



Message from  
Southern Grand Chief  
Chris Henderson



Grand Chief Henderson and DOPS Commander Dory Cook, Sandy Bay First Nation Detachment

**B**ooshoo! Aniin! Washte! Tansi! Greetings to our Southern Chiefs, Elders, Veterans, Council Members and Indian peoples.

I want to acknowledge and congratulate this year's nominees of the Manitoba Aboriginal Youth Achievement Awards. Congratulations! Keep up the excellent work!

On November 8, 2005, National Aboriginal Veterans Day, I will be participating in a Remembrance Ceremony in Winnipeg at the Aboriginal Centre of Winnipeg, 181 Higgins Avenue, to pay my respects and tribute to our Indian Veterans who have served in WW I & II, as well as in other armed conflicts. This event is open to the public and if you can, I strongly recommend you attend and pay your respects to those men and women who have paid the ultimate price by serving their country: their lives.

Finally, on behalf of the Southern Chiefs Organization, I want to offer our condolences and deepest sympathies to the family of 11 year old Kathleen Beardy who tragically took her on life on October 1, 2005. This young girl's family is from the Lake St. Martin First Nation and we extend our prayers and our thoughts to the family on this tragic loss.

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

Meegwetch!

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## REVISITING THE MB ABORIGINAL JUSTICE INQUIRY REPORT (1991)

**M**anitoba's Southern Chiefs will be meeting on November 16 & 17, 2005, at the Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation, MB, for their Fall Summit.

Among the major issues that will be discussed and debated at the Summit will be the Government of Manitoba's record on addressing the recommendations from the 1991 Report on the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry of Manitoba.

Manitoba's Justice Minister and Attorney General, Mr. Gord Mackintosh, has been invited to the SCO Summit to address the Southern Chiefs on his government's record of implementing the AJI Report.

"Last fall, I and the SCO Chiefs' Executive Committee had the opportunity to meet and dialogue with the Justice Minister on his government's record of implementing the many recommendations from the AJI Report," stated Grand Chief Chris Henderson. "At this time, Minister Mackintosh boldly claimed that the provincial government had implemented 90 % of the AJI Report's recommendations. We respectfully told Minister Mackintosh that we disagreed with this assertion and suggested that perhaps only 20% of the recommendations were actually honoured and implemented by the Manitoba government."

On May 31, 2005, SCO, MKIO and the MMF signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Manitoba

Government on the transfer and devolution of community corrections and probations from the province to the First Nations and Metis in Manitoba. While this action is laudable and positive, it is only a 'baby-step' towards the AJI Report's core recommendation: the creation and establishment of an Aboriginal justice system.

Another outstanding recommendation from the AJI Report is the overhauling of the Provincial Policing Act. The AJI recommended that this act be amended to include an independent investigating agency be created and utilized when a person is fatally killed by any municipal police force in Manitoba. It even went so far as to also recommend that this agency, or board, include at least one (1) Aboriginal person, if the victim who was shot and killed was Aboriginal. The AJI went on to say that it was not appropriate, nor was it in the best interests of Aboriginal-policing relations, to have a municipal police force investigate itself when one of its members shot and killed an Aboriginal person.

Much work and pressure needs to be done and applied if the legacy of the AJI Report and its recommendations is to be ever realized and honoured. SCO is committed to reforming the current justice system and is calling upon all Indian peoples to remain vigilant and mindful of the AJI Report. Let us never forget the memory of those individuals who have come into conflict with the justice system and lost their lives since the release of the AJI Report in 1991.



## Congratulations Chief Dennis Meeches and Long Plain First Nation on CANDO Award nomination

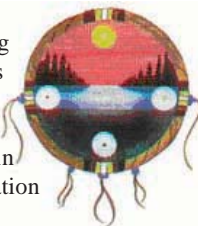
**O**n October 17-20, 2005 Chief Dennis Meeches will be representing Long Plain First Nation in their nomination for the Award of Business / Community Category in the upcoming Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers (CANDO Awards").

Long Plain First Nation has been on a growing spree in the past year with their increased economic development ventures. Chief Dennis Meeches is very proud of the Council and staff of all Long Plain entities who have worked hard

and diligently for the people of Long Plain. Long Plain First Nation has enhanced its position by diversifying its activities to include agriculture, tourism, a conference center, retain businesses, gaming, and adult education services.

Since 1995, the CANDO Economic Developer of the Year was created to recognize and promote recent or long-standing Aboriginal economic development initiatives throughout Canada.

We wish Chief Meeches all the best in the final results in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. Bring back the Award to Manitoba!!



Courtesy of CANDO <http://www.edo.ca/conference/2005/edo.htm>

An Act providing for the Crown's Recognition of Self-Governing  
First Nations in Canada

# Bill S-16

Informational Workshop

November 7-8, 2005

Victoria Inn, 1808 Wellington Avenue  
Wellington "B"  
Winnipeg, Manitoba

"Help to right injustices, correct historic wrongs and  
restore our rights"

Day 1: MONDAY, November 7, 2005

Opening Remarks: 8:30 a.m.

Closing Remarks: 4:30 p.m.

Session Topics:

- Background & History of Bill S-16
- Why the Bill is Needed
- Benefits of Bill S-16
- Comparative Analysis with other Self-Government Initiatives
- Convergence of Interests
- Implementation Process- First Nations Constitutions

Day 2: TUESDAY, November 8, 2005

Opening Remarks: 8:30 a.m.

Closing Remarks: 4:30 p.m.

Session Topics:

- Impact of Court Cases
- International Perspective on Bill S-16
- Impact of Routes to Self-Government: Negotiations/Litigation/Legislation
- Outcome of Round Tables, MOU's, Political Accords
- Improvements to Bill S-16

## PRESENTERS

Hon. Gerry St. Germain, Senator  
Catherine Twinn, Legal Counsel  
Rarihokwats, Drafter  
Chief Roland Twinn  
Grand Chief Rose Laboucan  
Chief Robert Daniels  
Stephen Stewart, Drafter  
Wilton Littlechild, Lawyer (TBC)  
Southern Grand Chief Chris Henderson

## REGISTRATION

Registration Fee:

\$50.00 per person

Elders & Students – Free!

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