

DATE: August 17, 2026

SOUTHERN CHIEFS' ORGANIZATION

Title: Special Chiefs-in-Summit to Consider the Removal of the Grand Chief Pursuant to the Southern Chiefs' Organization Constitution

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS the Southern Chiefs' Organization ("SCO") Constitution affirms that the Chiefs-in-Summit is the highest governing authority of the Organization and is entrusted with ensuring the accountability, transparency, and integrity of the Organization and its elected leadership; and

WHEREAS Article 5.2(f) of the SCO Constitution provides that the Chiefs-in-Summit has the authority to remove the Grand Chief from office as deemed necessary; and

WHEREAS Article 20.2 of the SCO Constitution provides that the Grand Chief may be removed from office by a vote of fifty percent plus one (50% + 1) of the registered representatives of member First Nations present at a Special Summit convened for that purpose, provided quorum has been established; and

WHEREAS Chiefs have raised numerous concerns regarding governance, leadership, accountability, transparency, organizational decision-making, and the confidence of member Nations in the current leadership of the Organization; and

WHEREAS maintaining the confidence of the member First Nations is fundamental to the credibility and effectiveness of the Southern Chiefs' Organization; and

WHEREAS the Chiefs-in-Summit has both the constitutional authority and the responsibility to consider whether the Grand Chief continues to hold the confidence of the member Nations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Chiefs of the Southern Chiefs' Organization hereby request that a Special Chiefs-in-Summit be convened immediately in accordance with the SCO Constitution.
2. The sole purpose of the Special Chiefs-in-Summit shall be to consider the removal of Grand Chief Jerry Daniels pursuant to Article 20.2 of the SCO Constitution.
3. All member First Nations shall receive proper notice of the Special Chiefs-in-Summit together with the voting procedures, and relevant constitutional provisions.
4. Grand Chief Jerry Daniels shall be provided a full and fair opportunity to address the Chiefs-in-Summit before any vote is taken.
5. Following discussion, the registered representatives of member First Nations present shall vote by secret ballot on whether Grand Chief Jerry Daniels should be removed from office pursuant to Article 20.2 of the SCO Constitution.
6. Should the motion for removal be adopted by the constitutionally required majority, the Chiefs-in-Summit shall immediately implement the succession provisions of the SCO Constitution, including the appointment of an Interim Grand Chief and the initiation of the process to elect a new Grand Chief in accordance with the Constitution.

Moved By: Lake Manitoba First Nation

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Re: Response to Request to Call a Special Summit

Annin Chief McLean;

Thank you for your request to call a special summit to consider the future of the SCO. We recommend that your request be raised at an ordinary summit first, so the Chiefs-in-Summit can consider whether a special summit should be called in a manner consistent with the SCO Constitution.

The Constitution is clear about the election and term of the Grand Chief of the SCO. Votes are cast for a three-year term. That is what occurred on June 25, 2024, when 34 Chiefs and delegates at Naawi-Oodena voted with a three-year term in mind. It would require a carefully considered and very exceptional mandate to revisit and redetermine the will of those delegates.

In the Constitution, there is a limited process for exceptional circumstances where the Grand Chief's term may be less than three years. One such circumstance is where more than 50% of the Chiefs vote to remove the Grand Chief and an interim Grand Chief is appointed. A summit for that particular purpose can only be called by "a quorum of Chiefs in Summit or Assembly" pursuant to paragraph 7.1 of the Constitution.

This requirement has a practical rationale. Holding more than four summits per year involves significant costs and should therefore be reserved for exceptional circumstances. As you know, attending Chiefs' meetings requires time away from your community. In addition, the average financial cost of a two-day summit is approximately \$115,000. Whether the circumstances justify these commitments and expenses is a decision for the Chiefs-in-Summit, made following appropriate notice, the provision of relevant information, and meaningful dialogue.

For these reasons, we recommend that the request for a special summit be brought forward at an ordinary summit in the first instance. This would permit the Chiefs to determine, through the appropriate constitutional process, whether a special summit should be called to consider whether the Grand Chief's term should be shortened from the three-year term recognized and affirmed by delegates in 2024 and set out in the Constitution.

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Should you have a different view of the next steps under the Constitution, we would be happy to discuss it further.

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Chiefs Executive Committee
Southern Chiefs' Organization

CC: Chief Lisa Young, Bloodvein River First Nation
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