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Birds of Prey Program Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre 2010 Call for Applications

February 1, 2010

Saskatchewan First Nations
Saskatchewan Tribal Councils
Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations (FSIN)
FSIN Institutions
Saskatchewan First Nation Schools

To Whom It May Concern:

The Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre (SICC) is issuing a Call for Applications for Birds of Prey feathers and other items from Eagles, Hawks and other raptors to Saskatchewan First Nations individuals and institutions. Saskatchewan First Nation individuals wishing to request Birds of Prey feathers and other items should completely fill out Part A of the attached application. Saskatchewan First Nations' institutions should completely fill out Part B of this form. Return all completed applications to:

Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre
Attention: Ross Gardypie
2553 Grasswood Road East
Saskatoon, SK
S7T 1C8
Phone: (306) 373-9901
Fax: (306) 955-3577
Email: ross.gardypie@sicc.sk.ca

The deadline for the Birds of Prey applications is Friday April 30, 2010, at 5:00 pm. All applicants to the Birds of Prey Program will be notified in writing of the results of their application by May 21, 2010. First Nations and Tribal Councils are requested to distribute the attached application to interested individuals. If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Ross Gardypie at (306) 373-9901.

Sincerely,

Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dorothy Myo".

Dorothy Myo, President

BIRDS OF PREY FEATHER/BODY PARTS REQUEST



**Saskatchewan
Indian Cultural
Centre**

For personal requests please complete Part A of this form. For requests from an institution, school, First Nation or Tribal Council please complete Part B of this form. Complete a different form for each separate request.

Before completing this request, please read the Policy 650.01 attached.

For more information please contact the Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre at (306) 373-9901.

Submit completed form to:
Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre
2553 Grasswood Road East
Saskatoon, SK S7T 1C8
Phone: (306) 373-9901
Fax: (306) 955-3577

Part A	Personal Request	
Name:	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran <input type="checkbox"/>	Date of Birth:
Mailing Address:	First Nation:	Treaty Number (10 digit):
	Phone:	Fax:
	Alternate Contact Phone:	Fax:

Feathers Requested

Number of Feathers	Type (Plume, Wing, Tail, Etc.)	Species (Eagle Hawk, Owl, Etc.)

Body Parts Requested

Body Parts (Wing, Bone, Talons, Etc.)	Species (Eagle, Hawk, Owl, Etc.)

Purpose (Check one only)

Religious or Healing Ceremonies	<input type="checkbox"/>	Achievement Awards	<input type="checkbox"/>
Headdress	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pow wow Regalia	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eagle Staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Specify:			

Give a detailed description of how the feathers and/or body parts will be utilized:

In the Cree, Dene, Sauteaux, Dakota, Nakota and Lakota cultures, there are specific protocols that an individual must meet in order to possess feathers and/or body parts of Eagles and other birds of prey. Describe your understanding of your culture's protocols:

References (for example an Elder, First Nations Chief or Councillor, Etc.):

Name

Phone Number

Name

Phone Number

Note: The Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre will notify all applicants to the Birds of Prey Program in writing of the results. Recipients from the Birds of Prey Program are obligated to obtain their feathers and other items from Birds of Prey Program in person at the Issuance Ceremony to be held in May of 2010 in Saskatoon. Recipients are responsible for their travel costs to the Issuance Ceremony. As well, the successful applicants must have a clear understanding of the protocols for the handling of feathers and other items from Birds of Prey. A presentation on these protocols will be conducted at the Issuance Ceremony.

Applicant Signature

Date

Part B Institutional Request (complete Part A for Personal Request)

Name of Institution	Contact Person
Mailing Address	Phone Fax Email

Feathers Requested

Number of Feathers	Type (Plume, Wing, Tail, Etc.)	Species (Eagle Hawk, Owl, Etc.)

Body Parts Requested

Body Parts (Wing, Bone, Talons, Etc.)	Species (Eagle, Hawk, Owl, Etc.)

