



Coulee Project History

WHERE IT STARTED

The Gaudry Family

- ▶ In February of 2018 the Gaudry Family approached Wayne Joyal expressing interest in a land exchange with the JLL Park.
- ▶ Discussions between the Park Board and Danny Gaudry began that same month.
- ▶ The Park Board passed a motion to proceed with formal discussions in April of 2018.
- ▶ A verbal agreement was reached in June of 2018 to proceed with the land swap.



The Land Transfer

- ▶ Milltek Surveys was contracted to complete a legal survey which was completed in August of 2018.
- ▶ The Park Board submitted the land transfer request to the Government of Saskatchewan in September of 2018.
- ▶ The Park Board approved the legal transfer in June of 2019 and was approved by the Government of Saskatchewan.

The Coulee Committee

- ▶ The Coulee Committee was formed and approved by the Park Board to develop a plan in September of 2019.
- ▶ The Coulee Committee adopted a volunteer committee project report started in 1997 titled “Willow Bunch Historic Trading Post” as a starting point for the project.
- ▶ The Trading Post Committee included members of the Francophone and Metis Communities.

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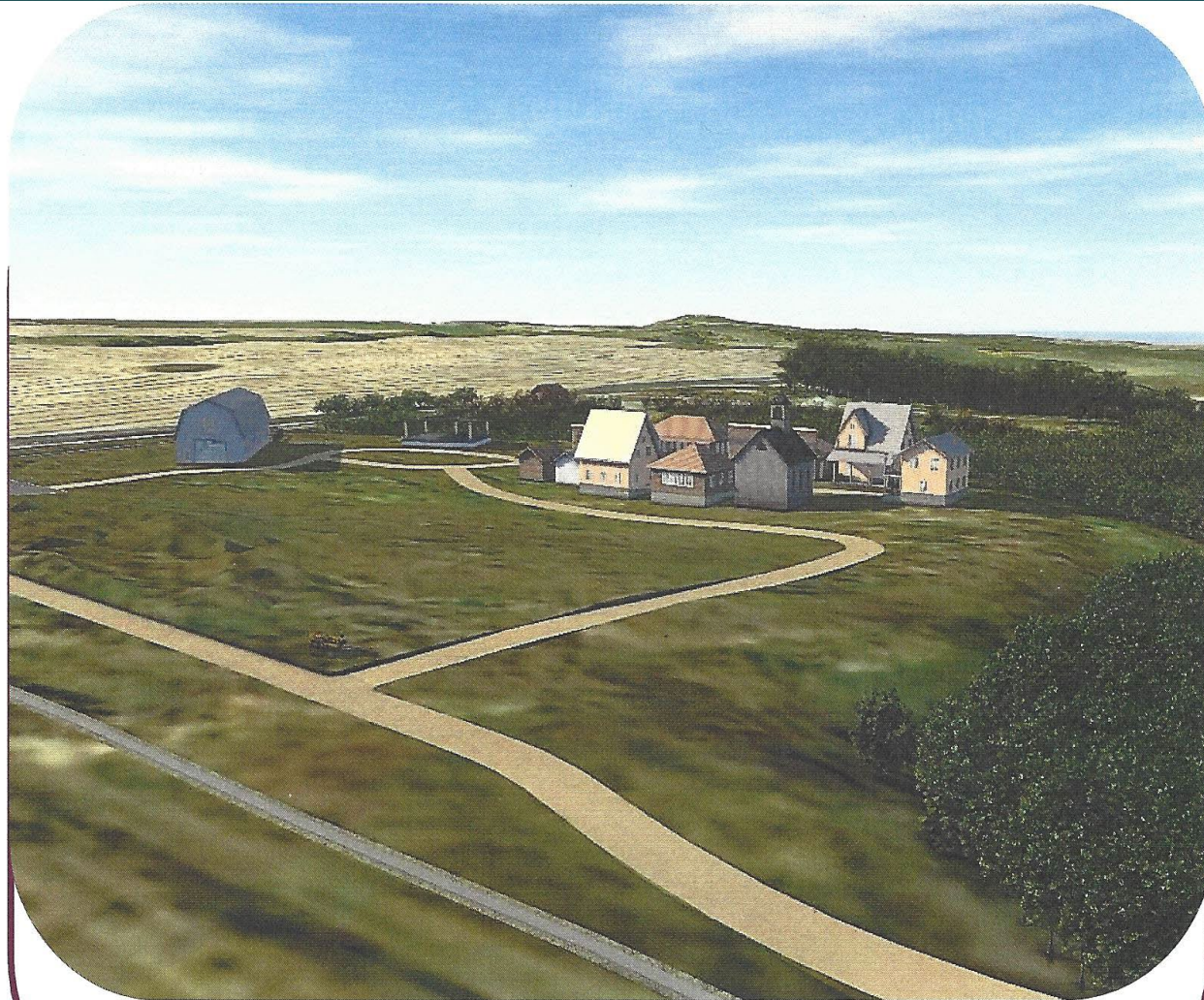
WILLOW BUNCH HISTORIC TRADING POST

