

Cowessess First Nation



Prior to agreeing to Treaty, ancestors were nomadic in central Canada and Northern USA

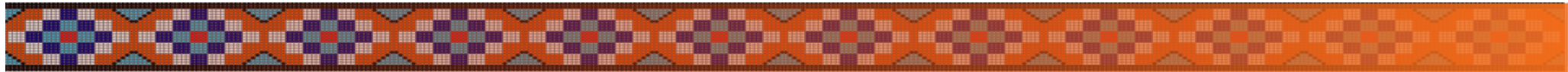
Agreed to Treaty Four Territory in 1874

Diverse Heritage of Saulteaux, Cree, Nakota, and Metis

4,302 citizens living throughout Canada

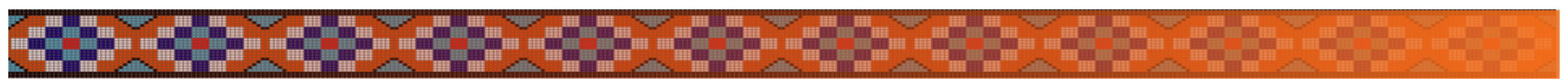
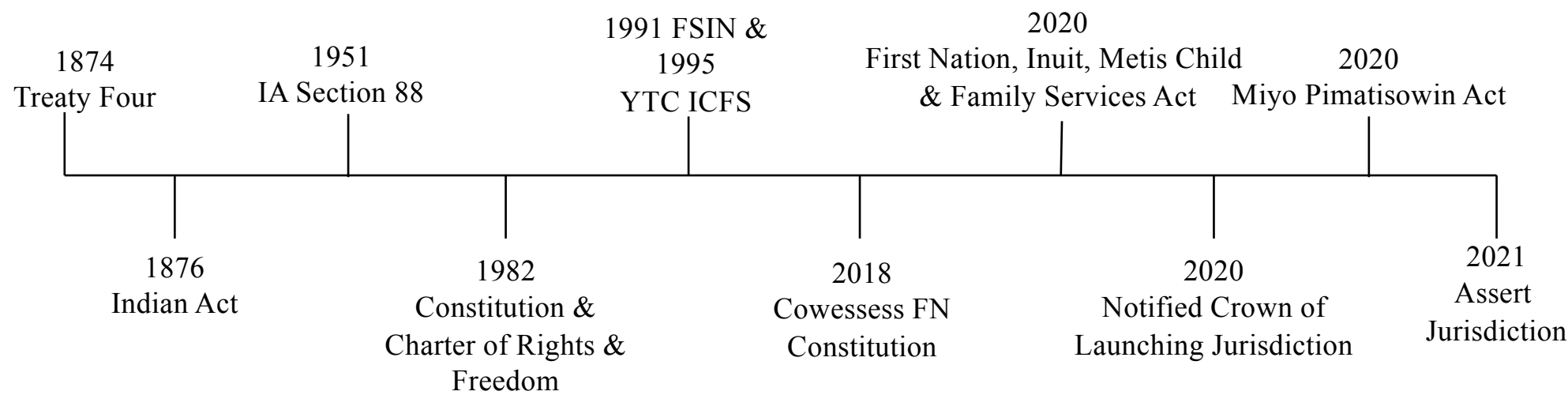
Oversees 110,000 acres of land

***We respect and honour the diversity of our First Nation;
from this strength we will all walk together to flourish as
a united, healthy community for generations to come.***



