



*Message from  
Southern Grand Chief  
Chris Henderson*

**B**ooshoo! Washte! Tansi! Greetings to our Elders, Veterans, Southern Chiefs, Council Members and Indian peoples. I hope this message finds you and your families well.

Now that fall is fast approaching, many events and activities are on the immediate horizon here in Indian Country.

Nationally, the Prime Minister of Canada and the Premiers of the provinces and territories are scheduled to meet with the heads of the national Aboriginal organizations this November in a First Ministers Meeting on Aboriginal issues. We are told that new financial resources will be forthcoming after this meeting to address the many critical challenges facing our communities.

As well, our 'heads of state' – our Southern Chiefs - will be meeting in Summit once again sometime this fall.

Until next time, take care and May the Creator watch over you and your families, and God Bless!

**Congratulations**

*Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation  
re-elects*

*Chief Irvin McIvor*



On September 8, 2005, the Ojibway people of the Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation re-elected Chief Irvin McIvor for a second consecutive mandate.

Congratulations  
Chief Irvin McIvor!

# South Wind

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## SCO Grand Chief meets with INAC Minister Andy Scott

**O**n Wednesday, September 14, 2005, Southern Grand Chief Chris Henderson had the opportunity to meet with the Federal Indian Affairs Minister Andy Scott along with Grand Chief Ron Evans of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and Tribal Chief Arnold Ouskan of the Keewatin Tribal Council in Winnipeg.

Grand Chief Henderson addressed Minister Scott on some of the critical issues facing our Member Nations such as Treaty Land Entitlement implementation and Canada's complex and cumbersome Additions to Reserve Policy. Addressing housing was a top priority for the SCO, as well as the difficulties facing Indian farmers in accessing support for the various federal and provincial agriculture programs.



In addition, the Grand Chief conveyed a message to Minister Scott on behalf of the five (5) Dakota Nations who are not signatory to any numbered Treaties in Manitoba. In the absence of a Treaty, these Dakota Nations are advancing their rights and issues based on 'Aboriginal title', similar to those First Nations in British Columbia. These Dakota Indian Bands are

recognized under the Indian Act and fall within this legislative regime. What the Dakota Nations are seeking is the same consideration and opportunity that is extended to the First Nations in B.C.: full recognition.

Despite not making any new pledges and commitments at this meeting, the Indian Affairs Minister promised that a new relationship between



Canada and the Indian Nations would be unfolding after the First Minister's Meeting with the national Aboriginal organizations this November.

## AMM and SCO discuss municipal and First Nations relations

**O**n Wednesday September 14, 2005, Grand Chief Henderson had the opportunity to meet with officials from the Association of Manitoba Municipalities at the SCO Winnipeg Sub-office.

The AMM represents the interests of municipalities in Manitoba and lobbies on their behalf.

Among the issues discussed between Grand Chief Henderson and the AMM's President, Mayor Ron Bell of the Town of Birtle, were municipal/Aboriginal relationships and TLE agreements and compensation in Manitoba.

"This meeting was purely introductory and we discussed potential ways of how our two organizations could work together in the near future", stated Grand Chief Henderson.

One critical issue facing First Nations and municipalities is the implementation of TLE agreements and how these

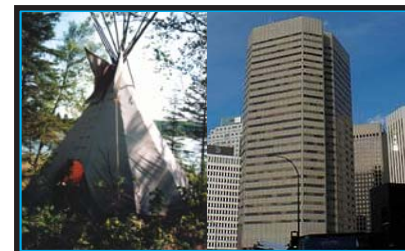
two governments could work together in addressing their concerns throughout this complex process.

Future meetings between SCO and the AMM are being considered and planned.

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### COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF TLE IMPLEMENTATION IN MANITOBA AND SASKATCHEWAN WITH FOCUS ON SOLUTIONS FOR MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS



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# Water For Life Conference — Coming Soon!



