



## Enoch Cree Nation and City of Edmonton sign historic relationship agreement

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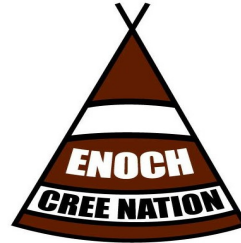
On March 10, Enoch Cree Nation and the City of Edmonton jointly signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), signalling a new era of mutual respect and cooperation between the governments.

"Coming together in a unified way solidifies our commitment to developing a strong and fair working relationship for the rights and benefit of all," said Chief Billy Morin of Enoch Cree Nation. "This strengthened partnership in the Edmonton metropolitan region continues to honour the terms, spirit and intent of Treaty 6, while allowing for additional outcomes based on mutual benefit."

The participation of the City of Edmonton in the First Nations – Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI) with Enoch Cree Nation helped to lay the foundation for the MOU. CEDI is a joint national initiative of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and Cando (the Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers). CEDI supports First Nations and adjacent municipalities to build bonds and to identify and plan for economic cooperation over the long term. The City of Edmonton and Enoch Cree Nation are one of four partnerships accepted nationally in 2016 to participate.

"This important step builds on the City's Memorandum of Cooperation and Dialogue with the Confederacy of Treaty No. 6 First Nations, along with our participation in CEDI. It also sets a strong foundation for maintaining cooperative government-to-government relationship with Enoch Cree Nation in the spirit of reconciliation," said Mayor Don Iveson. "I am pleased to embark on new ways of working together for the benefit of current and future generations."

The MOU is a non-legal and non-binding principle-based arrangement that commits the leadership and staff of both jurisdictions to a sustained, long-term working relationship for the social and economic benefit of residents in both jurisdictions. Leadership of each community will meet, at a minimum, once per year and maintain a joint working group focused on increased information sharing, opportunities for collaboration, and the growth and well-being of residents in their communities.



### For more information:

Video: [Mayor Iveson & Chief Billy Morin discuss First Nations & municipalities working together](#)  
[City of Edmonton Indigenous Relations Office](#)  
[Enoch Cree Nation](#)  
[CEDI](#) (First Nations-Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative)

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