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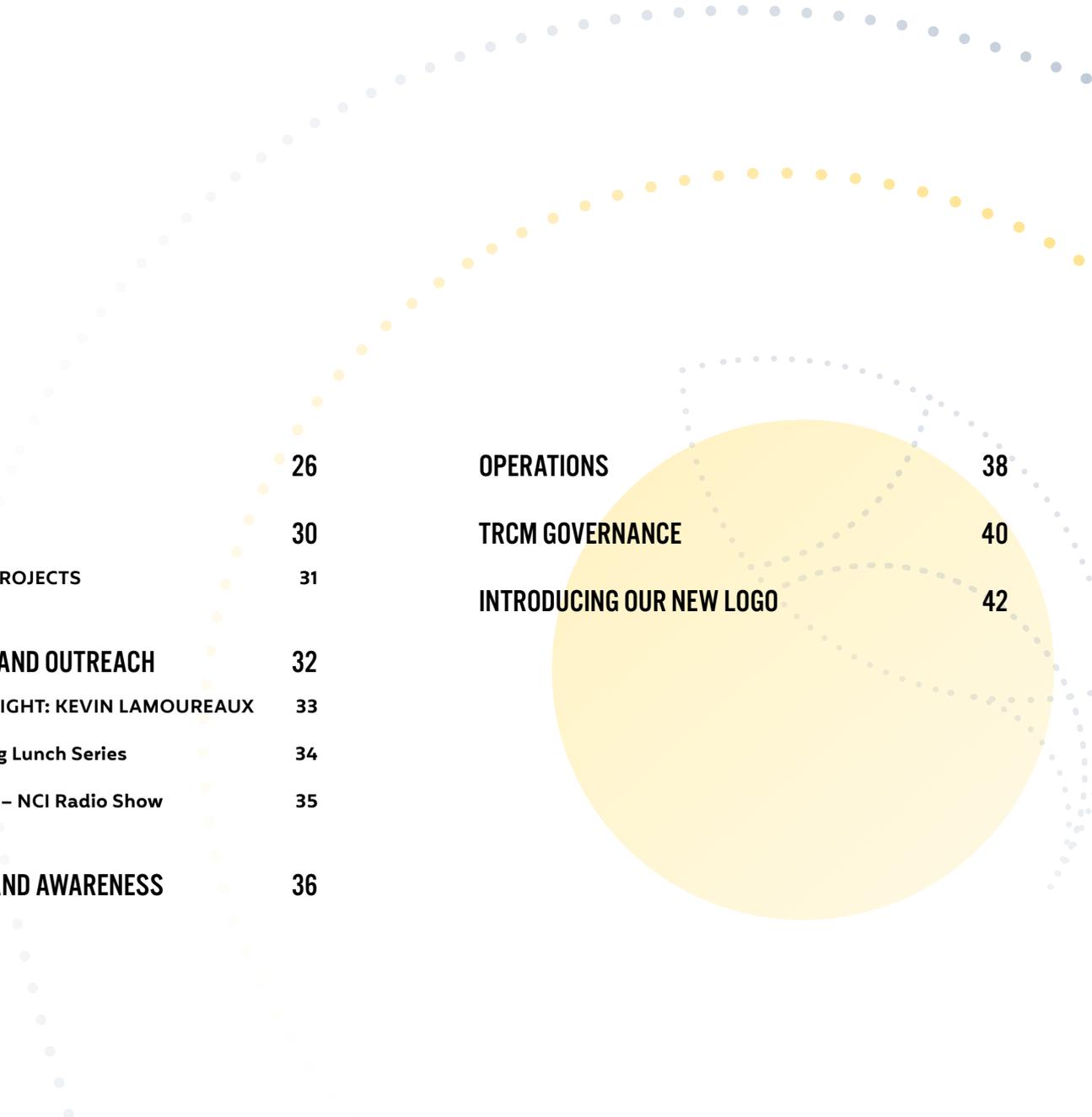
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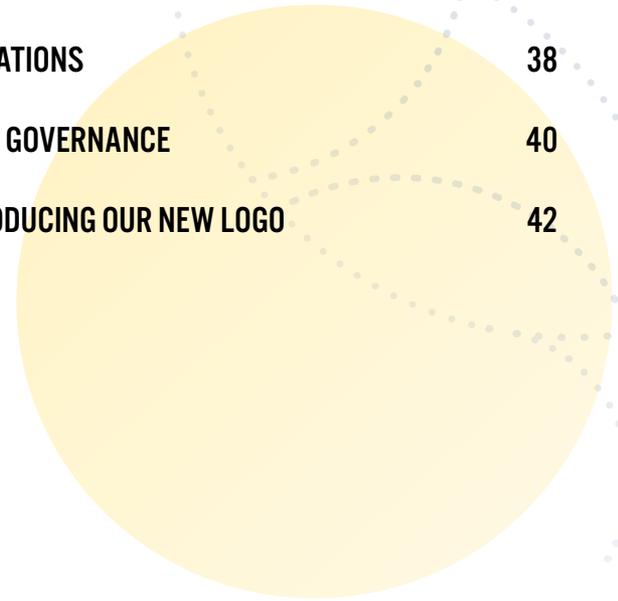
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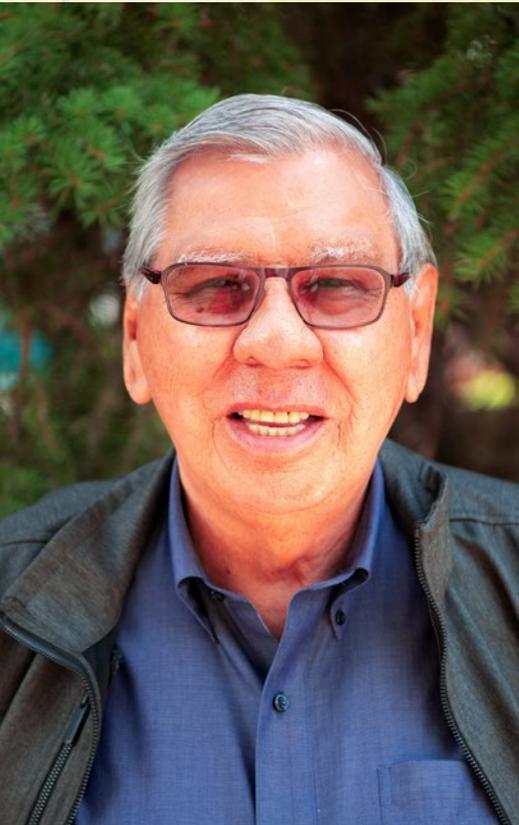
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MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL OF ELDERS



Elder Harry Bone

KEESEKOWENIN FIRST NATION – Treaty No. 2 Representative,
Chair, TRCM Elders Council

Elder Florence Paynter

SANDY BAY FIRST NATION – Treaty No. 1 Representative

On behalf of the Elders of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) and Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba (TRCM) Council of Elders, we would like to extend our appreciation for your continued support and participation in the TRCM initiatives and projects, especially this past year where in-person meetings and events were not permitted. We also want to say thank you to those who worked diligently to keep us and our community members safe by following the public health orders.

Despite the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic, the work of the Elders Council continued in providing guidance to TRCM and participating in events that educated the public on the spirit and intent of Treaties and the Treaty Relationship. All members of the Elders Council became versed in virtual meetings and presentations so that we could continue to participate in meetings and special events throughout the year.

Despite the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic, the work of the Elders Council continued in providing guidance to TRCM.

In 2020/21, the Elders Council members worked with the TRCM staff to participate in a number of key activities including a Speakers Series titled, “An Elder’s Perspective on the Treaties” as well as presentations to various non-Indigenous and partner organizations. We were very pleased to be able to complete Year 2 of the Post-Secondary Course where we, as Elders, were able to design and deliver the messages and teachings to the students. We have been preparing for Year 3 and hope that through this course, we can demonstrate how our original ways of teaching and learning can be done at all levels of learning. We have spent time ensuring the Dakota story and history of their relations with non-Indigenous people is also told. It is our hope that our work will continue to encourage and facilitate a deeper understanding of the rich history leading up to the Treaties; and the importance of the ‘treaty relationship’, both historically and in contemporary times.

Two other important projects we are working to finalize are the “Miinigoowiziwin–Treaty Implementation Guide” and the “Kakiige Pimatisowin, a First Nations Historical Timeline” and looking forward to reviewing the final drafts and completing the projects for publication in the Fall of 2021.

We were encouraged by the number of invitations to speaking engagements and requests from various organizations for Treaty education and resources. It is a very important time in Manitoba, and we are pleased with the increased number of people that want to learn more about our histories and traditional knowledge. We need to work together to keep the momentum going, particularly with the historic 150th Anniversary of the making of Treaty 1 and 2 (1871–2021). It is important that we understand this shared history and our ongoing obligations and responsibilities.

