

Why is LMCN at the table?

LMCN's Recognition of Indigenous Rights and Self-Determination (RIRSD) Table is an opportunity to have a conversation with Canada. Lucky Man has been left out by systemic discrimination. LMCN has chosen to sit at this table because it gives us the chance to develop a new process *together* to advance LMCN rights, culture and way of life.

Why is Canada at the table?

Canada's approach of developing policy without input from First Nations isn't working. Canada has committed to renewing the relationship with First Nations based on recognition of rights, respect, cooperation and partnership. Canada is co-developing innovative policies and solutions that respond to the rights, interests and needs of First Nations while respecting federal interests.

Wâhkôhtowin:

Cree philosophy that refers to the relationship that we have with each other and with the land

One of the goals of the RIRSD Table is to strengthen the kinship ties the Nation has with each other and with the land. **What does Wâhkôhtowin mean to you?**



LMCN Treaty Days, July 5-8, 2022

For more information, please reach out to any member of the Working Group directly, or you can email us at the email address below:

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CONVERSATIONS WITH CANADA

Recognition of Indigenous Rights and Self-Determination Table (RIRSD Table)

RIRSD Tables are exploratory discussion tables with Canada on the topics of jurisdiction (what a First Nation governs, such as health or education) and core governance (how a First Nation governs, such as consultation or membership). Lucky Man Cree Nation successfully requested an RIRSD Table with Canada in 2021.

Topics of Discussion

At the LMCN Winter Membership Forum in February, 2022, membership endorsed four topics of discussion with Canada:

1. Core Governance
2. Crown Consultation
3. The Treaty Right to Health
4. Cumulative Impacts and Lands

This is not a closed list. A fifth topic, the **United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)** is under consideration.

Other topics of discussion can be added to the table as they come up. LMCN will continue to develop the conversations that your Nation wishes to have with Canada.



LMCN Winter Membership Forum, February 25-27, 2022

Working Group Role

The working group is critical to the success of LMCN's Conversations with Canada. It has several key roles, including:

- Conversations with membership and the Negotiation Team
- Gathering feedback from LMCN members about the Conversations with Canada
- Working with the Negotiation Team about the rights, interests and priorities of LMCN
- Assisting in ratification process

Negotiation Team Role

The Negotiation Team role includes:

- Bringing Lucky Man's interests and desires to the table with Canada,
- Expressing Lucky Man's needs and goals
- For negotiating a path forward with Canada.

The Negotiation Team brings many years of experience in government negotiations to the table.

Who is advancing this work for Lucky Man Cree Nation?



Back row, L to R: Darryl Pooyak-Okemow, Eugenia Okemow, Jayneika Okemow-Bull, Richard Okemow.
Front row, L to R: Dana Martin, Arlene Pelletier, Joan Buffalo and Bonnie Evans.
Not pictured: Chief Crystal Okemow, Bob Freedman.

Working Group Members:

Chief Crystal Okemow
Elder Joan Buffalo
Elder Arlene Pelletier
Councillor Eugenia Okemow
Richard Okemow
Jayneika Okemow-Bull
Darryl Pooyak-Okemow

Negotiation Team Members:

Chief Crystal Okemow
Elder Joan Buffalo
Dana Martin – BRIRC Director
Bonnie Evans – BRIRC Advisor
Bob Freedman –Gowlings WLG