

As long as the sun shines,  
grass grows and rivers flow.

# Southern Chiefs' Organization Year End Report 2014

## **Establishment and Mandate of SCO**

The Southern Chiefs' Organization was established in 1998 and became incorporated in 1999.

As per the Accord of the Southern Chiefs of Manitoba, SCO was established as “an independent political forum to ‘protect, preserve, promote, and enhance First Nations peoples’ inherent rights, languages, customs, and traditions through the application and implementation of the spirit and intent of the Treaty-making process.” As indicated in the SCO Constitution, membership in the SCO consisted of 36 signatories to the Accord. The signatories are First Nations as represented by Chief and Council.

Both the Accord of the Southern Chiefs of Manitoba and the SCO Constitution were officially adopted by the Chiefs-In-Summit in July 2000.

**SOUTHERN CHIEFS' ORGANIZATION**



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## Grand Chief Terrance Nelson's Message



Since being elected as the Grand Chief of SCO, I found it to be a humbling and rewarding experience. We have had some challenges in the last year both financial and political, but we weathered the cutbacks and are now in a better position. Treaty Land Entitlement, economic development, issues of flooding and displacement, child and family services, issues affecting our women, healthcare, and justice are all matters that SCO will continue to deal with.

One of the main goals is to pave the way for economic development. This can be accomplished through foreign investment, Treaty Land Entitlement, and the development of Urban Reserves. We anticipate progress in the next year on Treaty Land Entitlements and Urban Reserves. We hope to make an

announcement on this matter in the next couple of months. In order to plan ahead, and to attract investment, we need to gather more information on all our member First Nations, looking at various areas that affect our communities including employment rates and natural resources. We are developing an information package about our communities to present to potential investors.

While we have addressed drastic government cutbacks, there is a need to re-structure SCO and decrease our dependency on federal transfer payments. We are working on a strategic plan to develop our own source revenue. As leaders, we need to discuss the future of our First Nations to maximize the potential of developments. We have the ability to develop our own natural resource base in our Treaty areas. We can cite examples of successes across Canada of First Nations realizing on their natural resources and development of Urban Reserves, one such example is the Westbank First Nation in Kelowna, British Columbia. I had met with Grand Chief Ron Derrickson of Westbank First Nation, who is the Chair of a large international investment group and has aided the Metis of Alberta with a forestry deal worth \$3 billion over ten years. He shared his insights with us stating "You are thinking too small, you have to think \$500 million or more". In addition to these initiatives, Guy Robbins of RMD Group of Companies will be meeting with us in the near future to discuss opportunities.

Even though we have experienced cut-backs we are going forward and finding stability thanks to the staff, and to the Executive and Finance Chiefs' Committees. It has been a pleasure to work with the Chiefs of SCO. We thank all of the Chiefs for this great year and we look forward to working with you in the coming years.

Chi-meegwetch!

Grand Chief Terrance Nelson

The Grand Chief is the political representative of the Southern Chiefs' Organization. The mandate of SCO is to "protect, preserve, promote and enhance First Nations peoples' inherent rights, languages, customs, and traditions through the application and implementation of the spirit, and intent of the Treaty-making process."

## **Don Courchene, Chief of Staff**

The past year has seen many changes for Southern Chiefs' Organization (SCO). We have gone through some interesting times, with change in leadership, changes in staff and extreme cut backs in funding from government. SCO was portrayed negatively in the media for the changes that have occurred but we have maintained SCO's vision to provide advocacy service to the members and member First Nations.

This annual report will highlight some of the changes and the initiatives we have undertaken over the past year, however, with change comes concern and doubt about the vision of the organization, but we have maintained the vision and have worked to enhance our role. The organization has worked to rebrand itself and demonstrate to the First Nations and its members of our renewed commitment to advocate at all levels for our Treaty and Human rights.

