



Memorandum of Understanding

Between
Parkland County
and
Enoch Cree Nation

WHEREAS Enoch Cree Nation is signatory to Treaty No. 6 and it is recognized that the Nation has an inherent right to self-government;

AND WHEREAS Parkland County is a Municipality created under Municipal Government Act of Alberta;

AND WHEREAS a significant portion of Enoch Cree Nation lands are contiguous with Parkland County and Parkland County is contained within those lands claimed by Enoch Cree Nation as its traditional territory;

AND WHEREAS the parties have mutual respect for each other's values, policies and areas of jurisdiction:

AND WHEREAS The parties recognize that they each have distinct authorities and responsibilities toward their residents and acknowledge that the interests of all persons living in their communities are best served by working together in spirit of reconciliation and collaboration:

AND WHEREAS The parties recognize the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (2007)* as the framework for reconciliation:

AND WHEREAS The parties wish to establish a government-to-government relationship of mutual respect and cooperation to deal with issues of mutual interest and benefit:

NOW THEREFORE the Chief and Council of Enoch Cree Nation, on behalf of its members and citizens, and the Mayor and Council of Parkland County, on behalf of its citizens hereby declare their mutual intentions to pursue a lasting relationship based upon mutual respect, honour and recognition.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Memorandum is

1. To set a strong foundation for the parties to establish and maintain a co-operative government-to-government relationship in the spirit of reconciliation:

2. To establish a government-to-government working committee comprised of political appointments and/or staff to foster health, growth and well-being of the residents in their communities; and
3. To have a platform for meaningful, effective and transparent communication and information- sharing on all issues of mutual interest.

SHARED PRINCIPLES:

This Memorandum of Understanding represents a commitment by the parties to develop a strong, committed and fair working relationship between their respective governments, working together for the rights and benefit of all, in accordance with the following:

1. It is recognized that Enoch Cree Nation's history, culture and people have made significant contributions to social and economic prosperity of the capital region.
2. The prosperity of our future relies upon the kind of relationships built today; reconciliation is a responsibility shared by both parties.
3. The parties believe that cooperative working relationships between local governments and First Nations are built on effective communication, respect and trust.

SHARED OBJECTIVES

The parties will collaborate on the development and implementation of projects of mutual benefit and will work to develop agreements to achieve these goals.

The Chief and Council of the Nation and the Mayor and Council of the County agree to work together, along with their respective administrations, to address issues of mutual interest, some examples of which could include:

- Intergovernmental Relationship building
- Economic, Social and Cultural prosperity and development
- Environmental Stewardship and Land Use Planning
- Service Utilization and Agreements
- Infrastructure establishment and maintenance

COMMUNICATION

1. The Chief and Council of the Nation and the Mayor and Council of the County shall hold meetings to discuss matters of mutual concern and or interest on an "as-required" basis, with an annual meeting as a minimum.
2. The Chief and Council of the Nation and the Mayor and Council of the County shall direct their respective administration to work together in preparing a Communications Protocol to share information with one another in regard to but not limited to matters mentioned above.

This Memorandum is not a binding legal agreement and does not create any binding obligations on any party.

This Memorandum reflects an understanding between the County and the Nation to work cooperatively in the best interests of both of their communities and the region as a whole.

Nothing in this Memorandum of Understanding is intended to be construed as modifying any Treaty, creating a new Treaty or as a treaty-making process and any discussion that may abrogate or derogate a Treaty Right is not to be construed as Consultation without Free, Prior and Informed Consent.

Agreed, this _____ day of _____, 2020

Chief Billy Morin
Enoch Cree Nation

Mayor Rod Shaigec
Parkland County