

# sakâhk papakîtitâmôwin

## Improved Forest Management Project

### A Message to PBCN Members:

Earlier this month, our Nation publicly announced the launch of an initiative that brings excellent news to several PBCN communities.

**sakâhk papakîtitâmôwin** (“forest breathes”) is a series of land-use carbon projects owned and operated by PBCN that is pursuing verification by the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) Program.

Projects are currently being developed in the communities of Denare Beach (Amisk Lake), Pelican Narrows, Sandy Bay, and Sturgeon Landing.

**About** This project, through **Improved Forest Management (IFM)\*** techniques, will not only generate reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, but ensure that our lands & the species within are protected through proper forest health monitoring, ecologically-necessary maintenance, and improvements in forest ecosystem resilience. These activities will keep more carbon IN the trees & soil, and OUT of the atmosphere. Using the recorded data of these carbon levels, we will generate **carbon credits\*\*** that are currently in high demand by entities looking to offset their greenhouse gas emissions.

**Partnership** PBCN has engaged North Central Saskatchewan-based company, Climate Smart through an agreement to provide ecosystem management expertise as the project developer. Climate Smart has worked in partnership with PBCN since 2018 conducting detailed feasibility studies of our territories that ensure the success of the project. PBCN's communities retain 100% ownership and control of the project. **PBCN's communities retain 100% ownership & control of the project.** The project will also provide ongoing employment & training opportunities for local contractors and members of participating communities.



Why is the project called **sakâhk papakîtitâmôwin** (“forest breathes”)?

The **forest** is a wise, unifying maternal figure who can **breathe** new life into the world knowing her family is going to be alright.

The **dragonfly** imagery symbolizes our ability to embrace change, welcoming the transformative nature of this project for our communities.

Many thanks to Micah Santos for the creation of the project artwork.

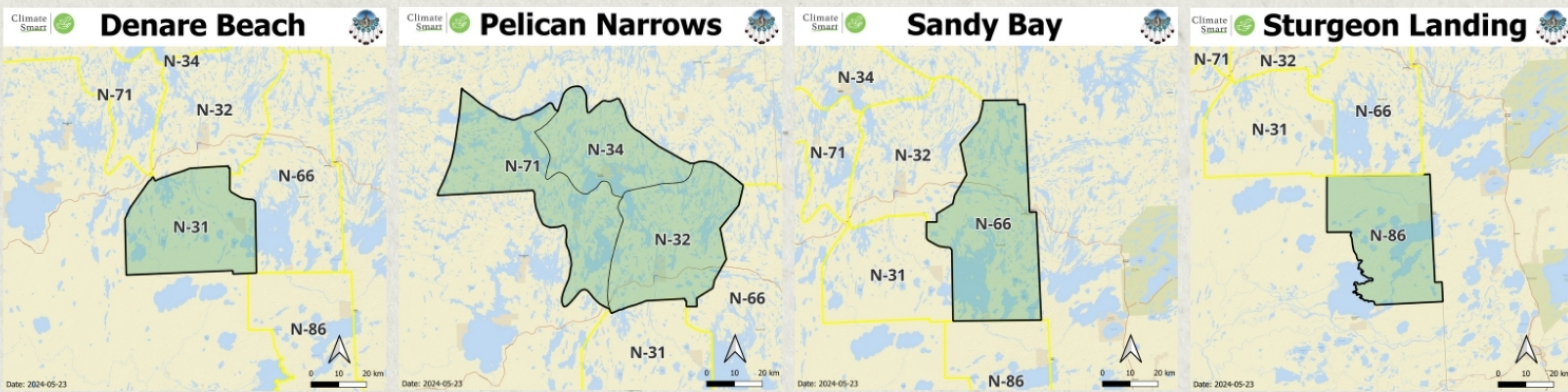
\*The official term used to describe activities resulting in carbon sequestration within forests and/or reduced greenhouse gas emissions when compared to business-as-usual forestry practices.

\*\*A tradeable certificate representing one metric ton of CO<sub>2</sub> removed from the atmosphere that enables the buyer to compensate for their harmful greenhouse gas emissions.





sakâhk papakîtâtâmôwin will take place within these areas bound by community-held Fur Block Licences:



## UPCOMING PROJECT INFORMATION SESSIONS

**JUNE 03**  
Sandy Bay  
4:00pm  
Church Basement

**JUNE 04**  
Pelican Narrows  
4:30pm  
Band Hall

**JUNE 05**  
Denare Beach  
5:00pm (MB)  
Denare Plex

**JUNE 06**  
Sturgeon Landing  
12:30pm (MB)  
NAMEW Lake School

## Will this project affect the wellbeing of our land? **FAQ**

Any resource management and ecosystem development undertaken by the project aims to make the land healthier, not deplete it. The basis of the project — generating carbon credits — is only possible if the land is treated in a sustainable, responsible, and regenerative way, as required by the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) Program.

### Who is Climate Smart & why are they the right partner?

Climate Smart is a group of resource management experts dedicated to empowering Indigenous communities. They are in the service of creating capital projects designed for perpetuity at the intersection of Traditional Knowledge & ecosystem management that are 100% or majority Indigenous-owned. They recognize that our Nation needs a partner, not a leader. We already have leaders among our membership who know what is best for our land and communities.

### What are the benefits for my community & how can I trust they'll happen?

This project aims to affirm the sovereignty of the First Nation, increase the economy of PBCN's communities through job creation and infrastructure investment, and revitalize natural habitats that have been disrupted due to climate change, industrialization, and limited resources. PBCN is motivated to devote profits to community development, not only owing to our principles of community care, but because the project increases in dollar value with each community investment (as determined by the VCS Program).

**How does the project honour our worldview & Traditional Knowledge?** The project developers are committed to a Seven Generations Model of Development, meaning all project decision-making must consider the impact of those decisions seven generations into PBCN's future. They do so by challenging the financially-motivated hierarchy typical of resource management projects, instead viewing the holistic value of food, animals, medicine, traditional practices, historical significance, and spiritual importance to be of greater worth than the land's ability to generate carbon credits. The credits are just a tool to be used by the Nation to bolster our communities, on our own terms.

