

MONTHLY UPDATE REPORT

FOR: BEAVER LAKE CREE NATION MEMBERSHIP

COMPLETED BY: COUNCILLOR MICHEAL LAMEMAN **MONTH:** AUGUST 2025

PURPOSE

- I am committed to transparency and accountability in serving our members. I will provide regular updates, share important information, and remain open to feedback to ensure trust and engagement.
- To support this, I will keep members informed about my availability in office, making it easy to connect, ask questions, and discuss concerns. My goal is to foster open communication and ensure that every member feels heard and valued.
- By upholding these principles, I aim to serve with integrity and keep our community informed and involved.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Firstly, I'd like to express my gratitude for all the positive feedback regarding the monthly reports. I truly appreciate it, and I also want to encourage any recommendations you may have. Your input is always welcomed.

August was an eventful and meaningful month for Beaver Lake Cree Nation.

We began with our Annual Powwow on the August long weekend (August 1–3). The event was a tremendous success, and we were blessed with beautiful weather throughout. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Powwow Committee, community members, and staff whose hard work made this celebration possible.

That spirit carried into the One-Day Traditional Powwow on August 4, hosted at the Bold Centre in Lac La Biche. This gathering came to life through the Indigenous Collaboration Committee (ICC), which brought together three Nations and the County of Lac La Biche to co-host a powerful day of culture, unity, and tradition.

Later in the month, I attended the Treaty 1–11 Gathering held at Tsuut'ina Nation.

While the gathering lasted the entire week, I made the decision to attend the first two days—Monday, August 18, dedicated to Elders, and Tuesday, August 19, focused on Women and Youth. Although every day of the gathering carried important discussions, I felt it was also important not to leave our Nation and staff without leadership present for an entire week. By attending the first two days, I was able to sit, listen, and learn from Elders' teachings, as well as hear powerful presentations from women and youth.

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Beaver Lake Cree Nation also ensured strong participation at this gathering by sending a group of Elders, each encouraged to bring along a youth. This pairing was done with the purpose of mentorship, helping guide our younger generation through the teachings, stories, and responsibilities shared during these important sessions.

The following week brought another significant event—the Natural Resources Transfer Agreement (NRTA) Gathering, a four-day event held August 24–27. I attended the opening sweat on Sunday, followed by Monday’s pipe ceremony and several opening remarks delivered by leaders from Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba. These led into a series of impactful presentations from Treaty advocates, including keynote speaker Regena Crowchild. While each day of the gathering carried important strategies and discussions, I chose to remain for the first two days in order to return for another important commitment at home.

On August 27, Beaver Lake Cree Nation proudly hosted our First Annual Fundraising Golf Tournament at the Athabasca Golf Course. I felt it was important to be present, as I had recruited staff and a coordinator to help bring this vision to life. The event was a resounding success, drawing over 25 teams and more than 100 golfers. Together, we raised approximately \$20,000 in support of youth programming (final tally still pending). The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and we look forward to growing this event in the years ahead.

That concludes my August report. Please feel free to reach out if you would like any additional details or information.

CONCLUSION

Once again, I appreciate all your feedback and remain committed to transparency and open communication with the BLCN membership. As I continue in this role, I will strive to improve my updates based on your input, ensuring that you stay informed and engaged. Thank you for your support! Please see my September 2025 calendar attached. You can call, text or email the contact information below.

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