



CREATING SAFER COMMUNITIES LLRIB COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Hall Lake Community Safety Meeting - October 16, 2018

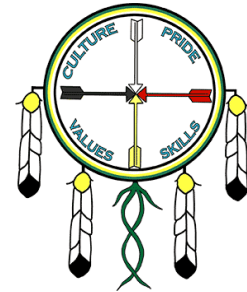


EMPOWERING OUR COMMUNITIES

On October 16, 2018, an interagency of Lac La Ronge Indian Band departments got together to support the development of a plan for community safety. Each department presented information on the behalf of their respective departments, to the community of Hall Lake in the Charles Halkett Memorial Hall.

Norman Ross, councilor of Morin Lake Reserve 217, and Simon Bird, LLRIB Education Director, made the opening comments for the concerned community and introduced the delegates of the meeting. After a brief introduction of all the people in attendance, Russ Mirasty opened the discussion on a community safety plan and how it involves all the agencies in attendance. He discussed growing up on reserve and seeing crime, addiction and abuse. He talked about how the agencies may assist and what their limitations are, in terms of the law their responsibilities.

Josy Roske and Tanis Crawford presented a “Community Questions – Carousel Activity.” Nine questions were presented on flipchart paper in nine stations on all four walls, where small groups spend several minutes per station, posting comments and suggestions about safety, services and other concerns. The nine stations were hosted by delegates of the meeting.



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RUSS MIRASTY

Russ Mirasty had worked for the RCMP for 36 years, in many different communities, and they all seem to have the same problems: alcohol, anti-social behaviors, and substance abuse. He had been approached about community safety by the Lac La Ronge Indian band. He posed many questions and concerns:

How do we respond to the concerns of the community?

Develop a response for the things that have been happening for a long time.

There needs to be a plan, a step by step approach to identify priorities of the community.

In order to see change, we need all departments in on it, working towards the change. Developed 6 areas to work on:

1. Crime reduction- kids breaking windows, assault
2. Substance Abuse- prescription drugs, drunk driving
3. Youth- Parents + Care givers

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IDEAS AND COMMENTS FOR DISCUSSION

Josey- How can we support the different communities?

Kennetch- “How can we open the curtains to learn how to open the doors to help our community members?”

Norman Ross comments regarding Education.

- He put in request for elders/ adults own Education Centre.
- Policing and Security- Put in request for to have own Policing in our community, but got Denied.
- Bylaws cannot be enforced unless ALL BANDS come together and agree for all reserves to be dry.
- Land codes and government codes to come into place.

4. Education training for the unemployment
5. Generational Trauma- residential schools, 60’s scoop, Day School
6. Policing and Security

Community Safety Meeting. How do we all relate? All departments are working together to help the Youth. Russ spoke of a child who is 8 years old, not in school, no proper guidance, they are doing something they shouldn’t be doing, getting into trouble. The only way the community will change, is working together on the 6 things listed above.

- Work together as a community to contribute on making each community better.
- Plan won’t work if community members in each community don’t contribute their concerns.
- Plan (6 things listed)
- Set goals you want to see done in community.

How do we reduce crime in our communities? Like violence, theft.

Comments from Lillian Sanderson:

- There are programs for violence
- Help the parents raise the children in a better way to help reduce crime.
- Reduce of alcohol, abuse or drugs around children.
- Prevention or recovery
- Young people don’t know who they are- they are lost, so they turn to other things to feel something.
- Should be mainly about child to help the child.
- Have programs in place for young people and families.



Opening comments from delegates of the community safety meeting.

Simon Bird and others, shared several ideas and concerns that have come up in many other communities. An education is needed to get further in life and helps with self-esteem to know you accomplished something. Minimum grade 12 is important. Supports exist all around us. How do we fix that? We need to have strong healthy families.

- ⇒ Work towards some positive change.
- ⇒ Talking to RCMP for a “Community Safety Officer”
- ⇒ Security- LLRIB have own.
- ⇒ Possibly have more security workers.

