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SINTALUTA LOCAL #103
SINTALUTA, SASKATCHEWAN
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DEAR SIR OR MADAM:

The Sintaluta A.M.N.S.I.S. Local #103 are inviting you to a communications workshop at the Kapachee Training Centre on April 23, 1980, at 10:00 A.M. (Bay Avenue, Fort Qu'Appelle)

The workshop is to set up a communication between the South East Area; Qu'Appelle Local #1, Sintaluta local #103, Indian Head local #2, and Lebret local #48 ; the town councils of Qu'Appelle, Sintaluta, Indian Head, and Lebret; the principals and teachers of Qu'Appelle, Sintaluta, Indian Head, and Lebret ; the clergy of Qu'Appelle, Sintaluta, Indian Head, and Lebret ; and the RCMP of Indian Head.

There will also be a representative from Human Rights at this workshop.

We will be discussing Education, Economic Development, Housing, Alcohol, and Aboriginal Rights.

Thank you for your anticipated co-operation.

Sincerely

President of Sintaluta
local # 103

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COMMUNICATIONS WORKSHOP KAPACHEE TRAINING CENTER 10:20 a.m.

April 23, 1980, Lebret, Indian Head, Qu'Appelle, Sintaluta.

Nap LaFontaine opens meeting explaining his position.

Everyone introduces themselves.

Nap explains the communications workshop, organizing, what Native people are and where they lived. Explains the difference between treaty and Metis (non-registered). Native people never got involved in school boards, etc. There is a barrier between native and whites. Native people began to get involved in housing, and programs, etc. Local people got together and started organizing. The three priorities are: housing, education, and jobs. Nap explains the problems with housing, education, and jobs. Alcohol is a major problem. The environment we live in causes it. Welfare is a serious problem. It causes laziness. Nap explains that he was once an alcoholic. Our number one priority is to be aware.

Native people must change the curriculum. Economic Development was our goal in which education takes a great part. We've set up programs to help us do things. The locals have set up committees. Our first project was Kapachee. Our training center. It allows students, from all over the Area, to take classes here that's not available at the local level. Construction is the second phase. The first place was Qu'Appelle. In one month fifty meetings were set up. We submitted bids to the government. There are houses built all over the South East. This is our non-profit construction company. We had a million and a half dollars. Administration was set up. Auditors came in and looked at the books. We weren't out one cent. We need experienced carpenters. And we applied for a three year leap program to help us get journeyman carpenters.

This program starts Monday morning. We have to get land, and twelve people working, to train as journeyman carpenters.

Valley Services- set up to help elderly people to renovate their homes. In our construction crew there are forty people employed. Nap explains the Lebret farm. Government has control of it now. Fifty families could work on the farm under different jobs such as- abbotor, livestock, etc. It will create more jobs such as market farms, green houses, mushroom farms, etc.

Under Economic Development we have approached the government for the Lebret farm. We'd have to get qualified people to help us at first.

Under Education we have set up the Dumont Institute . The Kapachee training center will be a spin-off of the Institute. NRIM programs will be going into the Dumont Institute. We must be a part of the curriculum. The Tutors will be explaining literacy. They came up with this program themselves.

Aboriginal Rights - there was la lot of injustice done without NO training. Ab. Rights can help Economic Development, by getting monies for jobs, programs, training, and a land base. We've got to have some land to do things. Under NAC, we've got fieldworkers. We've got NAC centers in Regina, Saskatoon and Prince Albert. Nap introduced Debbie M^CNab.

Debbie M^CNab- she introduces herself. The Secretary is Debbie Lark. Bernadette is in Rocanville, Darlene is in Indian Head, Lorna is in Ft. Qu'appelle, etc. Donna is in Qu'appelle, Tina will be teaching shortly. We hope to bring the students up to a grade six level. Lorna talked about the books used, sound cards, etc.

Eva, John, Patsy, and Sharon-NAC- this is a one year

program. We set up workshops. Our main aim is to teach the public about NAC. We hope to introduce prevention and to intervene. We hope to help the alcoholic family. To provide counseling. To strengthen the use of prevention.

