



KAINAIWA



CITY OF

Lethbridge

**MEMORANDA OF RESPECT, UNDERSTANDING AND PARTNERSHIP
BETWEEN KAINAI/BLOOD TRIBE AND THE CITY OF LETHBRIDGE
REGARDING MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST (the "Agreement")**

2021

Whereas Southern Alberta is the traditional territory of Kainai/Blood Tribe and;

Whereas the City of Lethbridge is located within the traditional territory of Kainai/Blood Tribe making the parties neighbors since the establishment of the City as a Town in 1890 and;

Whereas the Kainai/Blood Tribe is a First Nation government with its own inherent governing authority as well as under the *Indian Act* R.S.C., **1985, c. I-5**;

Whereas the City of Lethbridge is a municipality under the authority of the *Municipal Government Act* RSA 2000, c M-26 and;

Whereas each party has its own jurisdiction and right to govern within its boundaries and authorities;

Whereas the parties wish to establish a healthy and productive relationship founded in mutual respect and guided by the principles of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the Calls to Justice of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls;

Whereas the parties wish to establish a protocol to advance issues of common interest and resolve issues of common concern and;

Whereas these discussions are intended to lead to actions that will improve the social and economic outcomes of Kainai/Blood Tribe and City of Lethbridge.

AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST AND COOPERATION

Now therefore the Councils of Kainai/Blood Tribe and the City of Lethbridge agree as follows:

To discuss and strive to share information, create mutually beneficial opportunities and resolve issues in the following areas,

- Health and Wellness (including Housing, Education, Justice and Racism and Discrimination);
- Economic Development and Employment;
- Community Planning (including Land Use Planning, the Environment, Cultural Resources Management and Emergency Response); and
- Communications;

To establish working committees comprised of appropriate representatives of both parties, identify joint courses of action, advance shared opportunities and resolve identified and other issues, as they may arise;

To use the principles of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the Calls to Justice of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, and the values of respect, understanding and strong communication to guide the work of the working committees;

To make best efforts to achieve joint courses of action and acknowledge that this will require both parties to contribute to an environment of mutual recognition, respect and openness; and

For each party to take responsibility for success in achieving a productive working relationship.

WORKING COMMITTEES AND MEETINGS

Senior Administrative Officers of the parties (Senior Executive Officer for Kainai/Blood Tribe and City Manager for the City of Lethbridge) will establish and oversee working committees for each of the identified areas of mutual interest and cooperation;

Each working committee will be comprised of the appropriate representatives of each party, appointed by Senior Administrative Officers;

External parties may be invited to participate on the working committee with the agreement of both Senior Administrative Officers to help advance joint courses of action;

Each working committee will develop a work plan and reasonable timelines;

Wherever useful, each party agrees to undertake joint advocacy and to share information with respect to existing initiatives, funding opportunities or any other information to further the implementation of the work plans and the achievement of success;

Each working committee will report quarterly to the Senior Administrative Officers, jointly; and

The Kainai/Blood Tribe Council and Lethbridge City Council will meet bi-annually to receive reports from all working committees on the implementation of the work plans and to discuss and seek resolution of any obstacles that may have arisen.

CONSULTATION

The Kainai/Blood Tribe and City of Lethbridge will be guided by the values of respect, understanding and strong communication, and will endeavor to ensure that the perspective of the other party is adequately and meaningfully considered in any work that may affect the other party's social, cultural, environmental and economic interests;

The Kainai/Blood Tribe and City of Lethbridge will also both endeavor to share information with the other party that may affect the other party's social, cultural, environmental and / or economic interests; and

The Kainai/Blood Tribe and City of Lethbridge, when seeking the perspective of the other party, will commit to direct communication through the Senior Administrative Officers to ensure awareness and coordination of referrals.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

The parties agree to review this Agreement every two years to ensure its continued effectiveness, or as issues arise.

This Agreement may be dissolved at any time by mutual consent of the parties; OR

Either party may cause the Agreement to be dissolved. Before dissolution however, the parties will engage in one further meeting to be chaired by a mutually acceptable facilitator/mediator with a view to achieving agreement, which would result in the Protocol being continued.

Nothing in the Protocol Agreement shall be interpreted so as to affect, add to or take away from any of the existing Aboriginal or Treaty rights of Kainai/Blood Tribe, which are recognized and affirmed by Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.

Once signed, Senior Officials from the City and Kainai/Blood Tribe will work collaboratively to develop an action plan to guide the effective and efficient implementation of the commitments set out in this Protocol.

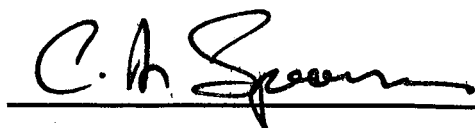
Agreed this day of September 23, 2021

FOR KAINAI/BLOOD TRIBE



Chief Makiinima Roy Fox

FOR THE CITY OF LETHBRIDGE



Mayor Chris Spearman