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ASSEMBLY OF TREATY CHIEFS

2021 Gathering on AOTC Reform

November 30, & December 1 - 2, 2021

Grey Eagle Events Centre, 3777 Grey Eagle Drive, Tsuut'ina
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3777 Grey Eagle Drive, Tsuut'ina, AB

Main Topic: Assembly of Treaty Chiefs Reform

Purpose:

The Assembly of Treaty Chiefs' (AOTC) table was initially established in 2004 to provide the recognized leaders as selected/elected by their citizens of the First Nations of Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7 and Treaty No. 8 situated within the Alberta Region the opportunity to gather to discuss issues relating to the Inherent and Treaty Rights of their citizens, lands and traditional territories and potential impacts of decisions by the governments of Canada and the province of Alberta.

With the guidance and encouragement of the Elders and Knowledge Keepers, it was agreed there is strength in numbers and unity; therefore, the Chiefs signed the *Unity Declaration*. It was agreed that the table would not be incorporated rather the support and assistance of the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations, Treaty 7 Management Corporation and Treaty 8 First Nations organizations were identified to seek funding for assemblies, coordinate the assemblies and conduct follow up of Chiefs' directives on a rotation basis until such time the Chiefs deem otherwise.

Since the establishment of the AOTC, there have been discussions with directives put forth to address issues on how to organize the AOTC through Strategic Planning sessions, presentations on voting procedures as well as representation at the national advocacy level. Research of directives and subsequent assemblies indicate follow ups have not fulfilled expected outcomes as per instructions. This may be contributed to changes in human resources and financial support.



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It is the purpose of this assembly to facilitate further dialogue on the working relationship in advancing positive outcomes on behalf of the citizens of Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7 and Treaty No. 8.

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A G E N D A

Co-Chairs: Treaty No. 6: Mr. Ron Lameman
Treaty No. 7: Mr. Wilton Goodstriker
Treaty No. 8: TBD

Facilitator: Mr. Will Fong, PMP, CMP of MNP

NOTE: Covid Protocol will be followed for entry into facility. Proof of vaccination by showing the Immunization QR Code provided from Alberta Health or for those who have not been vaccinated, valid proof of a negative test result within 72 hours of the event must be presented. Wrist bands will be provided to those who are cleared for entry into the assembly facility.

Each morning the Pipes, both Male and Female, will be lifted in ceremony at 7:30 a.m. in the Grey Eagle Events Centre

Registration for Chiefs and Proxies begin each morning at 8:00 a.m.

Breakfast will be provided at 8:00 a.m.

Lunch will be provided at 12:00 p.m.

Directives: Resolutions/Motions of the Chiefs will pertain to Agenda Items and be dealt with during the Agenda item as per Chairman

Day One: November 30, 2021



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- 7:30 a.m.: Pipe Ceremony: Elder Alex Crowchild, Tsuut'ina
Elder Ivy Raine, Louis Bull Tribe
- 8:45 a.m.: Grand Entry: Stoney Park Drum Group
Eagle Staffs and Nations' Flags
Chiefs, Veterans, Council Members
- 9:00 a.m.: Call to Order: Chair
- Opening Prayer: Elder Alex Crowchild, Tsuut'ina
- Welcoming and Opening Remarks:
- Treaty No. 7: Chief Aaron Young, Chiniki
Chief Ouray Crowfoot. Siksika
 - Treaty No. 6: Grand Chief Greg Desjarlais, Treaty No. 6
 - Treaty No. 8: Grand Chief Noskey, Treaty No. 8
- Review and Adoption of Agenda
Review and Adoption of Rules of Procedures

Item One: Working Relationship – AOTC Reform

1. Revisit the history of AOTC and the Unity Agreement
2. Where are we today? What is Working Well? What is not Working Well?
 - a. For the things Working Well – are there any amendments that should be made to the Unity Agreement to formalize this?
 - b. For the things Not Working Well – are there any amendments that should be made to the Unity Agreement? Are there other changes that need to be made to our protocols, policies, processes to address this?
3. How do we define “Mutual Interest” to trigger collective action?
 - a. What happens when we unanimously agree?
 - b. What happens when we do not agree? How do we still support each other as a united group?



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4. How should we address the blurring of Political/Rights tables and Programs/Services tables? The inappropriate use of a political forum (AOTC) to advance programs and services debates.
 - a. Review of existing or recent past issues that have created conflict at AOTC
 - b. Where should these issues be dealt with?
 - c. When is it appropriate for them to come to AOTC?

4:30 p.m. End of Day One

Day Two: December 01, 2021

7:30 a.m.: Pipe Ceremony: Elder Cecil Crier from Treaty No. 6
Elder Ivy Raine, Louis Bull Tribe

8:30 a.m.: Call to Order: Chairman
Invocation: Elder from Treaty No. 6
Recap: Co-Chair

Item Two: Regional Representatives of ISC and FNIHB

Mr. Jamie Brown, Regional Director General

Ms. Rhonda Laboucan, Regional Executive Officer

- Present to respond to questions of Chiefs and to share information

Item Three: National Advocacy and Representation

1. Advocacy vs. Representation – what are our needs and expectations with respect to each?
2. How Do We Interface with National organizations?
 - a. Overview of the current landscape of organizations including Government of Canada, AFN and other organizations and/or groups
 - b. How should National issues be brought to AOTC?
 - c. What direction should be given to these National organizations on matters where there is not a unanimous decision?
3. Regarding the AFN:



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- a. What Impacts do current AFN work/activities have on First Nations in our Treaty territories
- b. What is our collective AOTC position relating to relationship with the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), is there one position?
- c. What is our collective AOTC position regarding our representation on the AFN Executive?
- d. How will we participate going forward?

4:30 p.m. End of Day Two

Day Three: December 02, 2021

7:30 a.m.: Pipe Ceremony: Elder Leonard Weasel Traveller
Elder Ivy Raine, Louis Bull Tribe

8:30 a.m.: Call to Order: Chairman

Invocation: Leonard Weaseltraveller

Recap Day Two: Co-Chair

Item Four: Appointments

1. Indian Resource Council – Mr. Steven Buffalo
 - a. Report
 - b. Resolutions (2) for support from the Chiefs
 - i. I.O.G.C. Takeover
 - ii. First Nations Site Rehabilitation Program
 - c. Presentation on Alberta Indigenous Opportunities Corp.



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Item Five: Other Business

1. Winter AOTC Report: Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations
2. Federal issues
3. Provincial Issues

1:00 p.m. Closing Comments

Exit of the Eagle Staffs and Flags - Drum

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