In closing, I want to thank the Treaty Relations Commissioner, staff, and partners for their ongoing support and commitment to the Elders Council and for creating the space for these important initiatives and look forward to ongoing education on the Treaties and enhancing the Treaty Relationship.

—
Elder Harry Bone,
*Keeseekowenin First Nation
Chair, TRCM Elders Council
Treaty No. 2 Representative*

Elder Florence Paynter,
*Sandy Bay First Nation
Treaty No. 1 Representative*

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS

Grand Chief Arlen Dumas

MATHIAS COLOMB CREE NATION - Treaty No. 6

It gives me great pleasure to once again provide a message of congratulations for the Annual Report of the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba (TRCM). On behalf of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, I extend best wishes and congratulate Treaty Commissioner Loretta Ross, the Council of Elders, staff and associates at the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba on another successful year. On review of the annual report, it is apparent that TRCM efforts for successfully promoting and increasing awareness of the importance of Treaties throughout Manitoba and Canada in 2020-2021 were very effective in spite of the limitations placed on all of us by COVID-19.

The TRCM is expanding its communications strategy to broaden its reach through social media platforms and other communications tools and strategies. I offer special congratulations to the TRCM for its work on the 150th anniversary and celebrations of the signing of Treaty One, which will be taking place on August 3rd 2021 at Lower Fort Gary. Treaty Two will also be celebrating the 150th anniversary of its signing, and I offer congratulations to the TRCM on these celebrations as well.

While this past year has seen many challenges, including more trauma for the survivors of the Indian Residential Schools and a global pandemic, it has also allotted many opportunities for First Nations to advance Treaty Rights and reconciliation through an ever increasing awareness on the part of Canadians of the effects of colonial policies on First Nations. I can say without hesitation that all involved at the Office of the Treaty Relations Commission



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have worked hard to ensure that the organization's mandate, as provided by Chiefs-in-Assembly, is continually fulfilled, while supporting the AMC with the implementation of ongoing and new Treaty and governance resolutions by Chiefs-in-Assembly.

With new funding from the Province of Manitoba, creative techniques and innovative ideas to share information about Treaties, the Commission has remained committed to helping both First Nation and non-Indigenous children, adults, and seniors learn more about the shared responsibility we all have when it comes to honouring through their implementation of the Treaties and constructive agreements in Manitoba.

As Treaty People, we all have a shared responsibility when it comes to honouring the Treaties and improving the Treaty Relationship. This is why the work of the TRCM involving research, facilitation and public education is so important. I commend the Teacher Resources and other educational materials you have created and made available for public use as well.

In addition to this work, you have continued to create strong partnerships with organizations and educational institutions. Building partnerships is vital, especially in a particular year of

so much change and uncertainty. I commend you for the efforts you have put into forging and maintaining these valued partnerships. This year promises to be eventful with the creation of a proposed new National Treaty Commissioner's Office. The AMC will be working very closely with the TRCM to see that this office reflects our Treaty priorities as set out by the Chiefs and is reflective of the Treaty Nations in Manitoba.

Thank you for all that you have done this year to advance reconciliation and initiate and maintain beneficial relationships throughout Manitoba. For as long as the sun shines, the grass grows and the rivers flow, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs remains committed to implementation of the Treaties and supporting the great work being done by the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba.

—
Ekosi,

Grand Chief Arlen Dumas
Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs
Mathias Colomb Cree Nation – Treaty No. 6

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONER



Commissioner Loretta Ross

HOLLOW WATER FIRST NATION - Treaty No. 5

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I am pleased once again to be able bring forward our Annual Report. Although this year had its challenges, which prevented us from getting together in person, we were able to embrace the new way of doing business and proceeded with the work of the TRCM.

As an organization that strives to foster a greater understanding of the Treaties and the Treaty Relationship, I am very happy to report on the work done by our Treaty Education, Speakers Bureau, Research, and Communications Team. Together, we have continued to provide training for teachers and education staff, developed additional treaty education resources, and facilitated engagement sessions to meet the needs of community members who want a deeper understanding of the spirit and intent of Treaties and the Treaty Relationship. All of this work, of course, would not be possible without the dedication of our staff and the guidance of our Elders Council.

The Elders Council continues to be a vital part of the TRCM, and each year we are humbled by their generosity and kindness. The ability of the Elders to share their knowledge and their time has been an incredible asset to the organization and everyone that we work with.

As set out in our Annual Report, we have been able to complete much of our work despite the pandemic. We are particularly very excited about the projects underway this year. We successfully completed year two of our post-secondary education course,

which is facilitated by the Elders Council and our Treaty Education team. We have also continued developing *Miinigoowisiwin* – a book that provides a First Nation worldview that forms the foundation of the Treaties, as well as a basis for renewing the Treaty Relationship. We hope this book will offer assistance to the First Nations and Canadian governments, as they work towards implementation of the Treaties. Finally, we have continued writing *Kakiige Pimatisowin*, a First Nations Historical Timeline as told from the first-person perspective of an Anishinaabe grandmother. Our Elders have graciously shared their time and knowledge with our research team in preparing this timeline for final review and publication. We look forward to introducing the final projects to our partners and the general public in the fall of 2021.

The TRCM also provides support for commemoration events. Although the ongoing public health restrictions in Manitoba prevented in person participation, we partnered with the Treaty 1 Development Corp, Canadian Heritage, Parks Canada and other agencies and organizations in planning different virtual events in preparation for the upcoming 150th anniversary of Treaties 1 and 2. We also participated in events with the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation – Every Child Matters and the We Are All Treaty People Celebration. Both events were held in September 2020. We will continue working with these organizations to prepare for more events to commemorate and learn about Treaties in September 2021.

We continue to collaborate with various partners such as the City of Winnipeg, with whom we participated in the Anti-Racism Week held virtually March 21–26. We also worked with Immigration Partnership Winnipeg on Treaty education training and resource development. We were saddened that many gatherings were postponed or cancelled, but we still managed to attend virtual gatherings and events.

We have worked on initiatives that we hope to launch in the spring and summer of 2021. In “Cultural Teachings”, Elders share teachings in short videos and in “Stories from the Heart”, members of our Speakers Bureau share their “Treaty story” or stories about Treaties and the Treaty relationship that resonate or carry personal meaning for them.

Our Speakers Bureau, which is part of our Facilitation and Outreach, made 95 presentations to approximately 2,550 participants. The TRCM has also seen an increase in its website visitors within the fiscal year. We have also been working on rebranding and rejuvenating the look, feel and tone of the website and our logo. We look forward to the launch next year including a special ceremony to bless the “refreshed” TRCM logo. One of our exciting projects is the Treaty Knowledge Centre, and we continue to work on its development as a facility that will be accessible to the general public in order to facilitate training and engage the public in a greater capacity.

In closing, we have now been at our new site at Swan Lake First Nation for a year and have settled into our new workspace. We hope to host our official Open House as soon as the health restrictions allow, and we can safely gather once again. We have observed that the pandemic did not deter the desire of people to learn about the Treaties and the Treaty Relationship. In fact, we noticed an increased interest in the Treaties, and this gives me great hope that we are moving in the right direction in resetting the relationship. We are honoured to be a part of this process and look forward to what the future brings for Treaties in 2021/22.

—
Miigwech,

Commissioner Loretta Ross
Hollow Water First Nation – Treaty No. 5

ABOUT THE TREATY RELATIONS COMMISSION OF MANITOBA

The Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba has moved to a beautiful new office located in Headingley, Manitoba, just outside Winnipeg.

