



Onion Lake
Cree Nation
TREATY NO.6 TERRITORY



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AFN Violates Charter by not allowing vocal Chiefs to register for the Special Assembly in Ottawa.

(December 3, 2024 - Unceded Algonquin Territory, Ottawa, ON) The Assembly of First Nations administration is picking and choosing which Chiefs can register for the Special Chiefs Assembly in Ottawa.

According to the AFN Charter, the Chiefs in Assembly direct the Executive. The Executive and their staff are now determining what Chiefs will be in Assembly to direct them, violating their Charter and determining who can attend and speak. The AFN continue to operate outside of the Charter and must be stopped.

“When vocal chiefs speak up at meetings, they are prohibited from registering for Assemblies stated Chief Sunshine from Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, “my only option was to register as an elder otherwise I would have had to call a special meeting to obtain a BCR to reinstate my Nation. This has never happened before.”

“If they don’t allow Chiefs to speak then what is the purpose of the AFN? It’s become a mouth piece for Canada and is clearly rogue and out of control” said Chief Beaverbones from O’Chiese First Nation.

Okimaw Lewis from Onion Lake Cree Nation stated that AFN administration should not be able to force vocal Chiefs from attending assemblies and supports Chief Sunshine.

Chiefs are calling for the dissolution of the AFN and to distribute the assets and funding to all Nations in Canada. Tall Cree Tribal Government, Chief Rupert Meneen agrees with his colleagues, and supports the position to dissolve the AFN.

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