



# Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta

*To Protect, Promote, Bring to Life, Implement, and Sustain the True Spirit and Intent of Treaty No. 8 as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the waters flow.*

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

***Edmonton, Alberta – July 15 – On May 16, 2016 the Treaty 8 Chiefs held a nomination meeting for the Grand Chief and Deputy Grand Chief position with the election to take place at the 2016 Annual General Meeting hosted by the Woodland Cree First Nation. Chief Richard Kappo, Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation was nominated and was declared Grand Chief by acclamation.***

On July 8, 2016, the Treaty 8 Chiefs gathered on the Woodland Cree First Nation territory to carry out the election for the position of Deputy Grand Chief. Chief Rupert Meneen of the Tallcree First Nation was duly elected to fill the position of Deputy Grand Chief.

The Grand Chief and Deputy Grand Chief each serve a one-year term and act as the Spokesperson(s) for the Treaty 8 [Alberta] Chiefs as mandated by the Assembly of Treaty 8 Chiefs on issues affecting our Nations collectively. These roles can be challenging, as they are also Chiefs for their individual Nations and deal with local community issues.

Please join us in congratulating Grand Chief Kappo and Deputy Grand Chief Meneen.

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