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Long Plain First Nation celebrates Miskwaanakwadook Place

On a beautiful and serene Monday June 5, 2006, on the outskirts of Portage La Prairie, the Long Plain First Nation celebrated the Grand Opening of its new office complex: Miskwaanakwadook Place.

This new \$1.75 million office complex has been named in honour of "Red Cloud Woman" – Mrs. Laura Assiniboine (nee Soldier) who resided in Long Plain from 1900-1981. She was remembered and regarded as a strong and loving woman who gave of herself over and above her primary responsibilities as a mother.

"Today is a historic occasion for the tribal members of the Long Plain First Nation," said Chief Dennis Meeches, and President of Long Plain's Arrowhead Development Corporation. "This office complex is one of our crown jewels."

The 1,800-square metre, two-storey complex serves as the head office for First Nations organizations like the Southern Chiefs' Organization, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, and the Dakota Ojibway Child and Family Services.

"On behalf of SCO, I must commend and congratulate Chief Meeches, the Council Members and the Board of Directors of Arrowhead Development Corp. on the Grand Opening of Miskwaanakwadook Place," stated Southern Grand Chief Chris Henderson. "This office complex is beautiful!"

During the official ceremony, flags were raised in honour of Miskwaanakwadook Place, which also has a monument in the front of the building in honour of "Red Cloud Woman".



Above: June 5, 2006 marked the Grand Opening of Miskwaanakwadook Place, 5010 Crescent Rd. West, Long Plain First Nation, Portage La Prairie, MB

Right: Grand Chief Henderson presents plaque and gift to Chief Dennis Meeches.



Left: Chief Dennis Meeches, Mr. Soldier, and General Manager Tim Daniels proceed to make the official and formal Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.



Message from SCO Grand Chief Chris Henderson



Grand Chief Henderson visits with Ms. Allison Gegwech, of Roseau River Anishinaabe First Nation.

Booshoo! Aniin! Tansi! Washte! Greetings!

I want to take this brief opportunity to acknowledge and commend those First Nations women who participated in the "Weekend to End Breast Cancer" walk on June 9 to 11, 2006, held in the City of Winnipeg. Monies raised at this event will support breast cancer research, education, and services at the Cancer Care Manitoba Foundation.

On another matter, it is time to once again talk about Treaty. You may have heard, or read, that SCO has been tasked with taking the lead in organizing and coordinating a **National Treaties 1 – 11 Gathering** at the Lower Fort Garry, the site where Treaty No. 1 was signed on August 3, 1871, beginning July 31 and ending on August 3, 2006.

I strongly encourage and invite all our Indian peoples to come and join our Treaty Chiefs, our Grand Chiefs and our Elders as we sit and dialogue about our Treaties and what we can do to not only protect our Treaty Rights, but how we can implement our Treaty Rights. Please join us if you can!



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On June 26, 27, 28, 2006, the Aboriginal Jurisprudence conference will be held at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Winnipeg, MB.

This Conference will be beneficial to Chiefs, Leaders, Council members, Lawyers, Senior Band Advisors, Government officials, Corporations, University Students, Elders in achieving a better understanding on Treaty rights, Section 35 of the Constitution and the Canadian Legal system.

The following cases will be discussed during the conference; Mikisew Cree Nation, Samson Cree First Nation, Adams, Sparrow, Badger, Marshall, Sundown, Horse, Delgamuukw, and Powley.

Keeseekoowenin Ojibway First Nation proudly welcomes you to attend this important conference.



"For as long as the sun shines, the grass grows and the waters flow"



NATIONAL TREATIES 1-11



GATHERING

July 31, August 1, 2, 3, 2006

Lower Fort Garry, Manitoba



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