

Treaty Education Initiative

Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba (TRCM)

- Report on Regional Teacher In-Service Workshops in The Pas and Winnipeg
- Update on K-4 and Grade 7-9 Treaty Education Development

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TRCM Regional Treaty Education Training Workshop Feb 1-2, 2012

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Regional Treaty Education Training Sessions held in The Pas and Winnipeg, October 2011

As a Partner with TRCM and the only University in Northern Manitoba, the University College of the North graciously provided us with space and true northern hospitality on October 13 & 14, 2011.

Elders William G. Lathlin and Nathan McGillivray provided the participants with a historical background on the Treaties and what the signing of Treaty 5 meant to them and to their community.

Professor and historian Dr. Jean Friesen spoke of her research and what she learned about the Treaties from the written text, mainly from the Manitoba Archives and the Hudson Bay records. She also provided her perspective on the Treaty signing and significance from the written viewpoint.

Teachers from Joe A. Ross School in Opaskwayak Cree Nation, Myrna Ducharme and Ashley Madrigga were resource people to the session and shared their experience during the pilot

project throughout 2010/11. This session was attended by 19 participants, including both provincial schools and First Nation schools. TRCM distributed a total of 13 Treaty Education Kits to teachers and consultants plus one was presented to UCN as a partner.

Participants Comments:

"...I just have to state that this was probably one of the best PD experiences I have had. I was fun, interesting informative and hands-on. Everyone was great! I feel like a better Grade 5 teacher for taking part in this In-service"

"More kits and information provided, sessions to be done throughout the province; I'm so excited about the possibilities of teaching about the Treaties; new sense of urgency to teach "about our heritage and culture"



Elder William G. Lathlin (Treaty 5) presenting UCN with a Treaty Education Kit.

The Winnipeg workshop was held October 27 & 28, 2011

and was attended by 57 participants. A total of 30 schools were provided with Treaty Education Kits and again with a variety from both on and off Reserve schools, including teachers, principals and consultants.



Elder Wayne Scott (Treaty 1) sharing his knowledge on why it is important to teach about Treaties and the Treaty relationship in all classrooms.

Elders Doris Pratt and Wayne Scott provided an Elder's perspective on the importance of teaching about Treaties. We were fortunate enough again to have historian Dr. Jean Friesen share her research findings with group and Pilot Teacher Dave Costello's presentation was welcomed addition the workshop.

Participants comment:

"It is a start and as an educator you need to gain that knowledge / background to be able to teach about the Treaties effectively"

"Teachers love information and resources that have been used; ideas that work; when sharing lessons plans would be nice to have a teacher that teach that grade sharing"

TREATY EDUCATION KIT CONTENT:**Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba (TRCM) :***Teacher Guides:*

The Treaties and the Treaty Relationship: Teacher Guide for Grade 5
The Treaties and the Treaty Relationship: Teacher Guide for Grade 6
Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba. (2011). Treaty Essential Learnings (TELS): The Treaty Experience in Manitoba.

- *Speakers Bureau Pamphlet*
- *Learning Centre (small poster)*
- *Treaty Medal (large chloroplast replica of the original Treaty Medal)*

Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba. (2010). USB Flash Drive on Treaties in Manitoba contains folders of printed texts and video files:

Numbered Treaties in Manitoba (folder contains text of Treaties 1-6 and 10);
Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba, CTV Treaty Videos (folder contains 5 video clips entitled: Share the Land; Treaties in the Modern Context; Royal Proclamation; Oral History; TRCM Learning Centre);
Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba. Public Education (folder contains 6 files: Kinikini Treaty Play, Treaties in Manitoba Map, and TRCM Learning Centre Pamphlet); Canada Treaty Map; Traditional First Nation Community Names Map and Indian Act (2011).
Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba. We Are All Treaty People (folder contains 6 files on the posters used for public education messaging "We are all Treaty people"). Print copies as well.
Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba. Treaty and the Treaty Relationship Grade 5 Teacher Resource (2011)
Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba. Treaty and the Treaty Relationship Grade 6 Teacher Resource (2011)
Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba. Treaty Essential Learnings Document (2011)
Manitoba Indian Brotherhood. (1971). Wabung: Our Tomorrows.
Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba. (2010). Honour First Nations Treaty Days at the Manitoba Legislature (DVD)
Kinikini: A Treaty Play by Ian Ross. (20 pages with Study Questions)

Treaty Education Kit



Treaty Education Development K-4, 7-9 and 10-12

The Treaty Education Initiative's priority is expanding the development of Treaty education resources to Kindergarten to Grade 4 during the remainder of the 2011-12 fiscal year.

These resources will include:

- K-4 teacher guides; and
- Additional early years Treaty education learning resources for inclusion in the Kit.

Eventually, the Treaty Education Kit will include teacher guides for all grade levels. The timeline for the K-4 development, piloting and implementation are:

- 2011-12 Development
- 2012-13 Piloting
- 2013-14 Implementation

Development of Grade 7-9 and 10-12 Treaty education resources is expected to also be a concurrent activity over the next two years, as resources are made available.

Funding for the Treaty Education Initiative is currently being provided by Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC).

The Partners also continue to provide in-kind resourcing or financial support where possible.

For example:

- MFNERC has seconded Dr. Betty Lynxleg to be the writer for the K-4 Teacher Resources;
- Manitoba Education has provided in-kind space for training; and
- AMC continues to support the Council of Elders participation.



