

# BRIRC Membership Update

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## Members



Lucky Man Cree Nation



Little Pine First Nation



Moosomin First Nation



## You Are Invited! LMCN Fall Membership Forum

LMCN Leadership has scheduled its fall membership forum for November 17-19, 2023, at Western Development Museum in North Battleford, SK. Membership is invited to come together to discuss:

- **Bill C92 Project: Child and Family Jurisdiction** – Presented by Fonda Okemow, LMCN Child and Family Jurisdiction Coordinator
- **Infrastructure Update** – Presented by Councillors Terrance Okemow and Brendan Whitecap, with support from Urban Systems Ltd.
- **Conversations with Canada** – Presented by LMCN Working Group
- **LMCN Indigenous Languages and Cultures Program** – Meet the Coordinator!

Your participation in LMCN's Fall Membership Forum will help Leadership make positive and responsible decisions for the Nation, today and in the future. Thank you to everyone working hard for LMCN! Please see our agenda for more detail.

## Conversations with Canada: RIRSD Table Update (Recognition of Indigenous Rights and Self Determination Table)

An RIRSD Table is a chance to have a conversation with Canada. **Status quo is not working for Lucky Man.**

So far, LMCN has focused on its Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Canada. An MOU sets out the ground rules for our discussions, or how we will “play in the sandbox together.” This is a *non-binding* agreement, which means that it does not create any legal obligation on LMCN.

A next step in this conversation is to discuss “core governance” or solutions to some of LMCN's needs, when it comes to how the Nation is governed.

Canada's policies of “population-based funding”, Crown consultation on Treaty rights, and others, leaves LMCN behind.

This year, LMCN's **Working Group** has been hard at work developing materials to share with the membership about its Conversations with Canada. Look out for **Storyboards** at every LMCN event. The Working Group includes: Chief Crystal Okemow, Eugenia Okemow, Richard Okemow, Jayneika Okemow-Bull, Alexa Okemow, Elder Arlene Pelletier and Pauline Okemow.

**During the Fall Forum, the Working Group will be sharing information about the Conversations with Canada and seeking Membership input into next steps.**



## **LMCN Infrastructure Update: What's Happening On-reserve in 2023?**

In 2022, Lucky Man Cree Nation was successful in obtaining funding for 3 important infrastructure projects on-reserve.

**What have we accomplished this year??**

### **1. Community Infrastructure Study**

- Community engagement survey online – June
- Surface and flooding mapping (LiDAR) – July
- Community Master Plan: mapping the locations of the future on-reserve community – Sept / October
- Planning water, roads, and subdivision services
- LMCN Infrastructure Report to ISC – Fall 2023

### **2. New 2-bedroom modular home**

- Design/Construction company selected - May
- Geotech survey of foundations – June
- Foundations installed: October 2023
- Project completion anticipated Winter 2023/24

### **3. Cultural Center renovations**

- LMCN selected a designer for the renovations –May
- LMCN's Project Management Team worked with the designer to include all the facilities – like a kitchen, bathrooms and showers –LMCN needs on-reserve!

**Please join us at the Fall Forum on Saturday, November 18 to learn more and share your feedback.**



*Councillor Terry Okemow and crew doing **Geotech survey** for LMCN Modular Home and Band Hall Renovations*

## **Other Events Happening at the Fall Forum**

### **Introducing LMCN Indigenous Languages and Cultures Program**

In October, LMCN secured funding from Heritage Canada to host a series of language and culture camps.

These camps will advance LMCN's goal of restoring Wāhkōhtowin – our connection to the land and each other.

The Program goals include protection of the Cree language and LMCN cultural identity, knowledge of traditional practices by going out on the land, and healing and wellness.

This program will kick off at the Fall Forum. **Please join us to meet Program Coordinator Adam Jack during supper on Saturday, November 18 at the Fall Forum.**

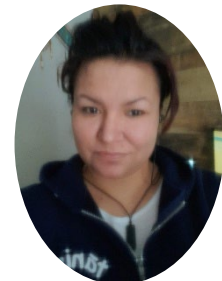


### **Reserve Your Room**

LMCN members coming in from out of town can stay at the Gold Eagle Lodge in North Battleford, conveniently located near the Western Development Museum, where the Forum is taking place.

Please contact Jayneika Okemow-Bull to reserve your room for November 17 and 18<sup>th</sup> at [admin@battleriverirc.ca](mailto:admin@battleriverirc.ca) or 306-490-2982.

Breakfast is included with your room. Meals will be provided during the Fall Forum.



### **Welcome to LMCN Child and Family Jurisdiction Coordinator**

### **Fonda Okemow**

In 2022, LMCN was successful in securing funding from Canada to launch a project regarding LMCN Child and Family Jurisdiction. Fonda Okemow was hired as Child and Family Jurisdiction Coordinator in May. She will be working with the legal team at OKT Law on transcribing LMCN policy and law.

**Please join us at the Fall Forum on Sunday, November 19 for more information about this project.**