



Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba

2014-2015 ANNUAL REPORT



“As long as the sun shines, grass grows and the rivers flow”
WE ARE ALL TREATY PEOPLE



DEDICATION

The individuals that comprise our TRCM Speakers' Bureau are integral in relaying the spirit, message, and understandings of the Treaties and Treaty Relationship throughout Manitoba and Canada.

Elder Peter Atkinson

Elder Harry Bone

Linda Connor

Darren Courchene

Dave Courchene

Aimée Craft

Dr. Jean Friesen

Andrea Gallagher

Marlene Gallagher

Brenda Gunn

Jeff Harris

Chris Henderson

Dr. Kevin Lamoureux

Elder D'Arcy Linklater

Ovide Mercredi

MJ McCarron

Elder Florence Paynter

Elder Doris Pratt

Elder Wayne Scott

Dr. Niigaanwewidam James
Sinclair

Allen Sutherland

Dan Thomas

Mark Young

Dennis White Bird

Connie Wyatt-Anderson

Winston Wuttunee

For their expertise, hard work, and continued commitment towards the advancement of Treaty Knowledge – Treaty Commissioner Wilson dedicates the 2014-2015 Annual Report to the entire Speaker's Bureau.



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A Message from the Treaty Commissioner

I am pleased to present the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba (TRCM) 2014-2015 Annual Report. It continues to be an honour and privilege to be the Treaty Commissioner for Manitoba. The TRCM is well on its way to fulfilling the mandate to strengthen, rebuild and enhance the Treaty Relationship.

The Treaty Education Initiative (TEI) was implemented for First Nation and non-First Nation schools across the province for Kindergarten to Grade 12. In addition, the TEI completed the development of the additional teacher's resources for grades 7 to 12 as well as French teacher's guides. The TRCM Speakers' Bureau was very active this year and reached more educational institutions than in previous years. The Learning Centre was active as well hosting many events for all education levels of students and teachers, in addition to government representatives, businesses, and the general public.

The Research projects within the TRCM mandate advanced: the Historical Atlas of First Nations in Manitoba added new plates for the 'Atlas Portfolio' and revised existing base maps. The TRCM officially launched Ka'esi Wahkotumahk Aski (Our Relations with the Land): Treaty Elders' Teachings Volume II in June 2014, in addition, we completed the final revisions and edits to Dtantu Balai Betl Nahidei (Our Relations With the Newcomers): Treaty Elders' Teachings Volume III which is to be officially launched in the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

The Facilitation role of the TRCM mandate included the continuation of media outreach, community service, and the nurturing TRCM informal partnerships within the larger Winnipeg community in addition to maintaining existing of formal partnerships through mutually agreed to activities. The largest amount of our time and energy in this fiscal year for facilitation was facilitating dialogue with events such as 'An evening with Bill Gallagher and Christian Sinclair' to 'Between Keewatin and Tsilhqot'in: Reflections from the Centre of Turtle Island Conference.

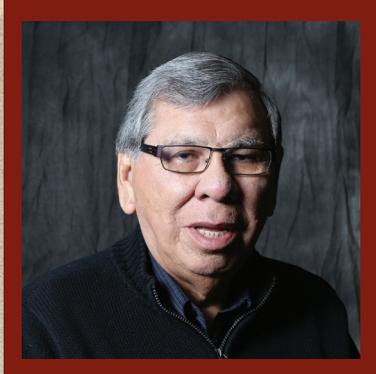
As Treaty Commissioner I encourage everyone to visit our office and website (www.trcm.ca) to continue the important dialogue of understanding the spirit and intent of the Treaties and Treaty Relationship. My vision is that we can all find a way of working together, as equal partners, in order to do what is best for our entire province and for generations yet to come.

We are all Treaty people!

Ekose,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J.B. Wilson'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'J' and 'W'.

JAMES B. WILSON
Treaty Commissioner



A Message from the Council of Elders

It is our sincere pleasure to acknowledge the focused diligence and purposeful dedication the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba (TRCM) has in its mandate to enhance, rebuild and strengthen the Treaty Relationship. The Council of Elders would also like to congratulate the TRCM for pulling together a small, intrepid and enthusiastic team of individuals who assist in reaching the mandate of the TRCM.

In the fourth year of the TRCM's extended mandate we, the Council of Elders, had participated in the continued development of the Treaty Education Initiative (TEI), research publication with the Treaty Elders Teachings series, public education through the Speakers' Bureau, and the facilitation of dialogue by attending various Treaty related meetings with the TRCM. Each of these endeavors lead by the TRCM is one step in achieving its mandate.

The Council of Elders firmly believe that a positive Treaty relationship is nourished through the engagement of dialogue and learning from one another under the principles of respect, reciprocity, recognition, and responsibility. The TRCM embodies this understanding. We continue to support and work together with the TRCM to enrich the lives of future generations.

Miigwech,

DR. ELDER HARRY BONE

Keeseekoowenin First Nation

Treaty No.2 Territory





A message from the AMC Treaty Portfolio Chair

Nanabozho, nindinawemaaginidog!

As the Treaty Portfolio for AMC, I/We congratulate the TRCM on the impressive record to enhance, strengthen and rebuild the treaty relationship this past year between our two great nations.

Two great nations, in partnership, with the Creator as our great witness to these promises entered into Sacred Treaties and Treaty Relationships which provided the very foundation for this great country of ours. The TRCM embodies the understanding and ethics of this Treaty Relationship and is now educating not only OUR children but the children of our Treaty partners and educators. Both Treaty partners have a need to understand our rights, roles and responsibilities to these Treaties.

We (AMC), support the mandate and the continued success for the current and future endeavours on educating young and old.

“LIFE LONG LEARNING IS NOT A NEW PHRASE; ITS BEEN OUR WAY OF LIFE, TO SHARE THROUGH LOVE.”

Miigwech,

CHIEF MORRIS J. SWAN-SHANNACAPPO
Rolling River Anishinaabe First Nation



ABOUT THE TREATY RELATIONS COMMISSION OF MANITOBA

The Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba (TRCM) is a neutral body, created through a joint partnership between the Government of Canada and the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) with a mandate to strengthen, rebuild and enhance the Treaty relationship and mutual respect as envisaged by the Treaty parties.

The Commission will enhance and maintain positive inter-governmental relations and cooperation, conduct independent research that advances discussion on Treaty related issues and facilitate public understanding of the importance and role of Treaty making in building a stronger and healthier nation.

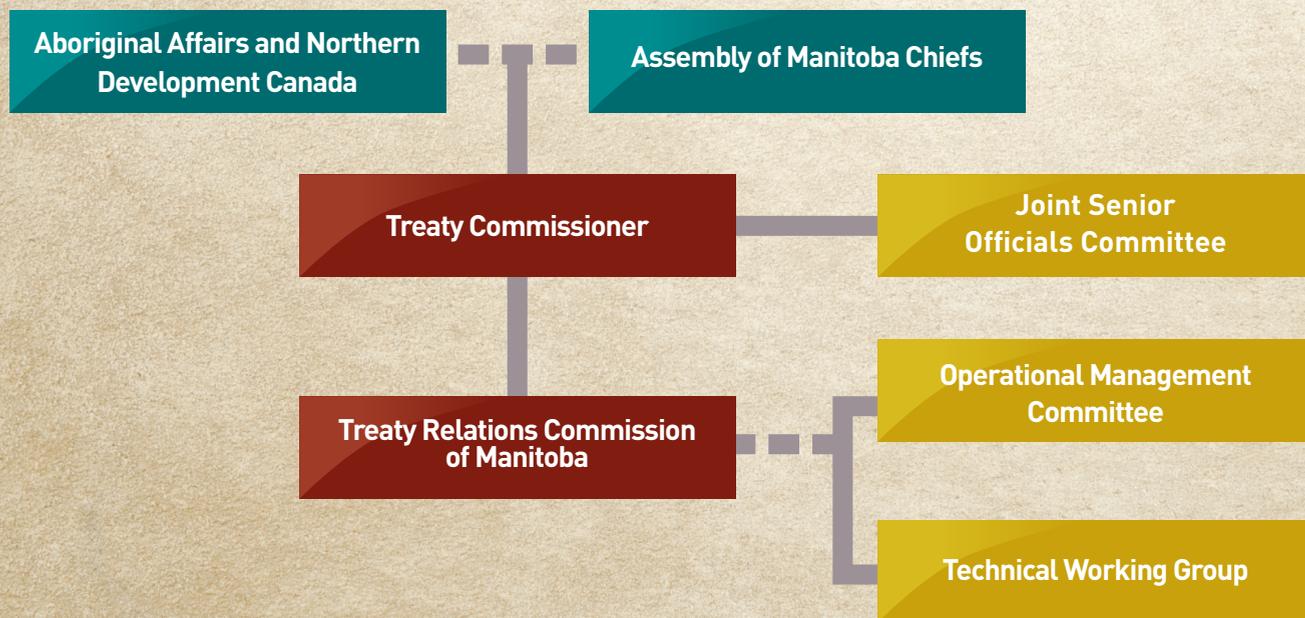
The Government of Canada and AMC signed a historic Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) in November 2003 that recognized the need for the establishment of a Treaty Relations Commission in Manitoba to address Treaty issues. In June 2005, through an Order-in-Council, the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba (TRCM) was created. In June 2010, through an Order-in-Council, the TRCM received its second modern era Treaty Commissioner, James B. Wilson.



Treaty Advocacy Award Winner Cynthia Bird (March 2014)

TRCM Accountability Framework

The following organizational chart reflects the current accountability framework of the TRCM:





AMC General Assembly – June 29, 2014

Within this structure, the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) and the Grand Chief of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) have the overall responsibility for the work of the Treaty Commissioner.

