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TREATIES 1-11 GATHERING

Message from
Southern Grand Chief
Chris Henderson



Chief Linda Two Heart and Grand Chief Henderson at the March for HELP community event.

There is a growing movement across Indian Country in Southern Manitoba to battle the influx of hard drugs in some SCO First Nations.

On September 21, 2005, the Sagkeeng Anicinabe Nation held a march for HELP (Helping Everyone Live Pure) to draw attention to the issue of drug trafficking and drug addiction. Close to 400 students, elders and citizens, including Sagkeeng's Chief Linda Two-Heart and the Council Members, participated in this first-ever march.

As well, the Fisher River Cree Nation and the Long Plain First Nation have adopted and instituted mandatory drug-testing for its elected officials and government employees.



Community members gather for the Feast and Pow Wow held for the March for HELP

On September 27, 28, 29, 2005 history was made when Treaties 1-11 gathered in Edmonton, Alberta to discuss the status of Treaties. The assembly was hosted by Enoch Cree Nation-Treaty 6.

Over 10 Manitoba Southern Member First Nation Chiefs were in attendance of the 102 Chiefs present at this historical gathering. As stated by one of the Chiefs present from Treaty 6: "We've been quiet too long, now we've come together to discuss our treaty issues!"

At the end of the assembly, a Treaty Council of Chiefs, a Treaty Secretariat, and the selection of an Interim spokesperson was formed and decided. Chief Sandford Big Plume of the Tsuu T'ina Nation, Treaty 7, was selected as the Interim Spokesperson, who will represent Treaties 1-11 at the upcoming First Ministers Meeting scheduled for November 25, 2005 in Kelowna, BC, with the five national Aboriginal organizations.

During the assembly, the sacred pipe stem originating from the original signing of Treaty Six was present. Elders, Chiefs and observers were honored with the sacred bundle being placed within the assembly for the daily talks.

Rolling River First Nation's Chief Morris Shannacappo addressed the assembly by inviting all Treaty Chiefs to gather "after the melting snows" in Lower Fort Garry, Manitoba, to continue the unity shared and begin strategizing on how to implement our inherent and Treaty rights.

Southern Grand Chief Chris Henderson was in attendance at this assembly and gave his support to the Manitoba Treaty Chiefs of Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.



L-R: Grand Chief Henderson, Chief Morris Shannacappo, Rolling River First Nation, Chief Sandford Big Plume, and Elder adjourn the sacred pipe stem out of the Assembly.



Chief Sandford Big Plume
Interim Treaty Spokesperson
Tsuu T'ina Nation - Treaty 7

The Tsuu T'ina, which means "a great number of people", are a strong proud nation possessing a remarkable cultural heritage. The current chief of the Tsuu T'ina Nation is Chief Sandford Big Plume.

Family of Matthew Dumas outraged at the findings of the Winnipeg Police Services investigation



Matthew Dumas 1986-2004

Recently, the family met with members of the Winnipeg Police Service to discuss the findings, conclusions and recommendations of their internal investigation into the shooting. The family was informed that Matthew was not involved in the initial event and had simply been walking down the street when he was approached by a Winnipeg Police Service Officer. Matthew was shot and killed soon after.

"Our family has many more questions and concerns about what actually happened between the officer and Matthew before he was shot and killed. We want to have the opportunity to publicly clear Matthew's

name and reputation," stated Jessica Paul, sister of Matthew Dumas.

"The shooting death of Matthew Dumas by the Winnipeg Police Service and the subsequent conclusions of their internal investigation, in which no criminal negligence or liability has been found, illustrates that in Canada there are two justice systems in effect. One that operates by oppressing and the other by maintaining its power and control over our people. Police consistently target and classify our people to the point its not even safe to walk down the street," stated Chief McIvor, SCO Justice Portfolio holder earlier.



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