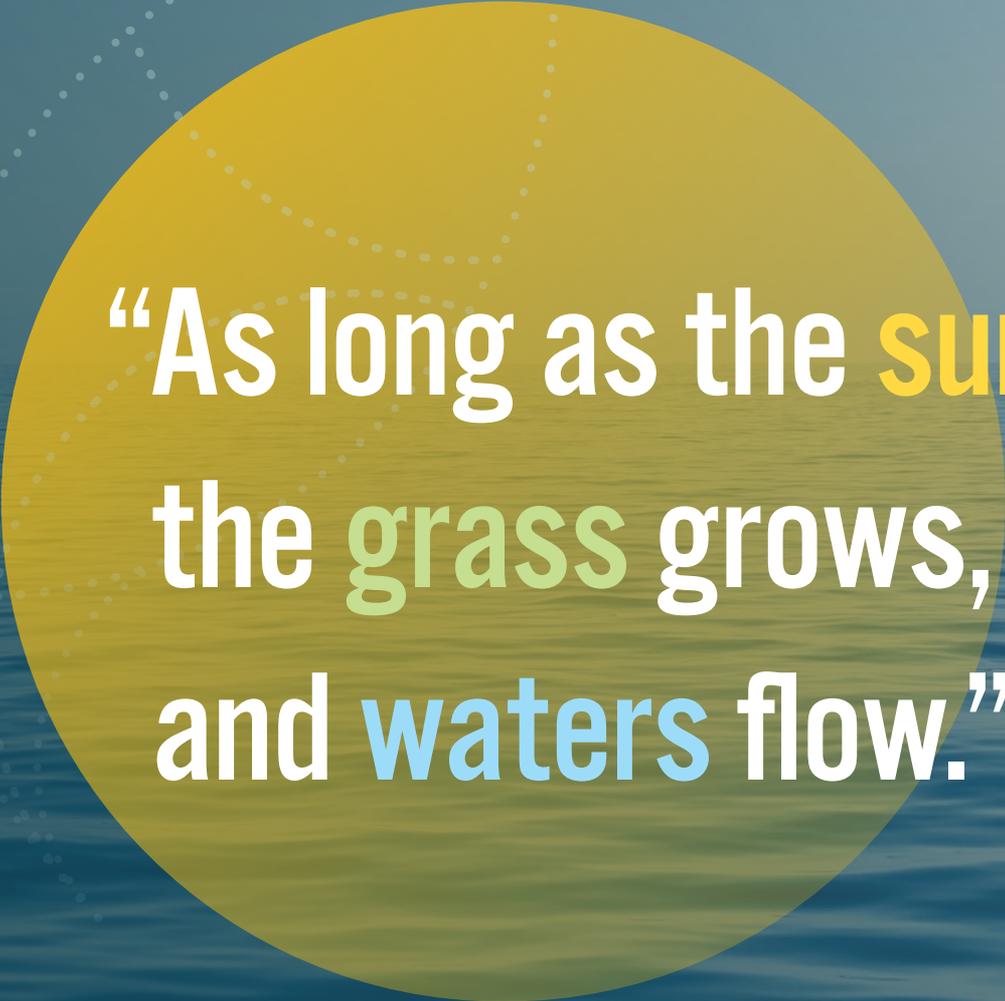
At the TRCM, it is our goal to foster a greater understanding of the significance of Treaties and the Treaty Relationship to Manitobans today.

We do this in a multitude of ways, including speaking engagements with our Treaty Relations Commissioner, Loretta Ross. Our Speakers Bureau members are busier than ever and have presented at events and classrooms across the province. Our resource library has been used to respond to a multitude of inquiries about the Treaties and our Learning Centre was the site of countless workshops and speaking events. Our Treaty Education team has provided Treaty education for thousands of teachers and school administrators. At the TRCM, we have the tools, resources, knowledge and expertise to advance the public's understanding of the relationship between First Nations and Canada in a safe and inclusive environment. This past March, we moved to Swan Lake Business Centre in Headingley and have been hosting training, workshops and presentations via virtual platforms.

Over the years we have developed successful initiatives such as the "We Are All Treaty People" campaign, the Treaty Education Initiative (now referred to as Treaty Education) training Kindergarten to Grade 12 classroom teachers all across Manitoba, the "Let's Talk Treaty!" radio program and the Oral History Project which led to the publication of four volumes of the Treaty Elders' teachings. The Oral History Project continues to be a basis for continued project development. Each of these initiatives have contributed to the success of the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba, as is evident through increased requests for engagement and a progressively higher level of understanding in participants.

For further information regarding these initiatives, please visit our website:

www.trcm.ca



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the **grass** grows,
and **waters** flow.”

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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

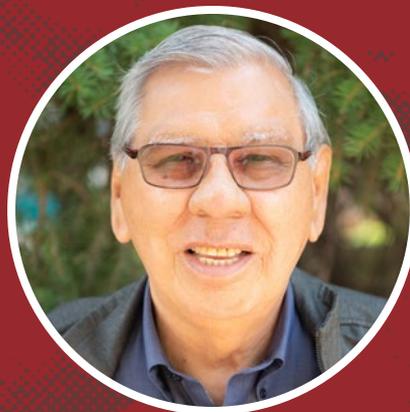
We receive guidance and support from the AMC/TRCM Council of Elders. Our esteemed Elders are historians, teachers, spiritual caregivers, language experts, and cultural advisors and their commitment to the TRCM is integral to the work we do. Their contributions, support, and guidance provide us with a deeper understanding of the First Nations perspective and the spirit and intent of the Treaties. In addition to the research initiatives, the Council of Elders advise us on curriculum development, leadership forums, and are members of our Speakers' Bureau.



Treaty No. 1

FLORENCE PAYNTER

Sandy Bay First Nation



Treaty No. 2

HARRY BONE

Keeseekoowenin First Nation



Treaty No. 3

SHERRY COPENACE

Ojibwes of Onigaming



Treaty No. 4

JAMES COTE

Waywayseecappo First Nation



Treaty No. 5

WILLIAM G. LATHLIN

Opaskwayak Cree Nation



Treaty No. 5

D'ARCY LINKLATER

Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation



Treaty No. 5 (Adhesion)

JONATHAN FLETT

St. Theresa Point First Nation



Treaty No. 6

PARRY FRANCOIS

Mathias Colomb Cree Nation



Treaty No. 10

JOE HYSLOP

Northlands Denesuline First Nation



Dakota Nations

KATHERINE WHITECLOUD

Wipazoka Wakpa Dakota Oyate

ELDER WELCOME

In 2020-21, the Elder's Council expanded to include two more members, Parry Francois, who is filling a vacancy for Treaty 6 and Jonathan Flett, to include the Island Lake Anishininiwak perspective of the Treaties.



JONATHAN FLETT

is originally from St. Theresa Point First Nation and has over 30 years of experience working with the Island Lake Nations.

With Jonathan's history and background, he is aware of the unique stories and traditions and his participation on the Council will ensure that the stories of the Anishininiwak will be captured in the work that we do.



PARRY FRANCOIS

is the Cultural Advisor for the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and a member of Mathias Colomb First Nation (Treaty 6). Parry has been mentored for several years by Elders. Parry is a respected member of the traditional knowledge keepers' community and has made a lifelong commitment to follow and practice the traditional ways. He works with us to share his knowledge of the Treaty 6 area.

The TRCM welcomes Elder's Flett and Francois and we look forward to continuing to build relationships and incorporate their stories into the work that we do in building treaty education and awareness.



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**“The voices of our First Nations Elders
will be the guidance for our people
for generations to come.”**

— THE LATE DORIS PRATT, DAKOTA ELDER



PUBLIC EDUCATION

Since 2009-2010 fiscal year, all financial contribution for Treaty Education was provided by the Federal Government through Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC). The 2020-21 fiscal year is the second year that all training and classroom supports have been covered by Manitoba Education and Training as part of a five-year funding agreement. Financial contribution from CIRNAC continues to support Treaty education, beyond the classroom. Along with training, the Treaty Education Team continues to advance Treaty Education learnings and opportunities in other ways.

Treaty Education Spring Institute

Due to low registrants for the scheduled session for August 2020, the Treaty Education Summer Institute was postponed to Spring 2021. Low registrations were the result of the Covid-19 pandemic that has controlled the way in which Manitobans can gather. The Spring Institute will be an online Virtual Session scheduled for April 20 & 21, 2021.

Student Resource Development

In addition to the Treaty Education Kit, the Treaty Education Team recognized it was important to continue to develop educational resources to support the deeper understanding of the Treaties and the Treaty Relationship. New Resources developed during this year include the following:



A. **Historical Treaty Timeline**

– This resource was designed in-house, and will be included in Teachers training packages.

B. **10-year Celebration of Treaty Education**

– A teacher's resource guide that is a curated compilation of lesson plans drawn from the Treaty Education Teacher's Guides. The lesson plans have been updated using contemporary pedagogical terminology and have been fortified with new student printables.

C. **Treaties in 10**

– A set of five slide decks complemented with a student worksheet for in-class and student independent learning. The suite is titled 'Treaties in 10' because the learning resource is brief and models the 'Just-in-Time' method of teaching. The five themes are: Treaties and the Crown, The Role of the Treaty Commissioner, The Royal Proclamation, Treaty Suits, and Treaty Territories.

D. **Using 'Let's Talk Treaty' in the classroom**

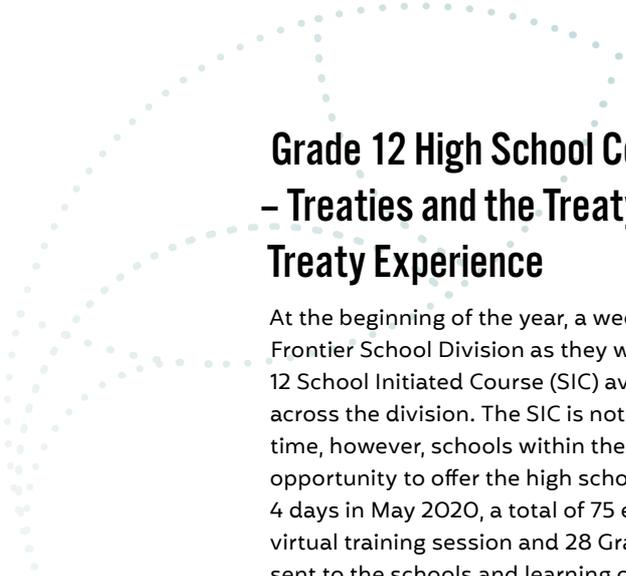
– A one-page printable student worksheet for teachers to engage students in the 'Let's Talk Treaty' feature.

