



STATEMENT FROM **BIGSTONE CREE NATION**

Ottawa, ON. Unceded Algonquin Territory, October 26, 2026 — First Ministers and First Nations Meeting in Ottawa today. Rights Holding Nations Chiefs from Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7, Blackfoot Confederacy and Treaty No. 8 are speaking today to advance solution-based action regarding our lands, waters, territories and peoples.

Onikaniw Iskwew Margo Auger was asked by Treaty No. 8 Chiefs, along with Chief Sheldon Sunshine, to speak on behalf of Treaty No. 8 Nations.

“The health and wellbeing of First Nations peoples must be addressed through our Treaty relationship. A child cannot be healthy in an overcrowded home, with mold and health issues. An Elder cannot receive proper care without transportation. A family cannot heal while searching for a missing loved one.”

Our message is clear: First Nations must have a say in decisions that affect our lands, waters, Nations and peoples.

Governments must involve us from the beginning, in Free Prior and Informed Consent, and respect our Treaty rights before moving projects forward.

Bigstone Cree Nation stands with Treaty No. 8 Nations in protecting our lands and our rights for future generations. Our Treaty rights are non-negotiable.

Chief Margo Auger

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