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SCO pays homage and tribute to the late Chief Francis Flett

On behalf of the Southern Chiefs' Organization, I offer our condolences to the family of the late Chief Francis Flett, who passed onto the Spirit World on early Friday March 10, 2006, after a lengthy battle with diabetes.

During my current term as SCO Grand Chief, I had the honour and privilege of working with Chief Flett during his tenure as the Assembly of First Nations Manitoba Regional Vice Chief. He was a passionate and articulate defender of Indian peoples' Inherent and Treaty Rights here in Manitoba and abroad. In particular, he drew attention to the issues of diabetes and the impacts of Bill C-31 upon Indian peoples.



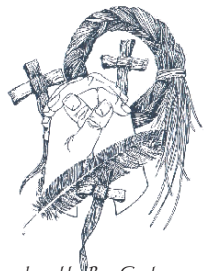
Chief Francis Flett and Grand Chief Chris Henderson

Aside from his political duties and accomplishments, Chief Flett was extremely friendly and possessed a great sense of humour. He truly was a First Nations diplomat and a gentleman. He will be missed by all.

Rest in peace old friend and Meegwetch for your significant contribution to our struggle for greater recognition and implementation of our Inherent and Treaty Rights!

Chief Francis Flett 1949 — 2006

Kisemanito Ki wicewikonaw
ki kiskinohtahikonaw
ki sawenimikonaw
Tahto kiskaw ota aski
e-pimohteyak



Cree Blessing shared by Ron Cook

SCO Justice and Fisher River visit Healing Lodge in Saskatchewan



l-r: Nancy Harasemiw, Chief David Crate, Fisher River Cree Nation, Councillor Keith Sinclair, Violet Mason, Kim Cramer, Councillor Vince Crate and Rhonda Garson stand in front of the Okimaw Ohci Healing Lodge in Saskatchewan.
(Missing in Photo are Elders Harriet Amos, Helen Cochrane and Matilda Mallett).

On February 27, 2006, Fisher River Cree Nation's Chief and Council, First Nation Healing Centre's Program Administrator, Outreach Worker, Board of Directors, and SCO's Community Justice Development Coordinator, traveled to Maple Creek, Sask., for a tour of Okimaw Ohci, —meaning *Thunder Hills* in the Cree language. Okimaw Ohci is a healing lodge for federally sentenced women located in the territory of the Nekanee First Nation, in southern Saskatchewan.

The delegation participated in a tour of the facility, discussions with various staff, and a sharing circle with the female residents. An understanding and perspective of this current operational model will assist in exploring the expansion of the FRCN Healing Centre to provide services to provincially sentenced indigenous women.

This is just one of the areas which Fisher River and SCO's Justice Department are currently engaged in, i.e., to develop a justice strategy for the community of Fisher River. Other areas being explored are Circuit Courts, Community and Youth Justice Circles, Legal Aid, Magistrate, and expansion of the Community Participation Agreement.

For more information regarding Justice issues and other project areas visit the SCO website at www.scoinc.mb.ca Until next time, take care and continue to be strong for the future generations to come.



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NOTICE TO MEMBERS

The Swan Lake First Nation Government is in the process of codifying its laws as part of their legislative agenda and to strengthen their accountability to their citizens.

In working towards achieving their collective 10 year community vision of becoming a stronger, healthier, more unified, independent and prosperous community, the Swan Lake First Nation is in the process of developing draft legislative codes for their own Band Custom Elections, Land Management Code and Citizenship Codes.

Off-reserve Band Members are being requested to provide their mailing addresses so that copies of the codes, information notices and the approval process can be sent to them for their review and input.

Please contact our **Land Code Coordinator** at (204) 836-2101 or email: slfn_lands293@hotmail.com so that your current mailing address can be updated and included in the database and to receive information on the codification, information notices and referendum process.

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