E. **Treaty Story Map**

– This is a work in progress; it will be an open-access digital story map centred on the Numbered Treaties in Manitoba. To date, a digital cartographer has been procured and the first draft of the map text has been completed. The project will be complemented with a set of learning resources.

F. **Treaty Boundaries: Outline Map**

– This is a work in progress; It will feature a large foldable brochure with an outline map of Manitoba's Treaties and a set of learning activities to engage students in K-12.



Grade 12 High School Course – Treaties and the Treaty Relationship: a Local Treaty Experience

At the beginning of the year, a weeklong session was offered to Frontier School Division as they were preparing to have the Grade 12 School Initiated Course (SIC) available in all the high schools across the division. The SIC is not considered mandatory at this time, however, schools within the division will have the opportunity to offer the high school credit course. During the 4 days in May 2020, a total of 75 educators participated in the virtual training session and 28 Grade 12 Education Kits were sent to the schools and learning centres.

A one-day Grade 12 course was offered in January to school administrators for those who wish to offer the School Initiated Course during the 2021-22 school year.

To date, school divisions that expressed interest in the grade 12 course include:

1. **Frontier School Division**
2. **Border Land School Division**
3. **Flin Flon School Division**
4. **Winnipeg School Division**
5. **Seine River School Division**
6. **Peguis First Nation**
7. **St. Theresa Point First Nation**

Post-Secondary Course Level 2

Learning on the land from our Elders – Level 2 was offered July 19-23, 2020. There were 17 participants that returned from the previous year's session. These students heard from Elders from Treaties 1, 2, 3, 4 and the Dakota Nation. Online meetings with the Council of Elders members representing Treaties 5, 6, 10 and Treaty 5 Adhesion have been taking place to set the agenda for Level 3, scheduled for July 2021.

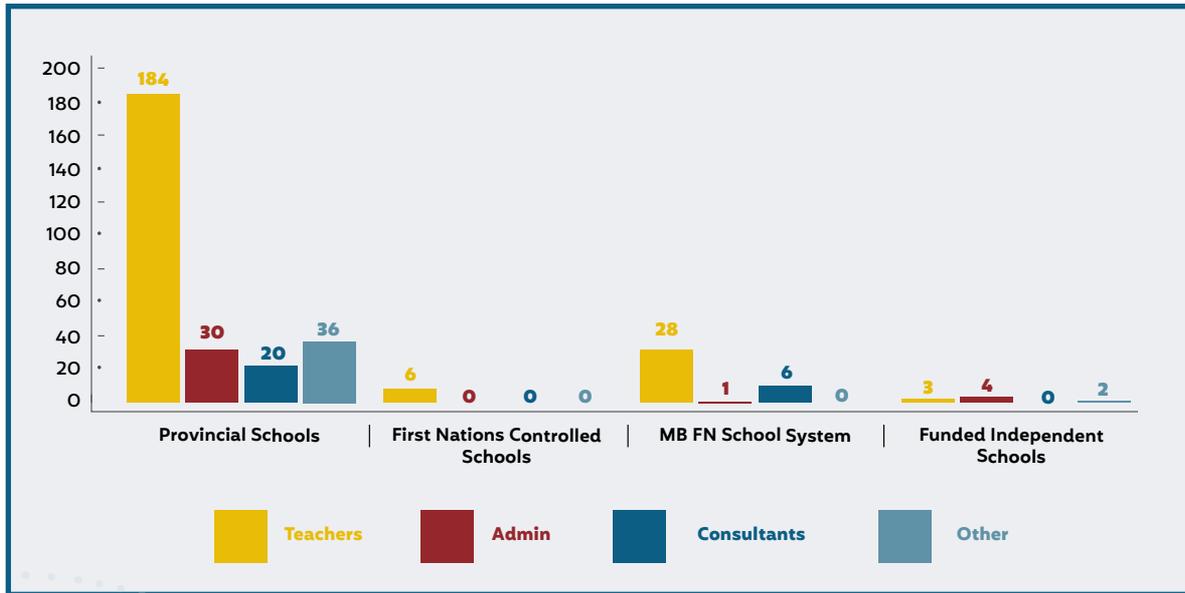
Post-Secondary Pre-Service Teachers

Faculty of Education students in their 4th year of studies have an opportunity to receive Treaty Education prior to graduation. This past fiscal year the Treaty Education Team provided 51 students from Brandon University with Treaty Education training. Once teachers obtain a teaching position in Manitoba, they can reach out to TRCM to receive their Treaty Education Kit to use in their classroom.

Community Education Engagement

For the past number of years, the Treaty Education Team has provided Community Education Engagement sessions as requested by organizations outside of the general school populations. These sessions are tailored to meet the needs of community members where the focus is not on the Treaty Education Kit and teaching pedagogy, but more so on understanding the fundamentals of the Treaties and the Treaty Relationship between First Nations and all newcomers in Manitoba and Canada. This year, the Treaty Education team spent two individual days with employees from CBC Manitoba. CBC organizers requested two identical days to two separate audiences. In total 76 CBC employees participated. Further interest has been garnered and additional training sessions

2020-21 Educators Trained



A total of 384 Educators from K-12 teachers, school administrators, consultants, and other educators were reached for the 2020-21 school year.

are being scheduled through TRCM's Community Outreach Coordinator. This workplan deliverable under Treaty Education, will be transferred over to the Community Outreach component of the TRCM Public Education mandate pillar beginning in the 2021-22 fiscal year.

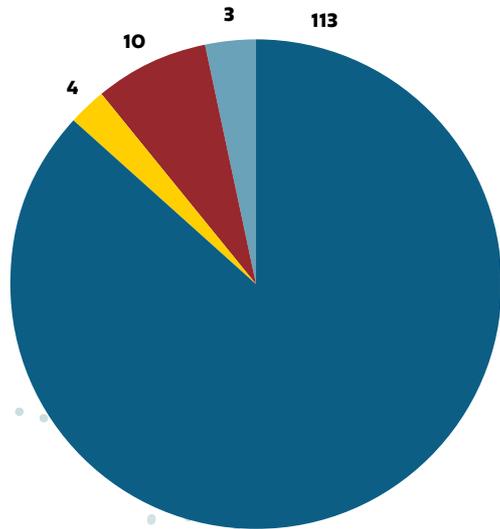
Partnership Training

Working with Treaty Education partners has been very beneficial for advancing Treaty Education across Manitoba and gaining support across all education jurisdictions. Partners to Treaty Education K-12 continues to be the Assembly of Manitoba

Chiefs (AMC), Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre (MFNERC), Manitoba Education and Training (MET) and Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC). In previous years, the Treaty Education Team spent two days with MET, AMC, and this year, one day was dedicated to the Culture and Language Unit at MFNERC. A total of 73 MFNERC staff participated in the presentations on "An Elders Perspective on the Treaty Relationship" and "The Contemporary Treaty Relationship" from the Treaty Commissioner's perspective; followed by an update and overview on the TRCM Treaty Education.

