

MONTH IN REVIEW



TREATY 8
SOVEREIGN
NATIONS

SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

TREATIES 1-11 GATHERING, SLCN TO HOST IN 2027!



TREATY 8 SOVEREIGN NATIONS CHIEFS AND STAFF WERE ON HAND IN BRANDON, MANITOBA, ON TREATY 2 TERRITORY FROM AUGUST 24-28 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL TREATIES 1-11 GATHERING.

THE GATHERING BROUGHT TOGETHER CHIEFS FROM ACROSS TREATY TERRITORY TO FOCUS ON CITIZENSHIP, NATIONHOOD, LANDS AND LIVELIHOOD, AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY.

STURGEON LAKE CREE NATION WILL HOST THE 2027 GATHERING!



IN THIS MONTH'S UPDATE:

Request a
Referendum
Poll on Your
Reserve!

Treaty 8 Golf
Tournament

Anti-Racism
Health
Initiative

AOTC
Registration!

FOR CHIEFS, COUNCILS & ELECTION
COORDINATORS

Ask for a poll on your reserve.

Elections Alberta doesn't place one automatically — the Nation has to request it in writing. It's the single biggest thing a Nation can do for turnout.

Write the Chief Electoral Officer, Elections Alberta, on Nation letterhead — info@elections.ab.ca

List every reserve by name and location — make the case for each one.

Ask for advance voting, Oct 13–17, *and* Election Day, Oct 19.

Offer a venue and local poll staff — costs are Elections Alberta's.

Send it now.

They need lead time to confirm a site and arrange staffing.
Elections Alberta: 1-800-232-1633

STURGEON LAKE CREE NATION CFS GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY



GRAND CHIEF TREVOR MERCREDI WAS HONOURED TO JOIN STURGEON LAKE CREE NATION LEADERSHIP, MEMBERS AND GUESTS ON AUGUST 20 FOR THE GROUNDBREAKING OF THE NATION'S NEW CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES (CFS) FACILITY. THE NEW FACILITY REPRESENTS AN IMPORTANT INVESTMENT IN SUPPORTING STURGEON LAKE CREE NATION CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND FUTURE GENERATIONS. TREATY 8 SOVEREIGN NATIONS CONGRATULATES STURGEON LAKE CREE NATION ON THIS IMPORTANT MILESTONE.

TREATY 8 SOVEREIGN NATIONS ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



TREATY 8 SOVEREIGN NATIONS HELD OUR ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT ON AUGUST 21 AT CATTAIL CROSSING GOLF CLUB. THIS YEAR'S EVENT, WHICH WAS WESTERN-THEMED, FEATURED 33 PARTICIPATING TEAMS. A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO MADE THIS EVENT POSSIBLE.

TREATY 8 LEADERSHIP MEETS WITH INDIGENOUS SERVICES MINISTER MANDY GULL-MASTY



CHIEFS AND COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES FROM TREATY 8 MET WITH THE FEDERAL MINISTER OF INDIGENOUS SERVICES ON AUGUST 14 IN EDMONTON, ON TREATY 6 TERRITORY, TO DISCUSS ISSUES RELATED TO THE FIRST NATIONS CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAM.

Treaty 8 Sovereign Nations
Cordially Invites You to Our

Winter Wonderland

Join us for festive fun, games,
dinner and dancing!

***Date:** Friday, November 27, 2026*

***Venue:** River Cree Resort & Casino*

★ ***Music:** TBA*



\$1,500 per Table of 10

\$150 per Person

Doors Open at 5:30 P.M.

Dinner at 6 P.M.

Dance from 8 P.M.— Midnight

Formal Attire
For More Information:

RECEPTION@TREATY8.ORG

or

CBERNARD@TREATY8.ORG

NAME OUR UPCOMING HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

AND ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN!



Treaty 8 Sovereign Nations is seeking name ideas for our upcoming housing development in Edmonton's Wedgewood community.

Everyone is welcome to submit suggestions. Treaty 8 members who submit a name will be entered into a draw for one of four \$50 gift cards.

Submit as many ideas as you like by September 18. Prizes are limited to one per person.

Submit your name idea through the link below by September 18:

[SUBMIT YOUR NAME IDEA HERE!](#)

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TREATY 8 ANTI-RACISM IN HEALTHCARE INITIATIVE

CONTACT YOUR TREATY 8 SOVEREIGN NATIONS
HEALTHCARE ADVOCACY AND NAVIGATION TEAM!



Client Advocate



Client Navigator - Team Lead



Patient Navigator

We are all Treaty 8 members with extensive experience in healthcare and social work. We combine our professional experience with an understanding of Treaty 8 history and culture.

We are here to walk alongside you with the compassion and respect you deserve in your healthcare journey.

Toll-Free: 1-888-873-2898

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Email: advocacy-navigation@treaty8.org



AOTC

Assembly of Treaty Chiefs

September 15-17, 2026

Treaty 6 Territory | Edmonton, AB

Location: Double Tree West Edmonton



Registration link: [Assembly of Treaty Chiefs - September 2026 Registration](#)

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TREATY 8 SOVEREIGN NATIONS

MEET OUR TEAM

VINCENT LAVALLEE, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION



For Vincent Lavallee, education and athletics have been two key components of his life.

As a member of Cowessess First Nation on Treaty 4 territory, Vincent developed a passion for sports, particularly hockey, at an early age.

That experience helped reinforce the discipline, teamwork and determination that would later shape both his education and his career, qualities he plans to draw upon in his new role as Director of Education for Treaty 8 Sovereign Nations.

Vincent earned his Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) from the University of Saskatchewan and spent much of his life teaching in northern Saskatchewan on Treaty 10 territory.

Working primarily as a high school physical education teacher, he was able to combine his commitment to education with his lifelong interest in athletics.

Vincent's educational journey did not end there. He went on to obtain a Master of Education (M.Ed.) degree at the University of Regina and is currently working toward a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree. Vincent's extensive post-secondary experience will be crucial as he works toward fulfilling Treaty 8's goal of establishing a polytechnic on Treaty 8 territory.

Vincent describes himself as a "lifelong learner" and believes education is something that should be continually pursued and passed on to others. That belief will guide his work in his new role. Drawing upon his experiences as a student, teacher, athlete and administrator, Vincent understands the importance of creating educational opportunities that support academic achievement while maintaining the cultural identities of First Nations students.

"It was always important to me to incorporate traditional First Nations learning whenever I could. I tried to make that my goal every single day," Vincent explains. "Time spent connecting with the land and culture is just as important as any other element of education."

Athletics and education remain an important part of Vincent's life to this day. In addition to hockey, he has competed at the ISC World Fastball Championships. Vincent continues to be as active as he can be and is a father to two adult sons.

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



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