

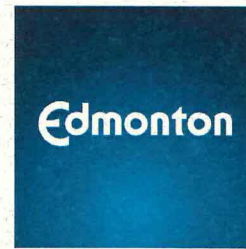
Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Enoch Cree Nation

and

the City of Edmonton



WHEREAS Enoch Cree Nation is signatory to Treaty No. 6 and it is recognized that the Nation has an inherent right to self-government;

AND WHEREAS the parties recognize the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (2007)* as the framework for reconciliation;

AND WHEREAS the City of Edmonton is a Municipality created under *Municipal Government Act* of Alberta;

AND WHEREAS the parties wish to establish a government-to-government relationship of mutual respect and cooperation to deal with issues of mutual interest and benefit;

AND WHEREAS a significant portion of Enoch Cree Nation lands are contiguous with the City of Edmonton, and the City of Edmonton is contained within those lands claimed by Enoch Cree Nation as its traditional territory;

AND WHEREAS the City of Edmonton has an existing Memorandum of Cooperation and Dialogue with the Confederacy of Treaty No. 6 First Nations, to which the Enoch Cree Nation is an active member;

AND WHEREAS the parties have mutual respect for each other's values, policies and areas of jurisdiction;

NOW THEREFORE the Chief and Council of Enoch Cree Nation, on behalf of its members and citizens, and the Mayor and Council of the City of Edmonton, on behalf of its citizens hereby declare their mutual intentions to pursue a lasting relationship based upon mutual respect, honour and recognition.

AND WHEREAS the parties recognize that they each have distinct authorities and responsibilities toward their residents and acknowledge that the interests of all persons living in their communities are best served by working together in the spirit of reconciliation and collaboration;

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Memorandum is:

1. To set a strong foundation for the parties to establish and maintain a co-operative government-to-government relationship in the spirit of reconciliation;
2. To establish a government-to-government working committee comprised of political appointments and/or staff to foster health, growth and well-being of the residents in their communities; and
3. To have a platform for meaningful, effective and transparent communication and information-sharing on all issues of mutual interest.

SHARED PRINCIPLES

This Memorandum of Understanding represents a commitment by the parties to develop a strong, committed and fair working relationship between their respective governments, working together for the rights and benefit of all, in accordance with the following:

1. It is recognized that Enoch Cree Nation's history, culture and people have made significant contributions to social and economic prosperity of the capital region.
2. The prosperity of our future relies upon the kind of relationships built today; reconciliation is a responsibility shared by both parties.
3. The parties believe that cooperative working relationships between local governments and First Nations are built on effective communication, respect and trust.

SHARED OBJECTIVES

The parties will collaborate on the development and implementation of projects of mutual benefit, and will work to develop agreements to achieve these goals.

The Chief and Council of the Nation and the Mayor and Council of the City agree to work together, along with their respective administrations, to address issues of mutual interest. Both jurisdictions will strike a government-to-government working committee to advance the collaborative dialogue and joint work, some examples of which could include:

- Intergovernmental Relationship building
- Economic, Social and Cultural prosperity and development
- Environmental Stewardship and Land Use Planning
- Service Utilization and Agreements
- Infrastructure establishment and maintenance

COMMUNICATION

1. Leadership of both the Enoch Cree Nation and the City of Edmonton shall hold meetings to discuss matters of mutual concern and or interest on an 'as-required' basis, with an annual meeting as a minimum.
2. The Chief and Council of the Nation and the Mayor and Council of the City direct their respective administration to work together in preparing a Communications Protocol to share information with one another in regard to but not limited to matters mentioned above.

This Memorandum is not a binding legal agreement and does not create any binding obligations on any party.

Nothing in this Memorandum of Understanding is intended to be construed as modifying any Treaty, creating a new Treaty or as a treaty-making process and any discussion that may abrogate or derogate a Treaty Right is not to be construed as Consultation without Free, Prior and Informed Consent.

This Memorandum reflects an understanding between the City and the Nation to work cooperatively in the best interests of both of their communities and the region as a whole.

Agreed, this 10th day of March, 2017.

For Enoch Cree Nation:

Chief Billy Morin
Enoch Cree Nation

For the City of Edmonton:

Mayor Don Iveson
City of Edmonton

Councillor Michelle Wilsdon
Witness

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Chief Operating Officer
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