The TRCM is accountable to the following:

- A Joint Official Steering Committee (JSOC) comprised of two (2) senior executives from AANDC and two (2) senior executives from AMC who provide direction and advice to the Treaty Commissioner;
- An Operational Management Committee (OMC) comprised of representatives from AANDC, AMC, and the TRCM who provide policy direction to the TRCM; and
- A Technical Working Group (TWG) comprised of members from AANDC, AMC, and the TRCM who provide advice on the operational requirements of the TRCM.



Commissioner James Wilson Presenting to the Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce – May 22, 2014



Grand Chief Derek Nepinak – AMC General Assembly – June 30, 2014



Commissioner Wilson Receiving the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Winnipeg – October 17, 2014



Urban Treaty Payments – June 10, 2014



TRCM Mandate

The TRCM's Mandate is to focus on enhancing and improving Treaty Relations and government cooperation by strengthening, rebuilding and enhancing the Treaty Relationship through:

1. Public Education
2. Research; and
3. Facilitation.



Through the examination of existing public education information, the TRCM searches for gaps of information about the Treaties and the Treaty Relationship. The TRCM then conducts research of those gaps to create opportunities for new facilitation opportunities in all sectors of our mandate.



TRCM Operations Manager, Sherry Smith with Red River Valley Junior Academy Students at the Manitoba Heritage Fair – May 1, 2014



Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba

TRCM VISION STATEMENT

We Are All Treaty People sharing and shaping mutually beneficial and prosperous relationships for all Manitobans.

TRCM MISSION STATEMENT

The TRCM encourages and facilitates cooperation, dialogue, and understanding to strengthen and enhance Treaty Relationships to build a stronger and healthier nation.

TRCM VALUES

The TRCM values: respect, knowledge, balance, collaboration, honour and integrity, traditions and protocols, and passion and commitment.

TRCM Principles

The TRCM, AMC and the Government of Canada are guided by the following principles:

- Treaties are fundamental part of the relationships between First Nations Treaty signatories and the Crown;
- The involvement of First Nation Elders is a fundamental part of maintaining the honour of the Crown in its relations with First Nations;
- Recognition that the Treaty Relationship is dynamic and will evolve over time;
- The Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba shall be based on mutual respect, operating at arm's length from the parties as a neutral body;
- Respect for Treaty and inherent Aboriginal rights is an important part of maintaining the honour of the Crown in its relations with First Nations; and
- Recognition that in order to advance the Treaty Relationship it will be necessary for the Parties to share information and fully participate in the process.



Council of Elders at the TEI Administrators Training on March 3, 2015

Council of Elders

The commitment of the Council of Elders is fundamental to the work of the TRCM. The Elders are historians, teachers, spiritual caregivers, language experts, and advisors. With their input, support and guidance, the TRCM is able to address specific Treaty language and knowledge to ensure deeper understandings in the TRCM research initiatives such as: the Manitoba Treaties Oral History Project and the Historical Atlas of First Nations in Manitoba. In addition to the research initiatives, the TRCM Council of Elders has advised in curriculum development, leadership forums, and participated as members of the TRCM Speakers' Bureau.

The current members of the Council of Elders are:



Treaty No. 1 –
Wayne Scott (Swan Lake
First Nation)



Treaty No. 2 –
Harry Bone
(Keeseekoowenin First
Nation)



Treaty No. 3 –
Elmer Courchene
(Sagkeeng First Nation)



Treaty No. 4 –
James Cote
(Waywayseecappo
First Nation)



Treaty No. 5 –
Elder William G. Lathlin
(Opaskwayak Cree Nation)



Treaty No. 5 Adhesions –
D'Arcy Linklater
(Nisichawayasihk Cree
Nation)



Treaty No. 10 –
Elder Joe Hyslop
(Northlands Denesuline
First Nation)



Dakota Nations –
Doris Pratt (Sioux
Valley Dakota Nation)

Treaty No. 6 – Vacant

As the Council of Elders have primarily focused on advising and participating in the research aspects of the TRCM, the Council of Elders were profiled to be under the TRCM research mandate. The Council of Elders participated in the following events during this fiscal year:

- July 29-31, 2014 Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Annual General Assembly (Swan Lake)
- October 16, 2014 Oral History Project Review of Volume III;
- November 21-22, 2014 'Between Keewatin and Tsihqot'in: Reflections from the Centre of Turtle Island' conference;
- December 9, 2014 Assembly of First Nations (AFN): Waking Up, Youth and Elders Gathering;
- December 9-11, 2014 Assembly of First Nations Special Assembly;

- March 3-4, 2015 Treaty Education Initiative Training;
- March 5, 2015 Oral History Project Review of Volume III; and
- March 19, 2015 Oral History Project Review of Volume III.

Commissioner Wilson's strong leadership, under the guidance of the Council of Elders, has led the TRCM team to new heights in the community. With their dedication, commitment and hard work the Council of Elders mentor and teach everyone at the TRCM. Treaty Commissioner Wilson and the TRCM team would like to take this opportunity to gratefully acknowledge and provide thanks to the Council of Elders for their continued support.



Public Education

The TRCM strives to be the number one resource for all Treaty information in Manitoba through services such as the Treaty Education Initiative, We Are All Treaty People Campaign, Speakers Bureau, Learning Centre, and Website (www.trcm.ca). Through public education the TRCM is actively engaging with all Manitobans, both First Nations and non-First Nations, to rebuild and reconcile relationships and enhance learning about the unique, vibrant, and fundamental building blocks of Manitoba and Canada – the Treaties.



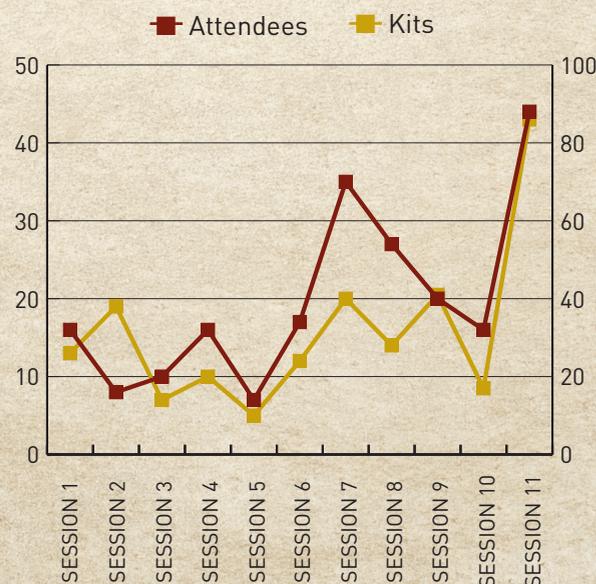
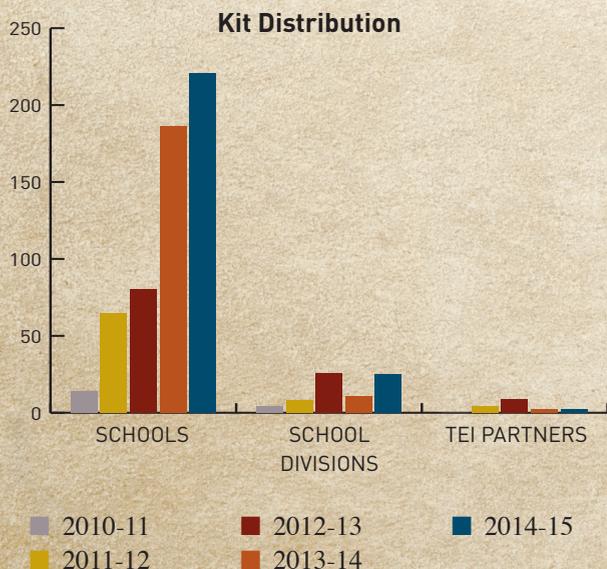
TEI Administrators Training – March 2015

Treaty Education Initiative

The TRCM in partnership with the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) and their Council of Elders, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC), Manitoba Education and Advanced Learning (MEAL), and the Manitoba First Nations Education Centre (MFNERC) have made a commitment to work together to increase the knowledge and understanding of Treaties and the Treaty relationship among all students in Manitoba. This work has become known as the Treaty Education Initiative (TEI).

The goal of the TEI is to provide Treaty education to all students in Manitoba, from Kindergarten through to Grade 12. The outcome of this initiative is that all Manitoba students should be expected to demonstrate knowledge of key topics, concepts and understandings of the Treaties and the Treaty relationship by the end of Grade 12.

The longer-term goal of the TEI is to achieve full integration of comprehensive Treaty education from K-12 in all schools across Manitoba, supported by a province-wide education policy that provides all students with access to Treaty education.





