





## MUTUAL COOPERATION PROTOCOL BETWEEN ASUBPEESCHOSEEWAGONG ANISHINABEK, KITCHENUHMAYKOOSIB INNINUWUG AND WAPEKEKA FIRST NATION

Asubpeeschoseewagong Anishinabek, Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug and Wapekeka First Nation ("Nations")

Desiring to strengthen the bonds of peace and friendship traditionally existing between our Nations, and to uphold the principles of cooperation, equity, and reciprocity;

Desiring further to encourage closer cooperation between our Nations and to promote conditions of economic and ecological stability and well-being in our Nations;

Reaffirming our presence on our Homelands from time immemorial and our desire to live in peace with all peoples and governments;

Recognizing that our Nations have the inherent right of self-government;

Asserting the territorial integrity of our Homelands and our inherent right to self-govern our Homelands;

Considering that our Nations have a shared commitment to protecting the Land and Water of our Homelands, to maintaining our way of life, and to asserting our jurisdiction in pursuit thereof;

Having resolved to conclude a protocol of mutual cooperation;

Therefore, our Nations agree as follows:

## ARTICLE I

Our Nations, individually and in cooperation with each other, by means of continuous and effective selfhelp and mutual aid, and subject to our own inherent Indigenous rights, will protect the Land and Water of our Homelands.

## ARTICLE II

Our Nations will consult together from time to time regarding the implementation of this Mutual Cooperation Protocol, and, at the request of either Nation, whenever the jurisdiction of

Asubpeeschoseewagong Anisinabek, Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug, or Wapekeka First Nation is threatened.

## **ARTICLE III**

Each Nation recognizes that a third-party assertion of jurisdiction over the Land and Water of the Nations' Homelands would be detrimental to the Nations' inherent jurisdiction over their Homelands, and thus declares that each Nation would act to meet the common threat in accordance with its inherent Indigenous rights and community processes.

We stand together.

Kakanawedaamin Anishinabe Miinigowisiwin.

**Chief Rudy Turtle** 

Asubpeeschoseewagong Anishinabek

Date:

**Chief Donny Morris** 

Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug

Date:

Chief Brennan Sainnawap

Wapekeka First Nation

Date: