The Numbered Treaties

Between 1871 and 1921, the British Crown and First Nations (Anishinâbēk, Anishinaabemowin, and Dene) entered into eleven separate Treaties that enabled the Government to actively pursue agriculture, settlement, transportation, and resource development in the Canadian West and North. These Treaties are commonly referred to as the Numbered Treaties and cover northern Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, north-eastern British Columbia and the Northwest Territories.

The First Nations negotiated and entered into the Numbered Treaties in order to formalize a long-standing relationship with the Crown. This relationship developed through many years of interaction and trade with newcomers. The First Nations entered into Treaties to protect their livelihoods, cultures, languages, and land bases. First Nations did not view the Treaties as a surrender of their land but as an agreement to share the land with newcomers.

From the Crown’s perspective, under the Numbered Treaties, the First Nations ceded tracts of land to the Crown in exchange for specific rights. These Treaty rights included reserved lands for use within the First Nations’ territories and rights to hunting, fishing, trapping, and harvesting.

TREATY ONE

Treaty No. 1 was entered into on August 3, 1871 at Lower Fort Garry. Communities entering the benefits and responsibilities of Treaty No. 1 include: Assiniboia, Dauphin, and Winnipeg. The First Nations communities of Treaty No. 1 are: The Kandiyohi, the Chipewyan, and the Lillooet. The First Nations communities that enjoy the benefits of Treaty No. 1 are: The Kandiyohi, the Chipewyan, and the Lillooet.

TREATY TWO

Treaty No. 2 was entered into on August 30, 1871 at Lower Fort Garry. A few of the communities benefiting from Treaty No. 2 include: Assiniboia, Dauphin, and Winnipeg. The First Nations communities of Treaty No. 2 are: The Kandiyohi, the Chipewyan, and the Lillooet. The First Nations communities that enjoy the benefits of Treaty No. 2 are: The Kandiyohi, the Chipewyan, and the Lillooet.

TREATY THREE

Treaty No. 3 was entered into on October 3, 1873 at Fort Garry, Manitoba. The First Nations communities of Treaty No. 3 are: The St. Joseph, the Sioux, and the Assiniboine. The First Nations communities that enjoy the benefits of Treaty No. 3 are: The St. Joseph, the Sioux, and the Assiniboine.

TREATY FOUR

Treaty No. 4 was entered into on September 18, 1874 at Portage la Prairie, Manitoba. The First Nations communities of Treaty No. 4 are: The Kandiyohi, the Chipewyan, and the Lillooet. The First Nations communities that enjoy the benefits of Treaty No. 4 are: The Kandiyohi, the Chipewyan, and the Lillooet.

TREATY FIVE

Treaty No. 5 was entered into on September 24, 1875 at Norway House, Manitoba. The First Nations communities of Treaty No. 5 are: The Kandiyohi, the Chipewyan, and the Lillooet. The First Nations communities that enjoy the benefits of Treaty No. 5 are: The Kandiyohi, the Chipewyan, and the Lillooet.

THE DAKOTA NATION

The Dakota people in Manitoba are not a party to the Numbered Treaties. However, they are recognized as having use and occupation of territories within Manitoba and are engaged in discussions and negotiations with the Crown and other First Nations communities in Manitoba. Dakota communities in Manitoba are: Birtle, St. Joseph’s, and the Dakota Tipi.

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