



## Assembly of Treaty Chiefs April 8, 9, 10, 2024 Winter Session

### Executive Summary:

The meetings were held at the Lobstick Lodge and Forest Park hotel in Jasper, Alberta. The 3 days started with a pipe ceremony. Okimaw Fox explained that the pipe is sacred and speaks for the peoples in a unified way and that an opening prayer puts the pipe prayers aside. Chiefs then called the meeting to order and to commence their discussions.

The meeting was chaired by Josh Littlechild (T6), John Snow Jr. (T7) and Jim Badger (T8). The Executive Summary of the previous Fall session (2023) was presented by Ann Many Heads.

### Children in Care:

Chiefs, discussion was that the Governments need to be held accountable for their actions in regard to children. That the benefits withheld in trust and used for the care of the children and not as a benefit to the children. They recommended that a special Chiefs Assembly for further discussions take place.

**M#02/2024/04/08** – To organize and plan a Collective Conversation Summit on Children amongst Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7 and Treaty No. 8 (Alberta) was adopted by consensus.

### National Relationship: AFN – Charter-Regional Chief Position and National Chief.

Chiefs had an open discussion with Sharon Venne, PTO's, National Chief on their concerns regarding the AFN Charter and its pan approach that impact to inherent and treaty rights. AFN not recognizing the diversity or autonomy of each First Nation; AFN does not speak for individual first nations. The outdated voting system ensures that Treaty Chiefs are out

voted on the resolution. Funding mechanisms are inadequate and that co-developed legislations are not treaty implementation. Treaty First Nations need to be treated fairly when discussions on traditional lands, industry, revenue sharing and must be at all discussion tables.

### **Treaty Right to Health:**

The Chiefs were presented with a spread sheet that showed the historical devolution of the Treaty right to Health through terms and conditions of the fiscal arrangements for First Nations. Mechanisms were identified to protect the Treaty right to health as a Nation Based Firewall through own law-making authority and recommended technicians develop a tool kit for all first nations.

Chief identified concern on systemic racism, and the government utilizing demographics of first nations to build infrastructure. Services are required to support the peoples and a strategic plan be developed to protect the treaty benefit now and for future generations. Prepare a position paper with definite timelines to be discussed at the special AoTC with consideration of changing the name of AoTC and possible restructuring.

**M#05/2024/04/09 – AoTC strategy on Political Actions (update Red Paper) adopted by consensus.**

**M#06/2024/04/09 – Reviving the Indian Association of Alberta/(Treaty Association of Alberta) tabled**

### **IELCC Indigenous Early Learning Childcare – STT committee**

Chiefs were informed that committee have been working without a mandate and require a resolution to continue and funding for the program requires discussions and direction of the funding for First Nations.

Chiefs expressed concern on the use of sole source funding for core funding and that sustainable funding is required. It was recommended that there be a special 2 day summit to discuss in detail the funding issues. With Agenda to include HCom mandate

**R#01/2024/04/10 – Proposed All Chiefs Summit on Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care (Alberta) – adopted by consensus**

## **List of Motions & Resolutions:**

M#01 – Acceptance of Agenda & Rules of Procedure

M#02 – To organize and plan a collective Conversation Summit on Children amongst Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7 & Treaty No. 8

M#03 – Postponement of discussions on Assembly of First Nations

M#04 – Accept the Recap of Day 1 AoTC 2024 Winter Sitting

M#05 – AoTC Strategy on Political Actions (update Red Paper)

M#06 – Reviving the Indian Association of Alberta/(Treaty Association of Alberta)

M#07 – Adjournment

R#01- Proposed All Chiefs summit on Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care (Alberta)

R#02 – Treaty Land Sovereignty



**Treaty No. 6**

**Treaty No. 7**

**Treaty No. 8**

**Assembly of Treaty Chiefs  
Winter Sitting**

**TREATY NO. 6 – TREATY NO. 7 – TREATY NO. 8**

**April 8 - 10, 2024**

**Lobstick Lodge/Forest Park Hotel**

**OFFICIAL MOTION**

**Motion:** M#01/2024/04/08

**Subject:** Acceptance of Agenda & Rules of Procedure

**Moved by:** Chief Andy Alook, Bigstone Cree Nation

**Seconded by:** Chief Joel Mykat, Ermineskin Cree Nation

**Decision:** Motion adopted by consensus

The Assembly of Treaty Chiefs of Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7 and Treaty No. 8 did meet in a duly convened Winter Sitting with a quorum of Nations attending in person at the Lobstick Lodge/Forest Park Inn/ and via zoom.

Moved that the Chiefs in Assembly hereby approve the agenda as amended & the Rules of Procedure for the 2024 AoTC Winter Sitting as presented.

