



South Wind

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CHIEFS-IN-SUMMIT REVIEW

On March 8, 9 and 10, 2005, Manitoba's Southern Chiefs gathered in the Dakota Tipi First Nation for the SCO Chiefs-in-Summit.

The SCO "Chiefs-in-Summit" is the primary governing body of the Southern Chiefs' Organization. It is within the "Summit" where the Southern Chiefs hold nation-to-nation talks, consultations and deliberate on matters that affect their First Nations. SCO Summits are usually held four (4) times a year throughout Southern Manitoba.

At the first Summit for 2005, the Southern Chiefs adopted a total of eight (8) resolutions covering issues such as a zero tolerance on police brutality, continued political and financial support to the Matthew Dumas family, and the formation of a First Nations Water Protection Council. These resolutions mandate the Southern Grand Chief to take political action on specific issues that are adopted by the Southern Chiefs.

On Day Three of the Summit, quorum could not be reached as the Trans-Canada Highway was closed from Winnipeg to Portage La Prairie. As a result, the Summit was officially closed.

On behalf of the Southern Chiefs and staff of SCO, we would like to thank Chief Cornell Pashe, the Council Members and the people of Dakota Tipi First Nation for being excellent hosts!

The next SCO "Chiefs-in-Summit" is tentatively scheduled for June 2005. Chief Tina Leveque from the Brokenhead Ojibway First Nation has expressed an interest to be the next SCO Member First Nation to host the Summit.



Chief Cornell Pashe, Dakota Tipi First Nation



l-r: Grand Chief Chris Henderson, Elder John Taylor and Chief Cornell Pashe line up for the Grand Entry.



l-r: Chief Frank Abraham and Chief Ian Bushie in Summit.



Chiefs-In-Summit and participants were entertained by Dakota Tipi youth perform in traditional regalia.



Miigwech to the Dakota Tipi First Nation Youth Group for their hard work and effort in making the Chiefs'-In-Summit an excellent experience.



The SCO Radio Show airs each Tuesday @ 6:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity for the Southern Chiefs to have their voice heard throughout Indian country. If you have a concern or issue that would like to be highlighted, please contact the Communications Coordinator at SCO at 946-1869.

Let your voice be heard!

Next Issue: Treaty Land Entitlement Agreements.

Long Plain First Nation Signs Municipal Services Agreement



l-r: Long Plain First Nation Chief Dennis Meeches and James A. Knight signing the Municipal Services Agreement.

Congratulations to the Long Plain First Nation on their signing of a Municipal Services Agreement with the Rural Municipality of Portage La Prairie. The official signing took place in Long Plain First Nation on March 9, 2005, between Chief Dennis Meeches and Mr. James A. Knight, the Reeve of the RM of Portage.

This MSA will allow the Long Plain First Nation to access some of the services, like water works, that the RM of Portage provides to its citizens. This agreement is a first of its kind between a First Nation government and a municipal government in Manitoba.



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