



Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta

To Protect, Promote, Bring to Life, Implement, and Sustain the True Spirit and Intent of Treaty No. 8 "as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, the rivers flow and until such time as Yidah should reverse"

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Chief & Council
Sovereign Nations of Treaties 1-11

RE: Protecting, Promoting and Implementing our Numbered Treaties

I am writing on behalf of the Sovereign Nations of Treaty No. 8 Chiefs in Alberta to invite you to our January 26th, 2021 Governance Alliance meeting taking place in Edmonton, subject to Covid-19 restrictions. We will also have this meeting available via Zoom conferencing.

The Sovereign Nations of Treaty No. 8 are in the process of developing their government to enhance and support Treaty No. 8 and the protection of our Inherent and Treaty Rights, our lands, waters and natural resources. We have and continue to meet with the Treaty 8 British Columbia and Northwest Territories Treaty 8 Nations discussing a number of issues including the protection of our international Treaties, Fiduciary Obligations of the Crown and Unity. The relationship between Canada and the Assembly of First Nations and how Canada is working expeditiously to diminish our Treaties through its Rights and Recognition Framework and Distinction Based processes. As such, we are reaching out to the Numbered Treaties to work as a collective and collaborate on these very important matters.

We believe now is the time to develop political strategies to bring to life and implement our International Treaties as understood by our ancestors and Elders. As the original peoples of Turtle Island, we have Inherent Rights, Authority and Jurisdiction of this land and it is time we assert these rights as Sovereign Nations.

If you are available and favourable to a meeting with the Sovereign Nations of Treaty No. 8 Chiefs, you can reach me on my cell 780-649-4053. Alternatively, you can have your office contact Margo Auger, Chief Administrative Officer at our Edmonton office, mauger@treaty8.org to confirm your availability to meet with the Treaty 8 Chiefs in January 2021.

We look forward to hearing from you,
In the spirit of Treaty,

Arthur Noskey
Grand Chief
Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta

cc: Chiefs of the Sovereign Nations of Treaty No. 8
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