Thanadelthur

Thanadelthur was a young Déne woman who was known as a great peacemaker during the fur trade. Thanadelthur was born around 1690 and died in 1717. During this time, the Déne and Cree people of the north, were at war. Their disputes were over the fur trade, as the Cree did not want the Déne people to also supply furs to the Europeans. Hudson's Bay Governor, James Knight, knew that it would benefit the fur trade to have these two groups get along. When he met Thanadelthur at Fort York, he was impressed by her and asked her for her help. Thanadelthur acted as an interpreter during peace talks between the two warring groups. With her help, there was finally peace between the Déne and Cree people of northern Manitoba.

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