How each department are going to contribute to the plan? (6 steps listed on prev. page)

- ⇒ Next steps
- ⇒ Still in draft form- can be edited
- ⇒ Gather info from community members.

Two steps that will help:

- ⇒ Identify some gaps on plan. (missed something)
- ⇒ Gaps on needs for community.

Without the input from community members the plan won't come into place.

We need feedback from community members in order to help put a plan into place that works for the community. It's up to us to come together/ work together to see a positive change. Try find a better situation.

- ⇒ Parent should be responsible for child's bad behavior.
- ⇒ Nothing seems to change with the way we're handling things now, but working towards something better.
- ⇒ What about the parents? Parents should be made responsible.
- ⇒ We're in a time where 3 generations of people are still on welfare, have dropped out of school, or back in jail, or first time in jail. We have to concentrate on the Youth if we hope to break the cycle.
- ⇒ Any volunteers who want to manage a group like what we are doing here “meetings”. Create a FB page, a place to update the community members.
- ⇒ Seeing bad news on fb about our community, we end up losing good teachers, ICFS workers.

OTHER IDEAS



Mental Health Program

- 4 workers
- Work closely with family.
- Assessments, screenings, or referrals to other programs.

Indian Residential School Program.

- Helping people cope with trauma, and ongoing concern.
- Relapse is the main concern.
- Solutions.

Lillian Sanderson- Speaking Cree

- New unit added to the Health program. "Community Cultural Traditional Specialist".
- Identify our Culture/ Traditions

Anita Cook- traditional method to healing emotionally, mentally, physically, and spiritually.

- Provides traditional support programs
- New unit is still in "working progress"
- Working on getting a new treatment center built in la Ronge. "Out of Reach Program"
- Reaching out and connecting.



INDIAN CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES - TECO BIRD

La Ronge Child and Family Services has listened to the need for more Youth Workers in each community and is in the process of expanding the Youth Worker

Program. You can see now that advertised on www.saskjobs.ca is the advertisements for an additional 10 positions for Youth Workers (one male and one female) in each of our Lac La Ronge Indian Band Communities and a position for the Youth Services Supervisor. Closing date for these positions is on October 24, 2018. Please encourage locals to apply. The job posting can also be found within the community at the Local Gas Bar, Health Services, Indian Band office and Band Hall.

La Ronge Child and Family Service would also like to question the community on what types of programs or ideas can ICFS bring to the community of Hall Lake that would prevent youth from coming into care? Ideas, thoughts and concerns were documented by the Prevention Manager from the Round table that we had at the community meeting. If anyone has any additional thoughts of concerns of what we can do differently within the community of Hall Lake are encouraged to contact the Prevention Services Manager, Teco Bird @ (306) 425-5509, or Gerald Cook (ICFS Prevention worker) (306) 425-3536.



RED CROSS- SAFE COMMUNITY OFFICE WORKER - JIM SEARSON

Jim Searson discussed a program called "Beyond the Hurt: Preventing Bullying and Harassment" it is for all grades and information can be found on: <https://myrc.redcross.ca/home-course-details/re-bth/>

Jim Searson discussed creating a safe environment, a safety team. He supports:

- workshops to help train Trainees to be able to do workshops to help Build Healthy Relationships.
- Supportive programs that include traditional ways, history and culture of LLRIB.
- Collaboration programs between LLRIB & Red Cross.
- Help to build better, safer and healthier relationships.

It's easier to learn from someone who is your own age, rather than someone who is older or younger than you.

CHELSEA MCKENZIE- ACTING SUPERVISOR FOR LLRIB SECURITY

- Eyes and ears for communities. Do “walk arounds” for main building in communities to keep safe.
- Reports to RCMP, EMS, and on call workers.
- Help reduce and report criminal activities.
- Public safety- mostly for Security staff.
- Strictly confidential.
- Can’t interact with criminal or criminal activity. Have to call RCMP for assistance. Security has little authority.
- They have cell boosters in vehicles
- They need to get permission from parents in order to “discipline” them.
- Start writing down names of the kids who are walking around late at night, and to inform parents, ICFS and local leadership.
- For Security to provide Facilities with their states of where and who are throwing parties, so Public Works can address warning letters to those who keep having parties. 1st warning, 2nd warning, and eviction.

