

## CONSTANCE LAKE FIRST NATION

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To: Members of Constance Lake First Nation  
From: Chief and Council  
RE: **Ongoing State of Emergency – Alcohol and Substance Abuse Crisis**

Date: April 9, 2025

To All Community Members,

This is a reminder that Constance Lake First Nation remains under a State of Emergency regarding alcohol and substance abuse, as declared on February 27, 2023, during the General Gathering. At that time, the membership of Constance Lake First Nation directed the Chief and Council to take immediate and proactive steps to address the alarming drug epidemic that continues to threaten the safety and wellbeing of our people.

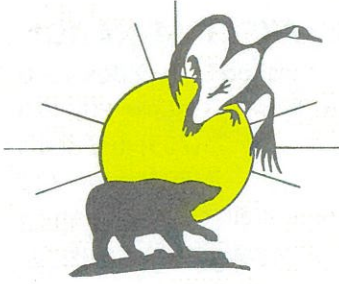
It has recently come to the attention of leadership that some community members may be harboring or allowing banned individuals—those who have been removed from the community due to their involvement in illicit activities—back into their homes. We want to be very clear: this behavior undermines the efforts being made to protect our community and will not be tolerated.

If you are found to be harboring banned individuals during this declared State of Emergency, you may face serious consequences, including the potential loss of your home.

Furthermore, as outlined on our “Welcome to Constance Lake First Nation” sign at the entrance of the community, all non-band members visiting the community are required to report to the Band Office upon arrival and provide details regarding the purpose and length of their stay. This measure is in place to ensure transparency and maintain a safe environment for everyone. Failure to comply may result in being asked to leave the community.

This is not just a leadership issue—it is a community issue. Every one of us must take responsibility and work together to confront this crisis head on. The safety of our Elders, our youth, and all our families depends on the cooperation and unity of the entire community.

Additionally, please be informed that on May 4, 2024, during a Community Special Meeting, the Chief and Council passed Bylaw #2024-01, “Bylaw Respecting Trespassing on Reserve”, through a Band Council Resolution (BCR). This bylaw provides authority to enforce no-trespassing measures against individuals who pose a threat to the community—particularly in relation to the ongoing drug crisis.



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Your cooperation is not only appreciated—it is essential. We urge all community members to stand strong together in support of a safer, healthier, and drug-free Constance Lake First Nation.

If you have questions or wish to report concerning activity, please contact Chief and Council.  
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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Richard Allen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chief Richard Allen

Cc'd: Chief and Council  
Kevin Proctor, Executive Director