



The Honourable Gary Anandasangaree  
Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON  
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Dear Honourable Minister Anandasangaree,

I would like to begin by thanking you for taking the time to meet with me on January 26, 2024. We believe addressing the concerns of CAP communities will be key to advancing the Government of Canada's agenda and implementing reconciliation for all Indigenous Peoples.

As discussed during our meeting, CAP is seeking to achieve further progress to implement the Supreme Court *CAP-Daniels Decision*. The communities represented by CAP have received virtually no benefit from the decision despite being the organization that brought forth this case. This is even more concerning when you recognize the growing numbers of Indigenous peoples who look to our organizations for representation. Things are not getting better for our communities and while the government has made some changes in policy, little positive benefit have reached our people and every day they are falling further and further behind. We were pleased that you reiterated your commitment to CAP-Daniels and to work with CAP to implement this important decision.

During the meeting, CAP also highlighted our concerns with respect to the Canada-CAP Political Accord signed with the Government of Canada in 2018. Since that time, much work has been undertaken to support its implementation including the establishment of the CAP-Canada Political Accord Implementation Forum and a commitment to regular ADM and Ministerial-level meetings between our organizations. We continue to identify opportunities for movement to create policy or programs that address the needs of our people or any of the shared priorities agreed to in the Accord. In the five years since the signing of the Accord, the Ministerial meetings have yet to take place, or any concrete policy changes identified in this work. Working together, I know we can create real change to improve the lives of our communities.

An example of the lack of progress on this agreement is the upcoming MMIWG meeting where CAP has been relegated to virtual attendance despite the Accord explicitly stating your governments commitment to *"Enhance strategic planning, tripartite discussions with Federal-Provincial-Territorial (FTI) Governments guided by principles of inclusion for all Indigenous peoples."* MMIWG is one of our shared priority areas and CAP has undertaken an enormous amount of work on this file both Nationally and Provincially to develop our National Action Plan (NAP) and to address our communities' growing concerns around MMIWG. Our work

on MMIWG has been underway for many years and before the establishment of the National Inquiry. You indicated that you would like information on what work we have accomplished on this file, and we are pleased to attach a summary of the extensive efforts along with some tools and research created by CAP. Acknowledging our shared challenges, we were pleased to hear your continued commitment to the Political Accord and your assurance to finding solutions to the challenges being experienced in implementing this agreement.

In continuing this important work and to sustain our efforts, we would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you again soon to discuss how we can move forward together on these issues. We believe an important first step to begin in this renewed relationship is your commitment to attending our Board of Directors meeting coming up March 25-27, 2024. We welcome your participation and look forward to working with your office to make any arrangements necessary.

I would again like to thank-you again for meeting with me to discuss the priorities of our constituents and how we collaborate and support the critical work of creating programs and policy for off-reserve, non-status and unaffiliated communities represented by CAP. We look forward to hearing from you in the coming days.

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National Chief  
Elmer St. Pierre

CC: CAP Board of Directors

CC: Mr. Jim Devoe, CAP Chief Executive Officer

Attachment: Summary of MMIWG Work (Confidential not for distribution)

Attachment: Illuminating the Way

Attachment: MMIMB Report (Confidential not for distribution)

Attachment: Miykiwan Tool Kit

Attachment: Walking in Her Moccasins

<https://unveilingtruths.ca/walking-in-her-moccasins>)

Attachment: Everyone Has a Place in the Circle

<https://unveilingtruths.ca/everyone-has-a-place-in-the-circle>)