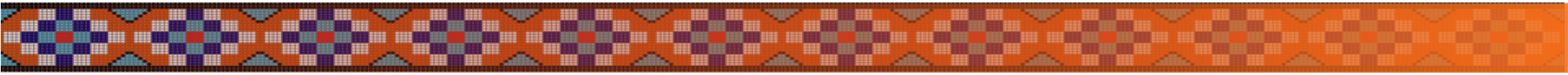
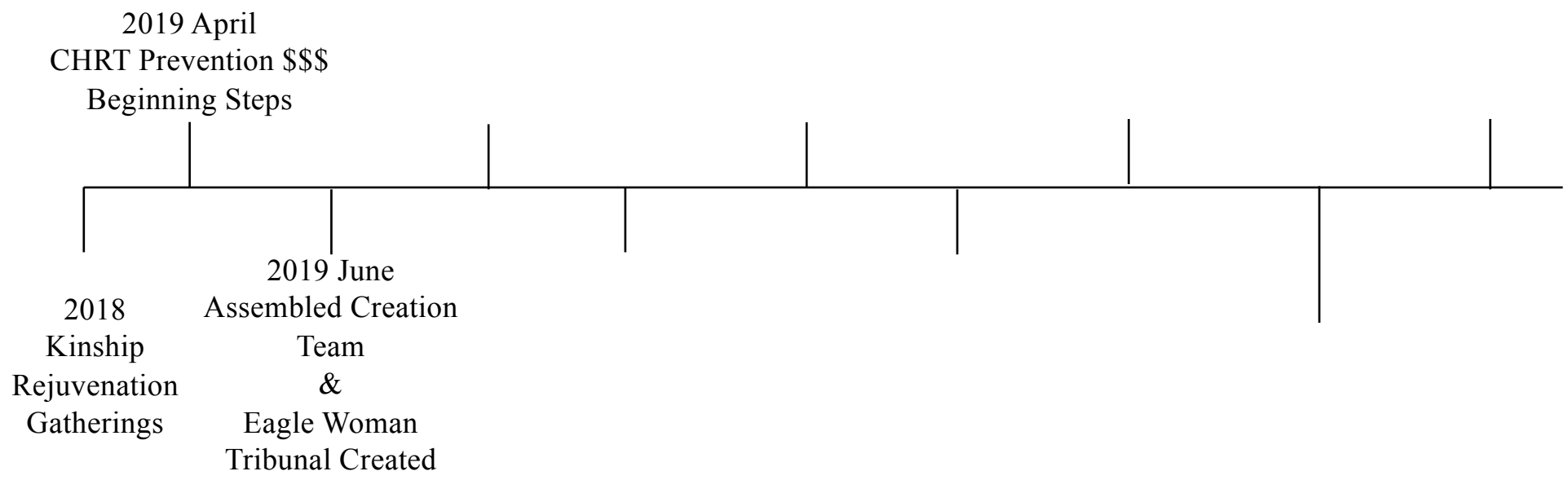