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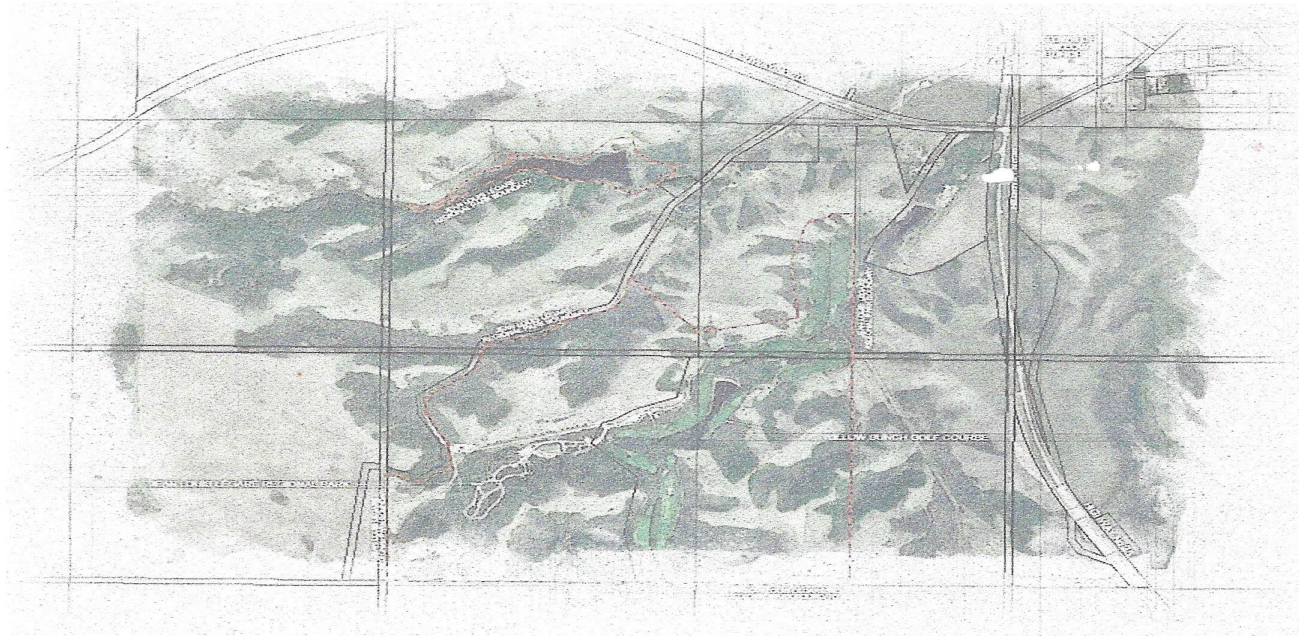
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The Project Plan

- ▶ The Coulee Committee submitted an application to Western Diversification in March of 2020 to develop a project plan.
- ▶ WD approved the grant application in July of 2020 for \$177,500.
- ▶ BCL Engineering was awarded the contract to develop the project plan. North 52 Media was awarded the contract to deliver a pre-feasibility analysis. Both reports were delivered in April of 2021.
- ▶ The BCL report was delivered to the Community during a Town Hall Meeting in September of 2021.



WORKING VILLAGE



Jean Louis Legare Coulee Project Plan Inc.

PRE-FEASIBILITY PRELIMINARY REPORT

March 2021

Provincial Recognition & Project Funding

- ▶ The Town of Willow Bunch received Provincial recognition for the project at the 2022 SUMA Convention.
- ▶ The RM of 42 received \$950,000 for water & sewer infrastructure in 2022. An Infrastructure Committee was struck to manage the water/sewer and the Big Coulee development. Reps from the RM, Town & Park Board are members. Mike Cayer is the Project Manager for the RM and Al Batty for the Park.
- ▶ To date, the Project has received in excess of \$1 million dollars in funding.
- ▶ The RM of 42, the Town of Willow Bunch and the Park Board have contributed greatly to the Project to date. **Thank you!**