2020-2021 Total Schools Reached

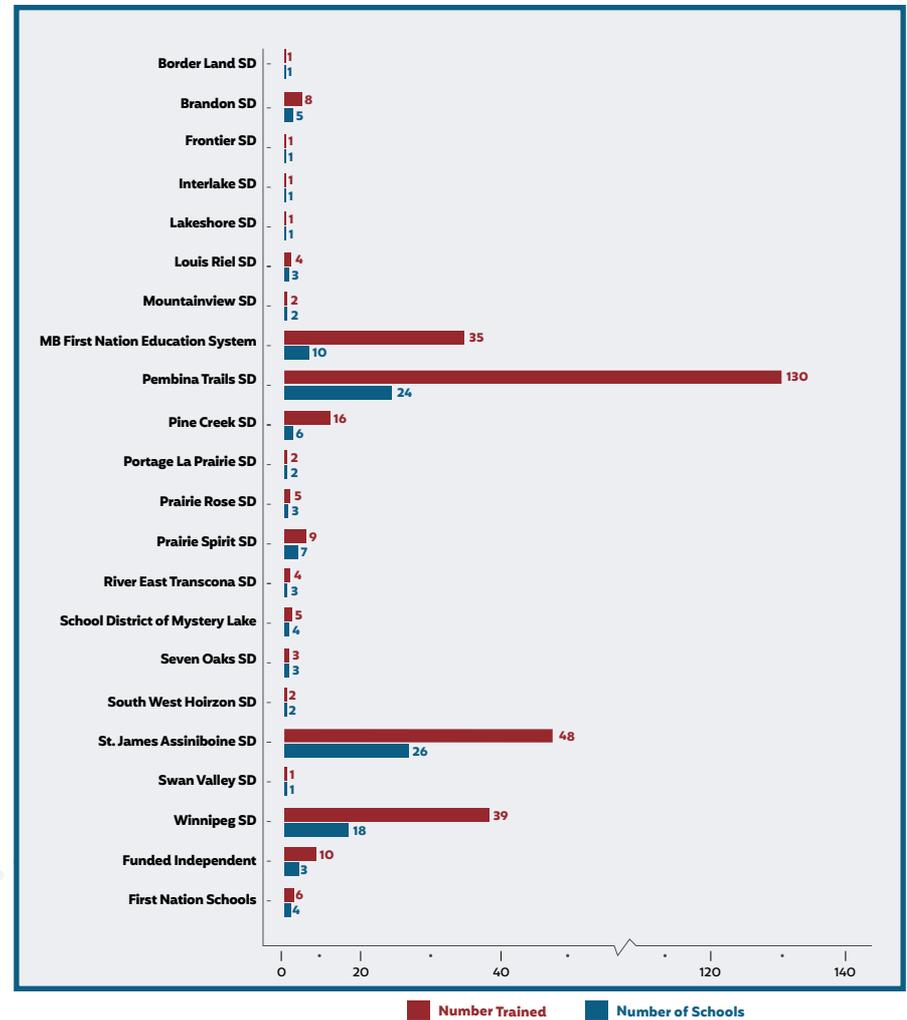
A total of 130 K-12 schools were reached for the 2020-21 school year.



■ Provincial Schools ■ First Nations Controlled Schools
■ MB FN School System ■ Funded Independent Schools

2020-21 Teachers Trained per School Division

Statistics for number of educators and number of schools reached per school division/education authority \2020-21 school year.





CIRNAC Workplan Deliverables

	Quarter 1 April - June 2020	Quarter 2 July - Sept 2020	Quarter 3 Oct - Dec 2020	Quarter 4 Jan - March 2021			
Treaty Education Training	Grade 12 SIC May 26-29, 2020	Post Secondary Level 2 July 20-24, 2020	Post Secondary Education Students Brandon University Oct 2, 2020	Community Education CBC Manitoba Jan 27, 2021	Community Education CBC Manitoba Feb 2, 2021	Partnership Training MFNERC March 9, 2021	Total
Number of Teachers (Phys Ed, Substitutes)	40	10	0			40	90
Number of Consultants (Speech + Language, Ab ed)	0	1	0			1	1
Number of Administrators (Principal, Vice Principal, Board Members)	10	0	0			3	13
Number of Support Teachers (Librarians, Resource)	1	0	0			1	2
Number of Other Teachers (Teacher Candidates, Educational Assistants, Elders, P.E.E.R. Teacher, Jordan's Principle) ** Non teachers	24	6	51	34	42	4 admins. 25	85 101
Number of Kits Distributed to Schools/ Divisions	28	0	0				28
Number of FN Local Controlled	3	3	0				6
Number of Provincial Schools	31	7	0				38
Number of Private/Institutional Schools		0	0				
Number of Participants	75	17	51	34	42	73	292

Manitoba Education Funding & Workplan

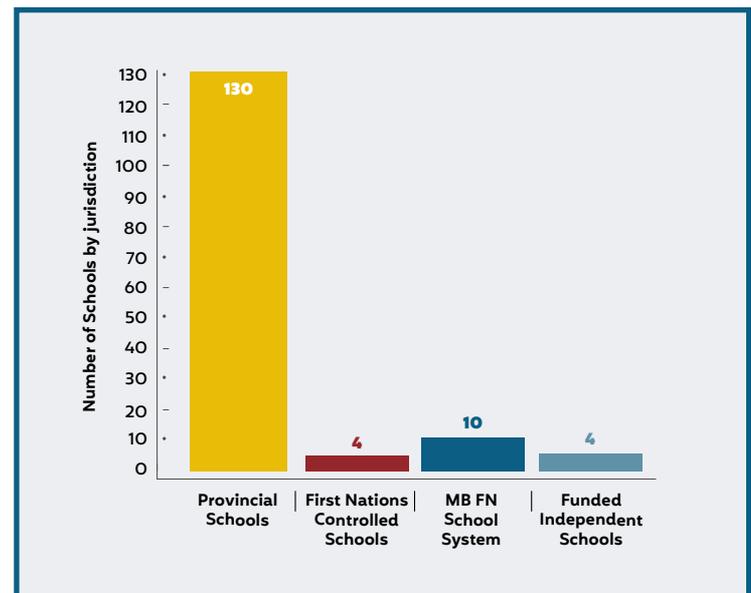
The approved work plan with Manitoba Education and Training identifies a series of 8 Treaty Education sessions that will be delivered during the school year (September to June) leaving July and August as reporting months.

Treaty Education Training sessions completed this school year include:

- 1. K-12 Virtual Regional training**
– October 14 & 15, 2020
- 2. K-12 First Nations Regional Treaty Education training**
– January 13 & 14, 2021
- 3. School Administrators & Catalyst Teacher training**
– February 3 & 4, 2021
- 4. Divisional School Division training**
– February 17 & 18, 2021
- E. K-12 French language session**
– February 24 & 25, 2021
- F. K-12 Virtual Regional training**
– March 3 & 4, 2021

Two sessions could not be delivered.

148 Schools Participated in Treaty Education



In School Support Teacher (ISST) Program

Providing teachers with additional classroom supports has always been included in the TRCM workplans and implementation strategies and this continues to be an important service that is available to classroom teachers under the Manitoba Education funding agreement as well. The 8-teacher team of teachers have provided virtual classroom visits as requested by individual schools.

Treaty Education Evaluation

An annual evaluation has been the normal process for the Treaty Education over the past 10 years. Previous evaluations focused on grade 12 students, teachers who would have been a part of the initial grade 5 & 6 pilot projects and teachers who have attended Treaty Education training. This year's evaluation was part of the Manitoba Education workplan.

The focus was on teachers who have attended some form of Treaty Education training and what resources they find most valuable in the Treaty Education Kit and/or on the TRCM website. The evaluation also targeted teachers and school administrators who have not attended Treaty Education sessions in order to find out why they have not sought Treaty Education Training, and if there is something that can be done to encourage all teachers and school administrators to attend at least one session, while keeping in mind that Treaty Education is for all Manitoba students. The Evaluation Report outcomes will be included in next year's annual report.

Elders Participation

Elders' participation in Treaty education continues to be a welcomed and vital component in all training sessions. Participants continue to appreciate the Elders' perspective as noted in all session evaluations. With the addition of a Dakota Elder to the AMC/TRCM Council of Elders, the Treaty Education team decided to include the Dakota history presentation as a standard agenda item for the two-day training sessions. Right from the onset, the Treaty Education Team ensured that the Dakota story was included as part of the learning resources and presentations, so now participants will have the opportunity to hear from two Elders over the two days. All training has gone virtual, and the Elder(s) have become very comfortable with the delivery method. The Treaty Education team continues to be grateful for the time and the messages that that Elders give to Treaty Education.



RESEARCH

Kakiige Pimatisowin – Timeline Project

The TRCM continues to edit Kakiige Pimatisowin, a First Nations historical timeline. This document was a result of a collaboration with Cynthia Bird. During the editing process, the voice of the text was revised to the first person perspective of an Anishinaabe grandmother, Dr. Elder Harry Bone and Elder Florence Paynter have become an integral part of the editing team sharing their cultural and linguistic knowledge with us. By changing the voice of the text, it was our hope that we would provide the reader with a timeline that gives life to the experiences and understandings of First Nations people. The text is nearing completion and will be vetted by the TRCM Elders before being sent for graphic design and printing.

Oral History Project

This last fiscal year, the Research Manager, in collaboration with Elder Harry Bone and former Treaty Commissioner Dennis White Bird, conducted oral history interviews with the following Elders:

Elder Wally Swain

Elder Florence Paynter

Elder Charlie Nelson

Elder Danny Musqua





Miinigoowisiwin: Treaty Implementation Guide

TRCM has been involved in the initial planning stages of a guide, which has the working title Miinigoowisiwin, to assist Canada and First Nations with Treaty Implementation. This guide, which will be developed in two stages, will be based on the teachings shared by Elders during the course of the Oral History Project. Miinigoowisiwin is being led by two Elders, who were an integral part of the Oral History Project: Elder Harry Bone and Elder Dennis White Bird. In the first phase of this project, Elder Bone and Elder White Bird will co-author a volume of teachings that provide key foundational teachings based on Anishinaabe thought. These teachings will also provide a deeper understanding of the Anishinaabe laws and belief systems. During the second phase of the project, the TRCM will invite various scholars to reflect on the teachings shared by Elder Bone and Elder White Bird and envision a path towards Treaty implementation based on the principles that the Elders shared. It is our hope that this work will clarify aspects of the First Nation understanding of Treaties thereby strengthening the Treaty relationship between First Nations and the Government of Canada.