TEI K-12 Launch – September 22, 2014

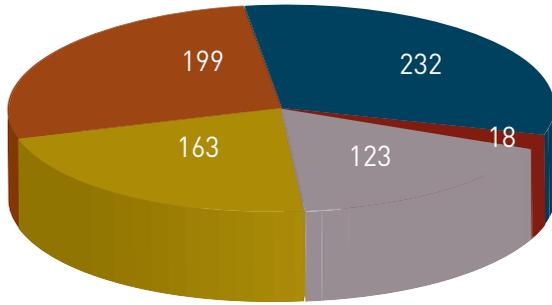
Full implementation of the TEI K-12 in schools, divisions, and region began in this fiscal year with an official launch on September 23, 2015. **A total of 325 educators have attended at least one of the sessions and a total of 232 TEI kits have been distributed to teachers, administrators, and partners during the 2014-2015 fiscal year.**

TREATY EDUCATION TRAINING SESSIONS

April 30 & May 1, 2014	7 Oaks, River East & St. James School Division – St. James SD Board Office	26 Attendees	16 Kits
May 8 & 9, 2014	Long Plain School & Portage La Prairie School Divisions – PCU, Portage la Prairie, MB	38 Attendees	8 Kits
May 14 & 15, 2014	Brandon School Division – Brandon SD Board Office	14 Attendees	10 Kits
September 23 & 24, 2014	Grade 7-12 Regional Treaty Education Training – Manitoba Education Bldg., Winnipeg, MB	20 Attendees	16 Kits
October 7 & 8, 2014	K-6 Regional Treaty Education Training – UCN Campus, The Pas, MB	10 Attendees	7 Kits
November 25 & 26, 2015	K-12 Regional Treaty Education Training Cross Lake Regional Education PD	24 Attendees	18 Kits
December 3 & 4, 2014	K-6 Regional Treaty Education Training – MB Ed. Building, Winnipeg, MB	40 Attendees	35 Kits
January 15 & 16, 2015	K-12 Regional Treaty Education Training – Winnipeg, MB	28 Attendees	27 Kits
January 27 & 28, 2015	K-12 Regional Treaty Education Training – School District of Mystery Lake, Thompson, MB	41 Attendees	20 Kits
February 11 & 12, 2015	K-12 Regional Treaty Education Training – Frontier Collegiate Institute (FCI), Cranberry Portage MB	17 Attendees	16 Kits
March 3 & 4, 2015	Administrator’s Treaty Education Training – North Centennial Recreation & Leisure Facility, Winnipeg, MB	86 Attendees	44 Kits



TEI 2010-2015 Distribution Summary of Kit Distribution



- FY 2010-11: 18 Kits
- FY 2011-12: 123 Kits
- FY 2012-13: 163 Kits
- FY 2013-14: 199 Kits
- FY 2014-15: 232 Kits

In addition to the above sessions the TRCM held four (4) one day information sessions to First Nations Schools:

- Sergeant Tommy Prince School (30 staff)
- Charles Sinclair School (30 staff)
- Lake Manitoba School (15 teachers)
- Poplar River Elementary School (all staff and teachers)

The development of additional student resources for inclusion in the TEI kits was a priority for the TEI Education Advisor, the TEI Education Manager, and the TEI Project Lead. Collaboratively they developed:

- a) **Interactive games** – interactive lesson plans that are ready to be launched on the Interactive Wiki Space Blog on TRCMs website;
- b) **Portable Kinikinik Interactive hands-on resources** – the Portable Interactive resources has been replaced with a teacher’s guide for the play and will be added to Treaty Education Kit in 2015-2016;



Cross Lake November 25 and 26, 2014



TEI Teachers Exploring the TEI Kit contents – December 3, 2014

- c) **Professional illustration of Dakota Reader** – the Professional illustration of the Dakota Oyate booklet has been approved.

TEI Grades 7-12 at a Glance Posters

TREATY EDUCATION Grade Seven at a Glance					THEME: THE FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE IN THE WORLD Sub-Themes, Topics, and Treaty Essential Learning Objectives					TREATY EDUCATION Grade Eight at a Glance					THEME: THE FIRST NATIONS SOCIETIES Sub-Themes, Topics, and Treaty Essential Learning Objectives					TREATY EDUCATION Grade Nine at a Glance					THEME: THE FIRST NATIONS IN CONTEMPORARY Sub-Themes, Topics, and Treaty Essential Learning Objectives				
Essential Learning Goals	Sub-Theme 1: Relationships	Sub-Theme 2: Traditional Teachings	Sub-Theme 3: History	Sub-Theme 4: Treaties	Treaty Essential Learning Goals	Sub-Theme 1: Relationships	Sub-Theme 2: Traditional Teachings	Sub-Theme 3: History	Sub-Theme 4: Treaties	Treaty Essential Learning Goals	Sub-Theme 1: Relationships	Sub-Theme 2: Traditional Teachings	Sub-Theme 3: History	Sub-Theme 4: Treaties	Treaty Essential Learning Goals	Sub-Theme 1: Relationships	Sub-Theme 2: Traditional Teachings	Sub-Theme 3: History	Sub-Theme 4: Treaties	Treaty Essential Learning Goals	Sub-Theme 1: Relationships	Sub-Theme 2: Traditional Teachings	Sub-Theme 3: History	Sub-Theme 4: Treaties					
Identity, Culture and Community The difference in concepts of identity, culture, and community for First Nations in Manitoba has been a result of the Treaty-making process and the resulting relationship.	The Global Treaty Experience Investigate the Treaty experience of indigenous peoples around the world. Understand the value of indigenous cultures and ways of life. Appreciate the importance of indigenous cultural diversity in the world.	Indigenous Knowledge Across the World Know what is meant by the term indigenous knowledge. Value and acknowledge the role of indigenous knowledge in modern life. Appreciate that oral history is the bridge between oral tradition and written history.	Exploring the Past with an Indigenous Lens Understand the role and value of oral traditions in indigenous cultures. Appreciate that oral history is the bridge between oral tradition and written history.	Other Treaties	Identity, Culture and Community Explore the differences in concepts of identity, culture, and community between First Nations in Manitoba and other peoples in relation to the Treaty-making process and historical Treaty relationship.	Sacred Teachings and Family Relationships Explore the role of the family in First Nations society by investigating topics such as kinship and the extended family.	Spiritual Connections: The Law and The Land Explore First Nations' Seven Sacred Teachings.	Oral Traditions: Narratives and Elders Discover the role of oral history and traditions in First Nations society.	Spirit & Intent and Sacred Treaty-making Sites Value the role of oral tradition in history.	The Land: Places and People Explore the dynamic relationship of First Nations in Manitoba to their traditional lands, sacred sites, and impacts of being relocated to the reserve allocations as a result of the Treaty-making process.	Identity, Culture and Community Explore the differences in concepts of identity, culture, and community between First Nations in Manitoba and other peoples in relation to the Treaty-making process and historical Treaty relationship.	The Evolving Treaty Experience Understand that Treaties are agreements, voluntarily entered into by both parties, which provide for peaceful relations.	Traditional Governance & Law Recognize the link between traditional First Nations governance and Treaties. Appreciate that First Nations preserve and transfer their traditional laws and procedures through oral history and oral traditions.	Linking the Past to the Present: Contemporary Treaty Issues Identify and evaluate the assimilation policies set forth by the Indian Act.	Other Treaties: D.C. & the De	Identity, Culture and Community Explore the differences in concepts of identity, culture, and community between First Nations in Manitoba and other peoples in relation to the Treaty-making process and historical Treaty relationship.	The Land: Places and People Explore the dynamic relationship of First Nations in Manitoba to their traditional lands, sacred sites, and impacts of being relocated to the reserve allocations as a result of the Treaty-making process.	Historical Connections Explore how First Nations and other peoples' historical interactions have contributed to shaping the present day Treaty relationship and influencing the future.	Global Interdependence Explore the global connections and interdependent relationships between First Nations peoples of Canada and other global indigenous peoples.	Power and Autonomy Examine how symbols of Crown sovereignty used in Treaty negotiations to enforce the federal laws.	Global Interdependence Explore the global connections and interdependent relationships between First Nations peoples of Canada and other global indigenous peoples.	Power and Autonomy Examine how symbols of Crown sovereignty used in Treaty negotiations to enforce the federal laws.	Identity, Culture and Community Explore the differences in concepts of identity, culture, and community between First Nations in Manitoba and other peoples in relation to the Treaty-making process and historical Treaty relationship.	The Evolving Treaty Experience Understand that Treaties are agreements, voluntarily entered into by both parties, which provide for peaceful relations.	Traditional Governance & Law Recognize the link between traditional First Nations governance and Treaties. Appreciate that First Nations preserve and transfer their traditional laws and procedures through oral history and oral traditions.	Linking the Past to the Present: Contemporary Treaty Issues Identify and evaluate the assimilation policies set forth by the Indian Act.	Other Treaties: D.C. & the De		

d) **Interactive site for teachers** – The Interactive Wiki-space blog and is ready to be launched and made available to Teachers that have completed a two day Treaty Education Training session.

Due to multiple requests for French resources the TRCM has begun to translate TEI kit resources for the French student population, they include:

- TEI Teachers Handbook (D1)
- Grade 7-12 Year at a Glance wallcharts (D2)
- K-12 Blackline Masters (D3)
- Kinikinik – Teachers Guide (D4)
- Kinikinik: A Treaty Play book & DVD (D5)
- Teachers Protocol Sheet (D6)
- The Dakota Oyate Reader (Deferred to 2015-2016)



TEI Teacher Training Winnipeg – September 24, 2014

Communications and Community Outreach

Throughout the year, significant efforts were dedicated to reaching new individuals, organizations and audiences with messages to promote the important role Treaties and the Treaty Relationship play in both historic and modern contexts. A desired outcome was the establishment of the Treaty Commissioner and the TRCM as a trusted go-to source for media interviews and education-based facilitation with dialogue opportunities for public participation.

WINNIPEG FREE PRESS, MONTHLY COLUMN:

Now into its 4th year, the monthly column in the Winnipeg Free Press (WFP) by Treaty Commissioner Wilson continues as one of the most well-read and shared of any of the opinion pieces including those written by the most seasoned writers at the newspaper. In fact, it is common for the Commissioner's columns to remain at the top of the most widely read for a week or more following his publication.

Topics covered in the Treaty Commissioner's month WFP columns included:

DATE PUBLISHED:	COLUMN TITLE:
May 1, 2014	The Jay Treaty: A U.S. pipeline to jobs and opportunities
May 31, 2014	The Ceremonial Pipe: Digging deep for spiritual meaning
June 26, 2014	Anniversary of WW1: Honour First Nations veterans for sacrifice and activism
July 31, 2014	On Excellence: Time right for Indigenous sporting body
September 27, 2014	On Dehumanization: Recognize name-calling as racism
October 30, 2014	On Racism and John Ralston Saul: Aboriginal fact defines Winnipeg
November 27, 2014	The Silent Majority: Courts not the best option for improving relations
January 10, 2015	On Sir John. A. MacDonald's 200th: Rewriting his legacy shapes a rewrite of Canada
January 26, 2015	Special Op ED: Racism part of our collective story in response to Maclean's article
February 26, 2015	On Bold Eagle Program: It's time to create a First Nations regiment
March 1, 2015	On Sharing in Success supplement: Working together to bridge the divide



COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

In 2013, when Sayisi Dene Elder Joseph Meconse marched with dignity onto the turf during the grand opening of the CFL’s Investors Group Field in Winnipeg, bearing his eagle staff (as part of the ceremonial trooping of the flags), the TRCM recognized this as a public game changer. Why? Because never before in CFL history had First Nations veterans been honoured and respected in such a public way, for the sacrifices and contributions made, on behalf of all Canadians.

