



# Assembly of Treaty Chiefs Draft Strategy

## Principles (statement) of Unity/Solidarity

Value of common understanding items and work collectively – maintaining autonomy

## Ceremony, culture and ways of knowing

Practicing spiritual ways of being including ceremony, protocols, and languages

## TREATY & INHERENT RESPONSIBILITIES

	POLITICAL ACTION	LEGAL STRATEGY ACTION	INTERNATIONAL ACTION	COMMUNICATION PLAN	NEXT STEPS
<b>FISCAL RELATIONS</b>					
<p>To ensure the legal obligations to fund and support First Nations is conducted with First Nations and Governments. Financial obligations must be sufficient and assured to meet the actual needs of the peoples through the establishment of Treaty-adherent fiscal agreements and arrangements, ensuring escalator clauses with adequate and sustained funding is secured in all future fiscal arrangements.</p>	<p>Assert Sovereignty and Treaty-based funding.(needs-based) Seek and establish the formal commitment for Treaty-adherent arrangements with Treasury Board of Canada and the Governor General of Canada: Prime Minister's Office (PMO) Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) CIRNAC</p> <p>Advocate for the needs of the Treaty peoples</p> <p>Ensure Crown representatives do not harness the objectives into the current New Fiscal Relationship.</p>	<p>Pursue Legal action for discrimination against Canada for the continued underfunding of Treaty Obligations. Canada has continuously opted out of their fiduciary responsibilities under Treaty in all areas and every aspect of the Treaty. Non-compliance of Treaty obligations including but not limited to; Indian Moneys, annuities and all funding for programs and services.</p> <p>Seek legal opinions across all Treaty benefit areas – assess for risks/opportunities.</p>	<p>Establish oversight compliance at International level/UN body</p> <p>Alliance building internationally seeking support for alternative funding mechanisms that enable ongoing advocacy for Treaty justice.</p> <p>Oversight: Work with the Auditor General of Canada utilizing the findings within the AG report to parliament, or an alternative mechanism, potentially international oversight.</p> <p>Using their recommendations to build a case for equitable funding for First Nations, Nations people and communities.</p>	<p>Establish ready to use fiscal toolkit outlining words and mechanisms that Department of Justice and the Government of Canada uses to move First Nations into Treaty jeopardizing situations fiscally (distribute internally)</p>	<p>Obtain a mandate from the Chiefs to examine how Canada determines what is "equitable funding" for First Nations. Conduct a review of the Treasury Board Transfer Policy, <i>Financial Administration Act</i> (and all recent changes), Particular review of the New Fiscal Relationship objectives. Look into research for data to support all financial asks moving forward with options for establishing next steps. (S)</p> <p>Create Treaty Based Funding Templates that includes agreements, explore authorities, and process for negotiation (determine if best achieved by Treaty area or across the region). (M)</p> <p>Toolkit that enables each band/tribe to ensure capacity and support to achieve Treaty compliance/justice. (L)</p>
<b>CHILDREN AND FAMILIES</b>					
<p>Guarantee that Treaty First Nations children/ families survive and thrive as tribal members with tradition, languages, and way of life intact and flourishing as envisioned under the Treaty agreement.</p> <p>Enforcing Jurisdiction.</p>	<p>Notify the Crown of the formal requirement to achieve Treaty arrangements in delivery of Child and Family Services.</p> <p>Advocate for children and families in need</p>	<p>Using the CHRT as template, expand on the assertion of Treaty arrangements based on Inherent capacities for all tables, programs, policies in relation to delivery of CFS in Treaty First Nations</p>	<p>Establish oversight compliance at the International level/UN body or other</p> <p>Alliance building internationally with likeminded tribes (Sami, Maori,etc)</p> <p>Protecting the "Rights of the Child" Enforce UN convention the "Rights of the Child"</p>	<p>Utilize social media platforms to inform the communities both First Nations and non-First Nations about the rights and responsibilities of the Treaty relationships within Canada. Introduce knowledge transfer within Treaty Nations to re-educate on rights and responsibilities.</p>	<p>Champions for children/families at risk; could be Chiefs and councils who are already achieving sovereignty in this area or other Treaty representatives to begin advocacy and knowledge transfer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Children/Family related laws/policy templates for use by Nations who choose to utilize emphasizing that implementation and development requires Treaty Nations to engage with their people directly (FPIC). (M)</li> <li>- Technical think tank to understand the long-term risks and liabilities of entertaining or not entertaining gradual transfer and/or C-92. Including Elders and Knowledge holders, declaration templates(M)</li> </ul>