Anishinaabe Glossary

Anishinaabe Glossary - TRCM continues to work on an Anishinaabe Treaty Glossary for its new web page. The idea for the glossary originated with an episode of Let's Talk Treaty with Anishinaabe linguist, Roger Roulette, as its guest. On the show, Mr. Roulette discussed Anishinaabe words in the context of Treaty making and how this helps us better understand the First Nation perspective of the Treaties. This project is now underway. The first draft has been completed and it has been reviewed by the Anishinaabe-speaking TRCM Elders. Once completed, the Glossary will be an online resource that provides a guide to the way that Anishinaabemowin words reflect Anishinaabe protocols and priorities related to land. The glossary will add to the resources on our website and create an immersive environment for our online audience.





Resource Library

We continue to add both digital and hard copy resources to our library. In 2020-21 we also acquired new shelving to house our library. Although the library is temporarily closed to the public, we hope to allow access once Manitoba restrictions have eased.

Information Requests

The Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba continues to receive information requests from government, organizations, First Nations and members of the general public. Land acknowledgements and Calls to Action continue to be popular information requests, and the TRCM continues to provide individualized support. Other requests have been based on specific Treaty areas or promises included in the Treaties. The TRCM was also approached by numerous post-secondary students who were conducting Treaty research. And finally, the TRCM has been asked to provide feedback on different projects and educational initiatives such as courses, plays, and literature.

2020-21 Treaty Commemorations:

Due to the ongoing public health restrictions in Manitoba, there were fewer requests related to Treaty Commemorations than in previous years.

150th Anniversary of Treaty plans

Throughout 2020–21, the TRCM has worked with Treaty 1 Development Corp, Canadian Heritage, Parks Canada and other agencies and organizations to create different events throughout 2021 in commemoration of the anniversary of 150 years of Treaty Number 1.

The **Treaty 1** Development Corp was able to obtain funding for each Treaty 1 community to use for their own commemorative events during the time leading up to the anniversary. The commemoration on August 3rd in Lower Fort Garry will be in collaboration with TRCM, Parks Canada and Heritage Canada.

• **Roseau River Plans**

- Roseau River worked with the TRCM to help organize a learning event in commemoration of the 150th anniversary.
- Plans involved different teachings throughout the week within the community. These plans coincide with the Treaty 1 Development Corps plans.

• **TRCM Plans**

The TRCM is planning for learning events to continue throughout the remainder of the Fall and Winter of 2021–22 in commemoration of the anniversary of both Treaty 1 and Treaty 2 including the creation of Treaty 1 and 2 replica Treaty medals to be supplied to each of the Treaty 1 and 2 communities in recognition of the anniversary.

The TRCM has planned two rounds of educational videos relating to Treaties:

- **Treaty Elders Teachings on Treaty**, a series of 2–3 minute videos of Elders speaking on the ceremonies involved in Treaty-making.
- **Stories from the Heart**, a series of stories from different people on their relationship to Treaty. How they feel as a Treaty person and what their Treaty story is.

The TRCM has plans to create a commemorative partnership quilt to renew the agreements between the TRCM and its partner organizations. The quilt would feature the emblems of the TRCM and each of the participating partner organizations.



FACILITATION

PARTNERSHIPS:

- **Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce**
- **Association of Manitoba Municipalities**
- **Brandon University**
- **Canada's History Society**
- **Canadian Human Rights Commission**
- **Canadian Museum for Human Rights**
- **Immigration Partnership Winnipeg**
- **Indigenous Leadership Development Institute**
- **Manitoba Association of Newcomer Service Organizations (MANSO)**
- **Manitoba Association of School Superintendents**
- **Manitoba Civil Service Commission**
- **Manitoba Education and Training**
- **Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre**
- **Manitoba Keewatinew Okemikenak**
- **Manitoba Museum**
- **Manitoba Sustainable Development**
- **Manitoba Teacher's Society**
- **McNally Robinson Booksellers**
- **Mennonite Central Committee**
- **Multifaith Group**
- **National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation**
- **Parks Canada**
- **Red River College**
- **Riding Mountain National Park Association**
- **Royal Canadian Geographical Society**
- **RCMP "D" Division**
- **Southern Chiefs Organization**
- **Treaty Land Entitlement Committee**
- **University College of the North**
- **University of Manitoba**
- **University of Winnipeg**
- **Winnipeg Airport Authority**
- **Winnipeg Art Gallery**
- **Winnipeg Free Press**
- **Winnipeg Police Services**
- **Yellow Quill College**

PARTNER RELATIONS

The TRCM provides ongoing support and guidance to partner organizations on project and event planning. Additionally, letters have been sent to each of the TRCM partner organizations to encourage them to create or participate in projects commemorating the anniversary of the 150 years of the making of Treaties 1 and 2.

Partnership Projects:

NEWCOMER TOOLKIT

The TRCM partnered with Immigration Partnership Winnipeg, Manitoba Association of Newcomer Serving Organization (MANSO), University of Manitoba Community Service Learning, and KAIROS Canada on the creation of an Indigenous Orientation Toolkit (IOTK). The IOTK seeks to build awareness; de-bunk stereotypes and myths; and develop an understanding of Indigenous issues for newcomers and those who help them settle in Manitoba.

The IOTK is a facilitator package that offers the framework to explore six interrelated themes. The TRCM helped draft and deliver the pilot session framed on Treaties and land. The TRCM will continue to support IPW and its partners as ensuing facilitator packages are developed centred on Indigenous culture and worldviews, family and kinship, and cultural resurgence.

This past year, the team has been working on developing a logo and website to house the IOTK resource materials. The TRCM looks forward to working with the partners to finalize the launch of the IOTK resources.

MANITOBA MUSEUM

The Manitoba Museum is now in the eighth year of a creative partnership with the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba. This year, the Welcome and Prairies galleries were opened at the end of March 2021. "You Are on Treaty Land" is the first exhibit visitors encounter as they enter the Museum Galleries. It stands beside the Bison Diorama as a permanent Treaty acknowledgement. Designed and written with the help of the TRCM and the Council of Elders, it holds 7 Treaty medals, one for every Treaty in Manitoba, and a George III Peace Medal that acknowledges Dakota communities in Manitoba. As the Elders Council recommended and with the assistance of Elders and teachers from Roseau River First Nation, these medals are paired with pipes and pipe bags to signify the sacred nature of promises made in Treaty.

The Manitoba Museum would especially like to thank Elder Charles Nelson and Elder Josephine Hartin for organizing and conducting the necessary ceremonies to make the exhibit of sacred pipes possible.

Now that the renewal is complete, visitors to the Manitoba Museum can see a total of five Treaty exhibits including the main exhibit in the Welcome gallery, all of them developed with the help of the TRCM. The existing Treaty No. 5 exhibit is familiar to visitors. There is now a new Treaty No. 3 exhibit in the Parklands Gallery and entirely new Peguis/Selkirk Treaty and Treaty No. 1 exhibits in the refurbished Prairie Gallery. Each exhibit tells a different story about Treaty making in Manitoba and taken together these exhibits form a powerful statement about First Nations Treaty rights and histories. These exhibits have already proven to be a basis for new Treaty education program at the Museum developed in collaboration with the TRCM.

The Curator of Cultural Anthropology, Dr. Maureen Matthews, is honoured to continue to be a member of the Speaker's Bureau of the TRCM and the Museum as a whole, is grateful for the warm relationship between our two institutions.

FACILITATION OF DIALOGUE

In 2020-21, the TRCM worked with the Civil Service Commission of Manitoba to create education workshops to Manitoba Civil Servants. A pilot workshop was held in December of 2020 and another in March 2021. The Civil Service Commission plans to provide more of the workshops in the 2021-22 fiscal period.



SPEAKER'S BUREAU AND OUTREACH



Annual Speakers Bureau Meeting in March of 2021

The TRCM's Speakers Bureau was launched in 2006 and now has over 20 active members that include 7 Elders, 3 Treaty Education Speakers from the various Treaty territories in Manitoba who are well versed with knowledge and experience about the history of the Treaties and the Treaty Relationship within Manitoba. Through dialogue and information sharing, the TRCM's Speakers Bureau is working to create an understanding about the historical and contemporary issues that relate to Treaties and the Treaty relationship.



