



## MONTREAL LAKE CREE NATION

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### **MONTREAL LAKE CREE NATION CALLS ON THE GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN TO CLOSE ALL LIQUOR SALES AS A PRECAUTIONARY PANDEMIC MEASURE**

**Montreal Lake, SK.** Chief and Council of the Montreal Lake Cree Nation support the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations in calling on the Government of Saskatchewan to close all liquor sales in the province to implement COVID-19 precautionary pandemic measures. If the Government of Saskatchewan closed bars, casinos and schools, then they should close all liquor establishments that sell alcohol.

“Since the bars and night clubs have been shut down due to the COVID-19 outbreak, we have seen an increase of house parties on our First Nation. On behalf of Council, we are extremely worried that people at these parties, which involve the use of alcohol, are not practicing social distancing. Consequently, this high-risk behaviour of socializing at house parties will only contribute to the spread of COVID-19. In addition, bootleggers have ramped up their illegal liquor sales on reserve,” said Chief Frank Roberts.

Chief Frank Roberts said, “Montreal Lake Cree Nation has joined other First Nations leaders and the Federation of Saskatchewan Indigenous Nations to ensure this message is made to Premier Scott Moe and we stand by our decision in doing what is best for our communities and membership. Shut down all liquor sales because we are having issues with alcohol and partying. It's time to act in the best interests of everyone in Saskatchewan.”

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**Montreal Lake Cree Nation** is a Woodland Cree First Nation located on the southern shore of Montreal Lake, approximately 100km north of Prince Albert, SK off highway 969. Montreal Lake is a member of the Prince Albert Grand Council and has approximately 4,167 members.  
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