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<b>HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE</b>					
<p>Ensure that the Treaty Right to Health is formally recognized and implemented based on the true spirit and intent of Treaty specifically acknowledging the Medicine Chest, Famine and Pestilence Clauses and all Treaty references related to way of life (lands and nature) on behalf of the Treaty peoples.</p>	<p>Notify the Crown of the formal requirement to achieve Treaty bilateral arrangements in delivery of health care and wellness in Treaty Nations with particular response to UNDA and pending DBIHL in late Winter 2024</p> <p>Advocate for the health/wellness needs of Treaty peoples.</p> <p>Champion issues such as mental illness, addictions and seek supports to address.</p>	<p>Using the CHRT as template, expand on the assertion of Treaty arrangements based on Inherent capacities for all tables, programs, policies in relations to the delivery of health and health care in Treaty First Nations.</p> <p>Obtain legal opinion(s) on the impact to the TRTH by the DBIHL, provincial encroachment and gradual transfer objectives.</p>	<p>Establish oversight compliance at the International level/UN body or other</p> <p>Alliance building inter-nationally, internationally and with non-Indigenous for the real health needs of Treaty peoples (Friends of Medicare etc.).</p>	<p>Highlight discrimination through increased media attention.</p> <p>Treaty Benefit Denial tracking and ensure attention through social media posts.</p> <p>Establish a Treaty First Nations Health Technicians Network that meets bi-weekly to discuss impact of gradual transfer, provincial encroachment and DBIHL impact.</p>	<p>Establish a discrete, unique (NOT RIRSD tables) Treaty Bilateral Table with the Crown to begin discussions on delivery based on the Treaty Right to Health (S)</p> <p>Establish negotiation and research team on health. (S)</p> <p>Health and wellness laws templates for use by Nations who choose to utilize emphasizing that implementation and development requires Treaty Nations to engage with their people directly (FPIC) (M)</p> <p>With the Distinctions Based Indigenous Health Legislation still slated for release in late Winter 2024, Treaty Technicians tasked to pull all position statements for a renewed analysis with updated legal and political options by Fall 2024. (S)</p>
<b>POLICING AND TRIBAL JUSTICE</b>					
<p>Ensure that First Nations Policing/tribal justice is an essential service and also ensuring the Treaty obligations of protection by the RCMP is not relinquished as Treaty Nations begin to re-assert Inherent jurisdiction over living well together within tribes.</p>	<p>Notify the Crown of the formal requirement to achieve Treaty arrangements in policing and tribal justice.</p> <p>Advocate for the safety and justice needs of the Treaty peoples through constructive arrangements based on Treaty.</p> <p>Champion issues such as mental illness, chronic underfunding for policing and seek supports to address.</p> <p>Direct Public Safety Canada, the Province of Alberta and RCMP to meet with the Treaty Chiefs of Alberta to discuss the on-going co-development of the First Nations Policing Legislation and to discuss the First Nation jurisdiction regarding to First Nations Policing.</p>	<p>Legal oversight on liabilities to First Nations in moving to Tribal police/tribal justice.</p> <p>Interaction of Tribal justice laws and criminal laws in Canada/Alberta</p> <p>Privacy Laws/Code of Ethics review</p>	<p>Alliances/treaties on policing/tribal justice to combat drugs and gang violence between Treaty Nations</p> <p>Alliances/treaties on policing/tribal justice to combat drugs and gang violence between Treaty Nations and other Indigenous in North America and elsewhere.</p>	<p>Establish a Policing/Tribal Justice Working Group across Treaty 6, 7 and 8 to begin work to develop policies and laws that support living well together, sharing best practices, and providing feedback on processes.</p> <p>Data base development to track progress in each Treaty Nation; potentially shareable.</p>	<p>Establish a discrete, unique (NOT RIRSD tables) Treaty Establish a working committee of tribal police/nation-based policing experts to provide expertise and advice on maneuvering through the technicalities and political climate in AB and with the Government of Canada (with particular emphasis on ISC Act 2019 gradual transfer objectives). (S)</p> <p>Political think tank regarding the implications of Treaty area or regional policing, taking particular care to understand Treaty implications, liabilities, and risks.(M)</p> <p>Explore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full jurisdiction with own court systems that enforce own laws &amp; adjudication?</li> <li>• Tripartite agreements?</li> <li>• Use of federal/provincials support for services as a transition into full jurisdiction?</li> </ul>



