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**CHIEF PEGUIS MONUMENT PROPOSED FOR LEGISLATIVE BUILDING GROUNDS**

In February 2017, the Committee to Commemorate the Bicentenary of the Selkirk Treaty and the 1817 Visit to Red River of Lord Selkirk — now Friends of the Peguis-Selkirk Treaty Inc. — submitted a request to the Manitoba government to erect a monument of Chief Peguis on the grounds of the Legislative Building.

While there is a monument of Chief Peguis in Kildonan Park in Winnipeg and a statue of Thomas Douglas, the fifth Earl of Selkirk, at the east entrance of the Legislative Building, there is no recognition on the Legislative Building grounds acknowledging the contributions of First Nations peoples.

The proposed monument would include a full-figure statue of Chief Peguis, depicted in the manner of a Saulteaux chief, with appropriate First Nations symbols, such as a ceremonial pipe, and other such images, such as the treaty medal.

The Department of Indigenous Reconciliation and Northern Relations previously committed \$500,000 to the proposed monument, which has been approved by the Treasury Board. In addition to a grant application to the Government of Canada, the committee believes necessary funds for any additional costs will be available from individual and corporate donors. To date, a \$15,000 grant has been obtained from the Winnipeg Foundation.

Friends of the Peguis-Selkirk Treaty Inc. is an all-volunteer committee with representation including from Peguis First Nation, Brokenhead Ojibway Nation, Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, Southern Chiefs' Organization Inc., the Union nationale métisse Saint-Joseph du Manitoba, the Scottish Heritage Council of Manitoba Inc., the Lord Selkirk Association of Rupert's Land, the St. Andrew's Society of Winnipeg, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. Boniface, the Anglican Diocese of Rupert's Land, the City of Winnipeg, the City of Selkirk, the Manitoba Historical Society, the Manitoba Museum, the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, the Winnipeg Art Gallery, the Canadian Polish Congress – Manitoba District, Saint-Boniface Cathedral (Roman Catholic) and St. John's Cathedral (Anglican).