

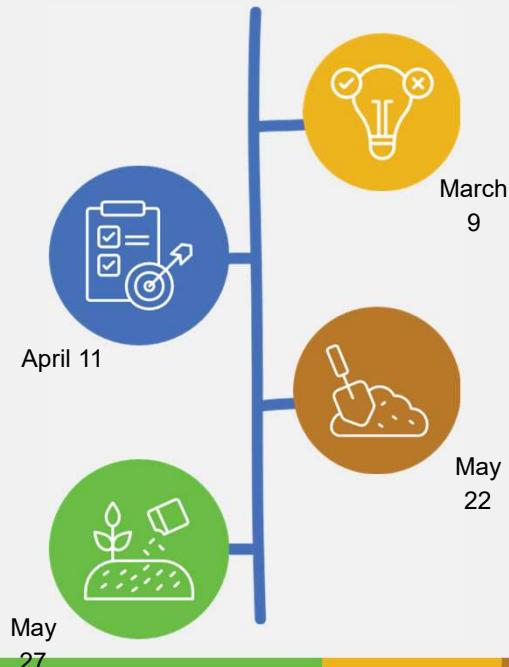
# Ochapowace First Nation Community Garden

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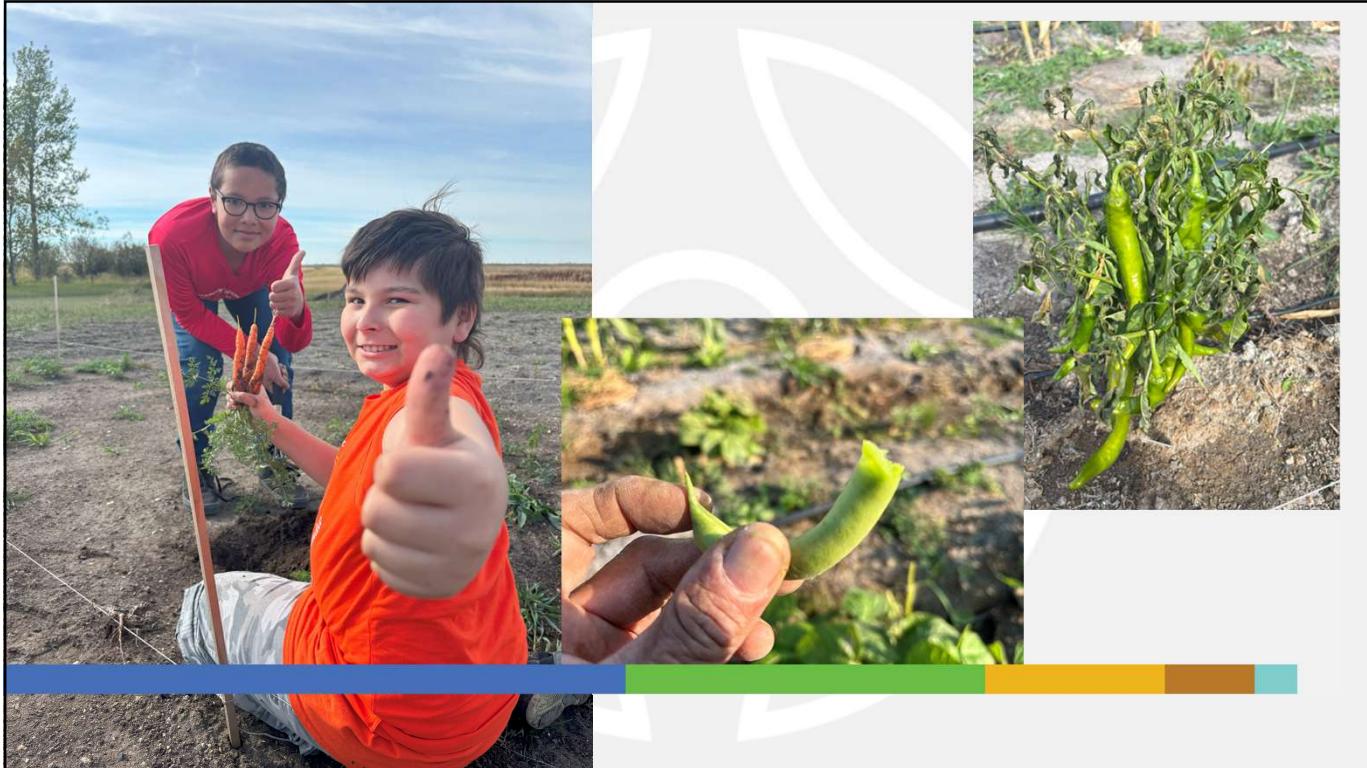


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# Budget

50 x 100 garden - planted 1/3 of area

## Revenue \$22,000

- Enbridge Pipelines \$2,500
- Farm Credit Canada
  - Community Funding \$3,000
  - AgriSpirit Funding \$15,000
- Askiy-Wapikwaniy \$1,500

## Other Support & InKind

- Ochapowace Petro Canada \$3,000
  - Bobcat use, electrical work/repair
- Tell Properties \$3,000
  - breaking of ground
- NCIAF Partner Funding \$5,000
  - Irrigation (for approx 1/3 of area)
- Ochapowace Education \$15,000 -
  - Summer Student, Garden Sign
- AquaMan \$500
  - water storage rent
- Etter Seed Farm \$2,000
  - rototilling

## Expenses \$22,000

- Equipment Purchase \$2,000
  - Rototillers (2) etc
- Garden Tools & Accessories \$1,000
- Seed & Topsoil \$2,000
- Irrigation system accessories \$1,000
- Casual Labour \$3,000
  - planting and maintenance
- Kehteyak Honorarium/Mileage \$2,000
- Fall work \$10,000
- Misc & unforeseen \$1,000



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# Successes

- Site worked well - quonset for storage, small well sufficient to water small garden
- Relationships built
- Allies & Sponsors that supported our project
- Mother Earth looked after us
  - Seeding time & Deer
- Opening with ceremony
- Reviving our traditions
- Yard Clean Up (Greg and Frank)
- Hiring of Youth Ambassador
- Harvest with youth
  - Trauma & Learning Challenges
- Distribution of food baskets to community



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# Lessons Learned

- Soil Testing early
- Seeding Prep - collecting all seeds prior
- Tools purchased by project and storage (sunscreen, bug spray, water, shade)
- Irrigation and water source and install in spring
- Fencing for deer
  - Chilli peppers, beets, celery and onion were untouched
- Organic Pest Control
- Food Preservation and Seedling Workshops
- Need more help: 2-3 people to lead it
- Summer Student fitness level and self motivation



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## NEXT STEPS:

### Water

Utilizing the FRWIP Program expand irrigation capacity with the addition of a dugout

### Soil

Augmenting soil structure to combat the clay

### Garden Expansion

Expand garden project by planning the orchard and future for a greenhouse.

### Land Based Learning

Renovation of existing property and building of sweat lodge to accomodate future initiatives including culture and ceremony.

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## Questions?

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