Community member suggests starting a Grand Council Policy force. But it takes too much work and is a massive undertake. Also suggests removing all responsibility for RCMP. Issues Security has:

- Lighting around the main building, kids are able to hide in the dark spots, where there is poor lighting.
- RCMP are timely, as the nearest Police station we have is 103 km away. And sometimes the RCMP don’t bother to show up, if only one “on reserve” constable is on duty.

Thomas Ratt begins “RCMP has been contacted a lot, and most of our offenders are young, so nothing really has taken place.

- RCMP is not the way to go, talking with the community members is.
- Restorative practices for people who caused harm, and people whom were harmed; to talk to them all together.

What can you do to create a safer community?



Sally Ross
School Principle
and Vice Principle. **Brennan**
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Enforce programming, especially after school programming activities.

Grade 4, 5, and 6 going to Fine Arts in April.

7-9 Gym nights

Computer programming- 2:30 pm-3:30 pm- Joanna Halkett

Reading classes- 2 times a week- Yvonne Roberts

Oct. 13/14- Learning activities. Kirk Caisse and Sandra Halkett took kids to the School cabin to learn to fish, cook, beading, bannock making and Arts and crafts. Next week they hope to take a different group of kids out to do the same thing.

Spirit week- Oct. 29th- Nov. 02, 2018.

Nov. 14-April 30 - Fine Arts Festival practice 3:30pm – 4:30 pm

They have lots of activities going on during school days and some weekends.

PAGC Championship @ SRS (Volleyball Tournament)

The school administration has an open door policy. Which means their doors are always open for students or anyone in general to talk to about anything.

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“COMMUNITY QUESTIONS – CAROUSEL ACTIVITY.”**

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Jim Searson

Lillian Sanderson

Angie Clinton

Kennetch Charlette

Gerry Hurton

Russ Mirasty

1. What can you do to create a safer community?

More programs:

Youth activities

Keep youth out of trouble

Education and awareness

Parents need to look after kids, not kids looking after kids

Home visits to create community awareness (talking and visiting)

No liquor

Watch for strange vehicles in town or set up cameras

Parks for children

Keep them from bullying

More community meetings

More festivals

More safety officers 24/7)

Curfews for children

Start block parent program with posters in windows

More cultural awareness, pro-

grams, school cabin, activities, monthly gathering

Women and men’s or family nights, Elder and youth nights

Cleaner community – clean up the garbage around town

Community pot lucks

Movie nights

Start a MADD group

Better lighting for the community

Can security intervene on behalf of the community? For example when there is a house party can Security do more than just report?

Need cameras for security

Enforce speed limit, drunk drivers, speed bumps, stop signs (who would do this)

Bringing parents together

Deal with drug dealers and bootleggers

More interagency supports

AA support meetings to be held in community

More traditional/cultural ceremonies and invitations with times and dates

More language programming

More housing

Limit house bingos.