Rights Holder Timeline

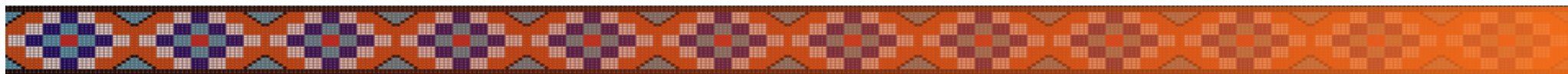




Implementation Timeline

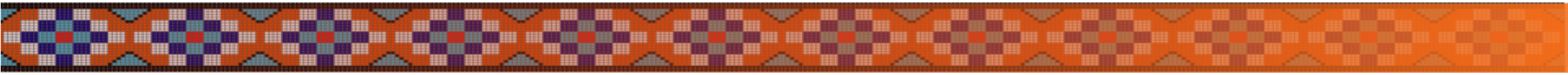
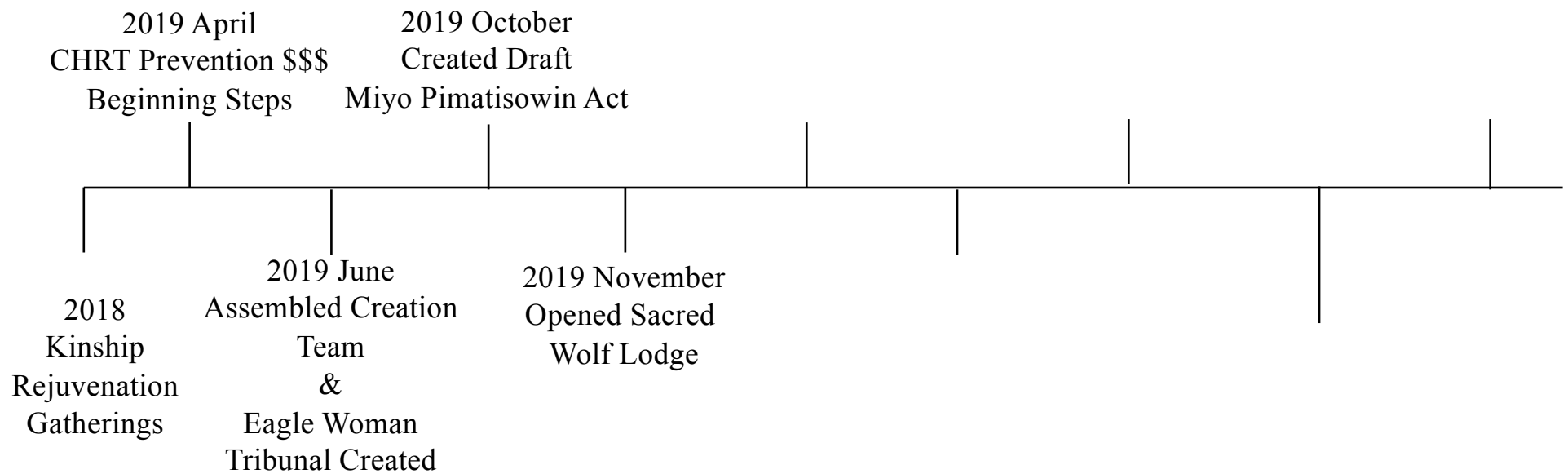


Creation Team & Eagle Woman Tribunal





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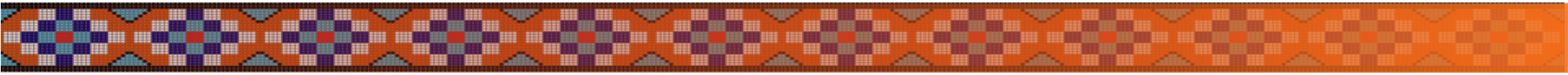
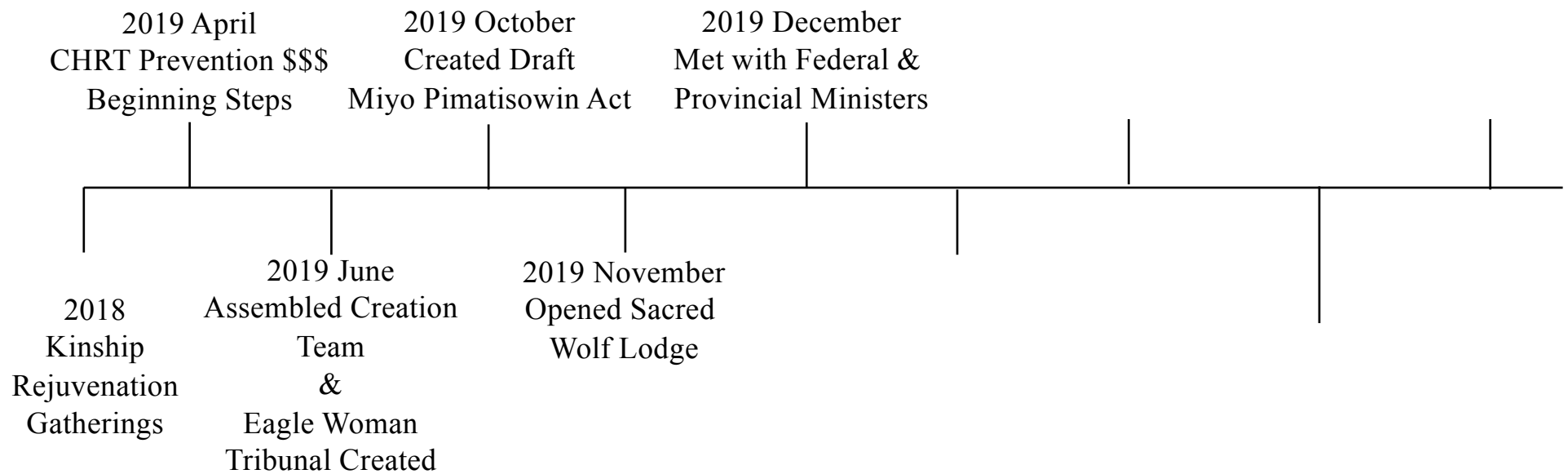


