

TO	Lucky Man Cree Nation Leadership
DATE	July 2, 2022
FROM	Dana Martin (DM) – Director Bonnie Evans (BE) – Strategic Advisor
ISSUE	Community Infrastructure Study – Update
BACKGROUND	<p>In 2022, Lucky Man Cree Nation appeared on the Capital Plan and was allocated funding for the first time. The Capital Plan is the chart that Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) uses to track and plan funding for major capital projects for all of the Nations in Saskatchewan over the next 5 years. It is also known as the “First Nation Infrastructure Investment Plan” or “FNIIP”. Projects on the Capital Plan include Education, Water and Wastewater, Fire Protection, Solid Waste, Health Facilities and others. It does not include housing.</p> <p>In November 2021, LMCN submitted three capital applications to ISC regarding Roads, Water and Wastewater and Subdivision and directed BRIRC to perform project management of the three capital applications.</p> <p>In 2022, LMCN was awarded \$250,000 to conduct the first step towards developing infrastructure on-reserve: a “feasibility study” or Community Infrastructure Study. Feasibility studies provide an understanding of the local conditions before design of infrastructure can begin.</p> <p>ISC’s Operating Manual sets out the rules that ISC and Nations must follow together on any project from the Capital Plan, including LMCN’s Community Infrastructure Study. The Operating Manual requires that LMCN’s Study is guided and managed by a Project Management Team, including members of LMCN Leadership, administration, ISC and a Project Manager.</p>
STATUS	<p>LMCN recently selected a Project Manager for its Community Infrastructure Study. The candidates were scored according to certain criteria, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Past experience on similar types of projects and working with First Nations • Understanding the construction and building industry • Ability to work well with LMCN
KEY MESSAGES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At its meeting of June 27, 2022, LMCN Council selected Grant McKercher (IR Project Management) as the Project Manager • Grant McKercher is an Architect and has a Masters’ in Business Administration degree • Grant has a lot of experience working on small and large capital projects for First Nations and was recommended by ISC • As Project Manager, Grant’s main task is to coordinate meetings for the Project Management Team, take accurate meeting minutes, and to provide professional advice and information to the Team as it implements LMCN’s Community Infrastructure Study • LMCN’s Project Management Team was appointed by Leadership. It includes Councillors Terrance Okemow and Brendan Whitecap, Bonnie Evans, George Jennings, Dana Martin, Brian O’Shaughnessy (ISC), and Grant McKercher.