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<b>HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE</b>					
To ensure that the Treaty right to shelter is adhered to and that the needs of the peoples are met in all dealings regarding housing and infrastructure.	<p>Notify the Crown of the formal requirement to achieve Treaty arrangements for housing/infrastructure.</p> <p>Advocate for the housing and infrastructure needs of the Treaty peoples.</p> <p>Seek funding commitments to address outstanding needs for upgrades/renovations and new housing that meets the growing and complex housing and infrastructure needs of the Treaty peoples.</p>	<p>Establish data that will support the larger discrimination case about underfunding and inadequate housing/infrastructure.</p> <p>Assess implications of the monetization objective for existing housing and infrastructure objectives</p>	Cross Treaty area and internationally for information sharing on best practices and options for strategies to meet the demands for housing/infrastructure.	Establish a Housing/Infrastructure Working Group utilizing expertise in Treaty areas and in the region to support building Treaty adherent policies.	<p>Housing/Infrastructure asset mapping across all Treaty areas (S)</p> <p>Economic assessment of 'closing the infrastructure gap' based on real/true figures in the AB region across the Treaty areas. (M)</p>
<b>EDUCATION</b>					
To ensure that the Treaty right to Education is formally recognized and implemented based on the true spirit and intent of Treaty specifically acknowledging the schoolhouse obligations and all Treaty references to lifelong learning (in utero to death) on behalf of the Treaty peoples.	<p>Notify the Crown of the formal requirement to achieve Treaty arrangements regarding education.</p> <p>Advocate for the education needs of the Treaty peoples based on lifelong learning and land-based understandings/teachings.</p> <p>Champion education for Treaty peoples as the new buffalo</p>	<p>Establish data that will support the larger discrimination case about underfunding and inadequate access to the Treaty right to Education.</p> <p>Review impact of a lack of statutory authority for the gradual transfer of education writ large; what implications to take on transfer without statutory funding attached.</p>	<p>World Indigenous Peoples Conference on Education (WIPCE) as an opportunity to begin expanding discussions internationally about the Canadian experience effect on Treaty adherence.</p> <p>Treaty making amongst the three Treaty areas – Elders Declaration with international elders included.</p>	Establish an Education (x2 or one?) Working Group to utilize subject expertise at Treaty areas and in the region to support building Treaty adherent policies/laws in education as part of the formal requirement for Treaty implementation arrangements on education with the Crown.	<p>Undertake an environmental scan of Treaty First Nations in trilateral processes in the Alberta Region. (S)</p> <p>Host a think tank to understand the implications and SWOT on the outcomes and issues for Treaty Nations who are in trilateral arrangements and those who are not. (M)</p> <p>Treaty technicians to gather position papers, statements and resolutions to best position Treaty Nations toward Treaty bilateral processes that formalize the implementation process for education. (L)</p> <p>Creation of education law templates for use by Nations who choose to utilize emphasizing that implementation and development requires Treaty Nations to engage with their people directly (FPIC) (L)</p>
<b>LIVELIHOOD (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)</b>					
The confirmation of rights, such as medicine picking, harvesting, fishing and hunting (game) and sharing of the lands, so that the land and resources (as natural providers) can be ethically utilized by Treaty peoples in a manner that the livelihood of the peoples will remain plenty (bounty and benevolence) as envisioned under the true spirit and intent of Treaty.	Notify the Crown representatives of the formal requirement to achieve Treaty arrangements regarding economic development and livelihood.	Legal analysis and opinions on the impact of current/historical case law in Canada and the assertion of the Treaty right to Livelihood and access to traditional territories for purposes of economic development.	Establish an economic development ombudsperson/international oversight mechanism that focuses on the environment, climate change and nature and their impact on the capability of Treaty Nations to access economic participation. Explore treaty with other Indigenous internationally (Sami, Maori, etc)	Establish an Economic Development/Livelihood Working Group to utilize subject expertise at the Treaty areas to support building policies as part of the formal requirement for Treaty implementation arrangements on livelihood with the Crown.	<p>Review the impact of the ACO, AER and other federal/provincial mechanisms that currently keep Treaty Nations out of the economic development discussion.</p> <p>Establish an economic assessment for each Treaty area and include within any potential risks/opportunities to achieving Treaty recognition as part of the overall objectives for the Political Action Plan.</p>



