City proclaims Treaty No. 6 Recognition Day

Honouring 138 years of partnership

Alberta Premier Rachel Notley, Mayor Don Iveson, Edmonton City Council, Grand Chief Tony Alexis, and Chiefs of the Nations within Treaty No. 6 took part in the third annual Treaty No. 6 Recognition Day this morning at City Hall.

"The City of Edmonton is proud to rest in the heart of Treaty No. 6 Territory," said Mayor Iveson. "Today is a celebration where we acknowledge the outstanding achievements and contributions of local First Nations people to the development of the region we call home."

The commemorative event and celebration acknowledged the historic signing of Treaty No. 6 between the Plains and Wood Cree people and the Crown on August 23, 1879 and also paid homage to the signing of Treaty No. 6 by Cree, Salteaux and Nakota Sioux Chiefs at Edmonton, on August 21, 1877 – 138 years ago today.

"Today we recognize and honour a historic moment in time," said Grand Chief Alexis. "As Chiefs of the Treaty No. 6 territory, we've been committed to building an open dialogue with the City of Edmonton and Mayor Don Iveson. I look forward to continuing to bridge the path the agreement was founded on as we look to new horizons and opportunities for the future."

As part of the event, a pair of moccasins, made by Marie Claire French, were gifted to Mayor Iveson. An acrylic painting and poem, created by Angela Hall, was gifted to Grand Chief Alexis. The two art pieces were chosen through the Treaty No. 6 Reconciliation Day Art Contest, with a theme of "Reconciliation: We are all Treaty No. 6 People".

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