Since that moment of overwhelming pride, the TRCM has been seeking another opportunity to break new ground in our community. In November, 2014, that opportunity presented itself when Winnipeg’s first-ever Metis Mayor, Brian Bowman was sworn into office. Immediately after his election, discussions began with the Treaty Commissioner to advise the Mayor-elect on an appropriate approach to integrate a traditional First Nation ceremony during his day of festivities.

During a private ceremony before the official swearing-in, there on the floor of City Hall stood every newly elected Council member along with Elder Harry Bone, Treaty Commissioner Wilson and Mayor-elect Bowman. Together, they conducted a Tobacco Ceremony – a first ever in the City’s history! Led by Elder Bone and facilitated by the Commissioner, the significance of tobacco was first explained and then they made the relationship formal and sacred – invoking the need to work together for the benefit of all Winnipeggers.

Elder Bone offered the opening prayer at the Swearing-In Ceremony in the Ojibwe language after which the new Mayor acknowledged and indicated his respect and thankfulness for

being on Treaty One Territory. The TRCM was honoured to provide the advice to the Mayor’s office for First Nations inclusion in the City’s Swearing-In Ceremony.

Another milestone event took place on January 22, 2015 when Maclean’s magazine published an issue claiming Winnipeg was the most racist city in the country. When Mayor Brian Bowman decided to take action by gathering together community leaders, one of the first calls he placed was to Commissioner Wilson. Within two hours, a collection of leaders from across the community came together to accept the challenge of ramping up efforts to fight racism in our city and province.

At the forefront was Commissioner Wilson who spoke to the importance of Treaties and the Treaty Relationship. As just one of a small handful of speakers, he further entrenched the TRCM and its bridge building mandate as a central component of the positive work underway since its inception nearly ten years prior.

Media was extensive and included nation-wide coverage for the Mayor and a number of the speakers including Commissioner Wilson.

Other key outreach activities in 2014-2015 included:

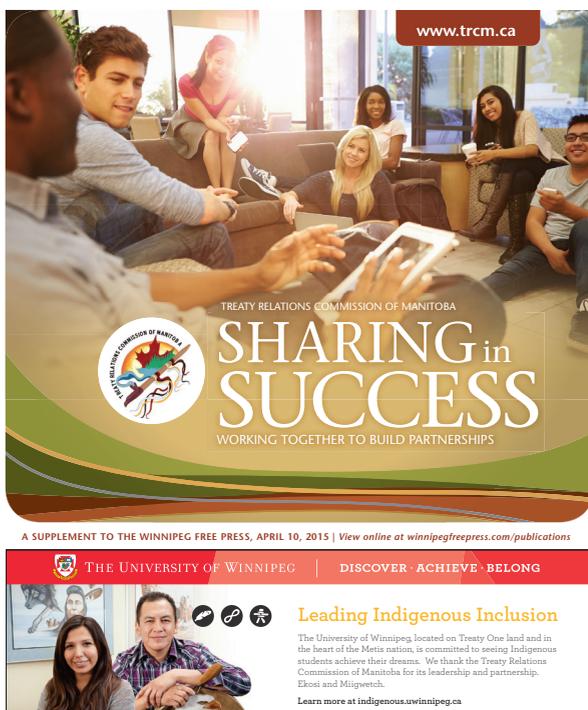
- Engaged in discussions with Upper Fort Garry regarding inclusion of First Nations in narrative
- Facilitated meeting and tour of BUILD Inc.
- Initial planning for Kapyong session with community leaders

ANNUAL NEWSPAPER SUPPLEMENT:

What began as a pilot project two (2) years ago to determine the impact of publishing an annual magazine, distributed province-wide through the Winnipeg Free Press, has become a main-stay of the TRCMs Communications and Community Outreach efforts.

Distributed again this March, this year’s “Sharing in Success: How Treaties Help Build Partnerships”, went to over 150,000 homes on the newspaper’s largest circulation day. To further extend the reach, all social media platforms were utilized to share the link to the e-version housed on the websites of both the Free Press and the TRCM.

A 5,000 magazine over run, negotiated as part of this cost-neutral project, will be used year-round as a positive force for change, and will be handed out at all speaking events, conferences and schools throughout the province, including at TEI workshops.



It is the content that is of greatest interest to readers of all ages as each issue focuses on a different theme, but always in the positive, with the intention of breaking negative stereotypes, educating on Treaty Facts, while painting a broad picture of the contributions First Nations are making to our community in many different ways. In the case of this year's "Sharing in Success", positive examples were presented to make the point that, from the original Treaty Relationship onward, we all win when we work together for the betterment of our families, our communities, our provinces, and our country.

BI-WEEKLY RADIO PROGRAM:

Another innovative concept the TRCM is planning to launch and host in April 2015 is the first-ever program on main stream radio in Manitoba that is dedicated exclusively to discussing Treaty and First Nations issues. Though this project has taken time to develop in 2014-15, the package has now been negotiated featuring a 60 minute program that will air twice per month on Sundays. Co-hosted by the Treaty Commissioner, "Straight Talk" will air on CJOB Radio – Manitoba's market leader. It will be an engaging, candid and balanced yet respectful discussion on some of the most culturally sensitive issues facing our communities.

To further broaden the reach of the program, a series of 30 second commercials have also been negotiated which will air during prime time week day hours to promote each edition of "Straight Talk", thereby ensuring that all listeners hear the TRCM's core educational messages. The content line-up for the first season is nearing completion with sponsors already on board to ensure the longevity of the radio program through to the end of the 2016 pilot year.

MEDIA RELATIONS:

On an ongoing basis, media are at the doorstep of the TRCM seeking interviews with Commissioner Wilson who continues to grow his reputation as someone readily available, with positivity and neutrality, and on a wide variety of topics.

In fact, an Infomart Search of newspaper coverage reports that the Commissioner's columns and other print only news stories reached 1,993,668 people this year with an earned media value of \$368,397. It is important to note a total of 10 mentions in national media as well as continuing share growth in online and social media. Both areas were targeted for growth this past year with results demonstrate that our strategies are working.

Add to this profile, ongoing local radio and TV interviews, and it was a banner year for the TRCM, with 73% of all news items rating positive to neutral.



Speakers Bureau

The TRCM Speakers' Bureau provides dialogue and information sharing to create an understanding about the historical and contemporary issues that relate to Treaty. Presentations speak to both the Canadian and First Nation perspective of the Treaties to balance information Manitobans receive from various outlets in relation to Treaty.



Vincent Massey Collegiate – October 15, 2014

Speakers' Bureau Objectives:

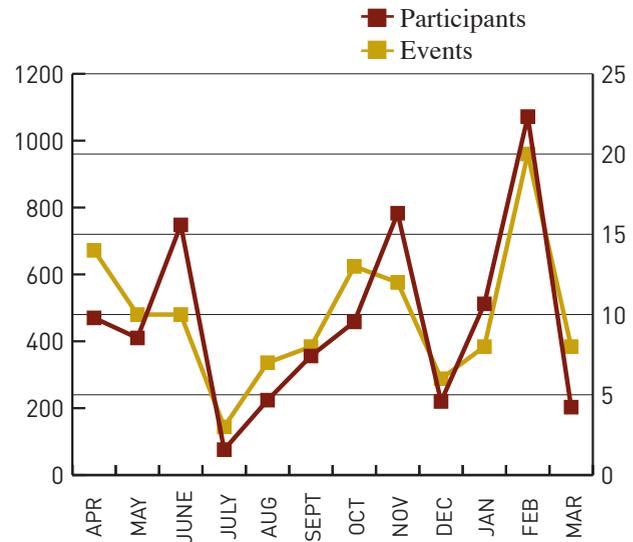
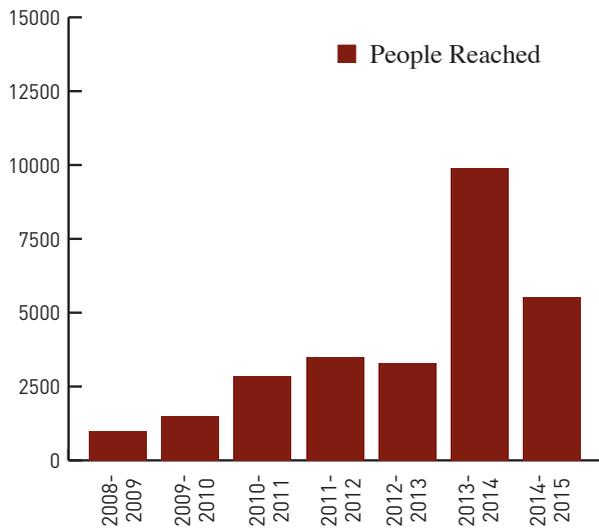
- Promote the concept "We Are All Treaty People";
- Raise awareness of Treaties and their importance;
- Raise awareness of the rights and obligations associated with Treaties;
- Facilitate discussion on Treaties; and
- Enhance the Treaty relationship

The Speakers Bureau has had a positive response as it continues to be a leading resource for information about the Numbered Treaties and the Treaty Relationship throughout Manitoba.

The Speakers' Bureau continues to educate and raise awareness of Treaties and the Treaty relationship to a diverse range of organizations that request its services. The Speakers' Bureau provides a number of perspectives on Treaties and the Treaty relationship to inform and engage the public. It informs dialogue in Manitoba in a safe and neutral environment. There were a number of events this past fiscal year and the number of participants continues to be high.

