



BUFFALO LAKE METIS SETTLEMENT
JUNE 2019 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS IDEAS
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Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement Economic Development Committee Business Concepts

Important Information & Disclaimer

These concepts are in the idea stage for Economic Development for our Settlement. We are currently undertaking Pre-feasibility Studies for the following business ideas:

- ▶ 1) Hemp / Agriculture Farming.
- ▶ 2) Industrial Park
- ▶ 3) Tourism Park

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Canadian Rockies Hemp Mission Statement

Canadian Rockies Hemp is an innovative agribusiness based in Alberta working with farmers across Canada to grow Canadian Hemp, building a sustainable and profitable future for generations to come.

We are working hard to bring more stability and sustainability to our community, supporting local economy, agriculture and the environment.

We contract Canadian farmers to grow hemp for us by the acre or tonne. Our team works with Canadian farmers helping them obtain their license to grow hemp from Health Canada and source pedigreed status hemp seeds.

We provide agronomic support to farmers, working with them through cultivation, propagation and harvesting and providing custom harvest equipment if needed.

Canadian Rockies Hemp is currently constructing our first Hemp-fiber decorticator facility in Bruderheim, AB which will be capable of processing thousands of acres of Canadian hemp for fiber, hurd, and dust products, as well as CBD products.

Our processed hemp is sold to manufacturers and consumers to be used for textiles, manufacturing, construction, medication or for any of the other 200,000+ different products that can be made from hemp.

For more information, visit our website www.canadianrockieshemp.com or follow us on Facebook or Instagram.

If you are interested in this Business Venture, please fill out a questionnaire form.





2015, 2016, 2017, 2018:

Best Project Developer - North American Markets (All)

Best Offset Originator - North American Markets (California)



Blue Source works with companies, governments and NGOs to reduce and mitigate environmental impacts.

We develop projects that create land, water and climate benefits.

We use strategic partnerships, finance, innovation and markets to achieve these goals.

www.bluesource.com

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Pre-Feasibility Studies Update



Hemp Farming / Agriculture Business Development

- ▶ Ec. Dev Committee voted to go straight to the source in getting Pre-feasibility studies done.
- ▶ Canadian Rockies Hemp Corporation voted as best source to help in the Pre-feasibility study.
- ▶ Rocky Mountain Hemp Corporation (Aaron Barr & Spencer Tighe) did a Settlement visit to pre-scope our lands.
- ▶ Economic Officer to do a community economic development presentation on Hemp farming and determine interest. Forms to be filled out by members interested in this endeavor.

Goals:

- a) Pre-feasibility Study to be complete by the end of July 2019
- b) August / September 2019 - Building a Business / CO-OP / Business Loans / Government Grants
- c) Land Development contracts.
- d) Fall Of 2019 - Start preparing the land for May 2020 seeding.
- e) Winter of 2019/20 - Business development - Managers/Farmers/Laborer, etc.
- f) Spring of 2020- Start the farming process.
- g) Revenue Generated / Royalty sharing - Fall / Winter of 2020

Areas: C-D-E: Metis Traditional Cultural Campgrounds

- Two Campgrounds that are beside each other from behind Cook'ums Café all the way to the new Campsite.
- 1st Campground to look historical in the Metis tradition with Log Cabins and Teepee's
- 2nd Campground to be a regular Campground for RV'S / Trailers / Tents.
- Campground Office to be made in a log cabin, to match Cook'ums Café style.
- Historical / Regular Campgrounds to be a sub-division through BLDC
- Historical / Regular Campgrounds to have its own Management, Employees Staff, Grounds Keeper, Maintenance



Area F: New Campsite

- ▶ New Campsite to help with Tourism and Community Events.
- ▶ 3 new floating docks
- ▶ 1 New Covered Stage that can be sealed for Winter Months, and opened during Community events or Live bands for music festivals / Dance floor, etc.
- ▶ Boat Launch area
- ▶ Picnic Area with a few tables.
- ▶ Fish cleaning area
- ▶ Garbage and Recycle Bins
- ▶ Two or Three Cabins for family outings
- ▶ Must be Energized for power.
- ▶ New Campsite to be operated and maintained by Campground division.
- ▶ Possibility of jet ski / Boat rentals / Rafts / etc



Area G: Memorial Pathway

Memorial Pathway from new Campsite to behind new Recreation Grounds.
Pathway to be like a paved Bicycle trail.