SCO has revamped its accountability to the Chiefs, we have hosted two (2) Chiefs-in-Summits this past fiscal year and have conducted more meetings with the committees to ensure proper reporting and accountability. With these changes we have also had to restructure our overall operations, we have improved our communication strategy and are more active in social media, we revamped our website, Facebook and are now on Twitter. We upgraded our network system for improved internal and operating controls.



It is important to note we have made strides to improve our relationship with

various partners, other First Nations outside SCO region, government and the private sector and we expect to continue to foster these positive relationships in the coming future.

We are optimistic for the coming year, we will build on the foundation we have developed this fiscal year and continue to strengthen the organization. We are desirous of making a difference for our children and all our people, we will not be remiss in our duty to be the voice of those who cannot speak for themselves.

Chi-meegwetch!

## **Chiefs' Committees**

The SCO is composed of three Chiefs' Committees; the Chiefs' Executive Committee, the Chiefs' Finance Committee and the Chiefs' Personnel Committee. Member representatives are appointed by Tribal Councils. Each committee includes a representative from an Independent First Nation (not affiliated with a Tribal Council).

As of January 2015, the most recent updated membership list for the committees are as follows:

### **CHIEFS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

<b>CHIEF</b>	<b>FIRST NATION</b>	<b>TRIBAL COUNCIL</b>
<b>Chief Morris Swan Shannacappo</b> <i>(Chairperson)</i>	<b>Rolling River</b>	<b>West Region Tribal Council</b>
<b>Chief Glenn Hudson</b>	<b>Peguis</b>	<b>Interlake Reserves Tribal Council</b>
<b>Chief Dennis Meeches</b>	<b>Long Plain</b>	<b>Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council</b>
<b>A/Chief Derrick Henderson</b>	<b>Sagkeeng</b>	<b>Independent</b>
<b>Chief Frank Abraham</b>	<b>Black River</b>	<b>Southeast Resource Development Council</b>

### **CHIEFS FINANCE COMMITTEE**

<b>CHIEF</b>	<b>FIRST NATION</b>	<b>TRIBAL COUNCIL</b>
<b>Chief Frank Abraham</b> <i>(Chairperson)</i>	<b>Black River</b>	<b>Southeast Resource Development Council</b>
<b>Chief John Stagg</b>	<b>Dauphin River</b>	<b>Interlake Reserves Tribal Council</b>
<b>Chief Eugene Eastman</b>	<b>O-Chi-Chak-Ko-Sipi</b>	<b>West Region Tribal Council</b>
<b>Chief Dennis Meeches</b>	<b>Long Plain</b>	<b>Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council</b>
<b>A/Chief Derrick Henderson</b>	<b>Sagkeeng</b>	<b>Independent</b>

### **CHIEFS PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

<b>CHIEF</b>	<b>FIRST NATION</b>	<b>TRIBAL COUNCIL</b>
<b>Chief Eugene Eastman</b> <i>(Chairperson)</i>	<b>O-Chi-Chak-Ko-Sipi</b>	<b>West Region Tribal Council</b>
<b>Chief David Traverse</b>	<b>Kinonjeshtegon</b>	<b>Interlake Reserves Tribal Council</b>
<b>Chief Nelson Bunn</b>	<b>Birdtail Sioux</b>	<b>Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council</b>
<b>A/Chief Derrick Henderson</b>	<b>Sagkeeng</b>	<b>Independent</b>
<b>Chief Frank Abraham</b>	<b>Black River</b>	<b>Southeast Resource Development Council</b>

