



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **New Protocol Agreement between the Beausoleil First Nation and the Town of Midland**

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(MIDLAND, ON) – The Town of Midland and Beausoleil First Nation have established a new relationship through the signing of the new Protocol Agreement. The Town of Midland, which lies within the Traditional and Treaty Territory of the Beausoleil First Nation, is committed to ensuring that the rights and interests of the local First Nation community are recognized and protected, as with all other Indigenous groups which call Midland home.

“The Town of Midland recognizes the deep history that Indigenous peoples have with the area where Midland is now located,” said Mayor Gord McKay. “We look forward to strengthening our historical ties with Beausoleil First Nation, and this agreement shows our joint strong commitment towards achieving that.”

The purpose of the new Protocol Agreement is to ensure there is transparent, open dialogue and engagement with regards to municipal and indigenous matters, specifically relating to project and planning matters and shared efforts to advance each community’s development.

As part of this agreement a new Joint Indigenous Relations Group will be established, focusing on the following priorities:

- Economic Development
- Heritage Sharing and Planning
- Land Use Planning
- Potential Communications with other levels of government which seek to advance the collective interests of both governments.

“The signing of this Protocol Agreement represents two elements to us,” said Beausoleil First Nation Chief Mary McCue-King. “First, it is a good first step in the National Reconciliation with the Indigenous peoples of the area. Second, the agreement is the first flower bloom of the

historical deep rooted ties BFN has with the Town of Midland and we look forward to the future growth of those ties.”

The official signing of the new Protocol Agreement is scheduled for 2:00 pm on May 22, 2018, at Neezhoday Park on King Street, between the Midland Public Library and St. Paul’s United Church.



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