Beverly Worsley- We'll be having an Ab. Rights teachers Program hopefully in the spring. It will be held at Kapachee and there should be a least twenty students taking the program. They will be able to go out into the community to teach our people history and culture.

Vera McLeod and Dominic LaFontaine- when we talk to people about housing we have a hard time to get land. The town is scared that more people will be coming into town but that's only for the ones who are already there. Dominic talked about all the houses that are being built. Also talked about the three year leap program. We are a non-profit organization.

Nap- Section forty is a cost-sharing program. It's a \$15,000 program. Anyone can apply for it if they are under \$15,000. We work with Stan Wilcox. We set up a tri-part meeting. The Metis organization was a provincial wide set up. The provincial was closing down the construction company. We fought for it to be extended.- We kept the men working. Willard Stone was our greatest help, because of his experience. To build houses is hard because of problems with getting land.

Daryle Desjarlais- Economic Development - is to get jobs in the community. We have to get goals for ourselves. We cannot set goals for the community, they have to do it for themselves. The goals must be realistic and require the goal. We must know the needs of other people. Ec. Dev. is under native control. Daryle showed a film strip on Special Arda.

Nap- A plan that works will be fitting into the provincial plan. This will also be presented to the federal government and should fit into their plan. We're hoping to get some or all of our people off of Welfare and into meaningful jobs.

I would now like some of our guests to comment on our communications Workshop.....

GUEST SPEAKERS

CONSTABLE KELLY APPELLE - INDIAN HEAD DETACHMENT

- Quite impressed with the program. We've gotten more involved in the alcohol problem.

CONSTABLE RICK WYCHRESCHUK - FORT QU'APPELLE DETACHMENT

I was very ignorant and have opened my eyes. I feel that these meetings are very good. Thank you for inviting us.

DOROTHY WILLIAMS - P.C.T.C. - WORLD DEVELOPMENT STUDY GROUP

I feel that you should attend our education meeting. I think that this is wonderful. I would like you to attend our School Board meeting. Our Industrial Arts program can be enlarged.

NAP: We know we are lacking. We never really got involved. We need to get involved in Education, Housing, Economic Development. We have the A.A.'s but we feel there should be a few slight changes. We shouldn't start covering up - we should say what is going on. Alcohol is not the responsibility of the ones who aren't involved.

ROBERT STHAMAN - MAYOR OF QU'APPELLE

Low income housing is good but they are not getting a follow-up. Beautifying the yards would be a great follow-up. We must support the businesses in the towns we live in. I'm glad I'm here today - it's great and I hope you don't fail.

NAP: explains Housing Committee which isn't being recognized by government. Communications is needed and that's what we're trying to bring in.

PAUL PAQUIN - LEBRET

Aren't you communicating when you go in and talk to town councils about land.?

NAP: The government is the one that goes in.

Bob Sthaman: It's not up to us to move people. I don't care who comes in as long as they abide by town laws. Housing is a very good program.

NAP: It's hard to build without money. It takes a lot of negotiating to get money to build

Bob Sthaman: WE've got to get the program away from the government and get it back to the local.

NAP: You're right. It's hard when you have over runs.

Bob: It's real good. We just can't get to government to get people into the empty houses.

WILLARD STONE QU'APPELLE

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It's nice to know we can get into the council to help us. The way the government has us set up , it's hard to get business for our community.

SISTER MILLIE LEBRET

I'm so impressed and you've got the Holy Spirit. Compliments on program held. She grew up loving Indian and Metis people and not knowing discrimination.

DAVE MCLEOD SINTALUTA

I get more motivation the more I get put down. The harder I work.

MARILYN BROWNLEE FORT QU'APPELLE WORLD DEVELOPMENT STUDYGROUP

Do you have an evaluation?

NAP: We've got to do things ourselves. This is only training. We have to express our feelings, start talking up and talk to other people. As an organization. We are our brother's keepers. People have to become aware that alcohol effects everyone not just one. We have to help them get jobs- something to get them away from alcohol.

People don't get involved - Indians couldn't even vote about 25 years ago so why become aware of governments?

Nap closes meeting. Break for Dinner.