

## Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians



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### **LAC DU FLAMBEAU TRIBE AND CITY OF SHULLSBURG REACH INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS**

The Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians and the City of Shullsburg have approved the Intergovernmental and Development agreements for the Tribe's proposed off reservation casino resort complex on in Shullsburg, Wisconsin.

A ceremonial signing of the documents will take place in the Shullsburg City Hall on Tuesday, March 25, 2014, at 2:00 PM.

Tribal President Tom Maulson explained that while there is still more work to be done to complete the trust land application process, this signing shows that the City and the Tribe have reached a new level in their partnership. "While we're not at the finish line yet, I am very pleased with our government to government relationship," said President Maulson.

Shullsburg Mayor Tom Lethlean echoed Maulson's comments. "These agreements are due to a strong effort by both the City and the Tribe, the results of which are satisfactory to both parties and beneficial to the whole area," he explained.

The Tribe's plans for the 20 acre project were officially unveiled at a Public Scoping Meeting in Shullsburg in August of last year. Plans include the construction of a casino, hotel, event center, campground and sportsman's club. The projected impact of the proposed \$132 million project includes 600 permanent jobs, 800 construction jobs, and associated payroll and purchasing impacts. The Tribe is currently assisting the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the preparation of a draft Environmental Impact Statement, the completion of which should be published later this summer.

"The Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) spells out how the Tribe and the City plan to work together," said Duane Chapman, Shullsburg Casino Project Manager. "The IGA defines terms and commitments, and is in essence a contract between the Tribe and the City with both parties looking ahead to the eventual approval of the project," he continued. "The Development Agreement is the companion to the IGA, and is the mechanism where the Tribe, as the developer, commits to various aspects of the development process."

For the past several months, the Lac du Flambeau team, led by Chapman, and the Shullsburg team, led by Mayor Lethlean, has worked to create the documents. Upon approval of the project, the City of Shullsburg will receive an infrastructure down payment and annual impact payment of 2%

of the project's net win. The Tribe will receive municipal services, city improvements, exclusivity and ongoing governmental support for the application process. "The agreement has been set up so the more successful we are, the more dollars will go to Shullsburg," explained President Maulson.

The Tribe has committed to a guaranteed minimum annual payment indexed for inflation. "The payment to the City will be a minimum of \$14,000,000 after the first 10 years of operations," said Maulson. "In addition, the Tribe will be contributing \$5,000,000 to the Shullsburg School District over that same period of time," he added.

The public is welcome to attend the document signing on March 25th in Shullsburg. There will be a brief question and answer period immediately following. Additional information about the casino project can be found [on the Tribe's website](#).

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