

## Second annual Treaty Six Day proclaimed in Edmonton

*City announces funding to find location where historic Treaty No. 6 was signed*

Chiefs representing the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations assembled at Edmonton City Hall to recognize the historic relationship forged between the Plains and Wood Cree people and the Crown at Fort Carlton in 1876.

As part of Treaty Six Recognition Day events, Mayor Don Iveson announced \$20,000 to support a project by the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations and the Fort Edmonton Management Company to find the specific location in Edmonton where local First Nations signed on to Treaty No. 6 with the Crown on August 23, 1876.

"The City of Edmonton is proud to rest in the heart of Alberta's Treaty Six territory, and our ongoing partnership with the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations is a testament to that pride," said Mayor Iveson. "Today, we celebrate the contributions of Treaty Six First Nations in Edmonton's development, and help bridge new relationships that will help share that story with others."

In addition to helping identify this site, the project solidifies a newly-forged partnership between the Confederacy and Fort Edmonton Management Company. The relationship will lead to new and improved First Nations programming at Fort Edmonton Park.

In 2012, the City's relationship with Treaty Six was strengthened when the historic *Memorandum of Understanding and Dialogue* was signed by then-Mayor Stephen Mandel at the Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Pow-Wow. *Treaty Six Recognition Day* is a direct result of this enhanced working relationship.

"The cooperation and partnership created through the memorandum of understanding has provided a great opportunity for First Nations in Treaty Six to create better outcomes for their membership in the city of Edmonton," said Grand Chief Proxy Tony Alexis. "Leaders like Mayor Don Iveson and the current council have dedicated themselves to reconciliation with First Nations, and this begins with recognizing and understanding the rich history that this territory holds. I commend city staff and those at the Confederacy for their work thus far -- the future holds a wealth of promise."

"This relationship is another important step towards the Park's mission of connecting generations to Edmonton's dynamic history. It is our wish to highlight the important role of First Nations in the development of the region and provide First Nations a place to tell their stories" said Doug Goss, Chair of the Fort Edmonton Management Company.

In 1993, the First Nations included in Treaty Six came together to form the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations, to act as a united political body and speak with a collective voice on common issues.

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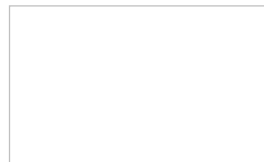
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