

Jim Prentice
Minister of Indian Affairs & Northern Development
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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Re: The Lubicon Lake Cree

Dear Jim Prentice,

I am writing on behalf of the Quaker Aboriginal Affairs Committee, a standing committee of the Canadian Friends Service Committee, which is the peace and service body of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Canada. Since the 1980s, we have actively followed and supported--included a decade long on site involvement--the Lubicon Cree negotiations of their land rights with the Government of Canada and we wish to bring to your attention the urgency of coming to a settlement of this long standing matter.

Your public commitment to action and your years of experience with working on land rights issues would benefit the positive settlement of the Lubicon Cree rights to their land. Though the Lubicon Cree have been "a priority" for past federal governments, they are still without a settlement of their land rights and we hope that you are in agreement with the United Nations Human Right Committee (85th session) and see the urgency of bringing justice to this issue.

A positive settlement with the Lubicon Cree would be a clear signal to Canadians that this government is committed to achieving justice for Aboriginal peoples.

We look forward to your positive influence on the negotiations with the Lubicon and hope you will entrust your representative with a full mandate to negotiate all outstanding issues related to finally resolving this matter.

In Friendship,

Tuulia Law
Clerk
Quaker Aboriginal Affairs Committee

cc: Stephen Harper
Friends of the Lubicon