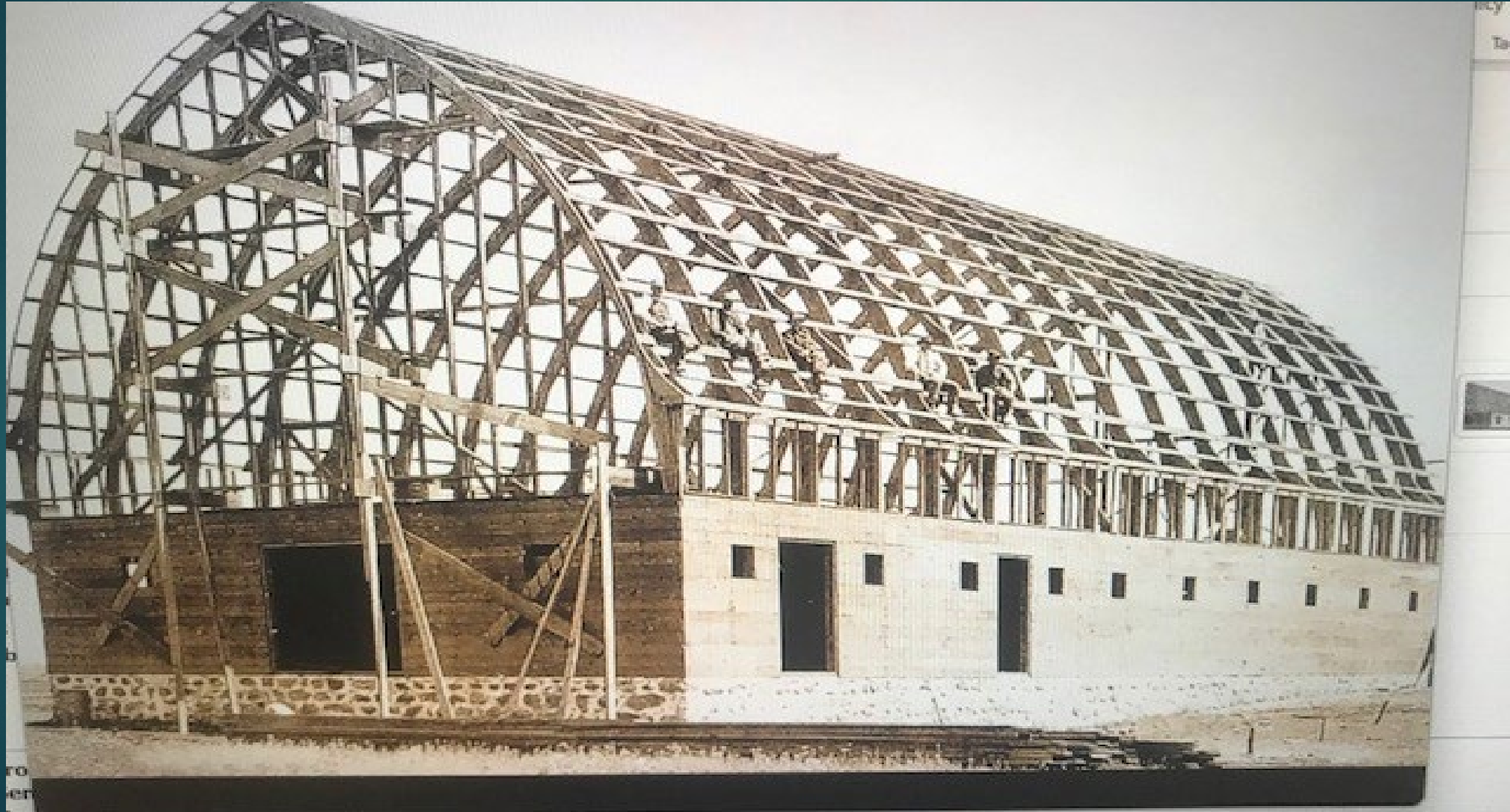
Willow Bunch Metis

- ▶ In April of 2022 the Coulee Committee voted unanimously to turn the Working Village component of the Project over to the Metis thru a joint venture agreement.
- ▶ With the support of Western Region 3, MNS, the Southern Hills Michif Economic Development Corporation was formally incorporated as a non-profit corporation in July of 2022.
- ▶ Today, the Coulee Committee and SHMEDCO have representation from the RM, Town, Park Board, Metis and Francophone Communities.

Metis Project Objectives & Goals

- ▶ The SHMEDCO has identified the move and restoration of the Gosselin Barn as the first phase of the Working Village and Coulee Chapelle.
- ▶ A structural assessment of the Barn has been completed by Rob Kullman Engineering of Saskatoon and approved for moving.
- ▶ Garnet Lucyk has confirmed the Barn can be moved thru 3 separate site visitations.
- ▶ Soil samples have been completed and confirm the foundation can be built on the site of the old racetrack.
- ▶ Milltek Surveys has completed a legal survey & now await approval from the Government of Saskatchewan for a 99-year lease with the Park.

Gosselin Barn 1913



Metis Go Forward Plan

- ▶ The SHMEDCO is in the process of developing a business plan for the Working Village and Coulee Chapelle.
- ▶ Fundraising for the Project will begin in 2023.
- ▶ The SHMEDCO will continue to work with & support the Park Expansion, the Town and RM infrastructure projects in cooperation with the Coulee Committee.

Thank You to the Entire Community



- ▶ The Willow Bunch Metis and SHMEDCO would like to extend a sincere note of thanks and appreciation to all of our partners for their support and work to date.
- ▶ We are committed to completing this Project in a phased and responsible manner. Collectively we have achieved a great deal.
- ▶ **AGAIN, THANK YOU!**

QUESTIONS