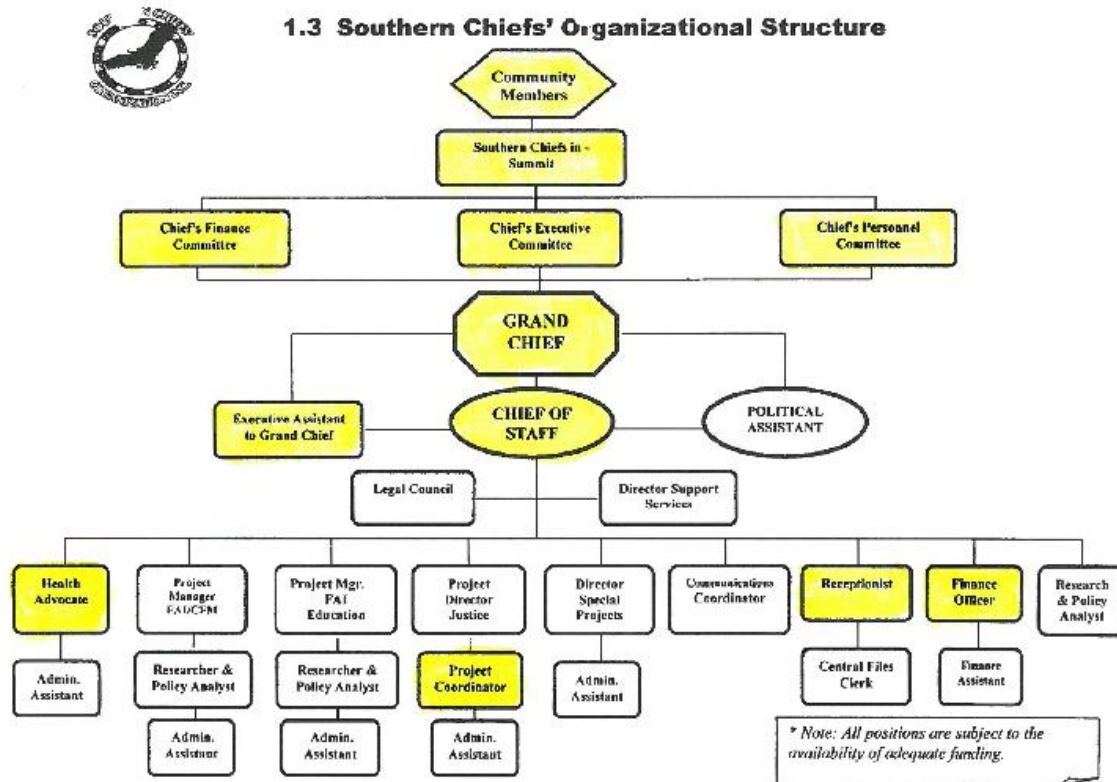


## SCO Organizational Structure

The chart below is taken from the SCO Personnel Policy Manual dated 2006. The yellow highlighted areas underneath the Chiefs' Committees show which positions are currently funded and filled.

Positions for each of two projects, one funded by the Status of Women Canada and the other funded by Health Canada are not shown on the chart.

Also not shown on the chart are an additional 5 positions that are jointly funded by Justice Canada and Justice Manitoba. These positions are community based and are referred to as the Community Justice Workers.



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## Special Events/Highlights

### Grand Chief Election 2014

On January 9, 2014, Terrance Nelson was elected by the Chiefs-in-Summit as the new Grand Chief. Grand Chief Nelson has just completed his first year of a 3 year term as Grand Chief of SCO.



Acting SCO Grand Chief Larry Barker and newly elected Grand Chief Nelson.



The election for the SCO Grand Chief was held in Brokenhead Ojibway Nation at the South Beach Casino.

Both photos depict the new Grand Chief wrapped in a star blanket with the SCO logo and carrying the SCO Eagle Staff.



## **Special Events/Highlights**

### **Family Violence and Suicide Awareness**

SCO developed a suicide awareness campaign in which the message, ‘We Love You, Stick Around, You Make a Difference’ was shared. Indian City was contracted to compose a song titled “One Day” and SCO worked with Broadway Neighbourhood Centre’s Just TV and inner-city youth to develop a music video to accompany the song. Volunteers in the video have all been affected with the loss of loved ones to suicide. The video’s introduction begins with a message from Chief Glenn Hudson of Peguis First Nation. The campaign was shared with all communities for their use as a tool when working on youth suicide prevention strategies. Social media was used as a tool to launch this campaign through Facebook, You Tube and Twitter through creating the hashtags #stickaround, and #oneday. The Assembly of First Nations played the video during their AGA this past December.



