



# South Wind

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## Justice delayed is Justice denied!

On Wednesday, April 19, 2006, the Prime Minister of Canada Stephen Harper was in Winnipeg to attend a luncheon that was hosted by the Manitoba Chamber of Commerce. During Mr. Harper's visit, the Southern Chiefs' Organization organized a rally on behalf of Indian Residential School Survivors in Manitoba.

"On behalf of SCO, I want to thank all those people who answered our call to action by coming out and participating in our rally," stated Southern Grand Chief Chris Henderson. "In particular, I want to acknowledge those survivors from Sandy Bay, Ebb and Flow and other First Nations for coming out on this day."



*l-r: Grand Chief Henderson and AFN Regional Vice Chief Katherine Whitecloud at the April 19th rally in support of survivors of Indian Residential Schools.*

### Message from SCO Grand Chief Chris Henderson



*l-r: Chief Irvin McIvor, Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation; Chief Morris Shannacappo, Rolling River First Nation; Chief Robert Daniels, Swan Lake First Nation; Chief Robert Maywayashing, Lake Manitoba First Nation; Chief Ian Bushie, Hollow Water First Nation; Chief Norman Bone, Keeseekoowenin First Nation and Grand Chief Chris Henderson.*

### Booshoo! Aniin! Tansi! Washte! Greetings!

I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge and commend this Federal Conservative Government for its announcement in the House of Commons on April 25, 2006, that they will conclude a final compensation agreement for Indian Residential School survivors. This news is long overdue.

However, I want to caution those survivors here in Manitoba that this package is not yet final and binding. First, Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Federal Cabinet must approve and authorize the final agreement. After receiving Cabinet approval, the agreement then must be sanctioned and approved by the provincial courts, where there were various class action lawsuits filed by survivors' groups.

It's been reported that it may take the remaining year to finalize this agreement and compensation damages will not be received by survivors until at least the New Year (2007). So, I want to caution our survivors to remain cautiously optimistic and patient, as difficult and painful as it may be.

In other news, I am pleased to report that SCO has been authorized and mandated by the SCO Chiefs' Executive Committee to be the lead body to coordinate and host the proposed National Treaties 1-11 Gathering, tentatively scheduled for July 31, August 1, 2, & 3, 2006, at the Lower Fort Garry (the site where Treaty No. 1 was signed on August 3, 1871).



Until next time take care and God Bless!

The purpose of the rally was to send a message to the Federal Government to honour and implement the Assembly of First Nations' Indian Residential School Compensation Agreement-in-Principle (AIP) signed with Canada last November, 2005. Up to this point, the government was silent and sending mixed messages as to what they would honour under the AIP.

With only a day's notice to organize and plan, the message was loud and clear as over 300 young and old people attended the rally in support of survivors.

**The latest developments from Ottawa came on Tuesday, April 25, 2006, when Indian Affairs Minister Jim Prentice announced in the House of Commons that the government would honour the AIP.**

A couple of things need to occur in the next few months before any compensation is to be received by survivors. First, the deal must be cleared by the Federal Cabinet; it then must be approved by the courts in several provinces. The last phase of the agreement will be determined by the survivors themselves. If enough survivors support and accept the compensation, it is anticipated that payments will hopefully be received by early next year.

**Please note:** if any Residential School Survivors passed away after May 30, 2005, they are entitled for compensation. In addition, the Southern Chiefs Organization want to encourage all Residential School Survivors to create a simple will that indicates and

specifies who will be entitled to any of your personal assets or compensation money. This will eliminate INAC from obtaining any financial monies left by our loved ones.

For more information contact SCO at (204) 946-1869 or Toll Free: 1-866-876-9701 or the Assembly of First Nations at Toll Free: 1-866-869-6789 or visit their website at: [www.afn.ca/residentialschools/](http://www.afn.ca/residentialschools/)



*top: Southeast College students lend support*

*bottom: Indian Residential School survivor, Jan Wood showing support.*





# NOTICE OF SCO CHIEFS-IN-SUMMIT



Chief Robert Maytwayashing  
Lake Manitoba First Nation



National Chief Phil Fontaine  
Assembly of First Nations

Chief Robert Maytwayashing, Lake Manitoba First Nation would like to extend an invitation to all the Southern Chiefs of Manitoba to attend the upcoming Chiefs-in-Summit scheduled for May 18-19, 2006 held on the Lake Manitoba First Nation, Treaty 2 Territory.

Assembly of First Nations National Chief Phil Fontaine is confirmed to attend on Day One of the SCO Chiefs-in-Summit.

Date:	May 18 & 19, 2006
Location:	Lake Manitoba First Nation Lake Manitoba School
Time:	9:00 a.m - 4:00 p.m.

## COMING SOON!



## NATIONAL TREATIES 1-11 GATHERING

SCO has been tasked and mandated to host and coordinate this National Treaties 1 - 11 Gathering, tentatively scheduled for July 31, August 1, 2 & 3, 2006, at the Lower Fort Garry (the site where Treaty No. 1 was signed on August 3, 1871).

This gathering is a follow-up from the last National Treaty Gathering held last September 2005 in Edmonton, Alberta.

Stay tuned for further information. Check out Southern Chiefs' Organization website at [www.scoinc.mb.ca](http://www.scoinc.mb.ca) for further updates or contact our Sub-Office at (204) 946-1869 or Toll Free 1-866-876-9701.

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

## Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba Grand Opening

This momentous occasion will take place at the *Lower Fort Garry National Historic Site of Canada* (5925 Highway 9, St. Andrews, MB). It will serve to launch the Commission, create broad awareness of our mandate and facilitate positive community relations for years to come.

**Official Ceremony**  
Wednesday, May 17, 2006  
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Lower Fort Garry

**Open House & Reception**  
12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba  
Suite 400-175 Hargrave Street, Winnipeg, MB



Mr. Dennis White Bird, Manitoba Treaty Commissioner and Grand Chief Chris Henderson at Lower Fort Garry Treaty 1 commemorative plaque.

*The Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba (TRCM) is a neutral body, created through a partnership between the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs(AMC) and Canada, with a mandate to strengthen, rebuild and enhance the Treaty relationship and mutual respect between First Nations and Manitobans. The Commission will enhance and maintain positive intergovernmental relations and cooperation, conduct independent research that advances discussion on Treaty related issues, and facilitate public understanding of the importance and role of Treaty making in building a stronger and healthier nation.*

### Indian Residential School Museum of Canada

*"From a place of hurting to a place of healing"*

## Invites you to attend the 1st Annual Pledge Night

*"to raise awareness of this project and to assist in the building of a museum, where all First Nations of Canada will be represented"*

**Thursday, May 11, 2006**  
Keeshkeemaqua Conference & Gaming Centre

**Tickets only \$10.00**

Doors Open: 5:30 p.m.  
Entertainment starts: 7:00 p.m.

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