

sakâhk papakîtitâmôwin

Improved Forest Management Project

Earlier this year, Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation (PBCN) officially launched **sakâhk papakîtitâmôwin** ("Forest Breathes"), a series of land-use carbon projects on PBCN Traditional Territory focused on Improved Forest Management (IFM).

Projects are being developed in the communities of:

- Denare Beach (Amisk Lake)
- Pelican Narrows
- Sandy Bay
- Sturgeon Landing

IFM projects focus on reducing greenhouse gas emissions, protecting forest health, and generating carbon credits. The credits produced will be sold to corporations and individuals wanting to include offsets in their strategy to reduce their emissions while maintaining the health of traditional lands and the species within them.

PBCN communities retain 100% ownership and control of the project.

Feedback from previous information sessions has encouraged project operators to continue development with a strong focus on community involvement. The project is guided by PBCN leadership but relies on member input to understand project areas that may require additional support and protection through IFM practices. Local committees will be established to decide how resources are allocated for IFM activities.

Community-focused, Information sessions cover:

- 1 PBCN's partnership with Climate Smart as project developers.
- 2 Key milestones since the project began in 2018.
- 3 Comprehensive project education, including Carbon 101, IFM principles, and carbon economics.
- 4 Potential project benefits, such as community initiatives, training, and employment opportunities.
- 5 Identification of critical areas and at-risk species within the project region.



Denare Beach - June 5, 2024

How do we calculate how many carbon credits PBCN has?

To market and sell carbon credits, we need to understand the amount of carbon stored in a forest. **Plot work** is used to determine the amount of carbon available for purchase. Foresters and workers hired from PBCN go to specific forested areas and record the number and size of the trees. Data analysts use the collected information to calculate the estimated amount of carbon stored in the forest. Information collected from plot work will be shared in late 2024.

Upcoming Information Sessions

August 2024

Pelican Narrows
Sandy Bay

September 2024

Denare Beach
Pelican Narrows
Sandy Bay
Sturgeon Landing

November 2024

Denare Beach
Pelican Narrows
Sandy Bay
Sturgeon Landing

Employment Opportunities

Community
Coordinators

Community
Liaisons

Local
Plot Workers



Seven Generations Ahead

Project developers adhere to a **Seven Generations** framework, prioritizing long-term sustainability rather than solely focusing on the financial potential of carbon credits. The project emphasizes the land's core values as a source of sustenance, cultural heritage, and spiritual connection.

Carbon credit generation, the project's core function, prioritizes sustainable land management practices aligned with the **Verified Carbon Standard**. This initiative seeks to uphold Indigenous sovereignty, stimulate economic growth through employment and infrastructure, and rehabilitate ecosystems impacted by climate change and industrial activities.

PBCN is dedicated to reinvesting profits into community development, driven by both cultural values and the project's economic structure, as carbon credit value is directly linked to community investment.



Questions or comments?

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