

# Information Release

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### **ACHO DENE KOE FIRST NATION TO COMPLETE ITS FIRST STRATEGIC PLAN**

Acho Dene Koe First Nation (ADKFN) has selected and entered into a consulting contract with CMR CONSULTING INC., of Calgary, Alberta to complete its first Strategic Plan. This will be a significant endeavor for ADKFN as it will provide opportunity for the membership to express their desires in programs and services for the next five (5) years (2019-2024) as the First Nation transitions to self-government and the signing of their historic treaty and land claim with the Governments of Canada and the Northwest Territories.

The Strategic Plan for 2019-2024 will set the broad direction for the organization going forward over the next five years. ADKFN intends to use the Strategic Plan for 2019-2024 to help guide strategic thinking on a broad range of issues/activities and to help the organization focus its resources.

CMR CONSULTING INC., will be facilitating the planning process, actively engaging community members, supporting and complementing organizations in the community, staff and leadership to help create a realistic and achievable strategic plan that is suitable for both sharing with the membership/public, as well, being a guiding document for Council and management in preparing their annual plans and budgets. In completing the Strategic Plan, ADKFN is striving to have:

- A guiding document for developing administrative processes, governance structures and human capacity for the term of the strategic plan period,
- Improving ADKFN's members standard of living and community well-being
- Creating strong self-governance,
- Enhancing economic develop and the local economic, and
- Improving finance and administration.

The intent is to have the Strategic Plan completed and ratified by Chief and Council by the end of April 2019 with the ability to use it for defining business planning and budgeting beginning with the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

CMR CONSULTING INC. is based in Calgary, Alberta, it is a boutique firm who has performed big results for Indigenous organizations across Canada. It was founded in 2006 and over the last eleven (11) years has delivered strategies and execution competencies that align with the vision, values, and cultural perspectives of an organization.

CMR CONSULTING INC. has worked with the Fort McKay Group of Companies (Ft. McMurray, AB), Fort Nelson First Nation (Fort Nelson, BC), Aboriginal Friendship Centre of Calgary (Calgary, AB), Indigenous Knowledge and Wisdom Centre (Edmonton, AB), Ledcor in the development Indigenous Guiding Principles (Vancouver, BC), Painted Pony Energy – Aboriginal Guiding Principles and Engagement

Strategy (Calgary, AB), TransCanada – developed Aboriginal and Stakeholder plans (Calgary, AB), and BHP Billiton (Melbourne, AU) to name a few.

CMR CONSULTING INC.'s approach and methodology to complete the Strategic Plan for ADKFN will involve a proven five (5) step methodology – (1) Determining Outcomes, (2) Information Gathering and Analysis, (3) Strategic Design (which will include community work with facilitated workshops, focus groups, sharing circles as required, mailouts, open houses with community feasts, and where appropriate, messaging boards, inter-active on-line platforms for broad discussions, m door-to-door discussions, and surveys), (4) Implementation, and (5) Review and Evaluation to measure and monitor progress .

In releasing this INFORMATION RELEASE, ADKFN wishes to provide notice of the relationship with CMR CONSULTING INC. and to inform that the consultant(s) are acting on behalf of ADKFN in gathering information to complete the strategic plan on behalf of the First Nation. We therefore encourage

- Elders
- ADKFN partners, organizations and businesses;
- Non-ADKFN organizations, businesses, industry partners
- Community members/citizens of membership;
- Community citizens of non-membership;
- Members living outside of traditional territory; and
- Youth

to share your stories, your experiences, your desires for programming and services, and your expectations for a better serving First Nation. The result of strategic planning is to look forward into the future and envision the type of community you want to live in - or if outside of the community a Nation that betters your living.

The goal of Chief and Council is to strategically work towards a Nation that is safe and a healthy community, with infrastructure and facilities to serve our growing population – that our culture will once again be thriving, and the Slavey language will be enjoying a revival. That industrial and commercial developments will provide financial security to our Nation which will allow us to provide top-tier programs and services to our community. Members will be thriving academically, and unemployment will be at an all-time low. Members will be strongly represented in management positions in our Government and Member-owned businesses will play a vital role in our local economy. That the ADKFN Government (Chief and Council) will be responsive and transparent to our Members. That the Nation will deliver programs and (when possible) enforce laws fairly to enhance the safety and livability of our community. That lands and housing will be available for our children and Members moving from elsewhere to return to live in our community.

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