

Message on the anniversary of the signing of the "Paix des Braves"

On February 7, 2002, a historic agreement signed between the Cree and Quebec opened the way to a new partnership based on genuine mutual respect and Nation-to-Nation collaboration. The "Paix des Braves" was made possible through the determination to resolve difficult issues and the vision to set a new path forward established by former Grand Chief Dr. Ted Moses and the late former Premier Bernard Landry. This was the turning point in relations between the Cree Nation and Quebec.

The agreement recognized and affirmed that development taking place on our traditional lands requires our explicit consent and our involvement, galvanizing Cree consent for all development within Eeyou Istchee. We are no longer bystanders to the potential that surrounds us, but the main actors with the capacity to provide opportunity to our people. The tools found in the "Paix des Braves" have been designed to help create a healthier, stronger nation. Together, we have built community centers, sports complexes, added new infrastructure, renovated homes, and paved roads for members to enjoy. Together, we have created a positive model of nation-building.

The "Paix des Braves" not only established a new relationship between the Cree and Quebec, but it also opened the way to a true partnership in governance and development in Eeyou Istchee, fulfilling the Cree vision of bringing the benefits home to our families and communities.

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