



# Gaming Rules!

## Peepeekisis Community Profile

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The community of Peepeekisis is adjacent to Okanese, Little Black Bear and StarBlanket reserves in the File Hills area.

Cau ah ha cha pew (Making Ready the Bow) was the first Chief of Peepeekisis First Nation. It was he who signed the original treaty in 1874. Upon his death his son, Peepeekisis (Sparrow Hawk), took over the role as Chief. This Band left the Cypress Hills and eventually settled in the File Hills in 1884. At this time there was a population of approximately 142 followers. Today there is a population of almost 2500 with 600 plus citizens residing on the reserve.

Nation were displaced from their homes and deprived of the use of their communal lands.

It is probable that no other Indian Reserve in Canada or any community for that matter of com-



**Peepeekisis School Fundraising Committee**

In 1898, the government of Canada created the File Hills Colony Scheme on the Peepeekisis First Nation's Indian Reserve. The plan brought young Indian men from other bands who had graduated from industrial schools to the Peepeekisis reserve to live, farm and to become members of the band.

parable size has produced such a great number of fighting men who were willing to give all for King and Country. To the fields of battle in three major conflicts Peepeekisis has sent a total of at least seventy (70) warriors.

The Peepeekisis First Nation asserted that as enrollment in the farming colony increased, the original members of the First

Peepeekisis is an active sporting community. Their winter sports include hockey, curling, broomball, volleyball and badminton. In the summer, community members are involved with fast-ball, rodeo related activities, cultural events and pow wows. Peepeekisis is currently licensed to hold Bingos to support their community events.

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## Gaming in Other Jurisdictions: Minnesota Tribal Gaming

Minnesota's tribal governments operate their own casinos with no outside management involvement. Some tribal governments assume direct responsibility for casino management, while other tribes have created separate tribal entities such as gaming commissions to provide regulatory oversight. Both approaches are permitted under federal gaming law.

Minnesota has 11 tribes and two compacts signed with each tribal government. The first round of compacts allows video slot machines, video poker, video craps, video blackjack, video keno, video roulette, video horse racing, and other electronic video games. The second round of compacts allows blackjack card games.

The compacts allow Minnesota to attempt to ensure fair comportment of games, including requirements that gambling devices meet state specifications, that games be played according to set rules, specific payouts be ensured to players, and other negotiated provisions to ensure the integrity of games. Minnesota's compacts require the 11 tribal governments to pay a modest amount each year to defray the costs of regulation.

Minnesota compacts do not have a termination date. There is a provision allowing either the state or the tribal governments to request further negotiations at any time, with the agreement of the other party.

There are 18 casinos operating in Minnesota. Some tribal casinos in Minnesota are large and have high traffic volume, most are smaller and serve a modest clientele.

The Minnesota Indian Gaming Authority (MIGA) is an organization of gaming tribes throughout Minnesota that serves as a clearinghouse for issues relating to the sovereign

rights of Minnesota tribes to conduct legal gambling. MIGA was established in 1987 to help member tribes exchange information, address shared concerns, and educate the public, media and elected officials on tribal gaming and other issues of importance to tribal governments.

The authority's purpose is not to dictate policy to tribes, since each member tribe is a sovereign nation. Instead, the organization serves as a forum for discussion of the many issues facing tribes as they work to preserve gaming and renew their economic, social and cultural resources. MIGA enables tribal leaders to speak with a unified voice on critical matters of local, state and federal policy.



## IGR Board Chairman Chief Guy Lonechild Message

On behalf of the IGR Board of Directors, First Nations and the FSIN Chiefs-in-Assembly, I extend greetings. I wish to congratulate those First Nations charities that have taken the initiative and become licensed and those First Nations governments who have supported them through Band Council Resolution. Licensing with IGR ensures accountability and transparency to increase consumer confidence in on-reserve charitable gaming. Most importantly, IGR is the First Nations Regulator that the FSIN Chiefs-in-Assembly endorsed at all levels from the Gaming Framework Agreement(s) to the SIGL Regulatory Agreement and subsequent IGR Licensing Agreement.

Licensing with IGR is an expression of First Nations Treaty rights to regulate and govern on our lands as we see fit. Self-regulation carries First Nations closer to our goal of full jurisdiction over gaming and full expression of First Nations self-determination.

I encourage those First Nations that have not yet become licensed to contact IGR at 1-877-477-4114 to invite members of the highly efficient and helpful team to visit your community and explain the licensing process.



**Chief Guy Lonechild**

### Profile of Chief Guy Lonechild

" Mr. Guy Lonechild, (Mikisew Kapapamihah - Golden Eagle) "He who flies in the Four Directions for his People" is a member of the White Bear First Nation in southeast Saskatchewan and is proud to be of Saulteaux, Cree and Assiniboine ancestry. Chief Guy Lonechild holds an Associate Degree in Business Management from San Diego, California. He lives in Saskatoon with his wife Leah Bitternose and daughter Darian. Chief Lonechild is an experienced member of the FSIN Executive as he served three terms as the Second Vice-Chief of the Federation. At the time

of his election victory in the fall of 1999 Guy was only 26 years old making him the youngest person ever to be elected to the FSIN Executive.. Guy navigated the FSIN's 25 year Economic Development Long-term Strategy which sparked new energy into Sector Task Forces in Agriculture, Retail, Oil & Gas, Alternative Energy and Tourism. Guy has dedicated much of his expertise and energy to the protection of Treaty Rights to Health, Shelter and Inherent Rights of Children and Youth. "

# IGR President and CEO Message

On behalf of IGR management and staff I wish to report that the number of IGR licences continues to increase. Together with First Nations leadership we have assisted over 100 on-reserve charities realize their fundraising goals since signing the IGR Licensing Agreement in April of 2007.

First Nations communities can only benefit by obtaining an IGR licence. Over the past three years, IGR licensed charities have contributed millions of dollars to worthy causes and received charitable gaming grants equivalent to one-quarter of that amount.

Charities that have chosen to license with IGR have expressed to our staff

members that the process was easy, that IGR policies and processes have increased the efficiency of their operations and in many cases their profits are up.

IGR staff members continue to provide local and regional workshops on licensing on-reserve charitable gaming. Please call to set one up in your community at 1-877-477-4114.

As we end the 2009-2010 fiscal year, I expect another highly favorable audit and look forward to another successful fiscal year in 2010-2011. I am pleased to serve First Nations in the rewarding capacity of IGR President and CEO as we advance towards full jurisdiction of gaming.



IGR President and CEO  
Gregory Ahenakew

## March 2010 Update on Licensing Charitable Gaming On-Reserve

Type	Licensed in past year	In-Progress	Totals
Class A Bingo	4	0	4
Class B Bingo	34	0	34
Class C Bingo including	33	15	48
Breakopens	39	8	47
Texas Hold'em Poker	4	2	6
Raffle	9	0	9
SIGA Table Games	5	0	5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>153</b>

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**Indigenous Gaming Regulators is  
your First Nations Institution!**

By supporting IGR in regulating on-reserve gaming, you contribute towards our shared goal, helping achieve full jurisdiction over gaming.

Being licensed brings credibility to First Nations charitable gaming.

Licensed charities are eligible to receive provincial government grants equal to 25% of their net revenues on a quarterly basis.

IGR Licenses and Regulates On-Reserve Charitable Gaming

- ✧ Bingos
- ✧ SIGA Table Games
- ✧ Breakopens
- ✧ Texas Hold'em
- ✧ Raffles
- ✧ Monte Carlo

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