CONFEDERACY OF TREATY 6 NATIONS STATEMENT FROM TREATY 6 CHIEFS



RE: Treaty Six Chiefs meeting with Premier Danielle Smith

December 14, 2022 (Treaty 6 Territory) – The Treaty Six Chiefs would like to clarify that, while Premier Danielle Smith did meet with Treaty Six Chiefs today - this does not, in any way or sense, constitute her duty to consult with regard to any matters of mutual concern. Further, we urged the current provincial leadership to withdraw and reconsider any legislation that pretends jurisdiction over Treaty Lands and Peoples.

It was clear from our discussions that Premier Smith does not understand Treaty or our inherent rights nor does she respect them. We do not agree that an invitation on the day of the Throne Speech is an inclusive approach to hearing Albertans and Indigenous voices in a meaningful way for such a dangerous piece of legislation. The Premier will not dictate how we will be consulted - we point her once again to the duty to consult to learn more about how to engage and work with us appropriately.

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About:

The Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations was created in 1993 to serve as the united political voice for the First Nations of Treaty Six to protect the fundamental Treaty and human rights of First Nations Peoples. The Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations is dedicated to ensuring that the terms, spirit, and intent of Treaty Six are honoured and respected. The office is located in Edmonton, AB. For more information, visit treaty six.org.