



Treaty Education Initiative

WHAT IS THE TREATY EDUCATION INITIATIVE?

The Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba, in partnership with the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, Manitoba Education, and the Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre, are developing K-12 teacher resource packages and related teaching materials to:

- Increase the knowledge and understanding of the Treaties and the Treaty Relationship among all students;
- Ensure students understand the impact of the Treaties and the Treaty Relationship on the creation of Manitoba;
- Build bridges between all peoples in order to strengthen our society and our prosperity.

WHEN AND WHERE WILL THE TREATY EDUCATION INITIATIVE BE TAUGHT?

- A successful, 11 school pilot was completed at the Grades 5 & 6 levels during the 2010-2011 school year;
- The pilot included urban, rural, on reserve, and off reserve schools from across Manitoba;
- This year, all Grades 5 and 6 teachers will have an opportunity to offer Treaty Education;
- Two day in-service sessions will be conducted in Winnipeg and The Pas in mid and late October;
- Upon completion of the in-service, teachers will receive the Treaty Education Kit;
- In the coming two years, Teacher Guides and Resources for K-4 and 7-12, respectively, will be completed and available for classroom teachers;
- Ultimately, every student in Manitoba will be taught the importance of the Treaties and the Treaty Relationship.

WHAT MATERIALS ARE READY FOR THE 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR?

- **Teacher Guides for Grades 5 and 6**, as a compliment to the existing provincial Social Studies curriculum;
- **A Treaty Education Kit** for classroom teachers;
- **Treaty Essential Learnings** reference document to assist K-12 and post-secondary educators;

WHAT IS THE ROLE AND MANDATE OF THE TREATY RELATIONS COMMISSION OF MANITOBA?

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

The TRCM will enhance and maintain positive intergovernmental 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.