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BAN ON ILLEGAL DRUG USE IN BIGSTONE CREE NATION

Dear Community Members,

Bigstone Cree Nation enacted a full ban on the use, possession, trafficking, and distribution of illegal drugs within all community boundaries.

This decision is made in the best interest of protecting the health, safety, and wellbeing of our members, families, and future generations. Substance use continues to harm our homes, youth, and the spirit of our community. We are choosing a path that prioritizes healing, safety, and collective responsibility.

This ban includes, but is not limited to:

- Selling or distributing illegal drugs (including cocaine, methamphetamine, fentanyl, heroin, opioids, or illicit pills (prescription drugs))
- Bootlegging or unauthorized alcohol sales

This notice applies to any person who is:

- In possession of stolen vehicles or ATVs
- In violation of court or probation orders, whether resident or visitor

Violations may result in removal from housing units, denial of local services, fines, or criminal charges.

These measures are intended to protect the wellbeing of all community members, residents, and visitors. Thank you for your cooperation.

Signed,

Chief Silas Yellowknee
Bigstone Cree Nation

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