
DRAFT CONSTITUTION

July 29, 2010

Chief

Harold Crow

Councillors

Moses Owen
Nelson Owen
Robert Owens

General Manager

Peggy Owen

Originally associated with Little Grand Rapids, which is signatory to Treaty 5 signed in 1875, Pauingassi First Nation received reserve status by Privy Council Order, March 10, 1988 and on October 7, 1991 Pauingassi became a separate First Nation by Ministerial Order.

Pauingassi is governed by a First Nation Custom Electoral system. Chief and Council are elected for a three year term.

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“A Significant Milestone”

On July 29, 2010, the first draft of a new Constitution for Pauingassi First Nation was reviewed in the 8th floor board room of BDO Dunwoody, in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Chief and Council revised contents of Pauingassi First Nation Governance Manual which, when completed, is intended as a guide for Leadership to daily operations and management of programs.

Along with the Constitutional and Organizational review a final edit of Financial Policies, Custom Code Election Procedures, Administration Policies, Housing Policies and Operations and Maintenance was conducted.

These documents will be presented to the community. Further revisions will be made. The final documents will be adopted as Pauingassi First Nation Governing principles.

Once the Constitution is ratified, Chief and Council will meet again to review specific program areas including: Economic Development, Culture and Recreation, Environment and clarify the process to conduct an internal review of Health.

Although delivered at arms length, programs such as: Social Development, Child and Family Services, Day Care, Training and Employment will also form part of Pauingassi First Nation Governance Manual.

As Pauingassi First Nation Chief and Council works alongside Comanager Jacques Marion and BDO’s remedial plan they will gain expertise and knowledge in fiscal reporting. Emphasis shifts to human resource skill development for community committees to work with: housing, education, health, culture and recreation, treaty days and child and family services.