**Certified Correct:**   
Ron Lameman – Resolutions Chairman



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Assembly of Treaty Chiefs  
Winter Sitting  
TREATY NO. 6 – TREATY NO. 7 – TREATY NO. 8  
April 8 - 10, 2024  
Lobstick Lodge/Forest Park Hotel  
**OFFICIAL MOTION**

**Motion:** M#02/2024/04/08

**Subject:** To organize and plan a Collective Conversation Summit on Children amongst Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7 & Treaty No. 8 (Alberta).

**Moved by:** Chief Andy Alook, Bigstone Cree Nation

**Seconded by:** Chief Desmond Bull, Louis Bull Tribe

**Decision:** Motion adopted by consensus

The Assembly of Treaty Chiefs of Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7 and Treaty No. 8 did meet in a duly convened Winter Sitting with a quorum of Nations attending in person at the Lobstick Lodge/Forest Park Inn/ and via zoom.

Moved that the Chiefs in Assembly hereby direct that the technicians of Treaty 6, 7 & 8 to organize, on an urgent basis, a two-day summit and conversation towards developing a collective shield for Childrens Wellbeing.

**Certified Correct:**   
Ron Lameman – Resolutions Chairperson



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**Assembly of Treaty Chiefs  
Treaty No. 6 -- Treaty No. 7 -- Treaty No. 8  
April 8, 2024 – Lobstick Lodge  
April 9 & 10, 2024 – Forest Park Hotel  
Jasper, AB**

**OFFICIAL MOTION**

**Motion:** M#03/2024/04/08

**Subject:** Postponement of Discussion on Assembly of First Nations

**Moved by:** Chief Isaac Laboucan-Avirom, Woodland Cree Nation

**Seconded by:** Chief Kelsey Jacko, Cold Lake First Nations

**Decision:** Consensus

Moved that the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs (AoTC) postpone the discussion and decision on the Assembly of First Nations to Day 2 of the 2024 Winter Sitting due to time constraints on Day 1.

**Certified Correct:**   
Ron Lameman, Resolutions Chairperson





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**Assembly of Treaty Chiefs  
Treaty No. 6 -- Treaty No. 7 -- Treaty No. 8  
April 8, 2024 – Lobstick Lodge  
April 9 & 10, 2024 – Forest Park Hotel  
Jasper, AB**

**OFFICIAL MOTION**

**Motion:** M#04//2024/04/09

**Subject:** Accept the Recap from Day 1 AoTC 2024 Winter Sitting

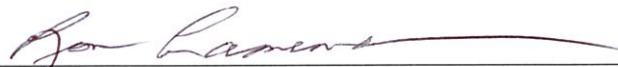
**Moved by:** Chief Kelsey Jacko, Cold Lake First Nations

**Seconded by:** Chief Sheldon Sunshine, Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation

**Decision:** Consensus

Moved that the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs (AoTC) accept the recap from Day 1 of the 2024 AoTC Winter Sitting, as presented.

**Certified Correct:**

  
Ron Lameman, Resolutions Chairperson



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Jasper, AB**

**OFFICIAL MOTION**

**Motion:** M#05/2024/04/09  
**Subject:** AoTC Strategy on Political Actions (update Red Paper)  
**Moved by:** Chief Andy Alook, Bigstone Cree Nation  
**Seconded by:** Chief Wilfred Hookanooza, Dene Tha Nation  
**Decision:** Consensus

Moved that the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs (AoTC) establish and empower a working group from the 3 (three) Treaty Territories whose mandate is to develop an action plan for the Chiefs to follow which will include actions, events and timelines including the updating of the Red Paper.

This Political Action Working Group will meet as soon as possible and to prepare a position paper for the leadership which will include a strategic plan with definite timelines to be tabled at the next AoTC or at a Special AoTC for the purpose of political action to further address the continued protection of our Treaties and Treaty Territories for the benefit of all of our Treaty peoples.

**Certified Correct:**   
Ron Lameman, Resolutions Chairperson





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**AoTC Winter Sitting  
Treaty No. 6 - Treaty No. 7 - Treaty No. 8 (Alberta)  
April 8 - 10, 2024  
Lobstick Lodge/Forest Park Hotel  
Jasper, AB, Treaty No. 8 Territory**

**OFFICIAL MOTION**

Motion: M#06/2024/04/09

Subject: Reviving the Indian Association of Alberta/(Treaty Association of Alberta)

Moved by: Chief Desmond Bull, Louis Bull Tribe

Seconded by: Chief Gary Lameman, Beaver Lake Cree Nation

Decision: Tabled

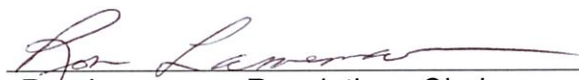
Moved that the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs (AoTC) direct the technicians to develop a plan to resurrect the Indian Association of Alberta, rename it as Treaty Association.

