# Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa 1720 Big Lake Rd. Reservation Business Committee

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## Fond du Lac Launches Housing & Community Needs Survey

Fond du Lac (FDL) Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, MN June 15, 2022- The FDL Planning Division has launched a Housing & Community Needs Assessment household survey that is currently underway. The survey will have two components: a randomly selected group of households on-reservation will receive a door hanger with an online survey code in June; any other interested households can complete the General Survey. This survey is an important data collection project designed to compile accurate demographic, employment and housing information about FDL community members. The data collected during this survey will be used to enhance local programs and attract funding for housing and other community programs.

Beginning in June 2022, survey staff will drop off information and instructions so that individuals can complete the survey online. Survey topics include income, education, housing situation, use of and need for community programs and services. All household information requested by the survey is essential to accomplishing the project's goals. The responses provided to field staff will remain confidential and anonymous.

Please provide honest and complete answers to field staff to support their efforts to:

- Determine current and future need for housing and essential services
- Support the planning of new housing and infrastructure projects
- Affirm the Band's sovereignty and expand its self-determination

# The information you provide will help our community!

The Selected Homes Survey will take approximately 45 minutes to complete, and we need complete responses from every household on the reservation. The General Survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

Selected households will receive a door hanger with a unique survey code at their home that they can use to complete their survey online at: <a href="http://www.fdlrez.com/survey.htm">http://www.fdlrez.com/survey.htm</a> and clicking on the link for the "Selected Homes Survey." All other interested households may use the same link and click on the link for the "General Survey." If you are unsure about your

survey code, use the survey code lookup tool at the FDL Survey page link or contact FDLPlanning@fdlrez.com.

For questions or additional information, please contact FDL Planning Division at 218-878-2642 or FDLPlanning@fdlrez.com.

### About Fond du Lac Band Lake Superior Chippewa

Nagaajiwanaang, "Where the Water Stops," is the name of the homelands of the Fond du Lac Band at the time of the 1854 Treaty. We retained this name in Ojibwemowin for the presentday Fond du lac Reservation that was established under the 1854 La Pointe Treaty. Nagaajiwanaang (Fond du Lac Band) is one of the six Bands of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. There are three districts that make up the Fond du Lac Reservation:

Bapashkominitigong (Cloquet), Gwaaba'iganing (Sawyer), and Ashkibwaakaaning (Brookston). Today, our Band includes over 4,200 members. We have always been, and continue to be, a proud sovereign Ojibwe nation. We uphold all of our rights retained and agreed to within the 1825, 1826, 1837, 1842, 1847, and 1854 Treaties

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