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PRESS RELEASE

United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mnísing Tribal Council and Canada sign framework for moving forward in partnership to advance reconciliation

Manitoulin Island, ON, July 16, 2019 – Working collaboratively to renew the relationship based on recognition of rights, respect, co-operation and partnership is key to achieving reconciliation with First Nations in Canada. The Government of Canada and the United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mnísing Tribal Council today announced the signing of a Framework Agreement, marking an important step to advance reconciliation and renew Canada’s relationship with Aundeck Omni Kaning, Sheguiandah, Sheshegwaning, Whitefish River, and Zhiibaahaasing First Nations. The Framework Agreement was signed by the Honourable Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Chief Patsy Corbiere, Tribal Chair of the United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mnísing and Chief of Aundeck Omni Kaning. The Framework Agreement sets the stage for moving forward in partnership to address shared priorities through dialogue. This includes exploring ways to support and implement a renewed nation-to-nation relationship, advance the First Nations’ vision of self-determination and co-develop solutions that help close socio-economic gaps and enhance community well-being.

Quotes

“The signing of this historic Framework Agreement is a key step to advance reconciliation with the participating United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mnísing First Nations. We now have a framework for moving ahead in a true spirit of partnership to make our treaty relationship stronger and find shared and balanced solutions that will help build a brighter future for everyone’s benefit.”

The Honourable Carolyn Bennett, M.D., P.C., M.P.

Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations

“We look forward to moving ahead towards self-determination.”

Chief Patsy Corbiere

Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation

United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising Tribal Chair

Quick Facts

- The United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising represents five Anishinabek First Nations in this process. This includes: Aundeck Omni Kaning, Sheguiandah, Sheshegwaning, Whitefish River and Zhiibaahaasing.
- The joint work under the framework is being undertaken in the spirit of respect, recognition of rights, co-operation and partnership.
- The interests of third parties, provincial and municipal governments, other Indigenous peoples and all Canadians will be respected and addressed during the discussions.

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