Nora Fontaine, Sagkeeng First Nation, Volunteer



Addison Sandy, Just TV, Broadway Neighbourhood Centre

## Special Events/Highlights

### Wee-Kee-Koo-Too-Min “Let’s Talk About It”



SCO is keen on sending the message that the cycle of violence must end. An open forum was held in May 2014 at the Thunderbird House to engage the community in speaking openly about family violence. The forum had excellent attendance with over 100 participants.

February 2015, SCO will host another open community forum on Family Violence Prevention with a focus on racism and discrimination as a catalyst for family violence.

### UNiTE To End Violence Against Women and Girls

The Family Violence Prevention & Resource Project has partnered with the international *UNiTE to end Violence Against Women and Girls* campaign. This campaign is designed to bring awareness and prevent violence which targets women. On the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month, First Nations are encouraged to wear orange. The T-shirts worn by staff have been made and distributed to First Nation schools.





## **Special Events/Highlights**

### **Golfing For Kids**



Southern Chiefs' Organization's Staff

In August of 2014, SCO held a golf fundraiser at Grand Pines Golf Course. A total of \$7,000 was raised for a 'golf camp' for kids. The funds raised will go towards setting up a golf camp for kids in the summer of 2015.



Chief Morris Swan Shannacappo and friends

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#### **Sponsors for golf event:**

South Beach Casino

Trans Canada

MTS

Pony Corral

Best Buy Homes

Classic Trailer

Tribal Wi-Chi-Way-Win  
Capital Corporation

Manitoba First Nation  
Education Resource Centre

Evident IT

HiTrac (1974) Inc.

Boudreau Law

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#### **Volunteers:**

Clayton Malcolm, Ebb &  
Flow First Nation

Melissa Soldier, Clement  
Travel

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## Special Events/Highlights

### Golfing For Kids



Melissa Soldier, Volunteer



SCO continues to raise funds for "Kids' Golf Camps" with the selling of custom made keychains and SCO sweaters.



## **Special Events/Highlights**



Power Point Presentation and Video prepared by Chloe Courchene

### **Tribute to Aboriginal Veterans**

SCO sent a call out in mid-October to all SCO communities by fax, e-mail and Facebook asking members to submit photos and short bios of loved ones who have served in the army. The photos and bios were compiled and made into a short video. The video was posted on Facebook on November 8, 2014. SCO would like to do this as a commemoration every year to honor the veterans.



## Special Events/Highlights

### Urban Reserves Conference



Tim Daniels and Chief Dennis Meeches

SCO hosted an “**Urban Reserves Conference**” in February 2014 for the Long Plain First Nation. The purpose of this conference was to develop specific investment partnerships in anticipation of urban reserve conversion and development. The conference was well attended by at least 150 participants. West Bank First Nation who has been successful in urban reserve development provided a keynote speaker to make a presentation of Urban Reserve Investment.



Left to right: Dean Parisian (SCO); Jerry Daniels (Long Plain First Nation); Councilor Mick Werstuik (West Bank First Nation); and Grand Chief Terrance Nelson

## **Special Events/Highlights**

### **Youth Family Violence Project**

In November 2014, radio ads and posters were used to invite youth to submit essays, poems, videos and/or songs to share their stories on what family violence means to them. There were five winners who were contacted and presented with gifts and acknowledged for sharing their stories.

### **SCO Pipeline Conference**

On December 8, 2014 an information session on Pipelines was held by SCO in coordination with Green Water. This event was not open to the public and registration occurred in advance. The main message delivered by Enbridge is that they need to increase the size of the oil pipeline to allow more oil to flow and that it flow more quickly. Enbridge proposed employment opportunities for First Nations, however the Chiefs prefer to have a dialogue on revenue sharing.