Further that the Treaty Association of Alberta will remain unincorporated.

Further it is moved that the AoTC direct the technicians to invite those individuals working on an initiative to update the Red Paper to share information to determine what opportunities exist to work together on updating the Red Paper moving forward.

The AoTC direct the technicians to provide this information by the next AoTC

**Certified Correct:**

  
Ron Lameman, Resolutions Chairperson



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**Assembly of Treaty Chiefs  
Treaty No. 6 -- Treaty No. 7 -- Treaty No. 8  
April 8, 2024 – Lobstick Lodge  
April 9 & 10, 2024 – Forest Park Hotel  
Jasper, AB  
Treaty No. 8 Territory**

**OFFICIAL MOTION**

**Motion:** M#07/2024/04/10

**Subject:** Adjournment

**Moved by:** Chief Ramona Horseman, Horse Lake First Nation

**Seconded by:** Chief Gary Lameman, Beaver Lake Cree Nation

**Decision:** Vote not required

Moved that the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs (AoTC) hereby adjourn the 2024 Winter Sitting of the AoTC at 3:00 PM.

**Certified Correct:**

  
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**Ron Lameman, Resolutions Chairperson**



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**AoTC Winter Sitting**  
**Treaty No. 6 - Treaty No. 7 - Treaty No. 8 (Alberta)**  
**April 8 - 10, 2024**  
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**Jasper, AB, Treaty No. 8 Territory**

**OFFICIAL RESOLUTION**

Resolution: **R#01/2024/04/10**

Subject: Proposed All Chiefs Summit on Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care (Alberta)

Moved By: Chief Cody Thomas, Enoch Cree Nation

Seconded By: Proxy Chief Rod Hunter, Bearspaw First Nation

Decision: **CONSENSUS**

**WHEREAS:**

1. The Assembly of Treaty Chiefs (AOTC) of Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7 and Treaty No. 8 (Alberta) meet in a duly convened meeting at the Lobstick Lodge and the Forest Park Hotel, Jasper, AB on April 8-10, 2024; and
2. The Chiefs derive their authority from the Creator and the citizens of their respective Nations/Tribes, and in the exercise of their inherent authority and Treaty Rights are beneficiaries of all aspects of international law, including but not limited to the Charter of the United Nations, The United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples ((Articles 3, 18, 19, and 23), OAS Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and ILO Convention 169, and from time to time pass Resolutions and provide directives to their representative organizations; and

3. Treaties exist and are valid, which for the basis of the Constitution Act, 1982 within the country called Canada as outlined and expressed in the Paulette case in the Supreme Court of Canada in 1976, and other court decision such as, but not limited to, the William case in the Supreme Court of Canada in 2014; and
4. A resolution was passed at the June 12, 2019, Assembly of Treaty Chiefs gathering establishing a Senior Technical Table on Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care (IELCC); and
5. The Senior Technical Table has fulfilled its original intent, however ongoing pressures continue to be present, including but not limited to, the allocation of funds related to Indigenous Early Learning and Childcare; and
6. The Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care Senior Technical Table has met and are proposing to host an All-Chiefs Summit for decisions specific to the Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care Framework including, but not limited to, the following –
  - Regional and National updates and background on the Indigenous Early Learning and Childcare Framework Process to date.
    - Inclusive to Bill C-35 and its implications for the First Nations in Alberta (Treaty No. 6, 7, 8)
  - Determining the Governance Body, respecting and honouring the Sovereignty and Autonomy of the 48 First Nations in Alberta, and the potential continuation of the Senior Technical Table.
  - Determining an equitable allocation process that considers yearly and or multi-year options with inclusion of the following –
    - Legacy, Major Capital, Transformative Fund, Governance & Partnership and Programs & Services.
    - Implementation of a facilitated process for the creation of an Alberta Specific Allocation Model.
    - Guidance and Direction on funding decision specific to Aboriginal Headstart in Urban and Northern Communities (AHSUNC)
    - Chiefs funding decision for current year allocation of funds.
  - Establishing a clear and effective communication process that is inclusive of local, regional, and national information pertaining to the Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care Framework and ensuring First Nations receive the information in a timely manner.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**

1. That the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs in Alberta support the implementation and coordination of an All-Chiefs Summit for decisions on Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care to be hosted before June 2024, as time is of the essence, to ensure 24/25 FY funding is provided to the First Nations in due manner; and

2. The Assembly of Treaty Chiefs in Alberta support the use of \$200,000.00 of the 24/25 Governance & Partnership Regional Allocation to support the All-Chiefs Summit on Indigenous Early Learning and Childcare; and
3. The Assembly of Treaty Chiefs support the Blackfoot Confederacy to receive the funding to coordinate, in collaboration with the current Senior Technical Table, the All-Chiefs Summit on Indigenous Early Learning and Childcare.