The 2014-2015 fiscal year ended with 119 events with over 5532 participants.

People Reached
*2014-2015 current



The Speakers' Bureau members provide various perspectives on Treaties and the Treaty relationship, including the written and oral interpretations of the Treaty relationship, as well as sharing their expertise on Treaties including the topics of education, law, health and Elder's expertise on the Treaty relationship.

The Speakers' Bureau provides evaluations to the requesting agencies to acquire feedback to ensure the Speakers' Bureau is continually improving and addressing relevant issues to the public. Most of the feedback has been very positive, one indicating that they enjoyed how the presenter

wove storytelling and information throughout the presentation. Speakers also reference many contemporary challenging issues into their presentations, such as the Idle No More movement, legal cases and Urban Reserves. Another evaluation said that: *"Elder Florence was fantastic. This was one of the most valuable educational experiences my students had all semester. I feel that this was a very valuable step towards reconciliation."* Other positive evaluations regarding the Speakers' Bureau service were: "This is an amazing educational service and we appreciate having been able to access two such capable presenters." Another reviewer said: "Great presentation with very easy and practical ways



DENNIS WHITE BIRD

Speakers' Bureau

Dennis worked as a teacher for seven years before he was called to take a leadership role within his community. During his 18 years as the Chief of Rolling River, Commissioner White Bird successfully negotiated a Treaty Land Entitlement agreement with Canada and Manitoba. His community was the first to ratify the agreement.

Upon leaving the position within his community, Mr. White Bird's leadership responsibilities grew as he was elected as Regional Chief for the Manitoba region within the national First Nation organization: the Assembly of First Nations. As Regional Chief, he was appointed the Executive Member in Charge of Treaties and was very involved in the promotion of First Nation languages.

Dennis was elected to the position of Grand Chief of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs in August 2000. In June 2005 he was appointed Treaty Commissioner for Manitoba. The appointment was a natural progression for a man who has shown a great interest and dedication to the fulfillment of the true spirit and intent of the Treaty relationship and the education of both First Nation and non-First Nation youth. In 2010 Dennis returned to First Nation politics as political advisor for the new AMC Grand Chief.

PROFILE



River East Collegiate – April 30, 2014

in which to better understand Treaties. Every workshop just further enhances my knowledge of Indigenous peoples.” Lastly, a participant declared that a presentation was: “very well presented, clear and concise. I learned things I didn’t know and will retain most of it as it was so well presented.” The Treaty Education Initiative has led to many Speakers’ Bureau events at educational institutions, especially public and private schools from primary to secondary years. Some schools such as Sergeant Tommy Prince School in Brokenhead Ojibway Nation, Westgate Collegiate, and Dakota Collegiate requested one presentation throughout the year and others had more than one presentation, such as Elwick School and William Whyte School. Many of these schools have requested the TRCM Speakers’ Bureau to return in the following fiscal year. Positive feedback about the presenters and the material has been provided on many occasions, as seen in the Speakers’ Bureau evaluation quotes above.



Addictions Foundation of Manitoba – June 30, 2014

In part due to TRCM partnerships and the Treaty Education Initiative service there were events at many post-secondary institutions, like the University College of the North (The Pas, Thompson), the University of Winnipeg (Education students), the University of Manitoba (Faculty of Social Work, Education students, Office of the President), and Red River College. Other educational organizations included the Seven Oaks Adult Learning Centre, and the Wii Chiiwaakanak Learning Centre.

Additional organizations that requested the Speakers’ Bureau service were, Ginew Employment and Training Centre, Manitoba Hydro and Food Matters Manitoba. The TRCM has reached other non-profit, private organizations and various levels of government.

The Speakers’ Bureau provides a variety of different presentations, such as panel presentations. One of which was conducted in Winnipeg on February 27th, 2014 for the Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA). This event educated the MSBA members about Treaties and the Treaty relationship. Commissioner Wilson provided some background on the Treaty Education Initiative and was the moderator of the panel. Elder Harry Bone, Allen Sutherland and Brenda Gunn spoke about the importance of educating all Manitobans about Treaties and the Treaty relationship. Another type of Speakers’ Bureau event is a Speakers’ Bureau ‘Blitz’, which often takes place in the TRCM Learning Centre, however sometimes these events can be held at the external organization, especially when there are many people. An example of a Speakers’ Bureau Blitz was on August 27, 2014 to the Ginew Employment and Training Service where Dave Courchene Jr., Brenda Gunn and Dennis White Bird spoke.





NeChee Friendship Centre – September 23, 2014

The Speakers' Bureau has been promoted in various formats. It has grown and spread by word of mouth, as well as through other services provided by the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba, such as the Treaty Education Initiative. Other promotional methods have been through the use of items like service posters and magnets.

The Speakers' Bureau tab on the TRCM website also contains much information to promote the service and to educate the public about what the Speakers' Bureau has to offer. The public can view Speakers' videos on the website, view member profiles, make requests and write evaluations about speaking events from the website. Along with the TRCM website, the Speakers' Bureau has made use of Facebook to post events.

With respect to the Speakers' Bureau members and their commitment to the TRCM, an operational goal of the TRCM was to develop consistent and accurate administrative procedures for the members. The Speaker's Bureau has developed a Speakers' Bureau Manual a go-to-resource for all members to utilize on a regular basis.



Master of Development Practice – August 29, 2014

Learning Centre

The TRCM Learning Centre is designed for Treaty education and awareness while recognizing and integrating traditional knowledge into the space. The intentions of the Learning Centre are to engage people of all ages in the Treaty discussion, and to provide an opportunity for everyone to use the space to learn about the Treaties and the Treaty relationship.

There were a variety of different events held in the TRCM Learning Centre this past fiscal year. This included a Speakers series in conjunction with McNally Robinson. McNally Robinson requested multiple speakers to discuss the Treaty relationship as it relates to Strengthening Citizenship. Speakers Bureau Blitzes were also conducted in the Learning Centre, for example, a blitz was held on March 24, 2015 with Commissioner Wilson facilitating the presentations by Elder Harry Bone, Darren Courchene and Chris Henderson to the Winnipeg Art Gallery Executive Board. A diversity of topics were covered, such as historic and contemporary study of Treaties and the Treaty relationship, including Treaty Land Entitlement. There were also regular Speakers Bureau

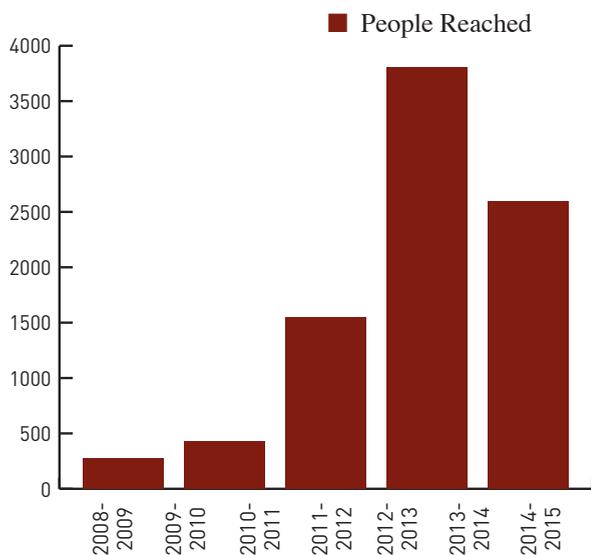


Christian Sinclair – June 10, 2014



Deanna Hamilton and James Wilson – November 10, 2014

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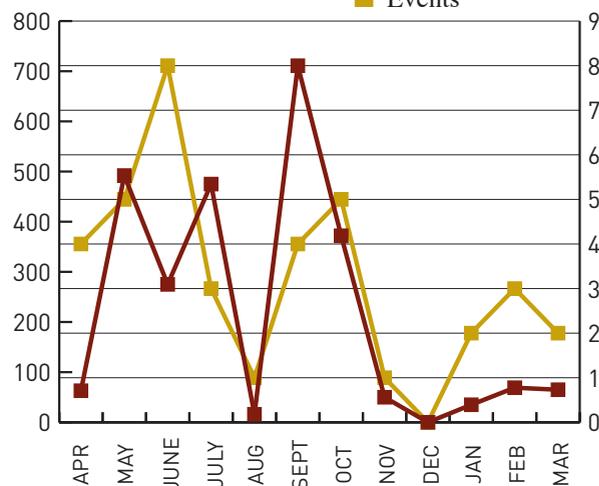
presentations to organizations, such as Niigaan Sinclair’s talk to Food Matters Manitoba on February 26, 2015.

The TRCM also has an exhibitor booth as an outreach tool to pass information about the TRCM and Treaties to the public. The TRCM had a tradeshow booth at a variety of different places throughout the year, including a booth at the AMC Annual General Assembly on July 29, 2014. Another conference booth that the TRCM Speakers Bureau attended was the Manitoba School Boards Association Annual conference in March where approximately 50 people visited. In total the TRCM exhibitor booth has targeted around 2000 people.

The total number of events for the 2014-2015 fiscal year was 38 with over 2600 participants.

The Learning Centre has been booked and used by external groups, such as Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre on March 19th and 20th, 2015. The Learning Centre has been promoted using the exhibitor tradeshow booth, but

Participants
Events



also through the Learning Centre poster, as well as through the Learning Centre website page that describes the launch of the space and the uniqueness of the layout because it is available not only for speaking events, but for ceremonies as well.

The TRCM had three bins from the Winnipeg Harvest filled up and successfully sent to Winnipeg Harvest as part of TRCM as part of the TRCM community service plan.



