

Press Release

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After more than a century of stolen land, Kahkewistahaw has taken an historical step to protect their reserve land by re-assuming their inherent rights to govern reserve lands and resources

Kahkewistahaw First Nation, Broadview, S. K. (November 14, 2011) - On October 27, 2011, the Kahkewistahaw Land Code was voted and ratified by the members with an 87% approval rate.

Chief Sheldon Taypotat commented: "This vote is a monumental shift for Kahkewistahaw First Nation. By re-assuming our inherent right to self-government, we can develop the tools that our peoples need to establish a strong community, strong government and a strong economy. Kahkewistahaw First Nation will move forward now that we have regained jurisdiction over lands and resources. I am proud of the commitment, hard work and perseverance of our Council, members and staff."

Chief Robert Louie, Chairman of the Lands Advisory Board stated: "We congratulate Kahkewistahaw on their well-earned accomplishment. They have taken a monumental step forward in re-asserting their jurisdiction and opting out of the land management provisions of the Indian Act. Kahkewistahaw is the 37th First Nation in Canada and the 5th in Saskatchewan to ratify the *Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management (Framework Agreement)*. The *Framework Agreement* has been in place for ten years and is a significant success for the First Nation signatories and is a benefit for the Canadian economy."

Chief Sheldon Taypotat also acknowledged the Lands Advisory Board and the First Nations Land Management Resource Centre and their staff for the excellent work they do for all *Framework Agreement* First Nations across the country.

Kahkewistahaw First Nation is located in the South East corner of Saskatchewan, approximately 150 kilometres East of Regina. Kahkewistahaw First Nation is comprised of Plains Cree and Saukteaux speaking First Nations People, and has a total population of 1803 members, with 684 members residing on the First Nation.

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