

# MONTH IN REVIEW



TREATY 8  
FIRST NATIONS  
OF ALBERTA

MARCH 13, 2026

## ASSEMBLY OF TREATY CHIEFS RECAP

Chiefs, Grand Chiefs, and leadership from Treaties 6, 7, and 8 gathered at The Venue at the River Cree in Enoch Cree Nation on Treaty 6 Territory from February 24–26, 2026 for the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs (AOTC).

The gathering provided an opportunity for leadership to come together to discuss shared priorities, emerging issues, and coordinated responses to matters affecting First Nations.

Throughout the three-day meeting, Chiefs participated in presentations, legal briefings, and strategic discussions on a range of issues impacting First Nations.

A significant focus of the Assembly was the ongoing discussion surrounding Alberta separation, including legal updates and coordinated political and communications strategies.

Chiefs also heard presentations and updates from several political and national leaders, including Assembly of First Nations National Chief Cindy Woodhouse, Alberta NDP Leader Naheed Nenshi, and Federal Indigenous Services Canada Minister Mandy Gull-Masty, along with legal and policy experts providing analysis on the broader implications for Treaty Rights.

Additional agenda items included important discussions on post-secondary education initiatives, and water governance updates, as well as updates from Treaty leadership and national partners.

During the Assembly, Treaty Chiefs also took action on several resolutions reflecting the collective priorities and concerns of First Nations leadership. One of the key outcomes of the gathering was a unanimous vote of non-confidence regarding the Government of Alberta's actions related to the proposed separation referendum.

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# ASSEMBLY OF TREATY CHIEFS PASS VOTE OF NON-CONFIDENCE IN UCP GOVERNMENT

The Assembly of Treaty Chiefs (AOTC) of Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7, and Treaty No. 8 unanimously passed a vote of non-confidence in the UCP Government of Alberta, prompted by the Danielle Smith government's refusal to respond appropriately to the current political atmosphere on our Treaty territories. The vote took place in a duly convened meeting on Treaty No. 6 Territory, at The Venue at River Cree Resort, Enoch, Alberta.

First Nations have no trust or confidence in the Government of Alberta and the United Conservative Party (UCP) due to their continued failure to meet Treaty-based constitutional and governance responsibilities. The UCP has acted repeatedly with a lack of critical understanding and respect for those responsibilities, demonstrating their inability to responsibly and respectfully govern the province of Alberta.

A responsible government requires independent democratic oversight and a transparent legislative process. The UCP has obstructed and failed to meet these basic requirements to govern.

"This UCP government has created conditions in Alberta that are unsafe for First Nations Peoples – promoting ignorance and intolerance along with its support for the separatist agenda is leading to outright racism," said Confederacy of Treaty No. 6 First Nations Grand Chief and Sunchild First Nation Chief Joey Pete. "Danielle Smith's government is acting as an embassy for the worst we've seen from south of the border, and it's time to say no. No one wants the future this government is taking us into."

"The UCP has repeatedly demonstrated to all Treaty people that it does not have the capacity to responsibly navigate the political instability resulting from the chaos Danielle Smith has created," said Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta Grand Chief Trevor Mercredi. "The growing climate of division and separation is a direct result of its failure to respect Treaty Rights, constitutional obligations, and the foundational relationship between First Nations and the Crown. Alberta deserves leadership grounded in accountability, stability, and respect for Treaty."



"All Chiefs of Alberta have united at the AOTC gathering to take swift action against Premier Danielle Smith and her unconstitutional exercise to separate Alberta from the Crown through a unanimous vote of non-confidence. All Chiefs are well aware of and respect the lifelong covenant that contributed to the establishment of Canada through our Treaties – as long as the sun shines, grass grows, and the rivers flow, we remain connected as neighbors and partners with all humans on this land." – Xakiji Suh Xakiji (Chief Ellery Starlight), Treaty 7 Chiefs Association.

"The Blackfoot Confederacy continues to oppose efforts to promote Alberta separation from Canada, and cannot support a government that encourages this. We stand with other Treaty Nations in firm opposition to all efforts to undermine and erode the foundations of our Treaty Relationship. Our Treaties are with the Crown and are sacred. Our Rights are non-negotiable." – Blackfoot Confederacy Chiefs.

The Assembly of Treaty Chiefs of Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7, Treaty No. 8 now calls on members of the current Government of Alberta, New Democratic Party (NDP) and independent Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) to officially and expeditiously declare in the Alberta Legislative Assembly, a Vote of Non-Confidence in this current government.

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HONOURING OUR  
TREATY GATHERING  
&  
ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING

July 28 - 30, 2026

Woodland Cree First Nation

HOSTED BY:



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# NEW PROGRAM WILL HELP OUR MEMBERS NAVIGATE HEALTH CARE

Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta was proud to launch Nâtaiwihowin / Healing / Nà tsé jíh in February, a new program aimed at supporting Treaty 8 First Nations members as they navigate the health care system.

For many First Nations members, accessing health care services can be overwhelming. From understanding treatment options to communicating with health care providers, the process can be difficult to navigate without the right support. Through this initiative, Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta is working to ensure that our members have access to guidance, advocacy, and culturally informed support when interacting with the health system.

The program recognizes the reality that systemic racism continues to impact Indigenous Peoples within health care settings. Building trust and improving the experience of First Nations patients requires meaningful change rooted in respect for culture, language, and Indigenous-led approaches to health and wellness.

The initiative offers a range of services to assist Treaty 8 members, including health care navigation, patient advocacy, and support in understanding medical terminology, treatment plans, and health system processes. The team also works to strengthen communication between patients, families, and health care providers, helping members feel more confident and informed when making decisions about their care.

Members who require assistance can reach out directly to the health navigation team by phone or email. Once contacted, the team will complete an intake process to better understand the member's concerns and determine how we can best provide support.



For more information, or if you know a Treaty 8 First Nations member who could benefit from this program, please contact the Treaty 8 Health Navigation Team at (780) 540-8226 or by email at [advocacy-navigation@treaty8.org](mailto:advocacy-navigation@treaty8.org).

Please share the poster on the next page with your Health Department or representatives and help spread the word of this important program for Treaty 8 members!

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# Nâtawihowin Healing Nà tsé jíh



**Do you feel understood and supported in your care and culture within the health system?**

**Navigation & Advocacy Initiative**

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# MEET OUR TEAM

## REBERTA AUGER, RECEPTIONIST



If you've called the Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta sub-office in the past several months, there's a good chance you've spoken with our receptionist Reberta Auger.

Reberta, a member of Bigstone Cree Nation, joined the team this past September and has enjoyed her time with the organization so far, particularly the opportunity this role grants her in getting to learn more about all the Treaty 8 First Nations.

"I really like being the first point of contact," Reberta explains. "People reach out and either I get to help them by answering their questions, or if it's something I don't know, I get to help in tracking down the response and then I get to learn something new; it's kind of win-win for me."

It's this resource navigation aspect of her position that Reberta enjoys the most, but it's also the element that can be the most challenging, too.

Another important part of Reberta's role requires understanding each of our member Nations and both the resources and challenges that are often unique to each Nation.

"Before starting here, a lot of my traditional knowledge was specific to my home Nation," Reberta says. "I've learned so much about all the political and social issues that our other members face as well as the importance of our Treaty. It's been incredibly eye-opening."

Fortunately, while this is Reberta's first reception-specific position in her career, her time as a medical transportation dispatcher has allowed her to develop the interpersonal communication skills crucial to assisting our members. In this role, which she still works casually on weekends, Reberta played an instrumental role in developing an in-city (Edmonton) medical transportation referral program for Elders. The program helps transport Treaty 8 members living in Edmonton to medical appointments and ensures prescriptions are delivered from the Medicine Circle Pharmacy when needed.

That experience continues to shape how Reberta approaches her work at Treaty 8 First Nations. Whether she's directing callers to the right resources, tracking down crucial information for members, or building a future reference database, she is committed to making sure our people can get the support they need.

Outside of work, Reberta enjoys exercising her creative side through crafting, spending much of her time sewing ribbon skirts and crocheting other handmade items.

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AS LONG AS THE SUN SHINES, THE GRASS GROWS, THE RIVERS FLOW,  
AND UNTIL SUCH TIME AS YIDAH SHOULD REVERSE.



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