



*Message from  
SCO Grand Chief Chris Henderson*



*Chief Dennis Meeches, Long Plain First Nation, and President of the Arrowhead Development Corp.*

*Boozhoo! Tansi! Wash-tay! Greetings!*

I want to begin by congratulating the Arrowhead Development Corporation of the Long Plain First Nation on being recognized as Company of the Year (25+ employees category) by the Portage and District Chamber of Commerce's 2006 Best Business Awards on October 20, 2006. On behalf of SCO, I commend Chief Dennis Meeches, the Council Members, and the Arrowhead Development Board of Directors on their latest achievement.

In other developments, I want to offer my thanks and appreciation to Chief Ken Chalmers from the Birdtail Sioux First Nation for his year of political service on the SCO Chiefs' Executive Committee on behalf of the Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council. I would also like to officially welcome Chief Ken Whitecloud of the Sioux Valley Dakota Nation to the SCO CEC. Chief Whitecloud will now sit on this committee representing DOTC.

In closing, I look forward to meeting at the SCO Chiefs-in-Summit on November 1 & 2, 2006, at the Sioux Valley Dakota Nation and give my thanks to Chief Whitecloud and the people of Sioux Valley for hosting our political gathering.

**KITCHI-MEEGWETCH!**



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## Former PM revives Kelowna Accord with private member's bill

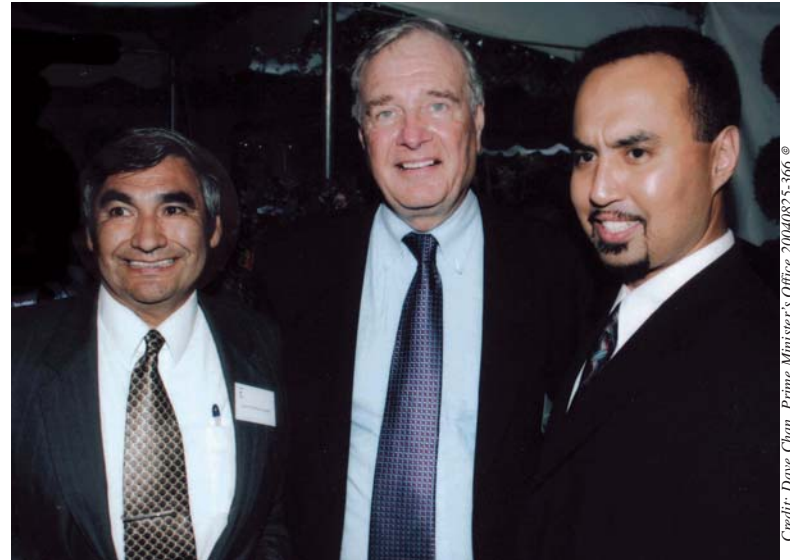
On October 18, 2006, in the House of Commons on Parliament Hill, former Prime Minister and Liberal Party leader, Mr. Paul Martin (Member of Parliament for the LaSalle-Emard riding in Quebec) introduced a private member's bill to force the federal government to "immediately take all measures necessary to implement the terms" of the Kelowna Accord.

Bill C-292, known as the Kelowna Accord Implementation Act, passed in the House of Commons with a vote of 159 to 123. All the opposition parties, the Liberals, NDP and the Bloc Quebecois, supported the bill. The entire Conservative Party members voted against Bill C-292.

The bill will now be sent to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development for further study and review. After this, it will be sent back to the House and voted on again, and could possibly be made into law.

When asked by reporters on Parliament Hill why the Conservative Party chose not to honour the November 25, 2005, Kelowna Accord, the former Prime Minister responded by stating: "You know on an issue this important I don't think we really want to play partisan politics. The fact is the Kelowna was 18 months in the making. It was supported by all of the provincial and territorial governments, irrespective of party. It was supported by all of the Aboriginal leadership. And really it set a very clear set of targets and I think that it had overwhelming support and I don't understand when you look at those health statistics when you look at the education statistics why the government isn't supporting it."

Last November, the Paul Martin government signed the Kelowna Accord with the provinces, territories and National Aboriginal organizations. \$5.1 billion was committed over five (5) years to address the socio-economic conditions of Aboriginal peoples in housing, health, education and economic development. However, later on that month, the Liberal government was brought down and a new general election was called.



*MKO Grand Chief Dr. Sydney Garrioch, former Prime Minister Paul Martin, and Southern Grand Chief Henderson seen here in August 2004.*

Upon being elected on January 23, 2006, the new Conservative government stated that no new money was committed for the Kelowna agreement. Therefore, they chose not to honour the accord.

"That is simply not true," said Mr. Martin. "The fact is that Ralph Goodale as the Minister of Finance and I as the Prime Minister authorized the 5.1 billion for the first five years. The money was there. And I can tell you there's only one way in which that money is removed and that's if the Minister of Finance, the new Minister of Finance essentially took it out of the funding for which it was provided. And so the money was there. If it's not there then I think the Minister of Indian Affairs should ask the Minister of Finance what happened to it."

