

Little Grand Rapids First Nation

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November 22, 2006

Honourable Gary Doer
Premier of Manitoba
Room 204 Legislative Building
450 Broadway
Winnipeg, Manitoba
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Dear Premier Doer:

Re: Permanent Protection of the Poplar/Nanowin Rivers Protected Area

We are writing to express our full and unconditional support for Poplar River First Nation's efforts to secure permanent protection for the Poplar/ Nanowin Rivers Protected Area and to endorse their Asatiwisiipe Aki Lands Management Plan.

Our First Nations have been neighbors for centuries and our close relationship with Poplar River reflects the connections between our peoples. Along with Poplar River and three other First Nations, we are signatory to an Accord that commits us to work together in a shared vision of managing and protecting the ancestral lands and resources of our respective First Nations.

Poplar River is the first of our Accord First Nation in Manitoba to complete a lands management plan and we are proud of their accomplishment. Their plan represents years of dedication, hard work and an unwavering commitment to the vision of Poplar River's Elders.


Close to a year has elapsed since Poplar River released the Asatiwisipe Aki Lands Management Plan leaving Poplar River First Nation ready to move forward with permanent protection and management for these lands. We urge the Manitoba Government to act immediately to permanently protect the Poplar/Nanowin Rivers Protected Areas. We are confident that your government recognizes the urgency as well as the significance of protecting these lands. This will be an important day for members of Poplar River, and also for all Manitobans.

Our request for interim protection for our traditional lands also remains outstanding. We trust that we will see action from the government concerning this matter in the near future as well.

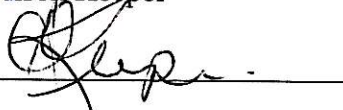
We look forward to celebrating the day when permanent protection is in place with Poplar River First Nation and our government, before the New Year.

Yours truly,

Vice Chief


Nelson Keeper

Councillor



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