2. What programs are currently in place that help to reduce crime in your community?

Security

Youth employment

After school programming

Broomball/sports

Youth centre

Youth groups baking/cooking

Mental health

School cultural week

Community events

Winter festivals

Training programs – parenting skill development, culture and language

More traditional teachings and events	ty a concern, every night – no children allowed	drug dealers who feel that is the only way to make an income. It enables the community to continue to use these substances which affects parenting and lack of continuing education
Community meetigns need more	More sober community events	
Education/school	More family events	
Youth/elders connecting	Parenting classes that are fun with door prizes	Bullying and teasing
Land based activities		
Girls/boys nights need boys scouts or 4 H club, etc	AA meetings/Support Groups * Very important	Lack of respect
Annual round dance	Young parent support groups	Stray dogs overpopulating the community – people are afraid
Suicide awareness	Security to help enforce curfew	Unprofessional worker, unqualified, some are the ones bringing in booze/drugs
Adult education	Talk to the bootleggers and drug dealers to let them know how they are affecting and hurting the community	Lack of programming in the community for young adults
Addiction worker		
Support groups	Stop and warn about drunk drivers	Police response time is too slow
Curfew – Crime watch		
School cabin	Awareness sessions about marijuana legalization	Parenting – need to teach responsibility
Youth cultural camps	Keep after school programs and supports	Home invasions and break-ins occur to frequently
Elders programming		
Home care	Billboard for all community events to be posted	Kids not in school is a problem
Employment and housing	Bringing parents together – visiting, coffee, events, outings	Community playground for kids
Recreation leagues	Start MADD group	Need to address drunk driver/ impaired drivers
3. What are some other services needed in your community to make it a safer place?	Open house November 6th in Hall Lake	There is a lack of role models for the youth
Meals on wheels for Elders	Alcohol Free Homes (signage)	Housing shortage
Child safety home (like camp hope)	Baking groups where you can learn to bake with families	Need traffic signs/ slow down for children
Curfew for 18 years and under.	Security vehicles need to have cameras	Street lights
Lock up all propane and gas tanks	Ownership of the damage that children cause to properties, parents need to be held responsible	Suicide prevention presentations
RCMP to be more interactive with the community	Community watch team, crime stoppers, crime watch, secret reporting	Presentation of all LLRIB programs during treaty days
Regular parenting classes		Security needs their own building
Traditional parenting		Enforce speed limit especially in the school zone
Cultural ways – hands on		Agency support is lacking
Canoeing, hunting, trapping, etc		Garbage clean up in community
Come up with ways to stop the bootleggers	4. What are your top concerns of things affecting your community?	Damages to buildings, homes, etc are not repaired immediately
Bingo night in community	Bootleggers in our community and	
Children hanging out in communi-		

Graffiti on school needs to be cleaned	couraged	Speed limit on weekends is a huge concern
Propane tanks need to be secured – kids huffing	No authority/no supervision	Youth centre is great but hours are too limiting]
Gangs are tagging (TS) Terror Squad	CFS – child abuse, neglect and abuse	More creel language programs in school
Cocaine use is a problem	Health services both on and off reserve	Don't know protocol and respect when it comes to Elders
5. What community organizations are making a positive difference in your community?	Alcohol and drug problems talk to Health re: assessments, rehab, used to be here, stopped due to funding cuts	Children cannot play outside because of drunks
Youth centre – activities	Elders, friend and family, community, neighbours	Way too many dogs in community
School sports competing with other schools	Prevention and intervention – all agencies	No support for the children
ICFS youth group	Nobody due to threats	Suicide prevention is not in the community
CFS prevention – land and cultural teachings	Parents	Alcohol and drug issues (many check marks)
Health – pre-natal programming	Need tribal police	Family budgeting and spending is a real problem
Elders gatherings – cultural gatherings	NAR and Facilities – need to control the dog population	Tribal police needed
Winter festival	Education – principal need to be aware of the bullying and address it	Sniffing propane and gas a huge problem
Youth support workers (Health and Education)	Need a home school liaison – to bring youth to school	Need more home visits to provide all sorts of information
Parent support worker	First responders. Fire dept there are only 4 out of 21 who will respond most of the time	Children neglected by parents/ caregivers
Community recreation coordinator		Need a curfew
School cabin – Partidge lake		Too many people walk around drunk/stoned/ and fight
Security	7. Do your children express safety concerns to you? If so, what are their concerns?	Children are not safe in the community
Fish derby	Bullying – its everywhere. (5 times this was check off)	Slow response time from RCMP
Rapid Response Team	School doesn't deal with it, they do try (checked 6 times)	Need block parents
Safety Training Program	Scared to go to school (checked 5 times)	Gun shooting, when drunk, need peace keepers
Job Skills programming		8. What makes a community safe?
6. Who do you talk to about community safety concerns?	Sniffing too much affects school and home life (6 times)	Education- fire safety, prevention of drug and alcohol abuse
Councillor	Don't have respect for one another or self	Facebook – helpng page – some who will drive kids home, create a
RCMP Hall Lake is not taken seriously, low priority, community calls less because they feel dis-	Impaired driving (8 checks)	