### **Christmas Backpacks**

This past Christmas, the staff at SCO opted to focus on the homeless by contributing towards the purchase of backpacks and winter wear. A small cash donation was also included in each backpack. On the morning of December 17<sup>th</sup>, the staff disbursed on the downtown city streets and distributed 16 backpacks to homeless individuals.

*\*\*\* Special acknowledgements to Clarke Financial Planning and Insurance Services for a generous cash donation towards this effort.*



### **AFN Annual General Assembly**

Most of the SCO staff volunteered their time and energy in assisting the Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (host organization) in the planning and coordination of the Assembly of First Nations Annual General Assembly held in Winnipeg on December 9-11, 2014. Throughout the duration of the AGA and prior to the actual event, SCO staff dedicated significant time and effort to the host committee and sub-committees on planning and organizing in the areas identified below:

- Waking Up: Youth and Elders Gathering
- Coordination of Volunteers
- Families First Forum and Water Ceremony
- Security and Safety Planning

## Special Events/Highlights

### Bolivian Vice-Minister of Decolonization



July 18, 2014 SCO met with Bolivian Vice-Minister of Decolonization, Felix Cardenas Aguilar.

A Genocide Studies and Indigenous Peoples Conference was held in Winnipeg from July 16-19, 2014. Vice-Minister Felix Cardenas Aguilar delivered the keynote address on the subject of Indigenous Rights and Decolonization. Through a revolution

and mass mobilization the Bolivian Indigenous people elected the first

ever Indigenous President, Evo Morales in 2005. A Ministry of Decolonization was established and Vice-Minister Aguilar became the President of the **Vision of the Country Commission**. Other Commissions were also established for Lands, Autonomy, Rights and Duties and under these, new Constitution and Laws were built based on their Indigenous world views.



Felix Cardenas Aguilar and Translator

The Bolivian Indigenous peoples have been quite successful in reclaiming their culture and identity in spite of their most consistent and prominent challenge of racism. Vice Minister Aguilar explained how the ministry was established to focus on decolonizing everything, “colonialism reproduces itself constantly and on two axis points: racism and patriachism”. Their struggles and challenges are similar to what First Nations experience in Canada.

## **Milestones**

- On March 10, 2014 at a Chiefs-in-Summit, a motion was passed to recognize Andrea Camp as Chief of Buffalo Point First Nation and to allow her to sit at the Chiefs-in-Summit table until such time a free and democratic election is held in Buffalo Point First Nation.
- SCO recognizes the power of social media and has made it a priority to utilize outlets such as Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. With the help of SCO's new IT service providers, SCO employees receive training in social media tools and this has been helpful in the development of the SCO website.
- In April 2014, SCO contracted a new IT service provider for the purpose of upgrading security and increasing efficiency in the management of servers and network. SCO found it necessary to have a new server installed due to the lack of backup, redundant systems and un-monitored servers. Evident IT is SCO's new technical support whose services include complimentary training for staff.
- SCO has been appealing to all of Canada's embassies to apply pressure on the Canadian government in the following three areas:
  - National Public Inquiry for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women – each embassy was provided a letter and copy of the RCMP's report entitled Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women: A National Operational Overview.
  - Implementation of the best and most effective prevention mechanisms, case solve processes, and supports to the families and communities of the missing and murdered Indigenous women in Canada.
  - Historic ongoing economic and multi-systemic oppression of Indigenous peoples in Canada through comprehensive policy and legislative reform (with emphasis on the definition of genocide within the 1948 United Nations Genocide Act).



## Justice Program



Ronald Wilson, Community Justice Development Coordinator

SCO's Program mandate is to create and maintain adult and youth criminal diversion programs in its member First Nations. The Program goal is to reduce the number of First Nation individuals in contact with the criminal justice system.

In 2008, SCO's participation in the Government of Canada's Aboriginal Justice Strategy (AJS) was approved by the Chiefs-in-Summit. The AJS provides alternatives to mainstream justice processes in appropriate circumstances. Objectives include:

- To contribute to a decrease in the rate of victimization, crime and incarceration among Aboriginal people in communities operating AJS programs;
- To assist Aboriginal peoples to assume greater responsibility for the administration of justice in their communities;
- To provide better and more timely information about community justice programs funded by the AJS; and
- To reflect and include Aboriginal values within the justice system.

