

An open letter to Calgary Flames Management, Coach and Owners,

Owner: Murray Edwards  
General Manager: Brad Treliving  
Coach: Darryl Sutter

Dear Sirs,

It is hereby understood that the Calgary Flames Hockey Club is the only National Hockey League team in Canada that does not have a land acknowledgement at the beginning of their games.

A Land Acknowledgement at the start of a Flames game is one way to demonstrate a commitment to the Truth and Reconciliation (TRC) Calls to Action and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Why does the Calgary Flames Hockey Club not have a land acknowledgement at the beginning of their games?

Further to this conversation, the province of Alberta recently passed Bill 1, The Alberta Sovereignty with a United Canada Act. This piece of legislation is hereby recognized as possibly hateful and racist towards Indigenous People. The Treaty 6 Nation has sued the Alberta government over this act, calling it a “violation of our treaties” and “contrary to Canada's constitution.” Calgary, the Saddledome, is located on treaty 7 land, and is surrounded by several First Nation communities.

What is your view on the Alberta Sovereignty Act and how does your view impact the efforts of reconciliation within your organization?

Sincerely,

Investigative Division  
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