

SIoux LOOKOUT FRIENDSHIP ACCORD

WHEREAS The Municipality of Sioux Lookout is committed to strengthening its relationships with First Nation governments and people in and around the Sioux Lookout area;

AND WHEREAS the Sioux Lookout Friendship Accord has been drafted to provide the overall framework upon which the Municipality will build agreements and action plans in partnership with First Nation governments and people;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Municipality of Sioux Lookout, within the traditional area of Lac Seul First Nation, recognizes the significant contributions First Nations people and organizations have made to this community.

Together, we acknowledge and honour our ancestors, traditions and the spirit of Sioux Lookout which first drew First Nations people together. We acknowledge and honour the long history of service to the community that continues to be embodied by the Municipality of Sioux Lookout and its employees. We acknowledge that we reside on Treaty 3 land and play an integral role as a 'service hub' to the Treaty 5 and 9 communities, and together we call upon our traditions and spirit to maintain a respectful and lasting relationship between the Municipality of Sioux Lookout and First Nation peoples.

We believe that all people in the Sioux Lookout Area are served well through positive relationships between the Municipality of Sioux Lookout and the First Nation communities. We have a mutual need for First Nation people to be involved in all aspects of the community to ensure the ongoing development of culturally-sensitive municipal services that meet First Nation needs.

We believe that good relationships must be based upon a foundation of shared values of honesty, respect, mutual sharing and contribution. These values enhance our community as well as our collective social, spiritual, economic and physical well-being. They also serve our shared interests within the guidelines of accountability, transparency, inclusiveness, responsiveness and shared stewardship




This principle-based relationship agreement between First Nation communities, people in the Sioux Lookout Area, and the Municipality of Sioux Lookout, establishes commitments and objectives to be put in place in order to make Sioux Lookout a better place for all residents and visitors. Milestone shall be set and our progress reviewed.

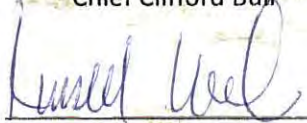
This Accord shall provide the framework for the development of agreements regarding, but not limited to, the following:

- The recognition and respect of the various levels of First Nation government, culture and people;
- Regional leadership, demonstrating how Municipal and First Nation governments can work together;
- The development of protocols to establish open and improved lines of communication;
- Supporting First Nation culture and the development of recreation and leisure activities that are culturally appropriate;
- Encourage First Nation investment in Sioux Lookout including, but not limited to, people, culture, business, community and social participation;
- Increase First Nation participation in our local economy;
- Improve our community by making it more economically vibrant and sustainable;
- Investing in our youth, the future of our community, by ensuring cultural, recreational, educational, and career opportunities are readily available; and,
- Addressing root causes relating to public safety, so that all residents and visitors safe and welcome in the community.


Mayor Dennis Leney


Chief Clifford Bull


Chief Lorraine Crane


Chief Russell Wesley

Signed on this day of 2nd in the month of DEC, 2013