

Memorandum of Cooperation and Dialogue - Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations

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 Confederacy of Treaty No. 6 First Nations peoples and their ancestors have over the centuries relied upon this land and North Saskatchewan River Valley area as a home and place for shelter, hunting, fishing, gathering, trade and meetings;

And Whereas, the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations is comprised of member First Nations, each of which holds Treaty and inherent rights within the territory of Treaty Six;

And Whereas, The City of Edmonton wishes to work in partnership with the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations to address harms that have resulted from colonization and the dispossession of lands, territories, and resources;

And Whereas, The City of Edmonton and the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations first established this Memorandum of Cooperation and Dialogue in 2012 and since that time have collaborated on multiple initiatives in the spirit of this agreement, such as Treaty No. 6 Recognition Day, an annual meeting of Treaty No. 6 Chiefs and the Mayor of Edmonton, and an Urban Reserve Strategy for the City of Edmonton;

And Whereas, The City of Edmonton and the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations have acknowledged each other in this shared place, and do continue upon a renewed relationship of honour, respect and sharing of their histories, cultures and unique contributions today and for the future.

Now Therefore, the parties affirm:

- That the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations peoples who come to Edmonton will be honoured and acknowledged through existing documents such as City Council's Declaration - *Strengthening Relationships Between the City of Edmonton and Urban Aboriginal Peoples*, the *Urban Aboriginal Accord*, and the *City of Edmonton Indigenous Framework*
- A strong, respectful relationship between The City of Edmonton and the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations is of significant value that will

facilitate relationship building, education, promote opportunities, support the renewal of cooperation and work toward the meaningful implementation of this Memorandum of Cooperation and Dialogue over the long term.

- That the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations peoples who come to Edmonton will be acknowledged for their contributions to the unique and diverse cultures, languages and histories of all peoples living within Edmonton, coming to Edmonton or participating in the life of Edmonton.
- That the well-being of the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations peoples and all peoples who live within the boundaries of Edmonton is a shared responsibility.

And commit to the following:

- That both parties are committed to respectful engagements, through the creation of dialogues free from prejudice or discrimination, always respecting the diversity of all peoples.
- That both parties will work together to identify opportunities for collaboration between members of Edmonton City Council and City administration, and the Confederacy of Treaty Six Chiefs and Confederacy staff, and to advance a work plan supported by existing programs, policies, and strategies.
- That both parties are committed to inclusive access by all peoples of all generations for participation in celebrations and portrayals of histories and cultures.
- That both parties are committed to ongoing dialogues and cooperative effort around shared issues and interests that affect the long-term well-being of all people that call Edmonton their home