us inform the community's Land-Use Plan (LUP) and where to focus future development to accommodate these initiatives throughout MFN's land base.

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

To modernize and adapt our approach to business engagement and community member engagement, proposals will be going to the new Chief and Council to update the terms of reference. Some of the changes will be allow for off-reserve community members to participate in discussions in meaningful capacities while helping MFN sort out future opportunities for all members to benefit from community level decisions.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE INITIATIVES, PLEASE SEND US A MESSAGE:

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