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*Private Member's Bill to implement the Kelowna Accord would inject dollars to battle the housing crisis on Manitoba First Nations.*

# CHIEFS-IN-SUMMIT

## “Realizing the Legacy of the AJI Report’s Recommendations: First Nations’ Justice Issues”

Sioux Valley Dakota Nation

\*Subject to Additions and Ratification

### DRAFT Agenda #1

November 1 & 2, 2006

#### DAY ONE– Wednesday, November 1

- 9:00 AM** Grand Entry – Drum Group:  
*Sioux Nation Singers*
- Opening Prayer* – Elders: Mr. Oswald McKay & Mr. Hector Bunn
- Welcoming Remarks:  
Host Chief – Chief Kenneth Whitecloud  
Southern Grand Chief Chris Henderson  
AMC Grand Chief Ron Evans (TBC)
- 10:00 AM** Introduction of Chiefs and Proxies  
Rules & Procedures of SCO Summit  
Additions & Adoption of Summit Agenda
- 10:30 AM** M.O.U. & Protocol Agreement to Transfer  
Community Corrections and Probation  
Services Update (Re: SCO Chiefs-in-Summit  
Resolution #06 January 25, 2002,  
Subject: Community Corrections and  
Probation Services) Ms. Nahanni Fontaine,  
SCO Director of Justice
- Chiefs’ Discussion
- 11:30 AM** AJI Child Welfare Initiative Update  
Ms. Elsie Flette, CEO – First Nations of  
Southern Manitoba Child and  
Family Services Authority
- 12:00 PM** *Lunch (Provided)*
- 1:00 PM** O-Chi-Chak-Ko-Sipi Healing Lodge  
Presentation; Chief Wallace Moar  
and Mr. Everett Contois
- 2:00 PM** R.C.M.P. Protocol Agreement and Policing;  
Darrel Maddil, Assistant Commissioner,  
Commanding Officer, “D” Division –  
R.C.M.P.
- Chiefs’ Discussion
- 3:00 PM** Manitoba Minister of Justice & Attorney  
General (Invited)  
Honourable David W. Chomiak (TBC)
- Chiefs’ Discussion
- 4:00 PM** Resolutions



#### Featuring Keynote Speaker:

**Donald E. Worme, Q.C.**, Commission Counsel, is a Cree lawyer from the Kawacatoose First Nation, Treaty Four, Saskatchewan. After convocating from the University of Saskatchewan College of Law in 1985, Donald articulated with the Federal Department of Justice in public prosecutions. Since receiving his call to the Bar in 1986, Donald has been engaged in private practice and has acquired extensive and varied experience in criminal and aboriginal law litigation. He has been involved in the development and review of various public policies affecting Aboriginal and Treaty Rights, including two federal sectoral reviews of Lands and Trusts Services, one of which was a joint initiative involving the Assembly of First Nations and Indian and Northern Affairs. Donald has also undertaken studies and analysis for the National Indian Tax Advisory Board and research and commentary for the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples. He has appeared at all levels of court, including the Supreme Court of Canada, and is currently a member of the Human Rights Tribunal of Saskatchewan. Donald is a founding member of and member in good standing with the Indigenous Bar Association in Canada, a national advocacy group of Aboriginal lawyers, where he served as President between 1989 and 1991. Donald was lead counsel for the family of Neil Stonechild during the 2003 and 2004 Public Inquiry into the death of the late teenager and acted for inmate Sandra Paquachon in the Commission of Inquiry into Events of 1994 at the Prison for Women in Kingston. He was appointed Queen’s Counsel in 2002.



#### DAY TWO– Thursday, November 2

- 9:00 AM** Call to Order - Recap of Day One
- 9:30 AM** “Provincial Aboriginal Policing”  
Mr. Al Brolly, Director,  
Aboriginal & Community Law  
Enforcement, MB Justice
- Chiefs’ Discussion
- 10:30 AM** Inquest into the shooting death  
of Matthew Dumas Update  
Ms. Jessica Paul (sister to the  
late Matthew Dumas)
- Chiefs’ Discussion
- 11:30 AM** Special Investigations Unit for  
Policing Complaints Proposal  
Ms. Nahanni Fontaine,  
SCO Director of Justice
- 12:00 PM** *Lunch (Provided)*
- 1:00 PM** Presentation on Aboriginal  
Peoples and the Canadian Justice  
System – Mr. Donald E. Worme,  
Q.C. Barrister & Attorney-at-  
Law (First Nations lawyer who  
participated in the Neil Stonechild  
and Ipperwash Inquiries)
- Chiefs’ Discussion
- 2:30 PM** Resolutions
- 3:30 PM** Closing Ceremonies

