



Cowessess First Nation #73

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To: Citizens, Cowessess First Nation

Re: Miyo Pimatisowin Act Coordination Agreement Ceremony & Signing

Hi, it is with great honour to share that Cowessess First Nation team finalized the coordination agreement and fiscal agreement with the Government of Canada and Government of Saskatchewan. On July 6th, 2021 a ceremony and signing celebration will be at the Cowessess First Nation Powwow Grounds.

Since 1951, the jurisdiction of children in care was removed from Cowessess First Nation and final decision-making responsibility and judicial decision-making power was driven by non Cowessess First Nation laws. In March 2020, the Cowessess First Nation Miyo Pimatisowin Act was ratified by Cowessess citizens asserting our Inherent Rights for our children and families in need of help. This responsibility is a part of the long-term goal of controlling our own plan to self-government based on our Inherent Rights and Treaty relationship. The coordination agreement is a transition plan to assure the transfer of jurisdiction is professional and at the pace of Cowessess First Nation. The fiscal agreement confirms the investment the Government of Canada and Government of Saskatchewan takes in supporting the Cowessess First Nation.

At 2pm on Tuesday, July 6th, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Premier Scott Moe will visit the Cowessess First Nation to celebrate this achievement. We understand some may want to attend and we want to assure COVID-19 guidelines are followed for all our safety. We will limit to 150 people at the arbor. Live streaming will be available for all to take part virtually in the celebration.

Chief Cadmus Delorme