The Program is currently managed by the Community Justice Development Coordinator Ronald Wilson. Five (5) Community Justice Workers positioned within each First Nation work cooperatively with Chief and Councils, Community Justice Committees, police, court workers and other services for matter related to alternative measures for adults (18+) and extrajudicial sanctions for youth (12 – 17 years):

<b>Long Plain First Nation</b>	David Beaulieu
<b>Pine Creek First Nation</b>	Sylvia Chartrand
<b>Pinaymootang First Nation</b>	Bonnie Woodhouse
<b>Sagkeeng First Nation</b>	Andrea Swampy
<b>Waywayseecappo First Nation</b>	Arlene Cooke



**Justice Program (continued)****Budget**

<b>REVENUE</b>	2014 – 2015
Government of Canada	80,000
Government of Manitoba	243,000
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>323,000</b>

NOTE: Canada will be reviewing its budget for 2016 with respect to continuation of funding for all AJS Programs.

**Accomplishments**

Adult and youth diversion referrals from key stakeholders (Public Prosecutions/RCMP & Municipal Police) are now coordinated and monitored by the Community Justice Development Coordinators at the Winnipeg office.

The Program's Waywayseecappo location is service provider participating in a pre-charge diversion pilot project that has been MOU and Band Council Resolution sanctioned by Waywayseecappo First Nation and the Dakota Ojibway Police Service (DOPS). The Program received its first pre-charge diversion on December 31, 2014.

The Justice Programs Community Justice Development Coordinator and Pinaymootang Community Justice Worker have participated in the development of a 10 month Restorative Justice Program course that is being sought by the Red River Colleges Aboriginal Education and ACCESS Programs Chair. SCO has expressed interest in participating with its advisory committee once developed.

**Moving Forward**

The Community Justice Development Coordinator continues examinations with respect to the following:

- Participation with Manitoba's Advisory Council as part of its new Restorative Justice Act that would create framework to expand community-based justice programs.
- Advocacy for the re-implementation of federal crown diversions and implementation of a Crown Cautioning Program.
- Participation with Manitoba's Independent Investigations Unit (IIU) which has a mandate to investigate incidents of serious injury or death resulting from contact and or incarceration by a police service or its officers.
- Continuation of the Band Constable Program.

## **Health Consultation and Liaison**



Dennis Ballard, Health Policy Analyst

The SCO's Health Program mandate is to address health issues for southern First Nations through a collective and unified process. This mandate was provided via resolution in January 1999 at an SCO Chiefs-In-Summit.

The Health Consultation and Liaison Program is currently managed by the health policy analyst Dennis Ballard. Changes to the SCO health unit began in May 2012, well into the new fiscal year 2012/13, when FNIHB informed SCO, by letter, that funding for their health program would be decreased by 60%. SCO has since restructured and reorganized which meant decreasing the staff and changing the role of the health unit. The SCO health unit has been rebranded as Health Consultation and Liaison in the Contribution Agreement with FNIHB.

SCO health has adopted a social determinants of health approach to addressing First Nations health concerns. SCO health unit also works with private and not for profit companies and organizations to increase awareness of health issues faced by First Nations in Manitoba. Through collaborative actions and networking SCO and their partners are intent on seeing legislative changes made that would ensure First Nations have fair and equitable opportunities for the delivery and administration of health services and systems in Manitoba.

### Activities:

- In December 2014, SCO and other organizations were informed by letter of organizational changes in the structure of the FNIHB.
- In spite of the limited resources and funding, SCO continues to advocate, network and engage with First Nations and other relevant organizations.
- SCO continues to request First Nations input into decisions made by FNIHB that may affect the delivery of health services or programs.
- SCO continues to advocate on behalf of any First Nations member requesting assistance in navigating the health services and programs delivery by the WRHA, Manitoba Health, FNIHB and NIHB.

