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TREATY NO. 6 CHIEFS INVITED TO BUCKINGHAM PALACE AHEAD OF TREATY No. 6 150TH COMMEMORATION EVENT

Treaty 6 territory – Treaty 6 Leaders will travel to London for a private audience with His Majesty, King Charles III on March 11th, 2026 at Buckingham Palace.

The invitation to the seven-member delegation comes as a response to invitations from Treaty 6 leaders for His Majesty, King Charles III to attend the 150th Commemoration of Treaty 6 at Fort Carlton, August 20–23, 2026.

“Ahtahkakoop took the lead on inviting the head of the British Crown to reaffirm the continued relationship between Treaty 6 First Nations and the Crown for as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the rivers flow,” said Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation Chief Larry Ahenakew, who is part of the Treaty 6 delegation.

The Treaty 6 delegation have followed up with subsequent invitations and advocacy for a royal visit to Fort Carlton this year with support from the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations and the Office of the Treaty Commissioner.

“The aim of the delegation is to contribute to honouring Treaty 6 and the Treaties 1-11 bundle,” said Chief Daryl Watson of Mistawasis Nēhiyawak.

“As a delegation, we do not seek to speak for all of Treaty 6, because each nation exercises its own sovereign, self-determining authority and voice.”

During the audience, delegates said they will extend an in-person invitation for His Majesty to attend the Sesquicentennial of the signing of Treaty No. 6 at Fort Carlton.

Delegate Chief Edwin Ananas of Beardy’s & Okemasis Cree Nation has taken the lead on bringing the original Treaty 6 parchment back home to Treaty 6 territory for the first time in 150 years, including helping to coordinate visits of the Treaty 6 document to other signing sites, including Beardy’s Camp, Fort Pitt and Enoch Cree Nation in Alberta.

“While the Treaty texts do not tell the complete story of what was agreed to under Treaty 6, they are a key part of our history and my hope is that the visiting Treaty 6 exhibits will provide much needed Treaty education and awareness that will provide a strong foundation for realizing Treaty over the next 150 years,” said Chief Ananas.

The focus for Treaty 6 delegate Chief Christine Longjohn of Sturgeon Lake First Nation is on reaffirming that Treaties are for our children and children's children.

"I plan on gifting His Majesty with baby moccasins to represent that care for our children and future generations must be at the centre of our governance and decision-making," said Chief Longjohn.

A royal visit to commemorate 150 years of Treaty 6 at Fort Carlton on August 23rd has been supported by resolutions of the Chiefs-in-Assembly at both FSIN and Assembly of First Nations legislative assemblies.

"These resolutions reaffirm the significance of Treaty and the need for Treaty partners, leadership and citizens, with guidance from our kêhtê-ayak or Elders, to come together collectively to reflect, renew and uphold Treaty," said FSIN Chief Bobby Cameron.

In keeping with the interprovincial, nation-to-nation Treaty relationship, delegates from Treaty 6 territory come from throughout Treaty 6 territory.

The Delegation of Treaty 6 Leadership will consist of:

- Chief Larry Ahenakew – Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation
- Chief Darryl Watson – Mistawasis Nêhiyawak
- Chief Edwin Ananas – Beardy's & Okemasis Cree Nation
- Chief Christine Longjohn – Sturgeon Lake First Nation
- Councillor Gary LaPlante – Stoney Knoll First Nation
- Grand Council Chief Joey Pete – Confederacy of Treaty 6 First Nations
- Chief Desmond Bull – Louis Bull Tribe

The Treaty No. 6 Chiefs' Delegation will depart on March 9, 2026 from Saskatoon International Airport.

A media availability with Chiefs will take place at 3 p.m. at John G. Diefenbaker International Airport in Saskatoon, SK.

The Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations represents 74 First Nations in Saskatchewan. FSIN is committed to honouring and upholding the spirit and intent of the Treaties and advocating for the promotion, protection and implementation of the Treaty promises made more than a century ago.