Build upright memorials along pathway with a story representing every family in Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement. Have our ancestors honored and remembered for their work in developing our settlement.

- ▶ Auger Family
- ▶ Blyan Family
- ▶ Bourque Family
- ▶ Delorme Family
- ▶ Desjarlais Family
- ▶ Durocher Family
- ▶ Patenaude Family
- ▶ Ladouceur Family
- ▶ Larose Family
- ▶ Shott Family
- ▶ Larouque Family
- ▶ Howse Family
- ▶ Joe Family
- ▶ Others

All Families Elders to be recognized for building of Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement



Area H: Recreation Grounds/Amusement Park

- ▶ Review of Tourism studies, more attractions are needed to help promote Economic growth and to attract tourists. As of this date, BLMS Recreation Grounds are in the east of the Settlement beside our South Water Treatment Plant. Due to poor location, our Rodeo and Sports outings have suffered in attendance. Each year attendance has dropped, and this year 2019 BLMS will not be holding a rodeo.
- ▶ To help promote Tourism in our community, a new Recreation Grounds / Amusement park would definitely create economic growth and sustainability for our Settlement. This must be off Highway 85 and built beside Tourism park.
- ▶ Without a Recreation / Amusement Park beside the Tourism park, expected revenue from tourism park would only sustain itself, with little or no profit to the Settlement.



Suggestion - The existing Recreation Grounds could be transformed into Greenhouse / Agriculture Dept, as it has 3 phase power with waterlines

Area H: Recreation Grounds/Amusement Park

Dog Park



Go-Carts



Paintball



Ball Diamonds



Soccer Fields



Volley Ball



Driving Range



Skate Board Park



Area I: Industrial Park



Industrial Park to be built off Highway 855 for customer convenience and accessibility.

Four Divisions, each division ten acres and fenced off.

All the Industrial Park must be fenced off.

Sewer Lines and Water Lines to be done underground for future tie-ins. But must also be made for hauling water and sewer removal with Vac truck.

Preferably to have the Four Divisions paved, but can do it in stages ex:

Step 1) - Gravel.

Step 2) - Pavement

Use of 1 phase power, but for future - 3 phase power will be needed.

Notes: 6 - 10-acre divisions can be a possibility, but 4 - 10-acre divisions will be used for pre-feasibility test.

Business Variables & Opportunities

1) BLDC / BLLP - They are in need of a new head office and shop. With economic growth, this is a needed asset for their inventory of Big trucks, trailers, Wild Fire Dept. With the development of BLMS Tourism park and Recreation Grounds. A shop would definitely be needed.

2) BLMS Oil and Gas Company - With the potential for Oil development on our land, this opportunity has a chance to flourish within the next few years. This division would be a separate entity from BLDC, just like Buffalo Lake Sand & Gravel. BLMS currently has a registered numbered company in place. This division would cover

A. Operations

B. Oilfield Construction

C. Maintenance.

➤ This company would need to have ISNET / SAFETY CORE / ABSA / certification for welding and handling of piping projects.

➤ A Welding Shop would fit this criterion.

3. Farming / Hemp / Agriculture Division- A new shop and office would be needed for Tractors / combines / and business development. As of this date BLMS currently in negotiations with Rocky Mountain Hemp, with the goal of Hemp farming on our Settlement. We are also in the concept discussion phase for Organic Food Farming and Greenhouse development. A suggestion is, that once the new recreation grounds gets developed by Highway 855, then to use the old recreation grounds for the Agriculture development in developing Greenhouse farming. The positives for greenhouse development at the existing recreation grounds is the close proximity to water pipelines and 3 phase power.



Business Variables & Opportunities continued

4. Heavy Duty Mechanic Shop / Trucking division - An office / Shop would be needed. BLMS and its different divisions currently spends hundreds of thousands each year in maintaining our numerous equipment, e.g. CVIP Inspections for BLMS / Sand and Gravel / BLDC. A certified Heavy-duty mechanic shop would be needed with the economic growth of our Settlement. With the development of Oil / Hemp / Agriculture / a trucking division would be needed in selling / handling of our numerous products.