## **Health Services Integration Fund (HSIF)**



The SCO HSIF initiative was developed as a result of the SCO and WRHA partnership project under the Aboriginal Health Transition Fund (AHTF). The AHTF partnership project produced the Framework for Health Adaptation and the Collaborative Strategic Action Plan, as a model of change. Under AHTF, the SCO, WRHA and other partners collaborated on defining the framework. Under HSIF, SCO was to promote the model and foster a network of partners among service providers and stakeholders in order for them to achieve specific goals. These partnerships are referred to as Collaborative Action Networks (CANs).

The HSIF project's overall goal is:

- *To improve the health status of First Nation people living on and off reserves by facilitating collaboration and partnerships; the reorientation of existing resources and services, the promotion of effective communication; and the evaluation of the processes.*

The HSIF project was a three year initiative and is now in its final year of funding. In the likelihood that Health Canada does not renew funding for the project, there is concern that the Framework will 'sit on the shelf'. Although evaluation is a deliverable in the final phase of the project, it was agreed that developing a sustainability plan would also be a priority. The key deliverable and area of focus will be the development of a collaborative strategic health planning tool kit based on the model.

## **Family Violence Prevention and Resource Project**



Shauna Fontaine,  
Family Violence Prevention Coordinator

### **Administration:**

- Program is funded by the Status of Women Canada.
- Engagement with 8 identified First Nations.
- The deliverables of this project include involvement on the Coalition on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.
- The 3 year project is in its final year of funding.
- The purpose of the project is to address the range of institutional barriers and other factors that limit community efforts to address the issue of violence against women and girls.

### **Activities:**

- Launched a Pilot Project in January 2014 to engage youth on the discussion of family violence prevention. Call-out to youth to submit stories on ‘what family violence means to me’.
- Hosted a community open forum on Family Violence in May 2014 at the Thunderbird House. Community members were engaged in discussions and felt the environment was safe to share their own personal stories of family violence.
- SCO has developed a campaign video and song on suicide awareness and prevention in relation to family violence, speaking to all peoples who are feeling thoughts of self-harm, the messages include “We Love You, Stick Around, You Make a Difference”
- In November 2014, SCO partnered with The Canadian Red Cross through offering their RespectEd training programs, *Healthy Relationships* and *It’s Not Your Fault*. The communities who signed up for this training were: Canupawakpa, Roseau River, Sagkeeng, Waywayseecappo, Pine Creek, Pinaymootang, Birdtail Sioux, Brokenhead, and Long Plain with a total of 17 participants. With certified trainers, these programs can now be delivered in the schools to youth. SCO will continue to monitor and evaluate the delivery of these sessions within the schools to aid in family violence prevention.
- Assisted MKO with the AFN Host Committee through organizing the Families First Gathering held in December. This forum discussed: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Ending Violence towards Women, Women’s Leadership, and CFS. Forum was well received where over 100 participants felt environment was safe to share. Media was not invited.

## **Child and Family Services**

- On March 10, 2014, SCO was mandated as follows:

*“The Chiefs-in-Summit reiterate by motion that the Southern Chiefs’ Organization is the lead political organization for Child and Family Services in southern Manitoba. The Chiefs-in-Summit also directed SCO in locating resources that support a funding position that deals solely on CFS issues in southern Manitoba with southern First Nations.”*

The Chief of Staff is currently responsible for the CFS file.

- The SCO is in the process of becoming the designated organization responsible for identifying and appointing members to the Southern First Nations Network of Care board.
- In preparation for assuming responsibility, SCO has negotiated a plan to review the board selection process, review the by-laws and to have the legislation changed to recognize SCO has the authority for the Southern First Nation Network of Care.
- The Southern Authority Network of Care currently operates under Administration status as per the order of Administration issued and implemented on November 23, 2012. (Continued on next page)
- The Board selection was completed and posted. Interviews for board selection were conducted in November 2014.
- SCO is now in the final stages of making amendments to the by-laws, once vetted through SCO and the province, it will go for legal review.



## **Finance Report**

The next few pages include the following financial documents for Fiscal Year Ended 2013/14:

- Independent Auditors' Report – Page 12
- SCO Statement of Financial Position, March 31, 2014 – Page 13
- Statement of Operations, Year Ended March 31, 2014 – Page 14



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To The Members of Southern Chiefs' Organization Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Southern Chiefs' Organization Inc., which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2014, and the statements of operations, changes in net financial assets, and cash flow for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and the fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the organization's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the organization's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### Opinion

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Southern Chiefs' Organization Inc. as at March 31, 2014, and its results of operations, changes in net financial assets, and cashflow for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

### Other matters

Supplementary information contained in schedules on pages 19 - 30 are unaudited.

The prior year's financial statements were audited by another firm of Chartered Accountants whose independent auditors' report was dated July 30, 2013.

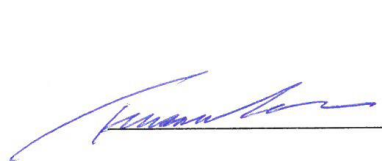
**Winnipeg, Manitoba**  
**September 26, 2014**

*PKBW Group*  
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**SOUTHERN CHIEFS' ORGANIZATION INC.  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
MARCH 31, 2014**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<b>FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>		
Accounts receivable (Note 3)	\$ 274,916	175,488
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Bank indebtedness (Note 2)	24,509	62,969
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 5)	34,294	97,810
Due to government and other government organizations (Note 6)	287,002	40,283
Deferred revenue (Note 7)	105,137	101,687
	<u>450,942</u>	<u>302,749</u>
<b>NET DEBT</b>	<u>(176,026)</u>	<u>(127,261)</u>
<b>NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>		
Tangible capital assets (Note 4)	19,697	-
Prepaid expenses	10,193	10,502
	<u>29,890</u>	<u>10,502</u>
<b>ACCUMULATED DEFICIT</b>	\$ <u>(146,136)</u>	<u>(116,759)</u>

APPROVED BY BOARD:



Grand Chief



Chief of Staff

## SOUTHERN CHIEFS' ORGANIZATION INC. STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2014

	2014	2013
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
<b>REVENUE</b>		<u>Actual</u>
Federal Government		
Transfers for operating	\$ -	1,232,042
Provincial Government		
Transfers for operating	-	313,000
Other revenue	<u>-</u>	<u>58,563</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,540,373</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Education	-	70,050
Health	-	233,539
Band government	<u>-</u>	<u>1,378,569</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,513,168</u>
<b>ANNUAL SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(78,553)</u>
<b>ACCUMULATED DEFICIT, BEGINNING OF YEAR AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED</b>	\$ (78,072)	(78,072)
<b>CORRECTION OF PRIOR PERIOD ERROR (Note 15)</b>	<u>10,489</u>	<u>10,489</u>
<b>ACCUMULATED DEFICIT, BEGINNING OF YEAR AS RESTATED</b>	(67,583)	(143,964)
<b>ANNUAL SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,205</u>
<b>ACCUMULATED DEFICIT, END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ (67,583)</u>	<u>(116,759)</u>

## **SCO 2014 Golf Tournament Poster**

Southern Chiefs' Organization is currently setting up our Golf Camps for Kids at the Players Golf Course for the summer of 2015.

**Southern Chiefs' Organization Golf Tournament**

**Golfing For Kids**

**Thursday, August 7th**

**Grand Pines Golf Club, Traverse Bay MB**

**Dinner – South Beach Casino**



**Stroke Play Format**

**\$150 per person**

**Registration: 8:30 AM – Tee Time: 10:00 AM**

**Men's, Senior's and Women's Divisions**

**All Proceeds go to Golfing For Kids – Golf Camps for First Nations Children**

**Skin's Play, Closest to the Pin, Accuracy Drive and Putting Contest**

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