Grand Opening Sacred Wolf Lodge





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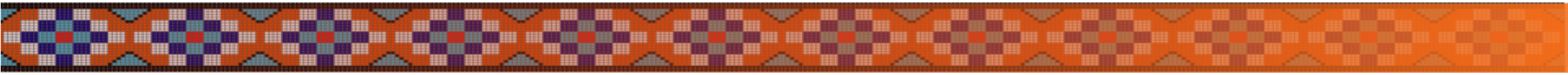
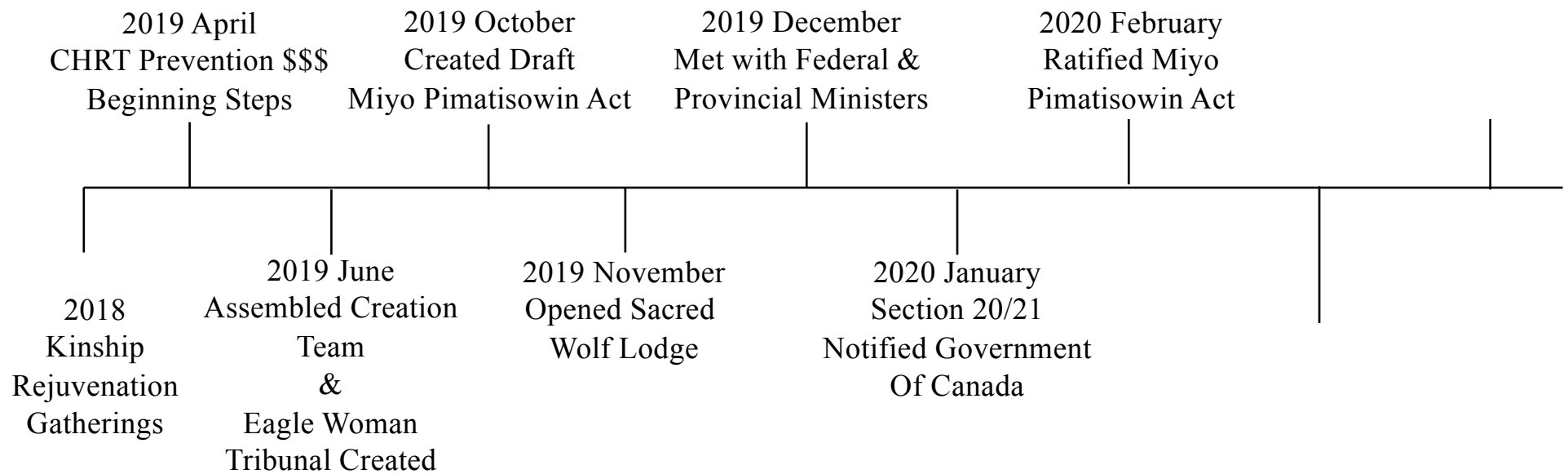


