

SEAL RIVER WATERSHED AND ANCESTRAL LANDS PROTECTED AREA

COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP

**MEMORANDUM OF INTENT (MOI)
WITHOUT PREJUDICE**

BETWEEN: Sayisi Dene First Nation
AND: O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree Nation
AND: Northlands Dene Nation
AND: Barren Lands First Nation

PREAMBLE

In this AIP, our Nations are joining together in the spirit of cooperation and mutual respect. We are joining together so that we may support each other and work together in our shared vision of protecting part of our respective Nations ancestral lands and resources from all industrial development. These lands have been and always will be within our respective ancestral territories.

Our Nations share a common goal of governing and protecting the Seal River watershed and other yet-to-be-determined ancestral lands and our resources. We will work in the spirit of cooperation and collaboration with other Nations, other governments and the larger society.

We recognize our respective responsibilities to protect and care for the Seal River watershed and the yet-to-be determined ancestral territories. This is an opportunity to address protected area concerns of our Nations and the larger societies in Manitoba, Canada and internationally. It also represents a unique and internationally significant opportunity to demonstrate the value our collective Indigenous knowledge in protecting and taking care of the land in the spirit of cooperation and harmony with other Nations, other governments and the larger society.

Given our shared desire to protect the Seal River watershed and its resources we agree to work together as follows:

TERMS OF AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE

1. We commit to working cooperatively and collectively with each other and with other Nations, other governments and the larger society to pursue the shared objective of protecting the Seal River watershed and other ancestral lands (to be determined) from all industrial development.
2. We commit to governing and protecting our resources and growing sustainable economies that will benefit our communities.
3. This AIP will respect and honour Treaty and Aboriginal Rights and responsibilities.
4. This AIP shall respect our teachings, values, customs and protocols.
5. We agree that other Indigenous Nations in our area will be most welcome to join in our cooperative effort.
6. The area is identified on a map attached as Schedule A.

We solemnly seek continued gifts of good guidance and strength from the Creator and our Ancestors in our efforts to work together.



Northlands Dene Nation

Date:

Jan 11, 2019



O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree Nation

Date:

March 21, 2019



Sayisi Dene First Nation

Date:

Jan 10 2019



Barren Lands First Nation

Date:

Jan. 29, 2019