Winnipeg Art Gallery Blitz – March 24, 2015

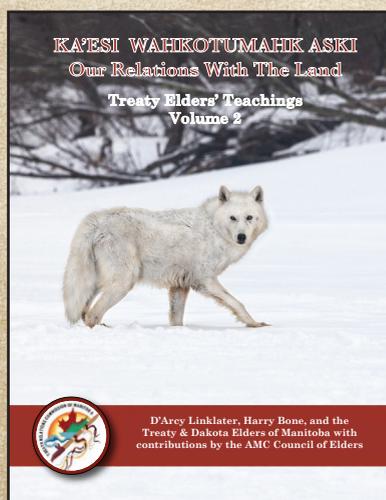
Research

A Research Strategy was developed in 2006 following a series of discussions with Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba (TRCM), Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC), Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC), academics, and First Nation Elders. Several projects had been commissioned as a result.

Manitoba Treaties Oral History Project (OHP)

The first volume, entitled: Untuwe Pi Kin He – Who We Are: Treaty Elders Teachings Volume I was launched February 6th, 2014. This first volume delves into Creation stories, sacred teachings, identity, and more. The second volume, **Ka’esi Wahkotumahk Aski – Our Relations With the Land: Treaty Elders’ Teachings Volume II** was finalized in May and launched at McNally Robinson’s on June 19th, 2014. Both Volumes I and II are on consignment with McNally Robinson Booksellers and they are the distributor of choice for the TRCMs publications.

This volume of the Treaty Elders’ Teachings series was originally envisioned to be two separate volumes – Our Relations with the Newcomers and We Are All Treaty People. However, during the course of editing these volumes the AMC Council of Elders recognized that the intent of both volumes were similar and covered nearly identical themes. The decision was made to merge the two volumes into one cohesive narrative. This combined volume will now have two parts: part one will share stories of the Indian Act, residential schools, and economic development which impact the relationship between First Nations and the newcomers; and part two will share stories of the Treaty promises and Treaty relationship which outline the Dene, Anishinaabe, Anishiniwak, and Nehetowak understanding of the Treaties.



OHP Book Cover – Volume 2

An OHP meeting (October 16, 2014) with TRCM staff, Council of Elders, and Cynthia Bird was held to provide an update on the progress of Volume III of the Treaty Elders’ Teachings series. Ms. Bird made a presentation to the Council of Elders on how the merging of the original drafts of Volumes III and IV was conducted, identified overlapping and continuing themes with content, and determined next steps.

Themes identified with content in each theme:

1. Nationhood & Promises of Peaceful coexistence;
 - a. Indigenous knowledge & governance systems
 - b. Language & Kinship relations
 - c. Teachings and Prophecies
 - d. Early encounters – trade, Treaty-making, spirit and intent
2. Reinterpretation (breakdown) of relationship;
 - a. Broken Promises – Loss of self-governance
 - b. Policies to Manage the Relationship
 - c. Extractions – Land, Children, Resources
 - d. Development vs Sustainability
3. Coping with historical disruptions; and
 - a. Changes in livelihood
 - b. Language and culture
 - c. Kinship relations
 - d. Trauma, Pain, intergenerational impacts, and resiliency
4. Renewing (rebuilding) Treaty Relationship with all Canadians.
 - a. Reclaiming Spirit & Teachings
 - b. Gaining perspective
 - c. Restoring hope and rebuilding respect
 - d. Renewing the Treaty relationship

The Treaty Elders’ Teachings Volume III is subtitled Dtantu Balai Betl Nahidei (Our Relations to the Newcomers). The merged volume includes a preface written by Elder Joe Hysop and introductions to the two parts – part I by Elder Harry



Elders Harry Bone and D'Arcy Linklater transferring OHP knowledge to Kyle Courchene and Josh Wilson – June 19, 2014

Bone and part II by Elder Wayne Scott with an epilogue of the volume by Elder Harry Bone.

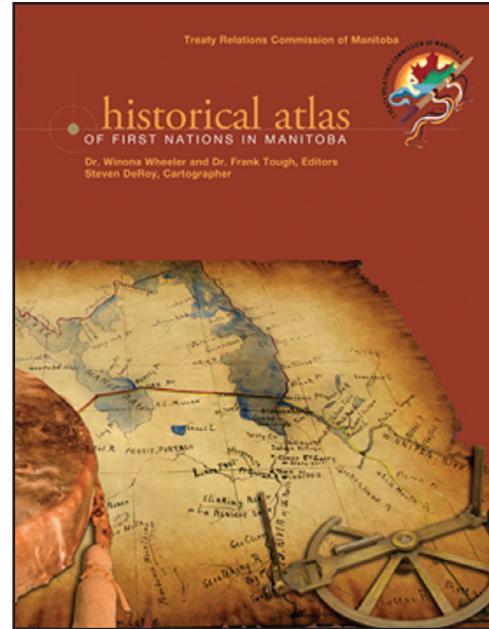
The TRCM, Council of Elders, and Ms. Bird held two meetings (March 5, 2015 and March 19, 2015). Draft 5 of the revised Volume III was reviewed and major edits were provided by the Council of Elders in the first meeting. Immediately following conclusion of all edits incorporated into the 5th draft, the document was submitted to Relish Branding for layout and design. Another meeting was held to review the layout and design with additional minor edits recommended which are now being incorporated.

It is anticipated that Volume III will be published early in the next fiscal year.

The final volume, Treaty Elders' Teachings Volume IV: Gakina Gidagwii'igoomin Anishinaabewiyang (We Are All Treaty People) will now include Creation stories and songs gifted to the Commission as well as maps and a complete annotated glossary of Treaty related terminology in all First Nation languages in Manitoba.



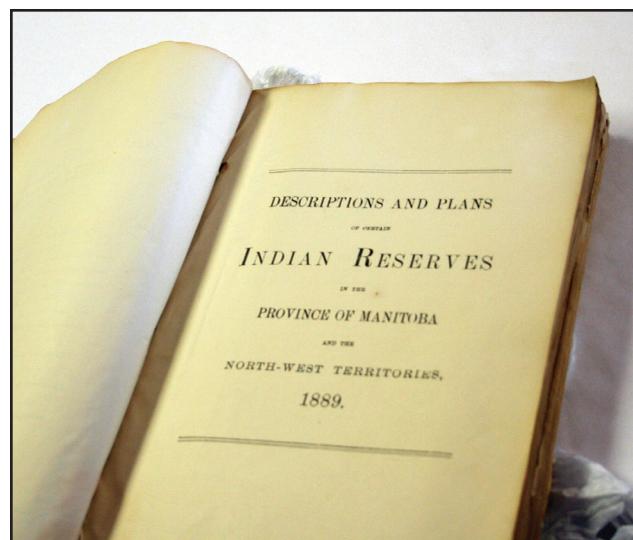
OHP Launch Volume II – Elders Bone and Linklater book signing – June 19, 2014



Atlas Portfolio Cover

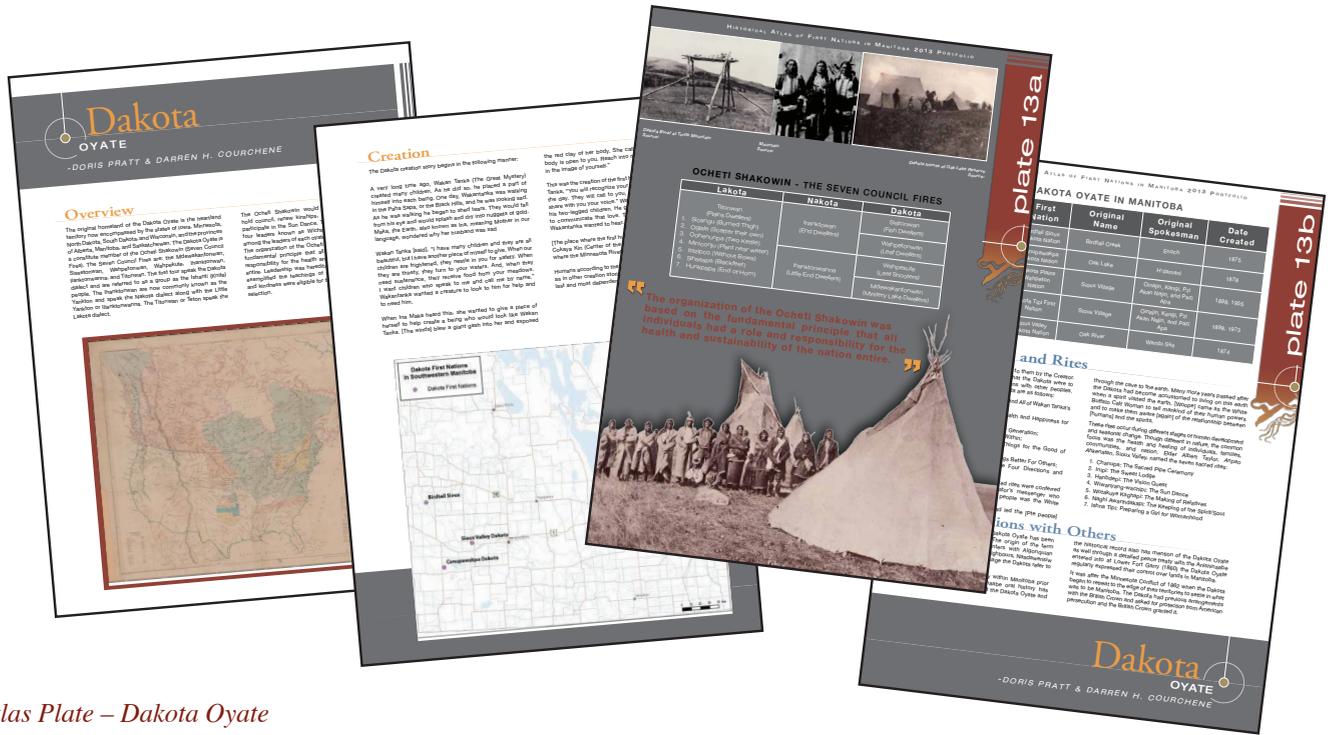
Historical Atlas of First Nations in Manitoba (Atlas Project)

The Research Team has been able to complete 16 atlas plates for the Historical Atlas of First Nations in Manitoba Portfolio. 50 copies of the Atlas Portfolio were printed by end of June. These printed portfolios are being distributed amongst our partners and interested parties, as well as to the Elders and editorial board for the project. The portfolio will be used to garner interest, future contributors, and hopefully sponsorship for the project's completion. Half of our copies are currently distributed and partnerships are being sought. The TRCM is meeting with the University of Manitoba Press to secure a publishing arrangement for the final copy of the Atlas and it's distribution in 2016.



