

DECLARATION OF COMMITMENT

Strengthening the Relationship between Fort William First Nation and The City of Thunder Bay



FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION



Whereas it is recognized that the City of Thunder Bay has been built on the traditional lands of the Ojibwa peoples of Fort William First Nation; original signatories to the Robinson Superior Treaty signed in 1850;

Whereas it is recognized that Fort William First Nation has made significant contributions to our heritage and social, cultural, spiritual and economic wealth that is enjoyed in The City of Thunder Bay;

Whereas it is recognized that we have shared this land for hundreds of years and have already established relationships, we commit to being respectful and supportive as neighbours and friends;

Whereas it is recognized that this Declaration of Commitment is meant to guide us to a more collaborative relationship that will benefit our respective communities;

- Our declared commitment is to collaborate on outstanding issues to our mutual benefit;
- Our declared commitment is to establish and maintain on-going communication and meet jointly on a regular basis;
- Our declared commitment is to seek out economic, social, cultural and spiritual opportunities for partnership;
- Our declared commitment is to respect individual community needs, governance models and jurisdictions;
- Our declared commitment is to advocate and lobby other orders of government for the advancement of community interests;
- Our declared commitment is to share knowledge, expertise and resources whenever possible
- Our declared commitment is to commit the resources needed to honour this Declaration of Commitment.

Whereas on this date of Tuesday October 4, 2011 at Fort William First Nation having agreed to the principles and spirit of this document, we sign on behalf of our communities:

Chief Peter Collins
Fort William First Nation

Mayor Keith Hobbs
City of Thunder Bay