

NORWAY HOUSE CREE NATION

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June 5, 2009

Honourable Stan Struthers
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- and -

Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs
Room 258
Manitoba Legislature
Manitoba, MB

Honourable Minister Struthers et al:

Subject: *Bill 6, The East Side Traditional Lands Planning and Special Protected Areas Act*
Amendment to Exclude Application to the Norway House Cree Nation
Amendment to Include Non-Derogation Clause

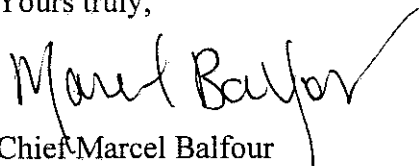
Subject to a review of the record of the June 4, 2009 meeting of the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs, I write to confirm the understanding of the Norway House Cree Nation in respect of certain amendments to Bill 6, *The East Side Traditional Lands Planning and Special Protected Areas Act*, that you advised would be presented by government during the Committee's next meeting of June 8, 2009:

1. In respect of any regulation that would designate an "east side management area" under clause 24(a) or otherwise, Manitoba will develop and propose an amendment that will provide that the provisions of Bill 6 are inapplicable to the Resource Management Area of the Norway House Cree Nation as described by the December, 1997 Master Implementation Agreement;
2. In respect of the amendment described at item 1, above, Manitoba will afford the Norway House Cree Nation the opportunity to review and have input into the language of the proposed amendment prior to the amendment being introduced by government before the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs on June 8, 2009; and

3. In respect of Minister Struthers' reiteration that it is the policy of government that the Northern Flood Agreement and the Norway House Cree Nation Master Implementation Agreement are each a "modern day Treaty" and that government will introduce an amendment to include a non-derogation clause, the Norway House Cree Nation requests the opportunity to review and have input into the language of the proposed non-derogation clause prior to the amendment being introduced before the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs on June 8, 2009.

I will have my Assistant Yvonne Flett (mobile (204) 359 5367; email yflett@nhcn.ca) contact Minister Struther's office shortly.

Yours truly,



Chief Marcel Balfour

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