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	<p>Champion livelihood and economic development assertions in alignment with the Inherent and Treaty worldview – ensuring the rights of the peoples are enshrined and recognized for the next generations.</p> <p>Advocate for the needs of the Treaty peoples with deep integrity regarding lands and resource protection when seeking economic purposes.</p>	<p>Legal review of current day Treaty arguments, the effect of Canadian case law principles in the assertion of Inherent jurisdiction including the Treaty itself.</p> <p>Legal review of ACO, AER and provincial regulations related to hunting, fishing, harvesting and access to medicines.</p> <p>Focus on the post DRIPA/UNDA era and seek alternative (non-domestic) supports at the International level.</p> <p>Seek legal oversight by International legal scholars and practitioners.</p>	<p>Explore treaty with other Nations/Countries to assert Inherent authority over Treaty lands and resources.</p>	<p>Seek Elders/Knowledge Keepers oversight to ensure protocol/ceremony in relation to land and resources as part of development discussions.</p>	
<p><b>LANDS</b></p>	<p><b>Political Action</b></p>	<p><b>Legal Action Strategy</b></p>	<p><b>International Action</b></p>	<p><b>Communication Plan</b></p>	<p><b>Next Steps</b></p>
<p>Assertion of First Nation Sovereignty over our lands with the collective mindset that we have a shared responsibility over our lands.</p> <p>Treaty Nations exercise our inherent decision-making powers, authorities and jurisdiction and autonomy</p> <p>Treaty First Nations have never surrendered or ceded our lands and territories</p>	<p>Treaty Chiefs meet and correspond with representatives of the Crown - Provinces and Canada.</p> <p>To confront the continued assumed Crown “sovereignty” jurisdiction imposed. on our lands, waters and territories.</p> <p>Utilize First Nations best practices that Assert our Inherent Rights and Inherent Jurisdiction through their constitutions and laws. In the development of a united Treaty protection constitution plan of action.</p> <p>Reference Blueberry First Nation in Treaty 8 Yahey First Nation Cumulative Effects of Industry</p>	<p>Validating / asserting best practices based on our inherent jurisdiction and based on pre-existing and inherent rights.</p> <p>Review/ interpretation of Case Law: Case Law ie: et al Mikisew · Fort McKay Vs Prosper</p> <p>Assert our jurisdiction Explore the Crowns Liability of Assumed Jurisdiction</p> <p>Reference Blueberry First Nation in Treaty 8 Yahey First Nation Cumulative Effects of Industry</p>	<p>Addressing and Preparing; · World Court · UN mechanisms · Commonwealth · Review international agreements b/w State n Nation</p>	<p>Press Conferences · Press Releases – · Media Campaign: Delivery of messaging · Sharing our oral history · Historical oral understanding · Digital stories</p>	<p>NRTA · Brief on Sovereignty Act; Metis Self-government Act; Provincial Land Sales · Trade agreements between Nations? · Consultation between Nations? · Industry impacts regional updates? · Environmental &amp; cumulative updates? · Overall collective agreement (declaration? Or traditional land agreement) · Economical analysis – loss of use and resources – environmental impacts – cumulative impacts · Municipality impacts</p> <p>Host a Treaty Land Legal Think Tank</p>



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	<p>To protect the land &amp; resources from environmental impacts collectively · Includes shared regional areas (land, air, water, stars, animals, harvesting, subsistence, etc.)</p>				
<b>NATION-HOOD</b>					
<p>Political unity of Sovereign T6, T7, T8 Nations to work, review and discuss: Law Making Authority</p> <p>Our Treaty &amp; Inherent Rights and assertion our Sovereignty.</p> <p>Maintaining protection of Treaty and ensuring Government to Government meetings/relations.</p> <p>Relationship with AFN i.e.) MOU between AFN &amp; Canada</p> <p>Federal/Provincial/Municipal legislation that impact our inherent &amp; treaty rights.</p> <p>Lobbying for Treaty Fiscal responsibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Needs based vs population-based funding.</li> <li>○ Canada's Treasury Board vs proposal based.</li> </ul> <p>Protect and Promote Treaty 1-11</p> <p>Protecting/preserving oral history</p>	<p>Address representatives of the Crown and with Canada and Provinces on imposed legislations impacting Treaty</p> <p>Partnership agreement with joint priorities based on strategy b/w program/service and political.</p> <p>Develop technical tables to bring forward common impacts to protect and assert treaty rights and responsibilities.</p> <p>Treaty No 6. No. 7 No. 8 undertake a study to determine loss and damages to our way of life, culture, and language since treaty signing.</p> <p>Draft letter to AFN/Canada Re: MOU Agreement, its infringement on Treaties</p>	<p>Shared responsibility for program funding and legal reviews</p> <p>Establish a team of First Nations lawyers w/ experience in both section 35 and treaty knowledge.</p> <p>Prepare case for world court. Examine legal options for addressing AFN/Canada</p> <p>Lobbying with Feds to remove Nation funding to AFN</p>	<p>International agreements</p> <p>Draft strategic review on UNDRIP framework</p> <p>COP 15 – Sustainable development goals. Impact on FNs</p> <p>United Nations</p> <p>Commonwealth</p> <p>Canada's violations of international conventions that impact our inherent and treaty rights with out our consent</p>	<p>AFN AGA July 2024</p> <p>Inclusion of council/minor Chiefs</p> <p>Community based reporting</p> <p>Delegation – sub committees-elders/youth/women</p> <p>Development of a Communication Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Communiques</li> <li>- Letters</li> <li>- Press Releases</li> </ul> <p>Letters/Correspondence</p>	<p>Each host PTO to bring forward a brief (next steps)</p> <p>Review and Discuss options</p> <p>Asserting Government to Government action (decision makers)</p> <p>Briefs on legislation impacts and impacts to jurisdiction such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policing</li> <li>○ Gaming</li> <li>○ Membership</li> <li>○ New Fiscal relationship</li> <li>○ Health</li> <li>○ Housing</li> <li>○ Taxation</li> <li>○ Economic Development</li> </ul> <p>Treaties 1-11 updates</p> <p>Treaties Nation to Nation</p>