



## **FORMER CHIEF, DENNIS MEECHES, TO TAKE ON NEW ROLE AT TRIBAL COUNCILS INVESTMENT GROUP OF MANITOBA**

### ***VP Position Focused on Building Better Business Relationships for Company***

**Winnipeg, MB**, May 17, 2022 – Tribal Councils Investment Group of Manitoba (TCIG) is pleased to announce that former Chief of Long Plain First Nation, Dennis Meeches, will be taking on a new role at the company as the Vice President of Business Relations.

Meeches, who joined the TCIG board in late 2014, will retain a seat on the board while also focusing on building out business partnerships and opportunities for TCIG & its family of companies, including the Spirit Healthcare Group, in his new position.

“We are excited and honoured to have Dennis join us in this additional capacity,” said TCIG CEO, Heather Berthelette. “He played an integral role in setting TCIG on its rightful path over the last 8 years and we know that he will continue to help propel our companies forward as VP of Business Relations.”

As the long-time Chief of Long Plain First Nation, Meeches strived to build better opportunities for First Nations peoples which included the development of urban reserves in Portage la Prairie and Winnipeg, and the redevelopment of the old Kapyong Barracks site into Naawi-Oodena.

“Business development has always been a passion of mine and, although I have stepped down as Chief after 20 years, I remain dedicated to improving life for First Nations peoples,” said Dennis Meeches. “TCIG has a long, proud history of successful businesses partnerships and I look forward to developing new business relationships and advancing the company as I take on this new position.”

Dennis will also serve as the incoming Chairman of the Board of Indigeno Travel, an Indigenous-owned, full-service travel and tourism company that TCIG and Treaty One are significant shareholders in.

TCIG was formed over 30 years ago with a vision of contributing to the self-sufficiency, prosperity and future of First Nations peoples. Since 1990, the seven Tribal Councils that make up TCIG have invested both time and money to help Indigenous businesses grow and succeed in a variety of market sectors in Canada including manufacturing and distribution, employment, and healthcare. This includes their family of companies: the Spirit Healthcare Group of Companies (SpiritRx Services, Spirit Healthcare Products and SpiritRx Solutions), First Canadian Health Management and First Canadian Pharmaceutical Services.