



DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Edlanete, Tanse, Washte and Hello.

I pray all the families, Elders, leadership and staff are safe and healthy. It was not possible to predict what the end of this reporting year brought upon us. The Creator/Mother Earth needed to heal. The Creator taught us once again what is most important in our lives, to love and care for each other. I pray for all those who have left this Earth because of the pandemic.

We have learned new ways to live and do business. Our doors were closed, governments were functioning at a minimum level. People need people. We crave interaction with each other. It is who we are.

The last fiscal year was one of prosperity for all First Nations of Prince Albert Grand Council (PAGC). Grand Chief Hardlotte and Vice Chiefs Tsannie and Jobb and our staff were often on the road attending major events of celebration and success.

We send out our sympathies, as we do every year, for those who have been called to the Creator. Their contributions and memories are very important. We have learned so much from them. Our ancestors are the very fabric of our cultures.

With growth comes change. Change for success is very beneficial. When the twelve First Nations created a Tribal Council that eventually became known as the Prince Albert Grand Council, they did so for two specific reasons. One to have a powerful combined voice and two to be a transition tool to eventually assume responsibility for many of the services held by Indigenous Services Canada (First Nations and Inuit Health Branch and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada).

This strategy has proven to be very effective. PAGC played an important role with respect to these two objectives. The twelve Chiefs, both past and present, have been very successful over the past forty-nine years.



The people you have hired to work at PAGC are very dedicated and committed. They work tirelessly to provide support to the PAGC First Nations. You created PAGC as a second and third level support system and hope we have been able to live up to your expectations.

The Departments of PAGC receive political support as well. The twelve Chiefs meet often to provide direction. Grand Chief Hardlotte and Vice Chiefs Tsannie and Jobb in turn work with myself and all the Department Directors to achieve the decisions the twelve Chiefs make.

It was a good year, 2019/2020. The current year has presented challenges no one could have predicted and that means we all have been forced to adapt to the situation. PAGC First Nations have experienced very few covid 19 cases to date. PAGC First Nations have reacted successfully to keep our communities safe and vibrant. Let's pray we are able to continue.

On behalf of all our PAGC Departments and staff, it has been and will continue to be a pleasure to work on your behalf.

Marci Chou, Pedamya, Ninnaskomin and Thankyou.

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