Atlas Project Inspiration





Atlas Plate – Dakota Oyate

Four Plates are currently in development for the Atlas, including one on Hydro development in Manitoba, one on Indigenous mapping, one on Pimicikamak (a.k.a: Cross Lake), and an unnamed plate by Dr. Wheeler. The TRCM is currently planning the development of the project’s remaining plates, with a publication date in the near future. Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation has presented information that they would like to see inform a profile plate on their community and avenues are being explored with Elder D’Arcy Linklater to complete the materials so that it may be added to the project.

The TRCM has obtained cartographer Weldon Heibert through the University of Winnipeg for the project.

Operations manager, Sherry Smith, and Research Coordinator, Andrea Gallagher, met with Weldon to discuss the project’s needs. Weldon Heibert has met again with the research coordinator to review previous map work and discuss the maps that need updating. Materials for 2 of the 4 new maps have been forwarded to Weldon and discussions for the final maps are ongoing.

The TRCM has finalized our partnership agreement and consent forms through legal opinions and will be using those moving forward and contacting previous contributors to retroactively secure all materials. The TRCM is finalizing a partnership agreement with the project editors.

We Are All Treaty People Exhibit – Pipe, Rifles and Treaty





We Are All Treaty People Exhibit – Commissioner Wilson speaking to UManitoba Law Students

Manitoba Museum Project

The TRCM had entered into a partnership with the Manitoba Museum to produce and promote an exhibit within the museum exploring the Selkirk Treaty as well as Treaties One through Five and the First Nations peoples of Manitoba – the exhibit was entitled: “We Are All Treaty People.” The TRCM provided background information on the subject area, loaned the TRCM Treaty Boundaries map, as well as provided cultural consultation on the display leading up to its’ unveiling. The TRCM and Manitoba Museum in partnership with the University of Manitoba have utilized the space as a learning centre for incoming law and medical students. The display room was on exhibition from April to October of 2014 and approximately 13,000 visitors to the Manitoba Museum viewed the display. (see attached media)



Chief Peguis Pipe, various Treaty medals and Pipe Bag



Through an informal partnership between the TRCM, Manitoba Museum (MM), Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakinak (MKO), and Southern Chiefs Organization (SCO) a pop-up version of the museum exhibit was placed at the Winnipeg James Armstrong Richardson International Airport on December 8, 2014. This pop-up exhibit welcomed all delegates attending the Assembly of First Nations special assembly on December 9-11, 2014.

Commissioned Research Reports

As part of the TRCM’s strategic plan, the decision to publish five of the Commissioned Research reports was approved. The five Commissioned Research reports identified for publication are:

1. The Manitoba Treaties and the Right to Livelihood I by Dr. Carl Beal
2. The Manitoba Treaties and the Right to Livelihood II by Dr. Carl Beal
3. The Manitoba Treaties and the Adoption of Agriculture by Dr. Carl Beal
4. Report on First Nations Agricultural Activities from Earliest Times to the Numbered Treaties by Dr. Sarah Carter and Erick Strikwerda
5. “Treaty [One] is binding alike upon the Government – and upon the Indians”: The Numbered Treaties of Manitoba, 1871-1906 by Sheldon Krasowski



The TRCM has moved forward with three of the reports for publication this fiscal year all written by Dr. Carl Beal. The TRCM and Dr. Beal are currently reviewing and editing the reports for online periodical distribution – the TRCM previously had these reports peer reviewed and Dr. Beal is reviewing and incorporating as necessary any changes requested by the blind peer reviewers. It is anticipated that the University of Manitoba and the University of Winnipeg will be the hosts for these reports and make them available online through their journal access programs. The TRCM will also host these on their website for additional markets. As a final step towards the publication of these three resources a final ‘permission to publish’ letter will be obtained from Dr. Beal by the TRCM. Once all of these steps have been finalized, the reports will be published.

Resource Library

A number of research questions and requests were fielded by the research team. Internal and external requests were addressed within a week of the request being made. A short list of the areas addressed for research questions and requests, with reference resources required by the Library, is listed below:

Acknowledgement of Treaty Territory	RCMP cultural awareness training
Bakken Oil and First Nation involvement	Student statistics (studying in US)
Community health (small pox)	Taxation exemption (Manitoba)
Community migration	Translation of Ojibwe prayer
Dakota terminology	Treaty 1-10 info sheets
Identification of names on Treaties	Treaty 1 History
Jay Treaty	Treaty 4 History
Manitoba Aboriginal Heritage	Treaty Boundaries (Manitoba)
Metis Treaties	Treaty Images (Treaty 1, 3, and 10)
Provincial involvement in Treaty	Treaty Promises (Treaty 1, 4, 10)

The TRCM has elected to subscribe to Shutterstock to have access to photographs for print and electronic media for the TRCM use for its publications. The subscription will allow the TRCM to utilize photographs from a myriad of photographers at a relatively low cost. The subscription allows 25 downloads per day for 365 days. This subscription to Shutterstock will also assist in the development of the TRCM Resource Library visual collection. The Shutterstock subscription will be renewed for the next fiscal year.

The TRCM is in the midst of updating its’ resource library. A bibliography of new and out of print materials related to the Treaties and Treaty Relationship has been developed and the TRCM is in the process of acquiring these new resources. It is anticipated that a bibliography of the current library resources will be uploaded to the TRCM website to generate more interest in the library. The library also added to its impressive collection on Treaties and Treaty related issues by purchasing the following:

BOOK TITLE	AUTHOR
Contested Constitutionalism: Reflections on the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms	J. Kelly C.P. Manfredi
The Comeback: How Aboriginals are Reclaiming Power and Influence	J.R. Saul
The Role of Domestic Courts in Treaty Enforcement: A Comparative Study	D. Sloss
Treaties with American Indians (3 Volumes)	D.L. Fixico
Revisiting the Duty to Consult Aboriginal Peoples	D. Newman
Realising the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People	J. Hartley P. Joffe J. Preston
The Duty to Consult: New Relations with Aboriginal Peoples	D. Newman
Nationhood Interrupted: Revitalizing Na’hiyaw Legal Systems	S. McAdam
Life Stages and Native Women	K. Anderson

Commemorations

The TRCM reviewed all proposals and funding requests submitted in the 2014-2015 fiscal year to distribute contributions appropriately and to the extent of the TRCM’s revised budgetary capacity. Communities were notified of the success of their proposal and the reporting requirements during May 2014 – September 2014.

Over the 2014-2015 fiscal, the TRCM had supported the following First Nation, organizations, and events related to Treaty Commemorations:

1. Pine Creek First Nation;
2. Sagkeeng First Nation;
3. Lake St. Martin First Nation;
4. National Treaties 1-11 Gathering in Fort Qu’Appelle;
5. Igniting the Fire Gathering at Sagkeeng/Manitou Abi; and
6. Celebration of Treaty 10 at the Northlands Dene First Nation.

Facilitation

TRCM regularly participates in a range of community outreach activities which leads to ongoing opportunities for collaboration and teamwork. To date, TRCM has 13 formal partners and over 30 informal partners with whom we work to meet all pillars of our mandate: Public Education, Research and Facilitation.

As we engage our partners, one theme has emerged as an area of need and focus: economic opportunity for First Nations peoples in Manitoba. In response to this need and our recognition of Treaty Rights to include the right to livelihood in traditional and modern environments, the TRCM will continue to seek and sustain partnerships with those who share our commitment to this effort.

The TRCM has worked closely with the World Trade Centre of Winnipeg, Western Economic Development Canada, Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology, University of Manitoba, Chambers of Commerce and others to initiate and facilitate activities aimed at achieving First Nation economic independence.

TRCM Formal Partnerships

The TRCM is dedicated to the partnerships that it has created in its efforts to strengthen, rebuild and enhance the Treaty relationship. The partnerships commit to an ongoing dialogue and assist in establishing a framework for collaboration to enhance Treaty education and understanding. These important partnerships are dynamic and have unique characteristics that support the goals and objectives of the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba.

Current formal partners include:

1. Royal Canadian Mounted Police – “D” Division
2. Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre
3. Indigenous Leadership Development Institute Inc.
4. Parks Canada
5. Manitoba Conservation
6. Brandon University
7. Red River Community College
8. Winnipeg Police Services
9. Riding Mountain National Park and the Coalition of First Nations with interests in Riding Mountain National Park
10. University College of the North
11. Canadian Human Rights Commission
12. Manitoba Human Rights Commission
13. Treaty Land Entitlement Committee of Manitoba Inc.
14. Association of Manitoba Municipalities

We thank our partners for their continued support and for sharing the objective that all people should live in harmony based on knowledge and understanding of their cultural traditions; particularly as they relate to the Treaty relationship.



Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women Dialogue with Minister Kelly Leitch – April 25, 2014



TRCM staff with US Ambassador Bruce Heyman – May 20, 2014





Treaty Information Session with Minister Michelle Remple – February 10, 2015

TRCM Informal Partnerships

TRCM has also established informal partnerships and collaborated in a myriad of areas related to Treaties and the Treaty Relationship.