5. Small Business Divisions - Have one of the ten-acre divisions divided into two-acre divisions with building / Trailer to help promote five small business development in our settlement. EX: Bluesource and the Carbon tree credit / Summerland Oil / Aurora Peat Moss / Members personal business / Quad trails / Hunting divisions, etc.

Positives: Economic growth and employment as many of BLMS Members would be employed in these businesses.

Economic Development Committee Update

Economic Development Officer: Jason Bourque-Fire Lion Consultation

Economic Development Committee: Cheryl Williams, Joe Tremblay, Earl Hamelin, Sterling Johnson, Ron Quintal

PHASE 1:

- ▶ Business Ideas, Prefeasibility studies with SPI / MSGC / BLMS
- ▶ In the beginning of March 2019, the first meeting was held, with certain items on a timeframe. The Committee came together with business ideas, and the pre-feasibility studies that were voted for by our members in Jan 2019. This project is coordinated with SPI (Government) MSGC and Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement.
- ▶ As of this date, we are nearing completion of this grant, but need the people's opinions in order to complete the pre-feasibility studies. Our goal is to have the studies complete by the end of July 2019.
- ▶ The Committee voted to use *Anderson Business Consulting Inc* for the Tourism Park / Industrial Park - Pre-feasibility Study. They accepted the offer in the end of May 2019.
- ▶ The Committee voted to use *Canadian Rocky Hemp Corporation* for the Hemp / Agriculture Pre-feasibility Study. They accepted the offer in the end of May 2019.
- ▶ EDO Jason Bourque working with companies, plus investigating government grants, associates, and investigating of potential business. Council and MSGC updates, plus other potential revenues to our Settlement, e.g. Blue Source, Oil and Gas Investors, Partnerships.
- ▶ Our Goal is to have Phase one complete by the 2nd week of August 2019. This will be ongoing as per Council and member recommendations.

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PHASE 2: Water Consumption Cascade Project / Green House / Community Gardens

- ▶ As of this date, only and idea in development with our Local water treatment Operators. Our goal is to limit the usage of water we take from our lake, by using a reservoir cascade system. We will be researching this concept more attention in August / Sept 2019.
- ▶ Greenhouses / Community gardens to be researched during this time.

We would like to say “**Thank you**” to the following people who let us use their land in getting the Pre-feasibility studies done. Without Potential Land locations, it’s impossible to get the studies done. *Please remember, these land locations are not in legal contracts and were needed to get the studies going.*

Harold Blyan - Tourism Park and Recreation Grounds

Murray Ladouceur - Industrial Park

Dennis Reid and Cory Reid - Hemp / Agriculture Farming

Committee would also like to thank Jake Dufault, President of BLDC Board for sharing business ideas

Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement Economic Development Pre-feasibility Studies - 2019

Economic Committee Meeting June 19, 2019 @ 6 pm @ Admin Building File # 1 D

Agenda - Ec. Dev Committee to discuss the Pro's and Con's regarding the potential Business Development for Business Ideas and Pre-feasibility Studies.

Attendees: Cheryl Williams, Sterling Johnson, Joe Tremblay, Jason Bourque.

Pro's

- ▶ Inspirational, Pride in Community
- ▶ Large Investment
- ▶ Local Employment
- ▶ Local Participation
- ▶ Easy Seasonal Rentals
- ▶ Revenue
- ▶ Self-Sustaining Economy
- ▶ Profits after 10 years / Future
- ▶ Tourism profit
- ▶ Money to start investment for future investment
- ▶ Potential outside Investors
- ▶ Economic Growth
- ▶ Protecting our tree's
- ▶ More Infrastructure
- ▶ Settlement Equity worth more

Con's

- ▶ Maintenance Cost
- ▶ Unstable Economy, no revenue
- ▶ - Need Key Business to succeed
- ▶ Crop Rotation - Damaged Soil
- ▶ Large Investment
- ▶ Long term Agreements
- ▶ Use of Natural Resources (Water)
- ▶ Higher Traffic
- ▶ Crime Rate Increase?
- ▶ Initial Cost Start up
- ▶ Profits after a few years
- ▶ More Waste Control
- ▶ Land depletion
- ▶ Loss of control over Natural resources
- ▶ Risk Factors

Thank you!

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