

Treaty Six Recognition Day

Mayor Don Iveson, together with city councilors, invites Edmontonians and all citizens of Alberta's Treaty Six territory to join him in hosting Treaty 6 First Nations leaders at City Hall in honour of Treaty 6 Recognition Day. Artists and hobbyists are also invited to participate in the [Treaty Six Recognition Day Art Contest](#).

When: Friday, August 21 **Events:** **Treaty No. 6 flag-raising**, West lawn, Churchill Square, 8:15am

Treaty Six commemorative event and celebration, City Room, City Hall, 9am

This year's event will:

- Commemorate the signing of Treaty No.6 between the Plains and Wood Cree people and the Crown on August 23, 1876
- Pay homage to the adhesion to Treaty No.6 by Chiefs at a site in what is now known as Edmonton, on August 21, 1877
- Acknowledge the achievements and contributions of local First Nations people to the development of the region, especially in the 138 years since the Treaty adhesion was signed
- Celebrate the collaborative relationship enjoyed today by the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations and the City of Edmonton

What is Treaty Six Recognition Day?

The City of Edmonton created Treaty Six Recognition Day in 2013 to commemorate the signing of Treaty No.6 between the Plains and Wood Cree people and the Crown at Fort Carlton on August 23, 1876.

Edmonton was founded in Treaty No. 6 territory. Treaty Six Recognition Day recognizes Edmonton's connection with the First peoples of this land.

What happens during Treaty Six Recognition Day?

The Mayor invites the Grand Chief of the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations, and the Chiefs of all 18 Treaty No. 6 First Nations, to City Hall.

Mayor and Council, the Grand Chief and the Chiefs of Treaty No. 6 First Nations start the day with traditional ceremony. This year, a flag-raising will be held on Sir Winston Churchill Square before the public event and reception in City Hall. The Confederacy of Treaty No. 6 First Nations flag flies outside City Hall for one week following Treaty Six Recognition Day. The Confederacy flag also permanently hangs in the City Room of City Hall to officially acknowledge that Edmonton lies within Treaty Six territory.

Why does Treaty Six Recognition Day exist?

Treaty Six Recognition Day allows City and First Nation leaders to:

- Commemorate the historic ties between the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations and the City of Edmonton
- Recognize Edmonton sits within Treaty No.6 territory
- Acknowledge the contributions that Treaty No. 6 First Nations made in Edmonton's founding and growth
- Discuss topics of shared interest, and build relationships in order to address opportunities or concerns
- Come together in an act of reconciliation, a shared commitment to work positively together in a relationship founded on honour and respect

Aboriginal Relations and the City of Edmonton

Treaty Six Recognition Day is planned in partnership by the City of Edmonton, through its [Aboriginal Relations Office \(ARO\)](#), and the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations. Treaty Six Recognition Day is one of a range of initiatives shared between the City and the Confederacy. The working relationship between the organizations was formalized through the Memorandum of Cooperation and Dialogue in 2012.

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