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Message from SCO Grand Chief Chris Henderson



l-r: Chief Robert Daniels, Treaty No.1; Chief Morris Shannacappo, Treaty No.4; Grand Chief Henderson, Grand Chief Arthur Noskey, Treaty No.7; Chief Rose Laubocan, Treaty No.7; Councillor Mary Morin, Treaty No.6; Marlene Poitras, Treaty No.8; Marie Smallboy, Treaty No. 6; Elder, Youth, and Mr. Eric Tootoosis, Treaty No. 6; all came together in early June to discuss Treaty and plans for the upcoming National Indian Treaties 1-11 Gathering scheduled for July 31 - August 1, 2, and 3, 2006.

Booshoo! Aniin! Tansi! Washte! Greetings!

The Southern Chiefs' Organization of Manitoba has been tasked to coordinate, organize and host the **National Indian Treaties 1-11 Gathering from July 31 – August 3, 2006** at the Lower Fort Garry National Historic Park in Manitoba. This site is of great and spiritual importance to the Anishinabe (Ojibway) and Cree peoples, as it is the location of where Treaty One and Treaty Two was signed on August 3, 1871.

We have also invited the participation of the Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak and the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs to assist in the organizing and hosting of this monumental event.

The purpose of the gathering at Lower Fort Garry this summer is to consider the following:

1. The establishment of a Treaty Chiefs Council Secretariat (as called for in the noted resolution adopted from the last Treaty Gathering in Edmonton last September 2005); and,
2. The development and ratification of a declaration of unity statement or position.

I look forward to seeing our leaders and people at this gathering this summer.

All My Relations!

National Indian Treaty Gathering to be held in Treaty No. 1 Territory

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Treaty No. 7 Treaty No. 6 Treaty No. 8

**GATHERING OF TREATIES 1 - 11
RESOLUTION**

RESOLUTION: #GT: 09-28/29-05:01

SUBJECT: Declaration of Unity between the Treaty Nations of Treaties No. 1 to No. 11

WHEREAS Treaty Chiefs, Headmen and members of the Nations from Treaties No. 1 - No. 11 did meet in a duly convened gathering September 27-29, 2005 in the City of Edmonton, Alberta - Treaty No. 6 Territory; and

WHEREAS the Treaty Chiefs of Treaties No. 1 to No. 11 do hereby declare the non-recognition and eminent erosion of our Treaties and by this Resolution do fully assert and enforce the true Spirit and Intent of the Treaties No. 1 to No. 11; and

WHEREAS the Treaty Chiefs of the Indigenous Nations of Great Turtle Island in what is now known as Canada, honour the signing of Treaties No. 1 to No. 11 by our ancestors, and as member Treaty Nations, agree to uphold the duty as the collective Treaty Keepers; and

WHEREAS the Treaty Chiefs of Treaties No. 1 to No. 11 agree through the establishment of a Treaty Chiefs Secretariat to uphold the protection, promotion and enforcement of the promises and terms of our Treaties, as told through the oral history of our Elders from Treaties No. 1 to No. 11; and

WHEREAS the Treaty Chiefs of Treaties No. 1 to No. 11 are totally committed to work together in honour and respect to act on the responsibilities of our solemn duty to uphold the traditional and spiritual aspects as Inherent Keepers of Treaties No. 1 to No. 11 as signed by our ancestors.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Treaty Chiefs in attendance at the Gathering of Treaty Nations of Treaties No. 1 to No. 11 establish and mandate an Interim Treaty Chiefs Council, representative of all Treaty Territories of Treaties No. 1 to No. 11.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treaty Chiefs select an Interim Principal Spokesperson for this Treaty Chiefs Council to represent all Treaty Chiefs present at the Edmonton Assembly of Treaty Chiefs No. 1 to No. 11; prepare and organize the Spokesperson & the Treaty Chiefs Council to partake in meetings important to Treaty First Nations, i.e.: FMH (First Ministers Meeting) Conference in BC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Treaty Chiefs hereby reaffirm our commitment to the Inherent Right to Self - Determination and Self - Government as set out in the following 1981 Declaration of First Nations.

We the Original Peoples of this land know the Creator put us here.

The Creator gave us laws that govern all our relationships to live in harmony with nature and mankind.

The Laws of the Creator defined our rights and responsibilities.

The Creator gave us our spiritual beliefs, our languages, our culture, and a place on Mother Earth which provided us with all our needs.

We have maintained our Freedom, our Languages, and our Traditions from time immemorial.

We continue to exercise the rights and fulfill the responsibilities and obligations given to us by the Creator for the land upon which we were placed.

The Creator has given us the right to govern ourselves and the right to self-determination.

The rights and responsibilities given to us by the Creator cannot be altered or taken away by any other Nation.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Treaty Chiefs in assembly do hereby establish a Treaty Chiefs Council Secretariat to gather any and all material related to our Treaties for the purpose of a rolling living Draft to be finalized at a Treaty Chiefs gathering of the Treaties No. 1 to No. 11 at lower Fort Garry in Manitoba in the Moon of the Melting Snows of 2006;

MOVED BY: Chief Sanford Big Plume, Tsuu T'ina Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief BillyJo De LaRonde, Pine Creek First Nation

QUESTION CALLED

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VOTE:

FOR: 54 AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 4

RESOLUTION CHAIRPERSON: Ms. Bobbi Herkiva-Okeynaw

At the last Chiefs Assembly of Treaties 1 - 11 "Protecting Our Sovereignty" in Edmonton, Alberta, on September 27 - 29, 2005, the following Resolution was adopted by the Chiefs in attendance (Please see the resolution printed on this page).

This resolution was moved by Chief Sanford Big Plume of the Tsuu T'ina Nation, and seconded by Chief BillyJo De LaRonde of the Pine Creek First Nation.

The SCO, MKIO and AMC are assuming the coordinating and hosting responsibilities of this follow-up Treaty Gathering at the Lower Fort Garry.



Chief Sanford Big Plume
Tsuu T'ina Nation Treaty 7



Chief BillyJo DeLaRonde
Pine Creek First Nation

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

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TREATIES 1-11 GATHERING July 31 - Aug. 1, 2, 3, 2006

Location

Lower Fort Garry
National Historic Site of Canada,
Selkirk, Manitoba Treaty No.1 Territory

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