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Historical Protocol Signing

Message from
Southern Grand Chief Chris Henderson



On behalf of the Southern Chiefs of Manitoba, I want to acknowledge and thank the National Aboriginal Day Core Committee for organizing and hosting the National Aboriginal Day Celebrations on June 21, 2005, at The Forks.

In particular, I want to thank Ms. Carol Beaulieu, Chairperson of the NAD Core Committee, for inviting and allowing me to bring greetings to the people on National Aboriginal Day; *Meegwetch!*

I also want to thank the SCO Staff for organizing and hosting a children's tent at The Forks on National Aboriginal Day as well. Well-done!



Once Again! *Meegwetch!*



On June 21, 2005, a historical signing ceremony occurred between First Nations and the RCMP "D" Division. It has taken many months and much work between all parties to finalize the protocol. The purpose of the Public Safety Cooperation Protocol is to establish trusting and reciprocal partnerships between the parties. Principles that are highlighted include the acknowledgment, understanding and respect for related roles and accountability and the establishment of a Joint AMC/MKO/SCO/RCMP response team as needed.



l-r: RCMP Assistant Commissioner Darrell Madill, Southern Grand Chief Chris Henderson, MKO Grand Chief Sydney Garrioch, Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs A/Grand Chief Ron Evans, Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation Chief Irwin McIvor stand after the Signing Ceremony.

The agreement further defines those roles each First Nation Governments and the RCMP will take in addressing and resolving situations that occur. Grand Chief Chris Henderson-SCO, Grand Chief Sydney Garrioch- MKO, Acting Grand Chief Ron Evans- AMC and Darrell Madill, Assistant Commissioner of the "D" Division signed the Protocol agreement during the National Aboriginal Day celebrations at the Forks.

Keeshkeemaquah statue on Long Plain First Nation

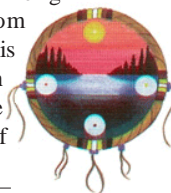


On August 3, 1871 the Canadian Government on behalf of the British Crown entered into Treaty No.1 with the Ojibway and Cree. The first post-confederation treaty, Treaty No.1, was concluded in August 3, 1871 and covers Manitoba as it existed then.

Keeshkeemaquah (Short Bear) was the last hereditary Chief of Long Plain First Nation.

Keeshkeemaquah was only 12 years old at the time of the treaty signing and was considered too young to become Chief. Keeshkeemaquah travelled west, and returned in 1876 to fulfill his obligations of Chief to what is now known as Long Plain First Nation.

Keeshkeemaquah served as Chief of Long Plain from 1876 until his passing in 1915, the longest serving chief of Long Plain.



Keeshkeemaquah was the heir to the leadership of at this time.

Water for Life Conference - August 17 & 18, 2005

A Water for Life conference will be held August 17th and 18th, 2005 at the Victoria Inn in Winnipeg, MB. The conference will feature breakout sessions on various water-related topics, including scientific, government information, international and sectoral issues, and community strategies for sustainability. Water for Life is open to all with an interest in water quality. Contact the Southern Chiefs' Organization @ 946-1869 for information and registration.

First Nation Agricultural Producers

A First Nations Agriculture Forum will be held on July 14, 2005 at the Waywayseecappo Inn. For further information contact Sandi @ SCO Sub Office 946-1869.



Congratulations

Mr. Dennis White Bird

On behalf of the 36 Southern Chiefs of Manitoba, Elders, Veterans and First Nations citizens, I would personally like to congratulate Mr. White Bird on his appointment as the first Treaty Commissioner of Manitoba, effective May 2005.

Mr. White Bird is a First Nations diplomat, scholar and a gentleman. It was my honour and privilege to work with him during his term as the Grand Chief of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs. We wish him all the best in his new position and I look forward to honouring him on July 26, 2005, at the Victoria Inn in Winnipeg at the "Dennis White Bird's Toast & Roast".

Once again, congratulations!

Respectfully,



Southern Grand Chief Chris Henderson



Manitoba's First Treaty Commissioner