group page that would help to locate where kids are at	9. Who should lead the Safer communities strategy?	Security should be here to do their jobs, give people rides
Block parents – one per street	Both community and non-community members	12 yrs old and up should be here too
Curfew – siren/alarm to go off at 10:00 pm	Need monthly community meetings	Youth chief and council
People need to be more involved	Having meetings for the sake of meetings does not work	Today’s meeting, lets do more of these
MADD groups	Need more action from our agencies	Youth chief and council
Longer hours for the youth at the youth centre	9-10. How important is our community voice?	Teachers and principal need to be here
Get the ‘bad” kids back involved by using the youth centre	Very important	Elders need to be here to help too
Get more kids involved in sports / school activities even if they only attend part time	Stop pointing fingers all of the time	Communication to all about today’s meeting
Start hockey team to involve more kids in other sports	Work together as a community	Parents should talk to their kids about sniffing, sex, drugs, alcohol and gangs
Banning pedophiles from the community and needs to be reported	Have the same kind of meetings as we had today	Parent workshop are needed to teach the youth
Community involvement – need agencies to work together	Monthly community meetings with Chief and Council	Language classes.
Could security drive kids home?	This meeting took place today lets do it again	
Security being more proactive – upgrade to tribal police	Teachers and principal need to be a part of the community meetings as well	
Parents – speaking more to their children about actually looking at the dangers their kids could get into – parents need to be more responsible	Daytime meetings are best	
More street signs, slow down, save our children, et	Once a month meetings -during the day or right after work, advertising for today’s meeting was good	
Community clean ups	RCMP should also be a part of these community meetings and other agencies	
AA, Parent Meetings	Kids also need to be a part of these meetings	
Women and Men’s support groups	Healthy people should lead the safer community strategy – qualified/sober people	
More community events, dances	Need people to be respectful and professional	
More programming for kids like the arts/dance, etc	Traditional teaching and gatherings	
More 1 on 1 mentoring for kids	Sundance, lodge keepers, sweat lodge keepers	
Fence around the community to stop wild animals from entering	Elders should be included	









LAC LA RONGE INDIAN BAND

Located in north-central Saskatchewan, the Lac La Ronge Indian Band is the largest First Nation in Saskatchewan, and one of the 10 largest in Canada, with a population 10901 as of December 31, 2017. Our reserve lands extend from rich farmlands in central Saskatchewan, all the way north through the boreal forest to the mighty Churchill River and beyond. Our central administration office is located in La Ronge, 241 km north of Prince Albert, on the edge of the Pre-Cambrian Shield. We are proud of our heritage and our Cree language, and of the educational opportunities, economic successes and social development work made possible by many years of strong leadership.

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CLOSING THE MEETING

Simon Bird briefly gave an update on the Education Authority and that there will be a round of meetings for all communities soon. More information about the proposed LLRIB Education Authority, can be found on the Education website: <http://llribedu.ca/llrib-education-authority-page/> and videos can be viewed on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCm-drbDrb4p97_WmPYOvtxg

There are plans for another meeting, they hope to have the RCMP and Youth involved. Meeting will be held at Charles Halkett Memorial Hall,

Friday, November 16, 2018 .



At the end of the Community Safety Meeting, delegates from the committee hosted a series of draws for LLRIB branded apparel and even KFC meals. The grand prize was an HD TV/DVD combo.



Winner of the HD TV/DVD combo, Frank Halkett. Congratulations!

Special Thank You to:

Band Councilor – Norman Ross
Community Safety Plan speaker – Russ Mirasty
LLRIB Education
LLRIB Indian Child and Family Services
LLRIB Health Services
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Sally Ross School
Lac La Ronge Indian Band Security Services
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