

Memorandum of Cooperation and Dialogue - Kehewin Cree Nation

Whereas, The City of Edmonton has become a major centre for educational, cultural, industrial, business, health and other services within the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations territory and the North Saskatchewan River Valley area;

And Whereas, the Kehewin Cree Nation peoples and their ancestors have over the centuries relied upon this land and the North Saskatchewan River Valley as a home and place for shelter, hunting, gathering, trade and meetings;

And Whereas, Kehewin Cree Nation holds Treaty and inherent rights within the territory of Treaty Six;

And Whereas, The City of Edmonton and Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations established a Memorandum of Cooperation and Dialogue in 2012, and since that time have collaborated on an Urban Reserve Strategy for the City of Edmonton;

And Whereas, the City of Edmonton and Kehewin Cree Nation recognize that while they can create a shared vision of what an urban reserve might look like, reserve creation is ultimately accomplished through the action of the federal government;

Now Therefore, the parties commit to the following:

That both parties are committed to working collaboratively and in good faith through this Memorandum of Cooperation and Dialogue between Kehewin Cree Nation and the City of Edmonton in accordance with the Urban Reserve Strategy for the City of Edmonton, in order to outline the high-level objectives of each party and establish a framework for negotiations for a Kehewin Cree Nation Urban Reserve, which may take the form of a subsequent agreement.