



# Saddle Lake Cree Nation

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Grand Chief Wilton Littlechild  
Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations of Alberta  
Provincial, Territorial Organization  
17533-106 Avenue  
Edmonton, Alberta T5S 1E7

Dear Grand Chief Littlechild,

**Re: Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations of Alberta – Representation**

*onihcikiskwapowin* – Saddle Lake Cree Nation is formally notifying you that we will no longer affiliate with the Confederacy as a political advocacy organization representing Inherent and Treaty rights going forward from today. This will include any and all exploratory or clarifying discussions being held on our behalf, as a Treaty Six Nation by the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations of Alberta organization on all matters under current pursuit. Please ensure that your correspondences on any matters that impact the Treaty position are articulated with a clear caveat about whom you are able to speak for and about.

We have taken the step of notifying publicly all Ministerial representatives as well as other leaders within Treaty 6, 7 and 8 to articulate our deep concerns with regard to the approach of the Federal and Provincial government efforts to secure aggregated consent manufactured through various processes of co-development and exploration. This includes the work of the Confederacy recently submitted to leadership in Treaty Six as a response to the Recognition of Rights and Implementation Framework. Saddle Lake Cree Nation does not support the proposed Recognition of Rights and Implementation Framework in any manner including co-developing federal legislation as a next step that you have suggested as an idea to all Chiefs in Treaty 6, 7 and 8. We also do not support co-developed or trilateral processes in health, education or child and family services. Unfortunately the ongoing effort to secure additional memoranda of understanding under the Treaty Six banner has further forced our decision to disengage with the Confederacy formally.

We are a Treaty Nation of peoples and expect that all will honor our rights to free, prior and informed consent, including provincial, territorial organizations. In the two years since your selection as Grand Chief, our leadership council has asked you on several occasions to meet with our council in Saddle Lake to discuss the role you play and the role of the organization; however, this has not happened making it difficult to articulate the issue at the leadership table when only proxies and other non leader



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representatives are in attendance determining the organizations future. Such was the case this summer when a leadership requested review of the organization was completed internally with no leadership or nation representation asked for feedback on the work of the PTO.

When you were asked to take the Grand Chief role, a decision that I supported as mover at the Chiefs' table, the expectation was that you would support Nations in their varied efforts to secure protection and preservation of the Treaty including opening doors for leadership to ensure that rights holders could speak for themselves. Unfortunately these advocacy doors have not opened equally for all Treaty Six First Nations. Therefore, we feel compelled by the significance of the current discourse on rights and impacts to our peoples lives that we must, at this time, formalize our non-membership to the Treaty Six political entity.

Please call my office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Chief Eddy Makokis, onihcikiskwapowin – Saddle Lake Cree Nation

All Council

Fabian Large, Tribal Administrator, onihcikiskwapowin – Saddle Lake Cree Nation

Bobbi Herrera, Executive Director, Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations of Alberta

Jim Sisson, Regional Director General, INAC, Alberta Region