



Poplar River First Nation Action Plan 2007-2008

1) Government Negotiations for Permanent Protection & Implementation of Lands Plan

- We are in the final few months of on-going negotiations with the Province of Manitoba for permanent protection of our Traditional Lands and the implementation of our lands management plan.
- The government is drafting a new act – Crown Land Traditional Use Planning Areas and Special Protected Areas Act
- We are participating in that process and hopefully we have the ability to ensure that what we require is included
- Under the new act our Lands Plan will become a regulation
- We are looking for acceptance in the spring of 2008
- This has been a lengthy process
- The government will not give Poplar River or any First Nation the final say in what happens on their Traditional Territory. The best we can hope for is to have an equal say, which means both the government & Poplar River have to agree on any changes to our management plan
- Our biggest job is to ensure that we have as much control as possible
- The first step for us upon completion of the act and regulations is to get approved by cabinet.
- We are still asking our CBI partners not to apply pressure to the Manitoba Government re: Poplar River

2) Traditional Knowledge & Scientific Research

- We have just completed the first stage of a peat/muskeg research project. The main purpose is to measure the amount of Carbon stored in muskeg
- Also to measure the effects of climate change on muskeg. We hope to establish Poplar River and our Traditional Lands as a center for more research.
 - Environmental monitoring
 - Water quality monitoring
 - Natural Disturbance research
 - Woodland Caribou Habitat Conservation and Population monitoring
 - Etc.
- In all of these we insist on combining both traditional knowledge and science

- Our elders participate in all research and local people to be trained to carry out and monitor all on going research.

3) Training

- Looking for funding to create and implement a training program for our Lands Guardian Program
- Looking for eco-tourism

4) Projects

- Developing a project for the development of an eco-tourism feasible study
- Developing project for more comprehensive mapping and historical research
- Developing a school curriculum which includes Poplar River History and current work to protect lands from development.
- We have completed approx. three quarters of a film documentary on the beliefs and work to protect Traditional Territory from development.

5) WHS

- We continue to work with our partners in the development of the nomination package for the “Pinachiowin Aki” world heritage site.