Elder Florence Paynter – Speakers Bureau Member
– Treaty 1 Representative on the Council of Elders
– Taping of Brown Bag Lunch entitled "An Elder's Perspective on the Treaties – Reflections of Treaty 1"

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
- Enhance the **Treaty relationship**

THE NUMBER OF PRESENTATIONS AND PARTICIPATION THIS FISCAL YEAR:

Speakers Bureau made 95 presentations to approximately over 2,550 participants

PRESENTATIONS WERE MADE TO THE FOLLOWING:

- **Educational Institutes and School Divisions**
- **Post-Secondary Institutions**
- **Adult Education Centres**
- **Provincial & Federal Government**
- **Churches & Religious Organizations**
- **Child and Family Services Organizations**
- **First Nation Communities/Organizations/Treaty Territories**
- **Others, Winnipeg Police/RCMP, Financial Institutes, Museums, Health Authorities**

Speakers Bureau Presentation Platform

This year has been a bit a challenging since we all have been under a global pandemic, and the Speakers Bureau has had to adjust to changes in the way its members provide their discussions to the public. Restrictions on public gatherings prompted the use of on-line platforms to adjust for on-site visits to requestors and their audiences.

Out of Town Requests

There was no travel out of town to present for requests made outside the city due to restrictions on public gatherings, instead members used on-line platforms to conduct their presentations. In total, members made 17 online presentations for out-of-town requests this year.



SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT: KEVIN LAMOUREAUX

Kevin Lamoureux is a Faculty member at the University of Winnipeg and a well known public speaker. He has served as Associate Vice President for the University of Winnipeg, Education Lead for the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, and as Scholar in Residence for several school divisions.

He is an award winning scholar with an impressive publication and research grant record, and has consulted for governments, organizations and institutions across Canada. His most recent book contribution, for *Ensouling Our Schools* with Dr. Jennifer Katz, is being used by educators across Canada working to create inclusive spaces for all students. He has been seen on TV, in documentaries, in print, and in the media. More than anything, Lamoureux is committed to reconciliation and contributing to an even better Canada for all children to grow up in.

Cost Sharing Opportunities

Cost-sharing allows us to increase the number of participants and organizations reached. This year we saw four organizations make multiple requests from the government sector totaling 16 cost-sharing opportunities.

- **Certificate of Indigenous Relations Program**
- **Department of Conservation**
- **Manitoba Justice**
- **Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development**

Speakers Bureau Evaluations

Speakers Bureau evaluations continue to show very positive feedback and some requestors and participants want the same speaker to return to their schools or organization to expand on their discussions and provide further insight.

BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES:

Despite working under uncertain times due to COVID-19, we again started hosting our Brown Bag Lunch Series in June. This prompted audience members to subscribe to our channel to view the presentation live and as a result, we gained new subscribers to the channel.

We also developed a new series to showcase some of our Speakers Bureau Members, with particular focus on our Elders. This series was entitled "An Elders Perspective on the Treaties", where the Elders reflected on topics about what Treaty means to our Elders, how language played a role in the negotiations and the ceremonies that took place.

PRESENTATIONS WERE MADE THIS YEAR BY THE FOLLOWING:

- **NIIGAAN SINCLAIR**
– The Royal Proclamation of 1763 and the Treaties
- **ELDER FLORENCE PAYNTER**
– Reflections of Treaty 1
- **ELDER HARRY BONE**
– Reflection of Treaty 2
- **ELDER PETER ATKINSON**
– Creation and Ceremony during Treaty Making
- **ELDER JOE HYSLOP**
– Treaty 10
– Northland Denesuline

Instead of in-person sessions, we started using our YouTube channel to host live "Brown Bag" sessions with Speakers Bureau Members.

LET'S TALK TREATY – NCI RADIO SHOW:

Let's Talk Treaty is a public education show for learning about the Treaties that airs every second Wednesday on NCI FM at 12:30PM; from episode to episode, we talk with different guests about different initiatives that the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba is involved with in promoting the awareness and understanding of the Treaties and the Treaty Relationship.



THIS YEAR WE HAD THE FOLLOWING GUESTS:

- **Florence Paynter**
Traditional Medicines
- **Allen Sutherland**
Historical Timeline
- **Chris Henderson**
Treaty Land Entitlement and Manitoba Framework Agreement Part 1
- **Chris Henderson**
Treaty Land Entitlement and Manitoba Framework Agreement Part 2
- **Whelan Sutherland and Tim Daniels**
Treaty 1 Development Corporation
- **Adrian Wortley**
Canadian Heritage
- **Elaine Bishop**
We are All Treaty People Celebration
- **Marlene Gallagher**
Residential Schools
- **Aimée Craft**
Anishinaabe and Canadian Aboriginal Law
- **Connie Wyatt Anderson**
Treaty Education K-12 Virtual Classrooms
- **Commissioner Loretta Ross**
What's Your Treaty Story?
- **Florence Paynter and Harry Bone**
Elders and Treaties
- **Peter Atkinson**
Elders and the Treaties: Ceremony during Treaty Making
- **Joe Hyslop**
Treaty 10 – Northlands Denesuline
- **Steven Greyeyes**
Treaty 6 – Medicine Chest
- **Brenda Gunn**
International Law and the Numbered Treaties
- **Maureen Matthews**
Medals, Pipes and the Numbered Treaties
- **Allen Sutherland**
Indigenous Sovereignty and the Treaties
- **James Chalmers**
The Anishinaabe Language in Treaty

Outreach/Community Involvement

Due to COVID-19 and the restriction on public gatherings we have been unable to attend local and community events. As an alternative the "Let's Talk Treaty" show has been an innovative and effective way to reach audiences of all sizes while providing them with interesting topics on Treaties as well as updates on the initiatives we as an organization are involved in.



PUBLIC RELATIONS AND AWARENESS

September 27, 2020 – We Are all Treaty People celebration event. TRCM participated in and provided monetary support to the celebration for entertainment. Treaty Commissioner Ross and Elder Harry Bone once again participated in the event which was radio broadcast via UMFM with YouTube videos added for visual components.

Communications

In October of 2020, Jim Compton was hired as the TRCM Communications Coordinator to develop and implement a TRCM communications strategy.

Website

The TRCM website continues to be the hub of the TRCM's Communications Strategy as it is a vault of information for the general public. Over the years and today, the TRCM began updating its website to create a stronger 'look' that engages and captures the mind of the user. Intended for all, users are from all demographics with wide and varied interests and motivations for learning and understanding the Treaties. The TRCM is continuing to develop the website to ensure that the usability is increased by teachers and students, knowledge seekers and the general public.



Multi-Cultural Gathering at Assiniboine Park, June 2020

More recently, the TRCM uploaded all its communications for public awareness and use. As a short-term indicator of success, the TRCM has seen an increase in its website visitors within the present fiscal year thus far.

As noted above, the TRCM is updating the look and includes a logo 'refresh'. The new logo will honour the art and symbolism of our logo; all of the elements and their attributes will remain, including the Sacred Pipe. We look forward to introducing the new logo next year.

Strategic Plan

“We Are All Treaty People” has proven engaging for both First Nation and non-First Nation Manitobans with its informative, specific, and strong, roots-driven material. Generating discussions about the Treaties and the Treaty Relationship is a major milestone in Manitoba’s history that the TRCM is accredited for and will be looked to in the future. This includes a major milestone on the Treaty horizon, Treaty 150 celebrations and commemorations in August 2021.

Through effective communication mechanisms such as media buys, posters, Treaty promotional materials, general advertising and brochures the TRCM will continue to reach the general population and introduce itself as a resource to gain valuable information about the Treaties. To further solidify the campaign the TRCM has successfully delivered many of the newly developed tools to various educational institutions within the Province of Manitoba.

Social Media

The Strategic Communications/Consultation Plan will look at critical events and initiatives that will drive the content of our Social Media platforms, like Facebook and Twitter.

TRCM Annual Report

Completed in November 2020 distributed to all First Nation Chiefs at the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, January 2021.

Promotional Materials

TRCM purchased a variety of promotional merchandise for “What’s your Treaty Story” in addition to TRCM letterhead and envelopes, business cards, notepads, pens. Promotional material remains an integral part of the TRCMs outreach activities and is also undergoing a brand refresh alongside the website. The new brand will include a wordmark for letterhead and business cards and a new colour scheme to compliment the website.

Community Events

TRCM participated in, or contributed to, several events throughout the 2020-21 to promote public awareness of the TRCM and its Mandate to provide public education on Treaties. These events included:

- **September 27, 2020** – We Are all Treaty People celebration event. Treaty Commissioner Ross and Elder Harry Bone once again participated in the event which was radio broadcast via UMFM with YouTube videos added for visual components.
- **June 17, 2020** – Multiculturalism Day. Treaty Commissioner Ross attended this event at Assiniboine Park

OPERATIONS

2019-20 Annual Audit

– SUBMITTED TO THE NEGOTIATIONS UNIT DECEMBER 3, 2020

Governance

– PARTICIPATED IN 3 OMC MEETINGS AND 1 JSOC MEETING IN 2020-21

2019-20 Final Report

– SUBMITTED TO CIRNAC JUNE 26, 2020

HUMAN RESOURCES:

In the 2020-21 fiscal period TRCM added 2 new staff:



MAGGIE OKEKE

Administrative Assistant

Hi, my name is Maggie Okeke I originate from Peguis First Nation and for the past nine years Winnipeg has been my home. My sons and I love where we are today but Peguis will always be our forever home.

