



Blackfoot Confederacy Calls for Immediate Corrections from Alberta Indigenous Relations and Treaty 7 First Nations Chiefs' Association

Mohkinstsis (Calgary, AB), Blackfoot Territory – October 15, 2026 — Blackfoot Confederacy is calling on Alberta Minister of Indigenous Relations Rajan Sawhney and the Treaty 7 First Nations Chiefs' Association to immediately correct public information that misrepresents the political representation of the Siksika Nation, Kainai Blood Tribe and Piikani Nation.

The Blackfoot Confederacy Nations formally withdrew from the Treaty 7 First Nations Chiefs' Association effective March 4, 2024, and that withdrawal was acknowledged in writing on March 15, 2024. Despite this, the September 2026 ReconciliAction: Minister's Newsletter directs readers to the Treaty 7 First Nations Chiefs' Association as a resource for information recognizing the signing of Treaty No. 7. The newsletter is available at:

<https://open.alberta.ca/publications/reconciliaction-ministers-newsletter>

The newsletter directs readers to the Treaty 7 First Nations Chiefs' Association "About Us" page at:

<https://www.treaty7.org/about>. That page states that the organization serves as the political entity for Bearspaw, Chiniki, Wesley, Blood Tribe, Piikani Nation, Siksika Nation and Tsuut'ina Nation and collectively advocates for their rights and needs.

That statement is false and misleading as it relates to the Blood Tribe, Piikani Nation and Siksika Nation. The Treaty 7 First Nations Chiefs' Association does not represent or speak on behalf of the three Blackfoot Treaty 7 Nations. The Siksikaitsitapi Ohkin'ninaiks Society, incorporated in 2022, represents the three Blackfoot Treaty 7 Nations together with Amskapi Piikani as a collective political voice and entity for Blackfoot Confederacy.

This is especially concerning because the information is being circulated through an official communication from Alberta's Minister of Indigenous Relations with broad public reach and may already have reached thousands of recipients who rely on the Government of Alberta for accurate information about Indigenous Nations and Treaty relationships.

Blackfoot Confederacy previously raised these concerns following the Blackfoot Nations' formal withdrawal, yet similar representations have appeared again. Blackfoot Confederacy is calling for the removal of the Blood Tribe, Piikani Nation and Siksika Nation from descriptions of the Nations politically represented by the organization and for correction of public materials that imply it speaks for Blackfoot Confederacy.

Blackfoot Confederacy is also calling on Minister Sawhney and Alberta Indigenous Relations to correct the September newsletter and ensure future Government of Alberta communications accurately distinguish between the Treaty 7 Nations and organizations that represent only some Treaty 7 Nations, particularly given recent efforts by Blackfoot Confederacy leadership to engage directly with the Minister and her office.

Blackfoot Treaty 7 is a Nation-to-Nation agreement with the Crown. Blackfoot Confederacy expects the public record to be corrected and future communications to accurately reflect who represents the Blackfoot Nations.

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