Certified Correct:   
Ron Lameman, Resolutions Chairperson





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ASSEMBLY of TREATY CHIEFS  
TREATY NO. 6 – TREATY NO. 7, TREATY NO. 8 (ALBERTA)  
April 8, 2024 - Lobstick Lodge  
April 9, and 10, 2024 - Forest Park Hotel  
Jasper, Alberta

### OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

Resolution: R#2/2024/04/09  
Subject: Treaty Land Sovereignty  
Moved by: Chief Rupert Meneen, Tallcree Tribal Government  
Second by: Chief Wilfred Hookanooza, Dene Tha First Nation  
Decision: CONSENSUS

#### WHEREAS:

1. The Assembly of Treaty Chiefs (AOTC) of Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7, Treaty No. 8 (Alberta) did meet in a duly convened meeting at Jasper, Alberta on April 08, 09, & 10, 2024; and
2. The Chiefs derive their authority from the Creator and the citizens of their respective Nations/Tribes, and in the exercise of their inherent authority and Treaty rights are beneficiaries of all aspects of international law and from time to time pass Resolutions and provide directives to their representative organizations; and
3. The *Royal Proclamation of 1763* reserved to these Nations or Tribes of Indians, our Lands and territories; and

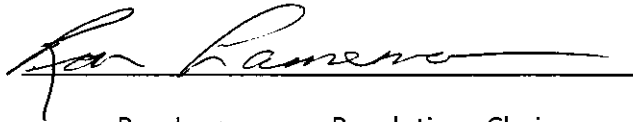
4. Our Peoples entered into Peace and Friendship Treaties No. 6 (1876); No. 7 (1877); and No. 8 (1899) with the Crown; and
5. The *Constitution Act, 1930 Natural Resources Transfer Agreement (Alberta)* granted the natural resources within Alberta to the Province of Alberta, subject to any trusts existing in respect therefor, and to any interest other than that of the Crown in the same and also all lands excluding Indian Reserves confirmed and not yet confirmed, so that such lands as just described did not pass to the Province; and
6. Our Ancestors never gave up our lands and territories – and never consented to the NRTA in 1930; and
7. The United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) has written to Canada on numerous occasions telling the state to recognize Treaty Indians’ right to free, prior and informed consent. This is not consultation. It is a higher standard.
8. The *Natural Resources Transfer Agreement (Alberta)*, section 12 guaranteed the right to hunt, trap and fish on all unoccupied Crown lands and on any other lands to which the said Indians may have a right of access; and
9. The *Public Lands Act, RSA 2000, c. P-40, s. 20(9)* provides that no person may enter public lands for any purpose unless authorized by that sections provisions but that no approval may be given in any way that “derogating from or adding to the rights of aboriginal peoples recognized and affirmed under Part 2 of the *Constitution Act, 1982* or the rights of Indians under the Transfer Agreement” [NRTA]; and
10. The Supreme Court of Canada recognized and affirmed in *Dickson v. Gwitchin First Nation*, 2024 SCC 10, the prior occupancy, prior sovereignty and treaties such that there are three bodies of equal standing in their areas of jurisdiction provided by the *Constitution*, Parliament, the Provincial Legislatures and First Nations; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs:**

1. The Government of Alberta’s Policy on Consultation with First Nations on Land and Natural Resources Management 2013 amended on July 28, 2014, is unconstitutional and in breach of *Treaties Nos. 6, 7, and 8*,
2. The Government of Alberta cannot remove lands from Crown Lands including the “green zone”, without our consent from the First Nations in *Treaties Nos. 6, 7, and 8*

3. Request the Saddle Lake Cree Nation; Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations; Yellowhead Tribal Council, Stoney Nakoda and Tsuut'ina Tribal Council; Blackfoot Confederacy; Treaty 7 Chiefs Alliance; and Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta undertake the follow up of this resolution by seeking remedy through Legal Action against the Government of Alberta, the Government of Canada, and the Governor General as the representative of the Crown, for failure to honor their Constitutional Obligation to protect the Treaties and Treaty Lands.

Certified Correct

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ron Lameman", is written over a solid horizontal line.

Ron Lameman – Resolutions Chairperson