



Protocol Between

the Government of Alberta and
the Confederacy of Treaty Six
First Nations in Alberta

for Discussion on Matters of Mutual
Concern

**Protocol Agreement dated December 16, 2020 between
The Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations in Alberta
- and -
Her Majesty the Queen in right of Alberta,
as represented by the Minister of Indigenous Relations
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Whereas Nothing in this Protocol shall be interpreted so as to affect, add to or take away from existing Aboriginal and Treaty Rights of the First Nations in Alberta of the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations, which are recognized and affirmed by Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.

Whereas the Parties support the Principles set out in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), as well as the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC), consistent with the Canadian Constitution and Alberta law.

Whereas that the Government of Alberta as Crown holds a duty to consult with First Nations and is grounded in honour of the Crown.

Whereas the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations in Alberta and the Government of Alberta wish to establish a mutually productive working relationship based on collaboration, commitment, and cooperation.

Now therefore the parties agree as follows:

Process:

- A. There shall be a meeting between the Chiefs of the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations in Alberta and Premier along with Lead and Supporting Protocol Agreement Table's Cabinet Ministers held annually, dates and location to be mutually determined.
- B. Quarterly Protocol Agreement Table Minister/Chiefs meetings will be held with the Chiefs of the Development Foundation of Treaty Six Confederacy and the Lead and Supporting Protocol Agreement Table's Cabinet Ministers to develop the working tables, with the dates and locations to be mutually determined.
- C. Nothing in this Protocol Agreement precludes the individual First Nations of the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations in Alberta from meeting with the Government of Alberta or its Ministers on any matter, or entering into specific agreements with them. This Protocol does not affect any agreements previously entered into by Alberta and First Nations.
- D. Tables:
 - a. Tables will be established to discuss issues to improve understanding, communications and the working relationship between the governments, such as but not limited to, the following:
 - Lands and Resources
 - Healthcare
 - Education
 - Justice
 - Economic Development
 - Culture and Tourism
 - b. Other tables will be established by agreement of the Minister of Indigenous Relations and the proposed Lead Minister and Chiefs to promote dialogue with the objective of developing joint action(s) and resolving issues of common interest.

Resourcing of Process

- a. Both parties acknowledge that the ability of the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations to participate in the discussions and that success in reaching the objectives of this Agreement will depend upon the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations having access to financial resources.

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- b. Both parties agree to make best efforts to ensure that the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations has sufficient resources, subject to appropriations and any budgetary constraints for its participation.

Reporting

Each table will report annually to the Grand Chief of the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations in Alberta and to the Premier of the Government of Alberta on progress made in the implementation of annual work plans.

Not Legally Binding

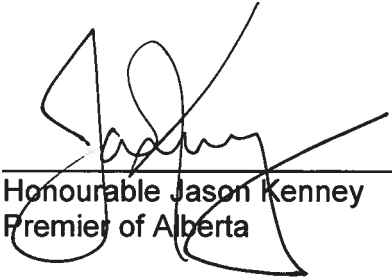
This Protocol Agreement is intended to state general principles and to record the intentions of the parties. It is not intended to create any legal rights or responsibilities, or legally binding obligations, such as contractual obligations, on the parties.

Dissolution

This Protocol Agreement may be dissolved at any time by agreement of the parties. Where there is no agreement regarding the dissolution of this Protocol Agreement, either party, upon clear written notice to the other party, may cause the Protocol Agreement to be dissolved.

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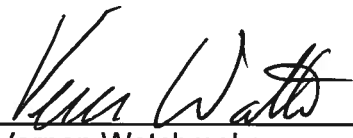
Honourable Jason Kenney
Premier of Alberta



Grand Chief Billy Morin
Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations



Honourable Rick Wilson
Minister of Indigenous Relations



Chief Vernon Watchmaker
Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations
Witness