Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation
AFN 2020 National Housing and Infrastructure Forum and Tradeshow
PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

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- PBCN at 2014-15 – Development of Housing Strategy
- First Nations Housing Market Fund
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OUR HISTORY

• Adhesion to Treaty 6 was signed in 1894
• In 1900, the Department of Indian Affairs recognized Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation as a separate band.
• Our first Chief was Peter Ballantyne of Pelican Narrows.
ESTABLISHMENT OF RESERVES

• In 1919 a Dominion Lands Surveyor by the name of E.B. White arrived in the area and began surveys of the first reserves promised by treaty.

• The reserve selection process at that time selected parcels of land at Sturgeon Landing, Amisk Lake, Birch Portage, Mirond Lake, Pelican Narrows, Sandy Narrows, and Wood Lake.

• These are places some families had established residence which were close to their trap lines, hunting and gathering areas.
ESTABLISHMENT OF RESERVES

• On August 5, 1982 the Government of Canada created the Chief Joseph Custer I.R#201 in Prince Albert. This 42 acres of land was the First urban reserve in Saskatchewan.

• In 1992 the Saskatchewan Treaty Land Entitlement Framework Agreement was signed by the Canadian, Saskatchewan and First Nations Governments.

• In 1993, PBCN ratified the agreement which would allow for an additional 234,248 acres to be purchased with a 62.4 million settlement which was paid out in full by 2003.
GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

GOVERNANCE

• PBCN is Band Custom.

• There is one Chief and 14 Councillors that represent the 8 reserve communities.

• These Communities are Amisk Lake, Deschaumbault Lake, Kinoosao, Pelican Narrows, Prince Albert, Sandy Bay, Southend, and Sturgeon Landing.

• In March 2014, PBCN passed a new Election Code allowing 3 year terms.
TRADITIONAL LAND TERRITORY

- PBCN Traditional Territory spans 32,186.88 km² from Kinoosao on the northeast side of Reindeer Lake in the North to the end of the Sturgeon Weir River to the South, Pukatawagan, Manitoba to the East and Lac La Ronge Indian Band to the West. Takes 20 hours by road to hit most of our main communities.

- Only PBCN has Reserves in this territory and we insist on consultations regardless of the Province’s position. Laying the foundation at the moment for positioning with LLRIB and MLCN for a future Woodland Cree Geo-Political Partnership. Scale is 145 kms inch
PETER BALLANTYNE CREE NATION COMMUNITIES – CONTINUE (Photo Credit Woodland Aerial Photography)

AMISK LAKE, SK

DESCHAMBAULT LAKE, SK
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KINOOSAO, SK

PELICAN NARROWS, SK
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Chief Joseph Custer, Prince Albert, SK

Sandy Bay, SK
Southend, SK
Sturgeon Landing, SK
While we are very proud of our communities we do know that we have very real struggles and they are felt daily by the membership of the Cree Nation.

The Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation does offer a variety of services within our communities: Education, Operation and Maintenance of community and school infrastructure, housing both renovation existing homes and new construction, Indian Government, Indian Registry, Social Development, Lands, Economic Development, and Administration.
PETER BALLANTYNE GROUP OF COMPANIES

KEYS TO SUCCESS

• Strong Commitment & Vision of PBCN Leadership towards Business
• Strong Management
• Strong Relationships with Stakeholders
• Land & Location
• Successful Partnerships
• Financial & Planning Balance
JNE WELDING – COMBINED STRENGTH
Peter Ballantyne Group of Companies 30% Ownership
PETER BALLANTYNE GROUP OF COMPANIES
PBCN HOUSING

PBCN Housing 2015-16 – Housing Crisis

• 46% require minor renovations (under $15,000)
• 32% require major renovations (over $15,000)
• 64% are experiencing serious Mould issues
• 6% are un-inhabitable, but are yet used to house band members
• 3% lack water or sewer services, or both
• 64% of the units are overcrowded

The major factors that lead up to this situation;

• PBCN was in third party for 8 years and was in-eligible for a ministerial loan guarantee (MLG) for quite a number of years.
• PBCN’s population has more than doubled in the past 30 years.
• Band Based Capital Funding Levels.
First Nations Market Housing Fund
The partnership begins............... 

• This partnership with First Nation Market Housing, Finance Authority, Financial Management Board came at an opportune time to finance desperately needed housing.
How did we obtain the financing for the 52 new homes that costs $9 million

- The next organization we worked with was the First Nations Financial Management Board. PBCN was actually introduced to FNFMB in 2008. Then in 2012 we started the process to obtain the certificates to obtain the loan through the First Nation Finance Authority.
- From that meeting we made a plan to pursue the funding offered through the Fiscal and Statistical Management Act process.
- We worked on obtaining the certificates required. The Financial Administrative Law was the first legislation passed by PBCN Chief and Council. Then after that we worked on obtaining the financial performance certificate.
HOUSING PROFILE

• Elder Adam Highway explains on the housing challenges we are faced with today compared to when homes were built in his younger days.
• The elder mentioned how today’s homes are not as sturdy as compared the past.
• In the past, we all worked together to build our homes.
PBCN – Pelican Narrows RTMs on the move - 16 RTMs were brought in
52 UNIT PROJECT - New Homes
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How did PBCN get involved with First Nations Market Housing Fund?

• In 2012 it was decided that we needed to find a way to get new housing to our members.
• Looked at other organizations to assist us in housing and pursued:
  • First Nations Market Housing Fund
  • First Nations Finance Authority.
• FNMHF and PBCN Chief and Council and management met on numerous occasions.
• A capacity plan was developed which showed that PBCN had many challenges and opportunities.
• One of the meetings with PBCN CC, management, FNMHF, FNFMB, FNFA and FN Taxation- we had approximately 50 people attend and from this meeting we saw the opportunity of obtaining a loan to build homes and also other investment opportunities arose.
PBCN’s Position Statement

1. PBCN has developed housing policies, and we are continue to work with FN Market Housing Fund to further develop our housing strategy.

- Developing additional housing policies
- Educating Council and Membership on all areas of housing operations
- Organizational re-structure of our Cree Nation and all departments so we can work effectively and with efficiency.
- We have had multiple meetings with the Indigenous Services Canada towards establishing a new fiscal relationship that will yield beneficial results in our communities.