



MEDIA RELEASE

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On May 12, 2026 Canada wrote to leadership advising that The Minister of Indigenous Services signed Orders adding some of our TLE Land Parcels to our Reserve, including "IR Chip Lake 166E."

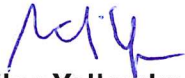
The Ministerial Orders added the four following parcels of our TLE land:

- 1) Chipewyan Lake (South)
- 2) Calling Lake (North),
- 3) Calling Lake (South), and
- 4) Rock Island Lake.

When our Land Department and legal team reviewed Canada's paperwork, we realized that the land for Chipewyan Lake South ("Chip River IR 166F") was added, but not the reserve for Chipewyan Lake community ("Chip Lake IR 166E"). The Reserve for Chipewyan Lake community is not yet added to our Nation's reserve lands.

The Nation is presently litigating the many years of delay in Canada's failure to honor Treaty promises made in 1899 and then re-promised in the TLE Settlement in 2010. The TLE additions to reserve have so far been made since the Nation sued for this TLE delay. While this litigation continues, our Lands Department and Administration are working to complete through the remaining additions to reserve for Chipewyan Lake community and Wabasca. We will provide updates as this work continues, additional reserves are added, and the promises made to us in Treaty 8 are finally realized.

A map of the TLE Lands showing the areas added to Reserve as well as those still to be added is attached to this Release.


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