Continually Updating Political Partners





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Cowessess Ratifies Act



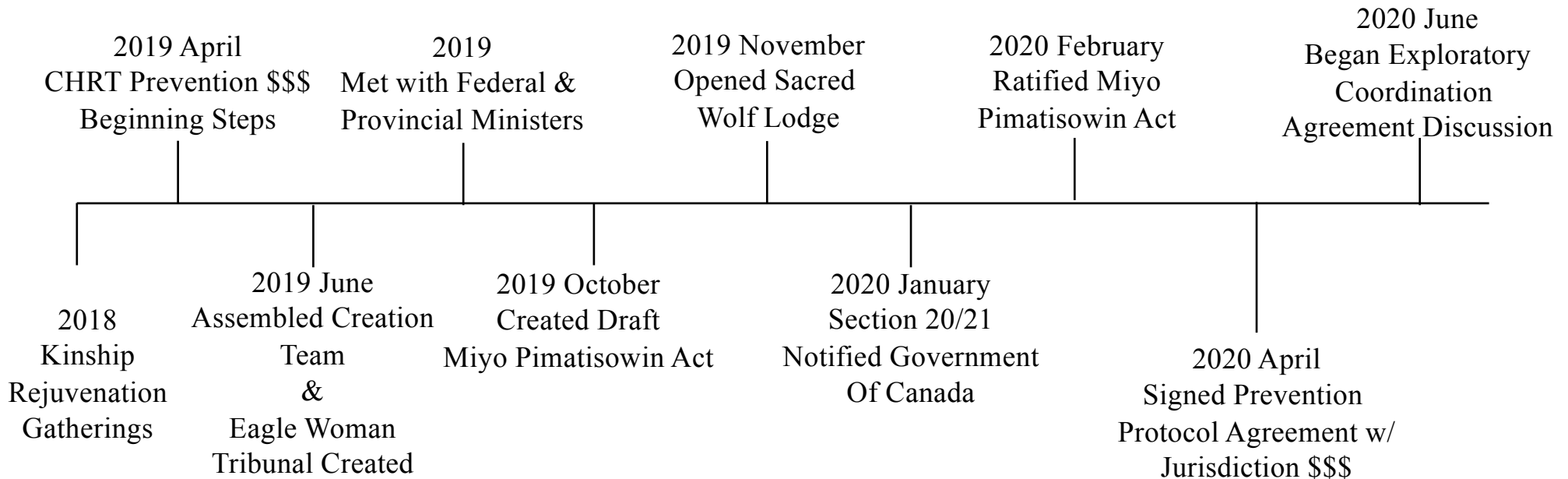
Cowessess First Nation
Miyo Pimatisowin Act



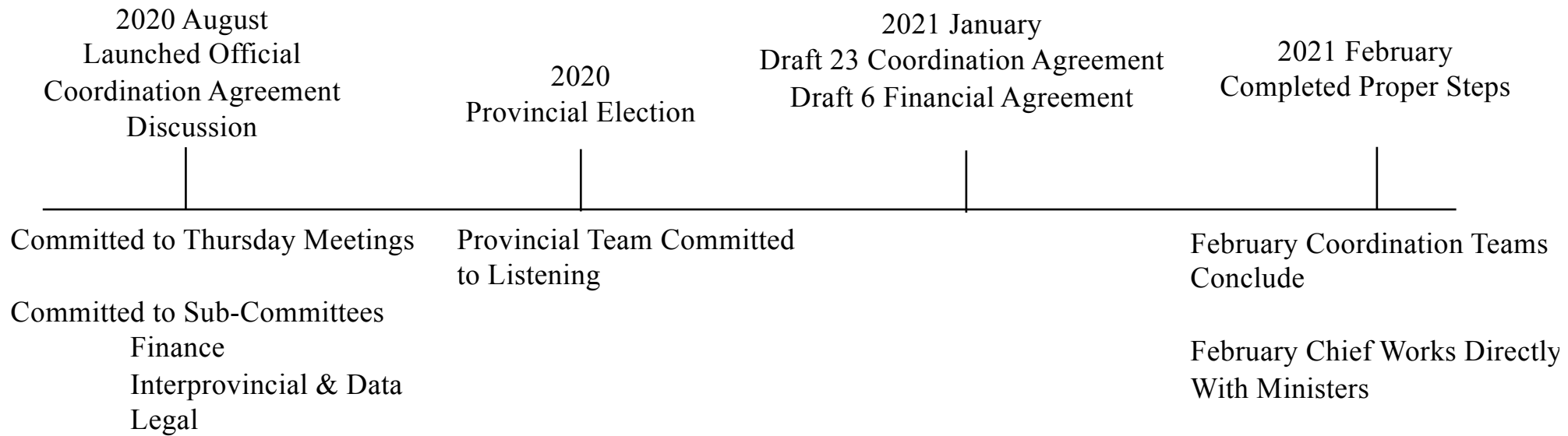
Enacted: March X, 2020



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April 1st, 2021
Cowessess First
Nation will
Assert Child
Welfare Jurisdiction





