



**Fort William
First Nation**



**The
Thunder Bay
Police Services
Board**

**Agreement between
North Caribou Lake First Nation, Fort William First Nation,
City of Thunder Bay and Thunder Bay Police Services Board
On the Establishment of a Friendship Agreement**

The City of Thunder Bay has been built on the traditional territory of Fort William First Nation—signatory to the Robinson Superior Treaty of 1850. The City and Fort William First Nation continue to strive for prosperity for their communities and residents.

North Caribou Lake First Nation also known as Weagamow Lake / Wiyaagammaa (Round Lake) is a remote fly-in Oji-Cree First Nation located in Kenora District in Northern Ontario, Canada. As a signatory to the 1929 Adhesion to Treaty No. 9, the First Nation is part of Windigo First Nations Council with its primary affiliation to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation, a tribal political organization that represents the majority of First Nation governments in Northern Ontario.

This Friendship Agreement will promote mutual understanding and friendship between all four partners and their citizens, and will develop open cooperation for the benefit of all those who reside, work, visit or attend school in the City of Thunder Bay.

All parties are committed to moving forward together through a grassroots approach to bring people together to build bridges, encourage community to contribute by taking affirmative action with shared responsibility, raise awareness to begin the healing process and implement solutions for reconciliation.

Mamow-Wetun Keem Towin (Working Together) in parallel with Maamawe (All Together), for the benefit of community safety, education, culture and engagement. The goal is to come together and work in protecting youth, champion opportunities to pathway to success and creating an environment that will nurture, support and enable them to thrive to create pathways to success and realize their full potential.

All parties agree on establishing a Friendship Agreement. We hereby commit to:

1. Knowledge and honour that we reside, work and visit on the traditional territory of Fort William First Nation-signatory to the Robinson Superior Treaty of 1850. We play an integral economic role and together we can strive to maintain a respectful, positive and lasting relationship between City of Thunder Bay, Thunder Bay Police Service, Fort William First Nation and First Nations communities.
2. Build a good relationship and partnership based on foundation of shared values of Love, Respect, Courage, Honesty, Wisdom, Humanity, Truth and through mutual sharing to enhance our community.
3. Make concerted efforts and promote mutual development based on fairness, equality and mutual benefit to encourage friendly exchanges and cooperation between the partners in the fields of culture, education, sports, health, medical, employment, safety and qualified personnel.
4. We recognize that Indigenous people are involved and contribute in all aspects of the community development whereas community members and leaders come together to take collective action and generate solutions to common concerns for advancement, improve municipal services and other services to meet the needs of all citizens.
5. This Friendship Agreement shall provide a framework for the on-going community development, shared responsibility and accountability, improve the line of communication and establish goals, objectives and concrete commitment to be put in place to make the City of Thunder Bay a better place for all citizens who live or visit the community.
6. Keep in regular contact with leaders and relevant departments of all parties to consult in exchanges, cooperation and matters and issues of common concern.
7. Address the root causes relating to public safety, make affirmative action to invest in youth and make youth safety and education a priority while residing in the City of Thunder Bay to attend school, and assist with the development and implementation of opportunities that will encourage youth to be successful in their endeavours.

8. Recognize and celebrate the contributions of Indigenous people to Thunder Bay and provide opportunities for cultural exchanges, activities, forums and learning opportunities to benefit all involved.
9. Come together as leaders of this Agreement to stand up against racism, inequity and poverty and provide greater education and history of the important contributions of Indigenous people in our country.
10. Work together to break down barriers that exist and affect the health, wellness and equality of Indigenous people in our communities and create opportunities for sharing of resources in effort to break down these barriers.