

# SELF HEALING



Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta  
2003/2004 Annual Report

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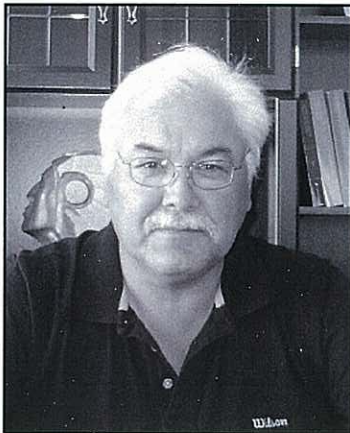
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## Message from Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta Grand Chief Archie Cyprien



It is an honour to have served as Grand Chief of Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta and to help carry out the mission and values of this organization and those of my predecessors.

Guided by the traditional strength and wisdom of the First Nations heritage and our Elders, this organization has made a number of great strides toward the social, cultural, educational and economic development of our people this past year. Since the 2003/2004 fiscal year, Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta has become a financially sound organization adding the necessary staff and resources to meet its objectives for the year and build capacity for years to come. Although, there continues to be a number of challenges and obstacles to overcome before we can get to where we need to go, through every obstacle there are a number of opportunities available to strengthen our communities; and we will continue to capitalize on them.

As we move forward and maintain our progress, we must thank and continue to nurture our positive working relationships with other First Nations organizations, industry, as well as, the provincial and federal governments. We will continue to work with these key stakeholders to complete strategic work plans and ultimately achieve our common goal of healthy and self-sustaining First Nation communities.

I would like to thank the Elders, Chiefs, the Nations, Tribal Councils, staff and residents of Treaty 8 for their contributions, their continued perseverance and their dedication to this organization which has allowed this past year to be the most successful year to date. With the continued hard work of all of our people this coming year, promises to be better than the last.

In Unity,

Grand Chief Archie Cyprien