Current informal partnerships include:

1. Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce (ACC)
2. Assiniboia Chamber of Commerce
3. Business Council of Manitoba (BCM)
4. Canadian Museum for Human Rights (CMHR)
5. Council of School Leaders
6. Dakota-Ojibway Tribal Council
7. Dakota-Ojibway Police Service
8. Free The Children (FTC)
9. Frontier College
10. Government of Canada – Western Economic Diversification (WD)



Macleans Article Focus Group – January 24, 2015

11. Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCOM)
12. Manitoba Association of School Superintendents
13. Manitoba Chamber of Commerce (MCC)
14. Manitoba Education Research Network (MERN)
15. Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology (MITT)
16. Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (MKO)
17. The Manitoba Museum
18. Manitoba School Boards Association
19. Manitoba Teachers' Society
20. Project Peacemakers
21. Province of Manitoba – Children & Youth Opportunities
22. Province of Manitoba – Healthy Child Manitoba (HCMO)
23. Province of Manitoba – Manitoba Civil Service Commission
24. Province of Manitoba – Manitoba Education and Advanced Learning (MEAL)
25. Southern Chiefs Organization
26. Université de Saint-Boniface (USB)
27. University of Manitoba (UofM)
28. University of Winnipeg (UofW)
29. US Consulate
30. Winnipeg Foundation
31. Winnipeg Free Press
32. World Trade Centre, Winnipeg (WTC)



US Ambassador and Chiefs Meeting at TRCM – May 20, 2014

Partnership Projects

INITIATIVE	PURPOSE	PARTNERS	OUTCOMES
YouthXcel	Empower youth to become leaders of positive change in their communities and the world.	Winnipeg Aboriginal Sport Achievement Centre (WASAC) Winnipeg Jets True North Foundation AANDC MB Region Manitoba Children and Youth Opportunities Free The Children Canadian Museum for Human Rights	Youth will develop communication and teambuilding skills to enhance leadership ability. Youth will learn about social justice and human rights issues especially those relating to the indigenous experience in historical and contemporary Canadian society. Youth will be empowered to make positive choices and to become agents of change globally and locally.
LIFE-EXCEL	Consolidate and increase the number of early childhood development, after-school and summer programs for First Nation children and youth in several First Nation communities in Manitoba.	Manitoba First Nation Education Resource Centre (MFNERC) Healthy Child Manitoba Business Council of MB Winnipeg Foundation WASAC Frontier College	Improve educational outcomes for First Nation children and youth such as: First Nation children in participating communities will demonstrate Early Development Instrument (EDI) results commensurate with provincial and national-level results. First Nation children will demonstrate improved literacy and numeracy.
Two-day Professional Development Workshop – We Are All Treaty People	Design and develop a two-day We Are All Treaty People professional development workshop for private organizations and public servants.	AMR Planning & Consulting	Manitoba’s workforce, both private and public, will possess greater awareness of Treaties and Treaty issues for an enhanced Treaty Relationship in Manitoba.
Economic Development Project	Conduct an environmental scan of First Nation business activity, interests and learning needs in Manitoba to better understand how the TRCM and our partners can support First Nations in Manitoba to achieve economic prosperity and independence.	Western Economic Diversification	Western Economic Diversification and the TRCM will establish a network of EDOs and community economic development champions to foster communication, learning and mentorship in the area of community economic development.



From Membertu to Manitoba – November 20, 2014



Keewatin and Tsilhqot'in participants – November 21, 2014



Treaty Commissioner James Wilson with Aimée Craft – November 21, 2014

Facilitation of Dialogue

As a part of its 2014-2015 work plan, the TRCM committed to hosting two facilitated dialogues this year. Having recognized economic development as an area of priority, the TRCM exceeded our work plan target and collaborated with our partners to deliver four major events to generate dialogue and exchange viewpoints and perspectives on this topic:

1. **An Evening with Bill Gallagher and Christian Sinclair (April 2014)** – Explored the potential for mutually-beneficial, environmentally-sound resource development on Treaty lands.
2. **Bakken and Eggs ... and Bannock? (June 2014)** – Educated industry and government leaders about the Jay Treaty and its implications for the Bakken region and the opportunities available to First Nation companies.
3. **From Membertou to Manitoba (November 2014)** – Brought First Nations business leaders and big business together to discuss how First Nations in Manitoba can position themselves favourably for securing private sector contracts.



Bakken and Eggs... and Bannock? – June 17, 2014



Between Keewatin and Tsilhqot'in: Reflections from the Centre of Turtle Island

4. **Between Keewatin and Tsilhqot'in: Reflections from the Centre of Turtle Island (November 2014)** –

Explored perspectives and implications related to recent Supreme Court decisions in the area of Aboriginal and Treaty rights.

Community Service

As part of the overall facilitation mandate the TRCM also provides Community Service in number of capacities through Advisory Committee and Community Board volunteerism. These committees and boards provide a vehicle for networking and outreach within the City of Winnipeg, Manitoba and beyond.

Treaty Commissioner Wilson actively participates in five committees, four advisory groups and two boards to offer Treaty education, expertise and advice to community groups:

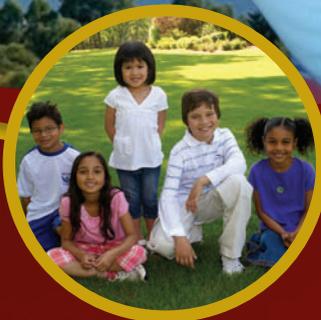
- Provincial Healthy Child Advisory Committee – Chair
- University of Manitoba Indigenous Advisory Council – Member
- University of Winnipeg Board of Regents – Member
- University of Winnipeg Masters in Development Practice – Board Member
- Standing Indigenous Advisory Council for Canadian Museum of Human Rights – Member
- United Way Cabinet – Co-Chair
- Manitoba Education Resource Network – Member
- Access to Justice Committee – Member
- Asper Village Oversight Committee – Member
- Winnipeg Football Club Committee – Member
- Grey Cup Steering Committee – Member

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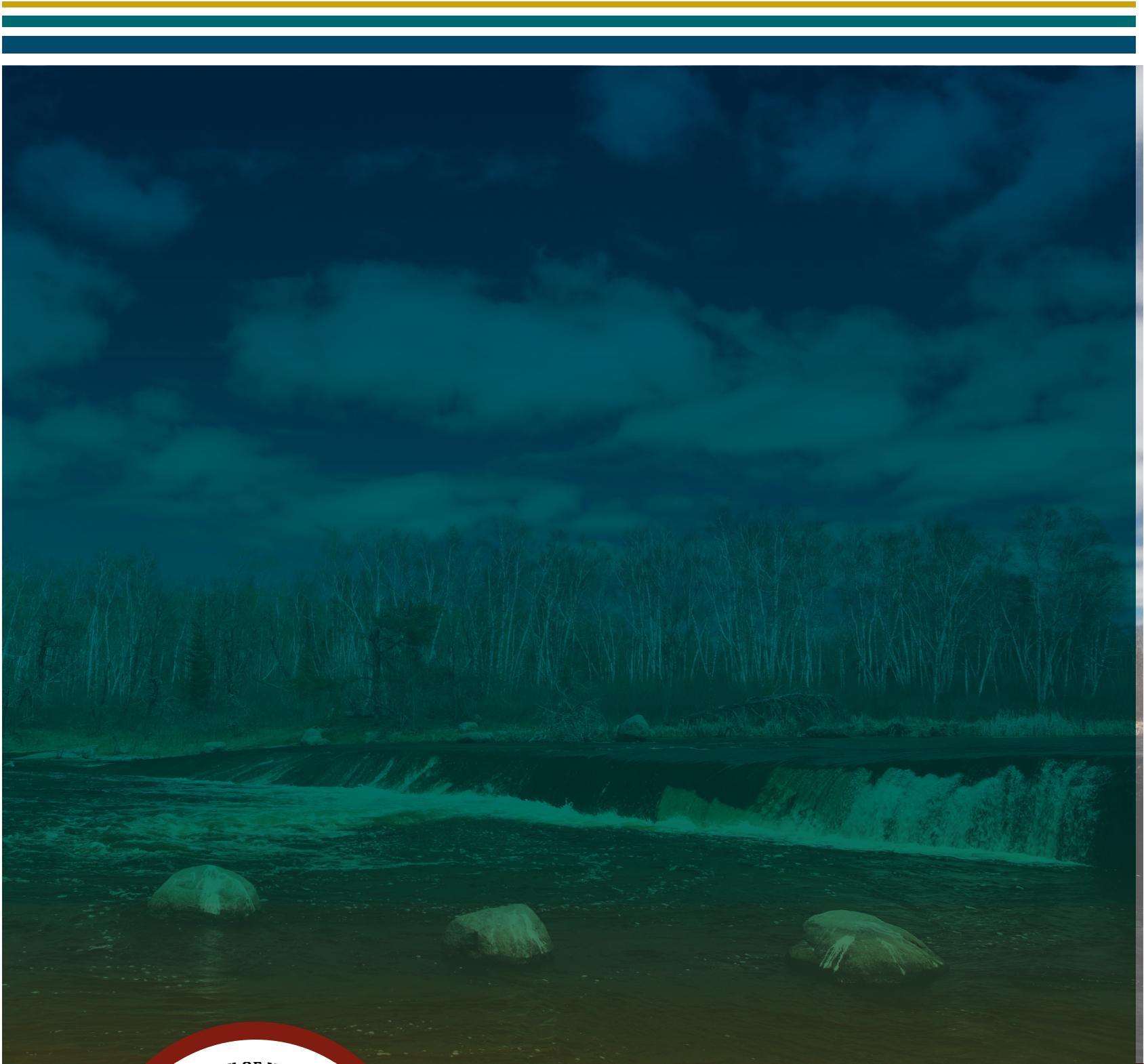
Treaty Education Initiative (TEI)

The learning outcome of the TEI is that all Manitoba students will demonstrate knowledge of the topics, concepts and understanding of the Treaties and the Treaty Relationship by the end of grade 12.



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