

# Memorandum of Unity & Understanding

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As Sovereign Nations, we assert this Memorandum of Unity and Understanding for our collective nations to work together for the protection, enhancement and progression of our lands, peoples and our futures. Water is a sacred gift from the Creator for our people to use in order to survive. As signatories to the sacred numbered Treaties between our Nations and her Majesty, the Imperial Crown of Great Britain; we have the position that we have never ceded or surrendered our right to all waters provided by mother earth.

Therefore, be it understood that the people of the Nations:

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| • Ochapowace First Nation, | • |
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as led by their respective Chiefs & Councils/Headman/Headwomen seek the protection of life (water), as well as collaboration on developing Sovereign Nation based regulations concerning Water and Waste Water. As well, as Sovereign Nations we seek to work collectively for the purposes of Social, Environmental and Economic prosperity and opportunities.

The leadership of the above listed respective Sovereign Nations are empowered to act in the best interests of their people through their inherent right to self-determination and through their organizations created for the purposes of protection of water and recovery and reuse of wastewater.

The leadership of the above listed respective Sovereign Nations recognize the mutual goals and acknowledge that by working together they do so from a position of strength and collective sovereignty; enabling the respective Sovereign Nations to advance their own collective agenda and goals. This eliminates any Federal, Provincial or Municipal government from imposing rules and regulations concerning Water, Waste Water and Development that encroaches or impedes the progression and advancement of said Sovereign Nations.

The above listed Sovereign Nations agree that to ensure progression in their goals and objectives that they shall:

- Work together to further their joint and mutual relationship amongst each other to collaborate on strategic planning,
- Maintain an open dialogue and line of communication with one another for the purposes of sharing strategy and information,

- Share resources and support each another when applicable,
- Respect the autonomy and sovereignty of each nation while collaborating on common issues,
- Respect the perspectives and directions of each nation but understanding the common goals and objectives, and
- Collaborate and advance technologies that can help address critical water issues.

The leadership of the above listed Sovereign Nations agree that other respective Sovereign Nations may join this Memorandum of Unity and Understanding at their discretion.

The leadership of the above listed Sovereign Nations agree that they shall each appoint a key person from their Nations as a point of contact for the purposes of working together to complete technical work, strategies and working documents when designated by the majority of the team and leaders of the above listed Sovereign Nations. The mandate of the key person designates shall be to work openly, co-operatively and constructively to assist the other Sovereign Nations with the overall success and completion of the collective goals & objectives.

Be it resolved by the Leadership of the above listed and respective Sovereign Nations that we all enter into this Memorandum of Unity and Understanding for the purposes of working together on various issues as determined by the respective Leaders of the Sovereign Nations. Therefore be it resolved that the work to be completed will be based upon the reviewed and accepted workplans; and also that the respective Sovereign Nations will communicate their contact person to be a part of the working/technical group. Hereby signed and agreed to this

date of \_\_\_\_\_ located at \_\_\_\_\_;

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