

MISSISSAUGA RELATIONSHIP ACCORD

Between

ALDERVILLE FIRST NATION

And

CURVE LAKE FIRST NATION

And

HIAWATHA FIRST NATION

And

MISSISSAUGA #8

And

MISSISSAUGAS OF THE NEW CREDIT FIRST NATION

And

MISSISSAUGAS OF SCUGOG ISLAND FIRST NATION

Preamble

WHEREAS the Mississauga peoples constitute a Nation by virtue of our creation, our shared histories, language, culture, values, traditions, beliefs and aspirations;

WHEREAS the First Nations named herein are part of the Anishinabe Nation and are among the Mississaugas;

WHEREAS each First Nation in the Mississauga Nation has its own Council and manages its own affairs within the limits of its territory independently of the other First Nations;

WHEREAS treaty violations, dispossession, discrimination, and the cumulative acts and genocidal policies of colonial and Canadian governments since the commencement of colonization have left an enduring legacy of economic, political, social and cultural disadvantage that our peoples struggle with today;

WHEREAS we have inherent and treaty rights including the right to self-determination, stewardship of our traditional lands, waters, and other resources. These rights must be respected and accommodated within the legal, political and economic systems that have developed and evolved around our First Nations; and

THEREFORE be it resolved that in the spirit of trust and cooperation, we agree as follows:

Purpose

The purpose of this Accord is to modernize, elaborate and strengthen our relations based on respect, responsibility and renewal through:

- a) Ceremonial affirmation of our mutual intentions;*
- b) Setting out and confirming our kinships;*
- c) Identifying our territories and addressing shared territory boundaries and governance;*
- d) Codifying our traditional laws and practices;*
- e) Informing external governments and development proponents of our common interests and intentions; and*
- f) Acting in a unified manner.*

Guiding Principles

- a) The parties recognize and respect our governments, territories and rights;*
- b) The parties recognize our respective mandates;*
- c) The parties agree we are stronger when we speak with a unified voice;*
- d) The parties agree that we can benefit from learning about each other's perspectives through the sharing of knowledge and information;*
- e) The parties commit to advancing our interests in political discussions amongst ourselves and with all other levels of government; and*

- f) *This Accord does not limit or affect the mandate or ability of any signatory to pursue their respective political mandates provided by their citizens.*

Ongoing Process of Dialogue and Relationship Building

The signatories agree to an ongoing process of dialogue and relationship building through regular meetings at the leadership and staff level.

The signatories agree to work in a collaborative and inclusive way on issues and initiatives of common interest or concern among the parties beginning with:

- a) The development of an approach and response to potential resource development or other development projects which may have a cumulative and common effect on the parties;*
- b) Facilitating Elder and Youth relations and knowledge sharing;*
- c) The pursuit of common positions on Treaty matters;*
- d) Addressing land and resources matters;*
- e) Facilitating annual Mississauga gatherings; and*
- f) Generally, to work together on issues to advance the interests of the parties in local, regional and national forums and processes.*

Decision-Making

The parties agree that the most effective means of translating the above principles into meaningful action and outcomes is by way of collective and coordinated action;

The parties agree that the leadership must act by way of consensus, cohesion and discipline with respect to priorities and approaches;

In recognition of our Mississauga legal traditions a spokesperson for the Mississaugas will be identified on a situational basis; and

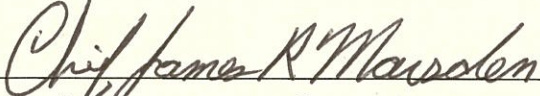
The parties agree that capacity at our disposal must forge a coordinated and shared responsibility approach to achieve progress on decisions and direction provided by the leadership.

Coordinated Action

The basic structure for implementing the intentions and commitments of this agreement will be based on:

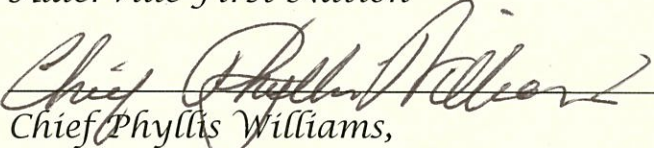
- Greater coordination of relevant personnel among the parties;
- Information sharing; and
- Seasonal meetings or as required for the leadership.

Signed by the following, this 29th day of October, in the year 2016:



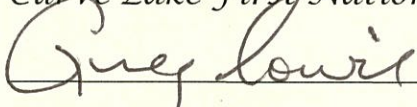
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Alderville First Nation



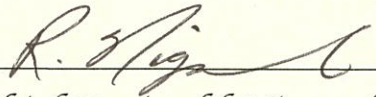
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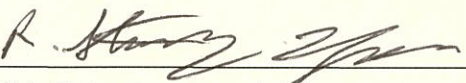
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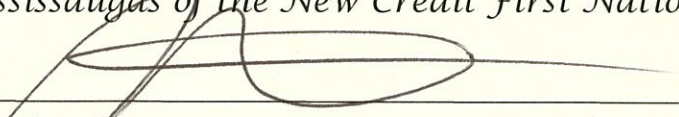
Chief Reginald Niganobe,

Mississauga 8 First Nation



Chief R. Stacey Laforme,

Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation



Chief Kelly LaRocca,

Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation