



## **New North – SANC Services Inc.**

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### **Membership Brief – Summer 2025 Update**

New North – SANC Services Inc. is undergoing renewal. The organization has faced staffing challenges since departure of it's CEO in 2022. The various appointed boards faced challenges with being able to support the administrative and staffing needs required to maintain organizational strength, and continue to deliver the programming, support and advocacy that New North has been known for.

In February 2025, a new board was formed at the Prince Albert AGM. In the following weeks, executive elections confirmed Rick Laliberte as Chair, Bruce Fidler as Vice-Chair, and Abby Besharah as Secretary/Treasurer. Since that time, the board has been working to orient itself, asses the status of projects and obligations, take stock of assets, and begin rebuilding on the deep roots of the organization. This is a process that requires time and patience. Board members are working from the side of their desks, and the organization has been without an employee for the last couple of months.

#### **Communication**

The New North board extends our apologies to the membership for not providing any updates until now. It has been a tough spring and summer as our communities take our focus in turns with the fires and emergencies that have swept across the North.

#### **Strategic Planning and Member Engagement**

The board has been proceeding since February with the goal of bringing clear and true information about the status of the organization to the members and undertaking a consultation process to set the direction of program development or revival. We understand how important it is to maintain our voice for the North, from the North – and we cannot do that without taking a moment to strengthen the foundation that we are (re-)building on.

#### **Looking Ahead**

Moving forward we will be bringing on short-term help to aid in consultation, planning and implementation of what we hear from the membership. The process to hire a new permanent employee is not being rushed, since there has not been sufficient consultation about the organization's form. In this short term, our goal is to set the stage for success. In the long-term, we are working to develop an attractive workplace for a talented CEO that will lead the organization, deliver successful programming and support, and advocate for our Northern communities.

We welcome correspondence at [new.north@sasktel.net](mailto:new.north@sasktel.net), and are happy to answer any questions the membership has.