Coordination Agreement

Draft 23 (without prejudice)
CONFIDENTIAL

COWESSESS FIRST NATION COORDINATION AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT dated for reference _____, 2021

BETWEEN:

Cowessess First Nation, represented by the Chief and Council
(referred to as "Cowessess First Nation")

AND:

Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada, as represented by the Minister of
Indigenous Services
(referred to as "Canada")

AND:

Her Majesty the Queen in right of Saskatchewan, as represented by the Minister of
Social Services
(referred to as "the Ministry")

Offering by Chief Cadmus Delorme

"Citizens of Cowessess First Nation begin ceremonies, feasts, gatherings, songs, healing, and other occasions with traditional protocols which have been passed on from generation to generation since time immemorial.

Our human birth, the Creator gave this to us. It was at that time the Creator blessed us before our human birth, from the Creator's flame, a 'soul flame' - the soul flame is there to look after our bodies, our minds and our souls. We picked from the Creator's flame before our human birth, the tiny flame we picked became our soul, which is called a soul flame.

Cowessess First Nation laws and legal traditions are an essential part of our culture. Within these laws are the protocols, etiquettes and methodologies that provide direction and guidance in participating of ceremonies.

Non-Indigenous colonial jurisdiction have resulted in the diminishment and loss of language, culture, songs, practices and jurisdiction.

The Miyo Pimatisowin Act will guide Cowessess First Nation the formal and informal methods that will maintain behaviour, ideologies, institutions, policies, and economics of its people and resources. These formal and informal methods will be built upon the medicine wheel teachings of mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual pillars. The Coordination Agreement will build on the relationship Cowessess First Nation has with the Government of Canada and the Government of Saskatchewan. Like a braid of sweetgrass, each strand will represent the unity each will need to play to assure the Miyo Pimatisowin Act is supported and lead by the Cowessess First Nation over children and families requiring help. This Coordination Agreement will commit to the role each play in our healing journey as one braid of sweetgrass."

It is a contract
It is a transition plan
It fulfills Section 20 of Legislation
It is not negotiation

Nature and Purpose
Scope of Agreement
Interpretation of Child
Term
Cowessess First Nation Rights
Prevention Services
Support Services to enable Children to exercise their rights
Reciprocal Information Sharing Between Cowessess FN and Ministry
Sharing of Data, Research, & Best Practices Between Canada & Cowessess
Interprovincial/Territorial Matters
Fiscal Arrangements
Roles and Responsibilities of Parties

Miyo Pimatisowin Act



- 3.0 Purpose of this Act
 - Affirm the rights and jurisdiction
 - Set out the principles applicable to the interpretation of this Act
- 4.0 Rights and Jurisdiction of the Cowessess First Nation
 - Affirmation
 - Dispute resolution mechanism
 - Application of Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms
 - Scope
- 6.0 Principles and Requirements
 - 6.1 Best Interests of the Child
 - 6.4 Substantive Equality
 - 6.10 Priority to Prenatal Services
 - 6.11 Socio-Economic Conditions
 - 6.12 Reasonable Efforts
- 11.0 Financial Assistance for Children Formerly in the Custody of the Director