In 2020 I graduated from Red River College with my Business Administration Diploma. I've been working in the Administration field for 14 plus years and I love what I do.

I joined the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba as an Administrative Assistant in November 2020. Having this opportunity has helped me understand and learn more about the Treaties. I look forward to learning more as we go forward.



JIM COMPTON

Communications Coordinator

My name is Jim Compton and I am from the Keeseekoose First Nation which is in Treaty 4. I have been a Communications Specialist since 1992. My Communications skills have been honed over the years as a Journalist working as a reporter for Community newspapers in Winnipeg to winning two Gemini awards as a writer/broadcaster and reporter at CBC Winnipeg.

My communication experience began at the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples and with the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network, where among other communications duties, I learned the art of branding while serving as the networks Program Director. After two years at the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs I brought my services to the Southern Network of Care. After 14 years there I now bring my experience to the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba. I believe all of my combined experience and skills will help chart a new, vibrant legacy for the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba.

TRCM GOVERNANCE

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 Inspire Individuals, Empower Change, Build Canada.

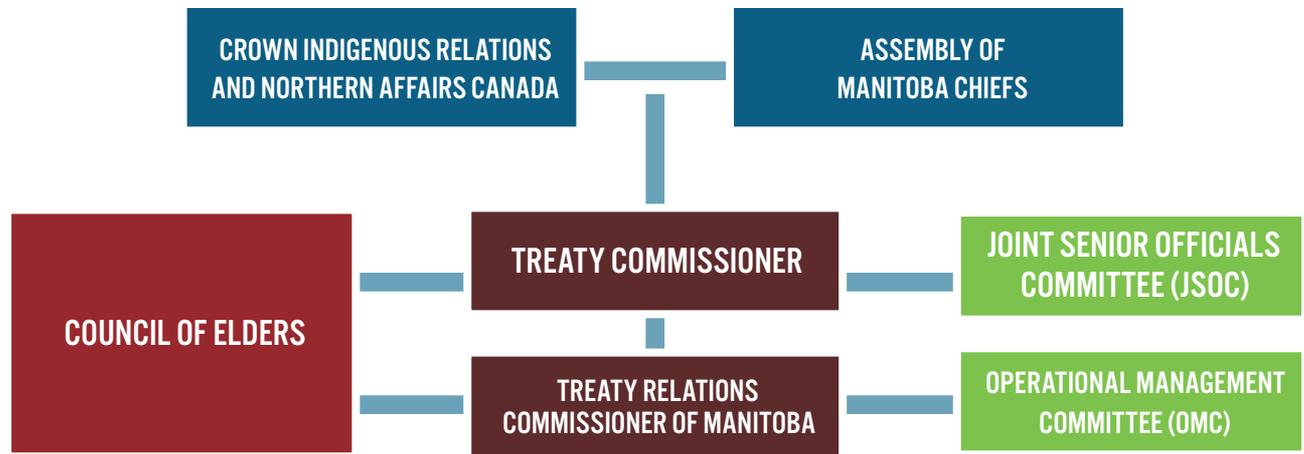
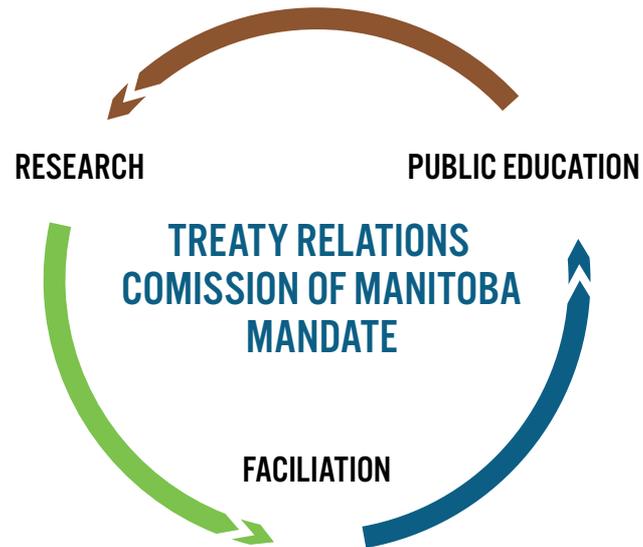
TRCM VALUES:

Respect, Knowledge, Balance, Collaboration, Honour and Integrity, Traditions and Protocols, and Passion and Commitment.

Treaty Education was developed to increase the knowledge and understanding of Manitoba students.

Education sessions are available to provincial, First Nation, and private institution teachers and administrators, private sector organizations, leaders, and individuals.

The ultimate goal of the Treaty Education is to ensure that all Manitoba students are taught the importance of Treaties and the Treaty Relationship



INTRODUCING OUR NEW LOGO



A New Look For TRCM

The new version of our logo honours the art and symbolism of our previous logo. All the elements and their attributes remain, including the Sacred Pipe. When the pipe is shared, both parties agree to the solemnity of the occasion and ask the Creator to witness the spirit and intent of the agreement. The stem of the pipe is adorned with eight ribbons representing the seven Treaty territories and the territory of the Dakotas. The head of the Sacred Pipe is in the shape of an eagle's head, representing aspects of humanity which are closest to the Creator.

The landscape emerges from the pipe smoke as water and land. Canada, which rose from the Treaty relationship, is represented by the Maple leaf.



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The Process

Respecting the original artist's work and intent is foremost when updating a logo that holds meaning and tradition in its lines. Evolving it meant finding a new modern expression that will work well with the way logos are used now, both in the digital environments they live in, as well as for use on T-shirts, masks and other branded items.

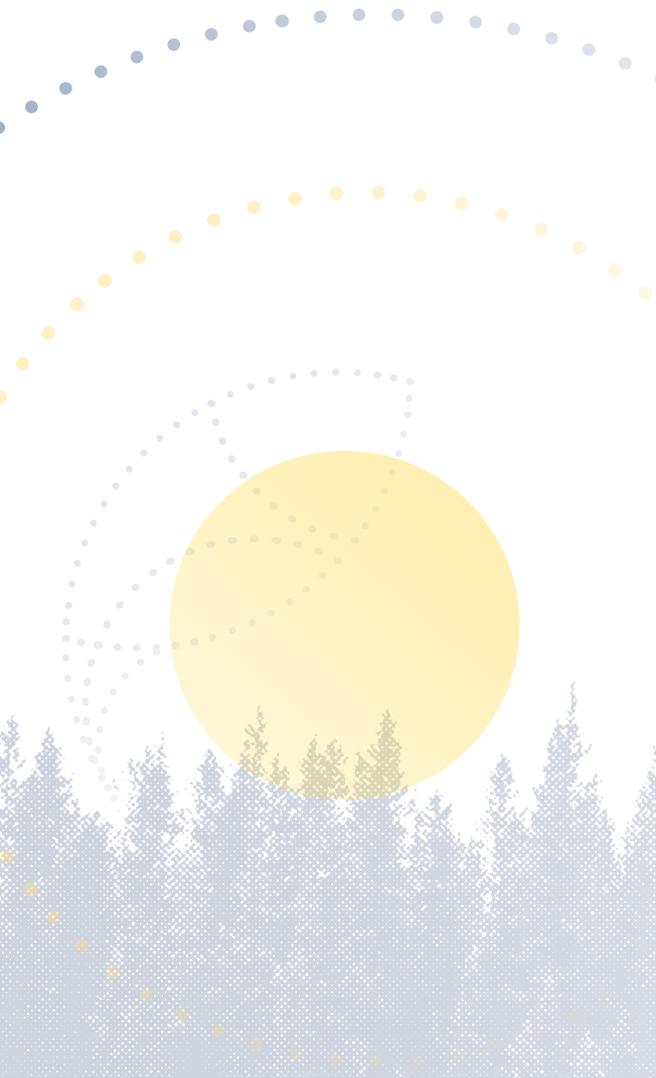
Keeping the elements clear and sharply defined also brings a youthful aspect to the design, and demonstrates that our organization is paying attention to the organization's future, as well as its past.



What The Logo Means To Us

The sun backing all the rest of the elements in the logo represents the light of education and understanding. First Nations hold that they have been bestowed with a responsibility for the land. Land is an integral part of identity and culture. This is a crucial element in creating a healthy relationship among all who share Mother Earth and the fact that we are all Treaty people.

This is the role of the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba: to strengthen, rebuild and enhance the Treaty relationship and mutual respect between First Nations and Manitobans as envisaged by the Treaty Parties.





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