



The mouth of the Saskatchewan River

The mouth of the Saskatchewan River has been an historic traditional meeting place for the Cree people of Turtle Island.

The Minoyawin Initiative continues this tradition by bringing together all governments to provide comprehensive health services to all the people.

MISIPAWISTIK CREE NATION TOWN OF GRAND RAPIDS



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The Minoayawin Initiative

The Misipawistik Cree Nation and the Town of Grand Rapids envision the Minoayawin Initiative as a project that will design a holistic community based primary health care model to assist in the restoration of minoayawin (good health) to our First Nation and Community residents.

The Project Objectives include:

- Community participation in health planning
- Building sustainable government-to-government partnerships
- Community based service delivery
- Design functional plans for service delivery and physical designs
- Negotiate needs based funding
- Initiate early implementation of management systems

The core value of the project is "Sahkitowin".

Sahkitowin — A Cree word that conveys traditional values of love, respect, honesty, truth, wisdom, humility and courage.

Aboriginal Health Transition

Fund

The AHTF from Health Canada was set up to enable Federal/Provincial/ Territorial governments and Aboriginal communities to integrate provincial and federally funded health systems within First Nations communities.

The Main Table

Chief Ovide Mercredi

Mayor Jim Allen

Councilor Ken Cook

Councilor Annie Ballantyne

Asst Deputy Minister Ian Potter

A/Deputy Minister Arlene Wilgosh

Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee comprises of 4 Misipawistik Cree Nation members and 4 Town of Grand Rapids members.

- Health Director Esther Cook
- Asst. Health Director Donald Packo
- Councilor Ken Cook
- Dion Dick
- Councilor Annie Ballantyne
- Veronica Mercredi
- Charlene Ayers
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Project Manager

Joanne Cook is a northern nurse and a member of Misipawistik Cree Nation. She will be responsible for overall project management under the direction of the Asst. Health Director Donald Packo and the Advisory Committee

Project Assistant

Janet McNabb is a member of the Misipawistik Cree Nation. She will work with the Project Manager and provide assistance to the Consultants and Project Team.

Health Consultant

Melanie McKinnon is a member of Misipawistik Cree Nation and will be writing special reports for the Minoayawin Initiative and acting in an advisory capacity to the Main Table and the Advisory Committee.

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