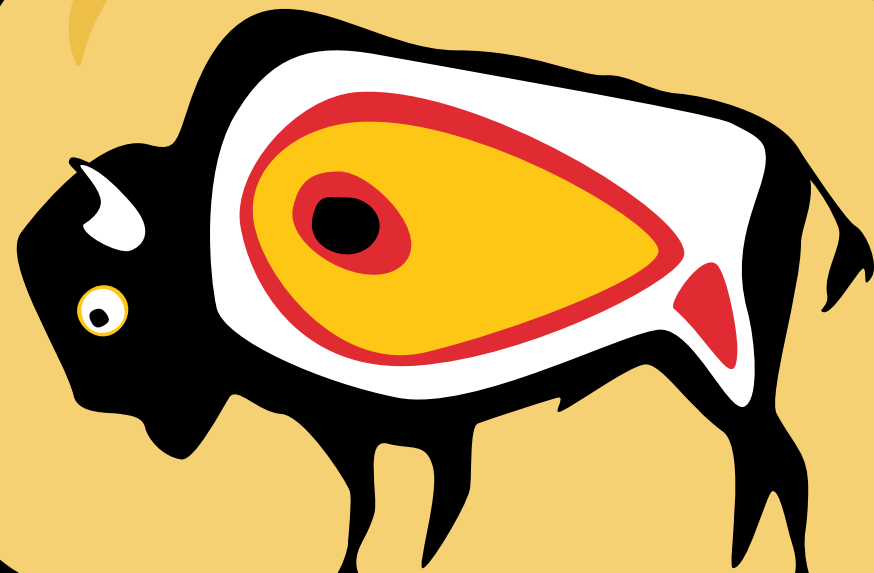


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TERRITORY (Skownan First Nation)  
and MOSSEY RIVER MUNICIPALITY  
FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENT



Council of Skownan First Nation and Council of Mossey River Municipality recognize that we live together on the shared Treaty 2 territories. Skownan First Nation and Mossey River Municipality share a common vision of developing and maintaining a collaborative working partnership, based on principles of trust and friendship, for the benefit of our communities.

PARTNERS

This *Friendship Agreement* is comprised of the following partners, who choose to maintain friendly and genuine working relationships, namely:

- Skownan First Nation
- Mossey River Municipality

While the current collaborative work will take place within the boundaries of the two communities of the Skownan First Nation and Mossey River Municipality, the partners we are hopeful that over the coming years there will be opportunities to engage other neighbouring First Nations, Metis communities and local governments in the Parkland Region of Manitoba.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this *Friendship Agreement* is to:

- Provide the framework upon which the partners, including their respective governments and community members, will collaborate with one another;
- Strengthen the partner’s mutual intentions to pursue a lasting friendship based on mutual respect, honour and recognition;
- Develop mutual protocols and activities that engage transparent communications, trust, inclusion, belonging and community betterment;
- Offer support and collaborate on community economic and social development, including but not limited to the following opportunities:
  - Regional economic development
  - Indigenous and regional tourism
  - Inclusive recreation, sports and community events
  - Employment and training
  - Emergency water infrastructure support
  - Local and sustainable harvesting and business development

GUIDING PRINCIPLES/VALUES

The Partners:

- Acknowledge and learn from our past connections and histories and build upon them;
- Respect the skills, respective community governance practices and jurisdictions of the other partner and continue to prioritize learning;
- Strengthen the cooperative and supportive bond between governing bodies to promote the wellbeing of all community members;
- Invest in the next generations by providing accessible wellness, cultural, recreational, educational and professional opportunities.

PROCESS

The Partners:

- Will regard this *Friendship Agreement* as a “living document” intended to evolve as the partners’ friendship and partnership evolves;
- Will recognize that this *Friendship Agreement* is not mandated, but is a choice of the current elected leadership representing both communities;
- Will continue to host an annual community skate event and celebration of the *Friendship Agreement* in order to engage community members from both Skownan First Nation and Mossey River Municipality;
- Will maintain a Working Group, governed by Terms of Reference, that meets bi-annually to check-in on shared areas of interest and opportunity.

FOR THE SKOWNAN FIRST NATION



Councillor, Nelson Nepinak

Date

FOR THE MOSSEY RIVER MUNICIPALITY



Reeve, Reynold Sahulka

Date