Purpose

Religious or Healing Ceremonies	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eagle Staff	<input type="checkbox"/>
Headdress	<input type="checkbox"/>	Achievement Awards	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pow wow Dance Regalia	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Specify:			

Describe How the Feathers and/or Body Parts Will be Used

Note: The Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre will notify successful applicants in writing. Successful applicant institutions are obligated to send a representative obtain the feathers and other items from Birds of Prey Program at the Issuance Ceremony to be held in May of 2010 in Saskatoon. Successful applications are responsible for their travel costs to the Issuance Ceremony. Successful applicants must have a clear understanding of the protocols for the handling of feathers and other items from Birds of Prey. A presentation on these protocols will be conducted at the Issuance Ceremony. If the feathers requested are to be used as Achievement Awards or if any of the feathers/body parts will be given away please include the following information for each person who will be receiving feathers/body parts: Name, Address, Status Number and Date of Birth.

Requested By	Title	Date

Birds of Prey – Key Dates
(subject to change)

The Birds of Prey Call for proposals will be done February 1, 2010.

All applications will faxed to band offices and First Nations Institutes. Please insure that your applications are at SICCC head-office prior to deadline for cutoff.

The deadline for the 2010 Birds of Prey applications is April 30, 2010.

Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre will not be able to accept applications after this date.

Review of applications will be done May 12, 2010.

The Elders Advisory Council will go through applications and make their recommendations for applicant approval.

Notification of recommended approvals will be done May 14-21, 2010.

Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre will notify all applicants

Feather issuance will be done May 27, 2010.

POLICY NUMBER 650.01

APPLICATION FOR BIRDS OF PREY FOR INDIAN CEREMONIAL USE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE

Sections 4 and 6 of The Wildlife Act.

INTENT

To provide a means of distributing Birds of Prey, primarily Eagles, acquired by the Department for Indian Ceremonial use.

BACKGROUND

This policy has been developed, to recognize the value of Birds of Prey to the traditional spiritual ceremonies of the Cree, Dene, Sauteaux, Dakota, Nakota and Lakota cultures in Saskatchewan. Indian people believe the Eagle represents the strongest of spiritual powers and when the bird dies, these spiritual powers remain in the feathers and parts.

As the Department responsible for managing the province's wildlife resources, this policy will provide an opportunity to cooperate with Indian people and to acknowledge their unique relationship with wildlife.

POLICY

The Department will provide the Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre with Birds of Prey, who will in turn, provide these birds or their parts to successful applicants.

Dead Eagles that have been turned in to the Department, have been confiscated or are not eligible for mounting permits, because they have been trapped or shot, will be used for the purpose of this policy. The Wildlife Branch will request all Eagles or their parts, including Eagles that have been recovered from zoos, scientific research projects or accidentally killed, be forwarded and held in a central repository in Regina.

This policy is not intended to supersede policy 630-59 and people will continue to be allowed to mount legitimately acquired protected wildlife.

This policy is not to be viewed as a relaxing of enforcement on anyone who kills Birds of Prey illegally.

PROCEDURE

1. Application for Eagles, Eagle parts or other Birds of Prey for use by Indians, will be available at the District Offices or through Indian Band Offices. (Application form appended to policy).
2. All applications for Eagles or other Birds of Prey, are to be sent to the Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre in Saskatoon (Address on application form).
3. The Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre and the Traditional Council of Elders will review the-applications and decide on who will receive Eagle feathers or parts. The Eagle parts will normally be distributed once each year, depending on the availability of Eagles, during a ceremonial feast (June) sponsored by the Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre.

If more requests are received than the number of Eagles available, the following priority system, established by the Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre, will be used:

- 1) Exclusive religious, ceremonial or healing rites by Indian Elders and spiritual leaders.
- 2) Individual Indian applicants for special spiritual ceremonies.
- 3) Eagle feathers and plumes for graduates of Indian Schools and Colleges and College/Vocational Schools and Universities in Saskatchewan.
- 4) Indian dance costumes, with preference for veterans. (Other Birds of Prey, hawks, owls, etc. may be used for costumes and are not subject to priorities 1-3).

Consideration will be given, for distribution of feathers and parts at other times, for unusual or exceptional circumstances or ceremonies. Any special request from Indian people, would be considered in consultation with the Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre.

4. Eagles will be distributed equally among the five tribal groups, based on the applications. A list of applicants will be maintained and applicants will advance up the list as Eagles become available.

5. The Department will provide all available Birds of Prey to the Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Contra as required.
6. The application form, also serves as a permit, to possess the Birds of Prey or their parts. A Department Official will attend all ceremonies, where Birds of Prey are distributed and sign off on successful applications.

FORMS

Birds of Prey Feather/Body Part Request