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Ipperwash Inquiry Update

When the final report was delivered by Commissioner Linden, there was hope for a new beginning between First Nations and government. The recommendations given by Linden were to be used as a guideline for healing and reconciliation between the two parties. It has been nearly two years since the report was presented and the UOI is working to ensure it is put into action for the benefit of Anishinabek First Nations.

This article will be the first in a series of ten chronicling the history and experiences regarding Ipperwash. The articles will not focus solely on Ipperwash events but branch out to examine the priority areas as agreed in a Memorandum of Understanding between the Chiefs of Ontario and Ontario. There are four priority areas for the Ipperwash Priorities and Action Committee (IIPAC): treaty implementation, land rights and interests, First Nation jurisdiction and capacity building. It is crucial for our nation to understand how the implementation of recommendations can positively impact their lives and the dialogue of how relations with the government should be undertaken continues.

In this copy of the Anishinabek News, you will discover a booklet which gives the history of Ipperwash. It includes information and pictures dealing with topics such as: the death of Dudley George, the land claim issue and the Inquiry. A power point presentation was also developed to accompany this piece and can be requested by emailing ipperwash@anishinabek.ca. Our hope is to increase awareness about this topic as the UOI, other First Nation groups and the government move forward with the implementation of Ipperwash recommendations