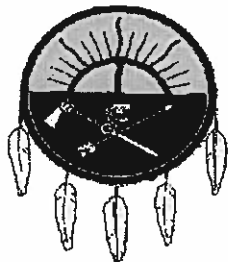


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## **Memo to SRFN Community Members:**

**From:** Tony Moor, Director of Operations

**Date:** December 9, 2011

**RE:** First Nations Fiscal and Statistical Management Act

There appears to be some confusion around a posting in the Canada Gazette which states the following:

“Ten First Nations wish to be added to the Schedule to the First Nations Fiscal and Statistical Management Act (the Act) in order to raise property taxes and use property tax revenues to invest in and support community projects.”

On the same webpage, it lists Serpent River First Nation as one of the ten First Nations that can now impose property taxation on the members living on reserve. This statement is not true, as no such system has been approved by Chief and Council. A letter has been written and submitted to the author of this article asking for a retraction and for a written response to provide clarity on this situation.

We stress that this statement is not true, and no such property taxation regime has been approved by SRFN. This is a serious oversight on the part of the federal government, and we expect an acknowledgement of their wrong-doing

Although the Canada Gazette serves to properly inform the general public of changes to federal laws, it is not legally binding. Regardless, we expect a retraction for this unnecessary confusion.

Furthermore, SRFN community members should understand that this administration takes community consultation very seriously and that decisions such as this would absolutely include comprehensive consultation efforts to ensure community support.

The webpage containing the information at issue can be found here: <http://gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2011/2011-10-12/html/sor-dors211-eng.html>

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the coordinates listed above.

Thank you.

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**Our Vision** *Serpent River First Nation will have self-sufficient people within a community of caring and compassionate families.*

**Our Mission** *Serpent River First Nation will use all available financial, human, natural, technological and cultural resources to achieve self-sufficiency through the efforts of all Community Members. Our strong and unique cultural and spiritual identity will drive us to ensure a healthy community that is safe and secure for all generations.*