"Protecting Manitoba's Freshwater Resources"

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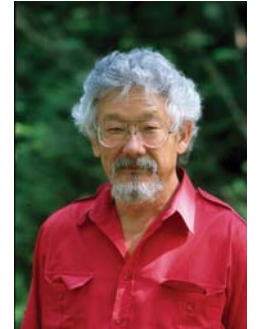
Water for Life will bring together a diverse audience to raise awareness of sustainable water management, provide a forum for sharing strategies to address environmental issues, stimulate community economic development, and achieve a citizen-driven agenda for action.

Workshops and presenters will provide participants with information and discussion. Tradeshow space is still available!

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Speaker:  
**Dr. David Suzuki**

David Suzuki, Chair of the David Suzuki Foundation, is an award-winning scientist, environmentalist and broadcaster. Dr. Suzuki is recognized as a world leader in sustainable ecology.



Dr. David Suzuki

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## SCO Chiefs' Finance Committee



l-r: Chief Ken Ducharme, Gamblers First Nation, Chief Tina Leveque, Brokenhead Ojibway Nation, Chief David Crate, Fisher River Cree Nation, Chief Emery Stagg, Dauphin River First Nation, Chief Dennis Meeches, Long Plain First Nation (FINANCE CHAIR) and Chief Norman Bone, Keeseekoowenin First Nation (EXECUTIVE CHAIR).

On September 9, 2005, the Chiefs Finance Committee met for their quarterly meeting on the Brokenhead Ojibway Nation. The year end Audit was discussed and tabled pending further actions.

The Finance Committee shall consist of only one representative from each of the Tribal Council areas and one representative for all the Independent First Nations.

The Finance Committee shall function by quorum and any decisions or actions by any individual member of the Finance Committee shall be null and void and of no force or effect unless that individual is an authorized delegate of the Finance Committee.

## Keeseekoowenin Ojibway First Nation Sharing Lodge

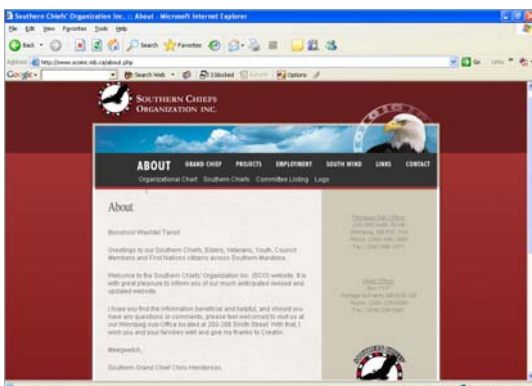
Keeseekoowenin Sharing Lodge is now established in Wasagaming's heritage firehall to share, preserve, educate and celebrate the culture and history of the Riding Mountain band. Arts, crafts and traditional celebrations with the Elders, youth, artists, researchers and community partners will make the Lodge a year-round working interpretive centre.

Today, the Keeseekoowenin Ojibway First Nation has three reserves: the main reserve is Keeseekoowenin Indian Reserve 61 which is located adjacent to the village of Elphinstone, Manitoba; the second reserve is the Clear Lake Indian Reserve 61A, on the shores of Clear Lake, in **Riding Mountain National Park**; and a third reserve called the Bottle Lake Indian Reserve 61B next to Bottle Lake or "Battle Lake", as it was originally known.



(Sources: Riding Mountain National Park of Canada Visitor Guide <http://collections.ic.gc.ca/keeseekoowenin/index.html>)

## SCO Website launches!



[www.scoinc.mb.ca](http://www.scoinc.mb.ca)

Welcome to the SCO website, where your current news, and information regarding the citizens and Chiefs of Southern Manitoba will be addressed and met.

This website hopes to gain momentum as Grand Chief Chris Henderson and staff move forward with their current initiatives and projects.

Keep visiting the site for upcoming information and updates of our progress.



Grand Chief Henderson and Chief Norman Bone, Keeseekoowenin First Nation

The Keeseekoowenin Ojibway First Nation has been known by many names in the past. At the time before the people entered in Treaty 2 with the British Imperial Crown in 1871, the people were called the Riding Mountain Band, because the people lived in the Riding Mountains.

Grand Chief Henderson presents Chief Norman Bone a plaque on the opening of the Kee See Sharing Lodge at the Keeseekoowenin 2005 Traditional Pow Wow.

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