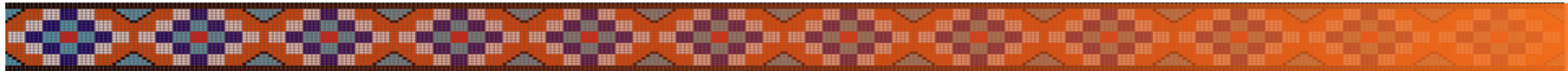
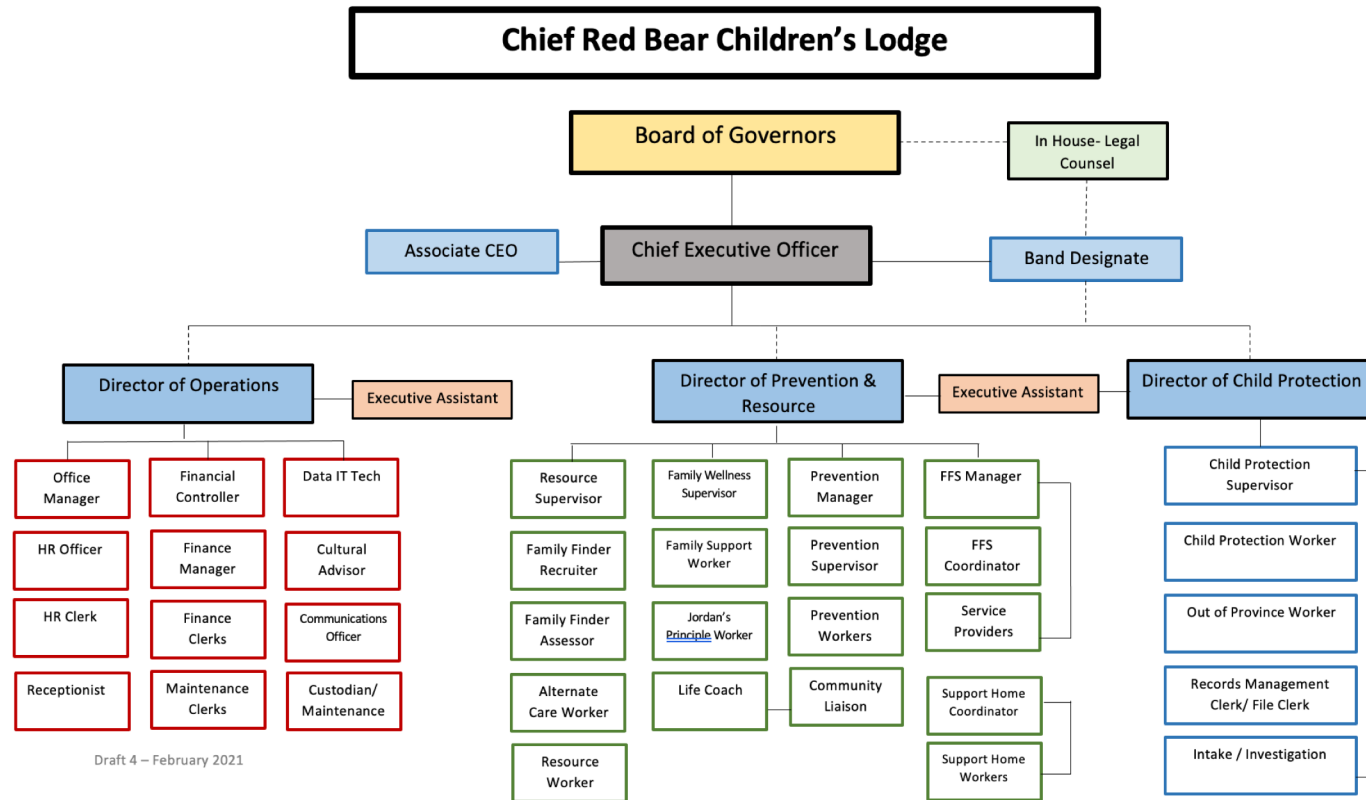
Build Capable Institutions



- Cowessess First Nation Eagle Woman Tribunal
 - Oversight tribunal members who oversee case by case presented by the CEO of Chief Red Bear Childrens Agency for decision making.
 - Kinship care approach.
 - Preventative perspective
 - Best interest of the Child
 - Limit the Provincial Court system for Immediate Legal Status on Children
- Cowessess First Nation Administration
 - Program Managers & Directors for resources support
 - Family Programs
- Cowessess First Nation Entities
 - Support Services



Governance Chart



Our Future

Cowessess First Nation Youth Council

