



**MAUPELTU**  
**TA'N TELSUTEKEK**  
MEMBERTOU GOVERNANCE

# What Are The Major Benefits of Membertou Managing Its Own Reserve Lands?

- Real recognition of Membertou's right to manage its reserve lands and resources
- Removal of reserve lands from the land management provisions of the Indian Act
- Community control over Membertou land management and development
- Inclusion of both off-reserve and on-reserve members in important decisions
- Increased accountability to members of Membertou
- More efficient management of Membertou lands and resources
- Transfer by Canada of Membertou Capital and Revenue Accounts
- Recognition of the right to receive revenue from interests in Membertou lands
- Recognition of Membertou's legal capacity to acquire and hold property, to borrow, to contract, to expend and invest money, to be a party to legal proceedings, to exercise its powers and preform its duties
- Protection against arbitrary expropriation of Membertou lands
- Protection against loss of Membertou lands through sale for surrender
- Ability of Membertou to protect the environment
- Recognition of significant law-making powers respecting Membertou lands
- Removal of the need to obtain Canada's approval for Membertou's laws
- Recognition in Canadian courts of Membertou's laws
- Ability to appoint Justices of the Peace
- Ability to create a local dispute resolution process
- Recognition of right to create modern offences for breach of Membertou's laws

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