



# SPIRITUAL HEALING LODGE

The Spiritual Healing Lodge has the capacity to house 30 Federal minimum-security men. Currently, the Agreement with Correctional Service Canada (CSC) allows for 24 Section 81 inmates and/ or Section 84 offenders.

The Healing Lodge operates on a 24-hour basis with a Director, Program Coordinator, Case Worker, 4 Night Watchmen and Casuals. To date the Spiritual Healing Lodge has the capacity to house 24 relatives (inmates and/ or offenders). There is an active waiting list for inmates that have been screened, interviewed and approved by the Selection Committee at the Lodge. This Committee is comprised with the Director, the Coordinator, the Case Worker and the Healing Lodge Parole Officer.

Currently, an Elder from each sector of the Prince Albert Grand Council is utilized. The Elders are responsible for the all-inclusive cultural and traditional programs offered to the relatives such as:

- Pipe ceremonies
- Sweats (weekly)
- Life Skills
- Feasts
- Talking circles
- parenting
- One on one counselling
- Healthy relationships, etc.

In keeping with correctional and healing plans as set out at the intake process, the relatives attend,

- Group setting addiction treatment
- individual addiction treatment
- Self-help programs
- Educational and training opportunities, etc.

This past year, the Relatives attended Ceremonies in Prince Albert and the surrounding communities. Cultural Days, Pow Wows, Sun Dances, Round Dances and cutting wood for the Elders. Gathering Medicine for use at the Healing Lodge is something all the relatives look forward to. The Teachings from medicine picking is always a highlight as some relatives only cultured this from being at the Lodge.

The number of times the Section 81 Relatives were on an “escorted” outing was 1776 times. This could be shopping, appointments, attending ceremonies etc.

The Relatives went out “unescorted” 505 times. This also could be to attend programming, shopping, etc.

This past year was also an exciting year as the all the Cabins underwent major renovations. New plumbing to all the cabins throughout the Healing Lodge were installed. Replaced all new walk-in showers, new sinks and toilets. Cabin # 4 received a washer and dryer as this cabin is specifically for relatives with disabilities. New beds, bedding and a dresser for almost all the rooms. All the cabins have been re-shingled and a new patio decks installed.

A huge shout out to NLCD as we received funding to replace the sinks, toilets and vanities in the washrooms.