Treaty Education Trivia Question #1:

Why is the Royal Proclamation of 1763 so important to Treaties and the Treaty Relationship?

Treaty Education Trivia Question #2:

What is a Treaty?

Treaty Education kits Resources cont..

Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre (MFNERC)

Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre. (2005). *Elders Treaty Video Series: Cross Lake Treaty 5, Sagkeeng Treaty 1, Split Lake Treaty 5, Treaty 4*

Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre. (2004). *Sayisi Dene Treaty 5: Interview with Elder "Granny" Betsy Anderson*

Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre. (2009). *Map of Manitoba First Nations Names and Locations in Ojibwa, Cree, Dakota, Dene and Oji-Cree*

Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre. (2009). *Map of Treaties in Manitoba. [11 x 17]*

Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre. (2008). *First Nations Teachings and Practices. Reprinted 2009*

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC)

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. (2007). *Historic Treaties in Canada: Solemn Words and Foundational Documents in Canadian History. Treaty Policy Directorate, INAC: Gatineau, Quebec. (241p)*

Ibid. (2011). *Treaties in Manitoba Guide.*

Manitoba Education

Manitoba Education. (2010). *Treaties in Canada: A Bibliography. Manitoba Education, Educational Resources Branch Instructional Resource Unit. Bibliography of books, alternate format resources, DVDs, videocassettes and audiovisual materials, and websites. (10 pages)*

Additional Resource

United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (booklet)

Sutherland, Allen (*White Spotted Horse*). (2009). *Canada and the First Nations Historical Time Line: Indigenous Historical Cultural Awareness*

Natural Resources Canada. (2003). *Historical Indian Treaties Map. The Atlas of Canada. Physical copy. Retrieved at http://www.atlas.nrcan.gc.ca/site/english/maps/historical/indiantreaties/historical_treaties*

Manitoba Indian Brotherhood. (1971). *Wahbung: Our Tomorrows.*

Treaty Education Kit Launched



Students from William Whyte School

The Treaty Education Kit was officially launched on September 27th, 2011 at The Forks in Winnipeg.

Chief Yellowquill's descendent passed a duplicate of Treaty One onto Grade 5 and 6 students from William Whyte School. This symbolic exchange launched a new era in Manitoba education that will ensure every student in the province is taught the importance of Treaties and the Treaty Relationship.

Kits are now being made available to Grade 5 and 6 teachers who complete a full two-day regional teacher Treaty education in-service workshop held by the TRCM. Visit the TRCM website for more information.

Other Treaty Education Initiative (TEI) News Bites:

TRCM continues to retain contractors for development of Teachers guides – Dr. Betty Lynxleg will develop the K-4 guides; Connie Wyatt Anderson will be writing the 7-9 Teacher resources and Cynthia Bird will be developing the 10 & 11 teacher resource guides. All three sections will be written and developed concurrently, with drafts to be made available for review by March 31, 2012.

TRCM Presentations at SAGE 2011 – this year Treaty education presentations were made at the Manitoba Elementary Teachers Association, Council for Aboriginal Educators in Manitoba, Manitoba Middle Years Association and the Treaty Education Kits was displayed at Social Sciences venue. Also, a presentation was also made MFNERC Circle of Knowledge & Practices Conference

TRCM Developing Opportunities for School Administrators Treaty Education Training – The TRCM has recently designed a two-day Treaty education training workshop for School Administrators and support staff. The first session will be offered in partnership with the Manitoba Teachers Society on November 28-29, 2011 in Winnipeg.

TRCM Train-the-Trainer Treaty Education Workshops – The TRCM is in the process of identifying venues to offer a two-day Treaty education workshop to divisional/regional consultants and support teachers who are in key positions to support the implementation of Treaty education at the Grade 5 and 6 levels.

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What working together looks like...



(pictures taken at Teacher In-Service October 2011)



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Call for K-4 Treaty Education Learning Resources

The TRCM is actively seeking your assistance to identify age, grade, and subject appropriate teaching resources to support the implementation of Treaty education at the K-4 grade levels. All submissions will be entered in for a draw; details will be in next newsletter.

The following provides general guidelines and criteria for materials:

- Must be age and grade appropriate for K to Grade 4;
- Must have direct relevance to the Treaties and the Treaty relationship in the Manitoba-Canada context, and links to the Treaty experience(s) of other Indigenous peoples;
- Provide a balanced perspective from the First Nations perspective and from the Crown's (Canada's) perspective;
- Include a variety of mediums which ensures the greatest accessibility by all schools and classrooms across Manitoba i.e. print, video, DVD, electronic, on-line websites;
- May also include recommended historical Treaty specific sites; and resource personnel (recognized Elders and historical/cultural teachers) with knowledge about history, traditional teachings and the Treaties.

Recommendations can be forwarded to the TRCM via email, post, or fax:
 Attention: Amanda Simard, Education Coordinator
 Email: asimard@trcm.ca

Kit Distribution Plan for Schools-Process

Kits are to be shared among Grade 5 and 6 teachers (teacher guides are expected to be made available across all grades eventually);

One (1) Kit per school distributed upon completion of two-day Regional In-Service Workshop;

School Librarians are expected to be the point of contact for:

- Treaty Education Kit* distribution at the local level;
- monitoring of the *Kit* sharing within schools; and
- receiving updated materials.

Due to the demand for the workshops, a third two-day Regional Treaty Education Training Workshop has been planned in Winnipeg for February 1-2, 2012

If your name was added to the waiting list please register soon

Trivia Question #1 Answer:

The Royal Proclamation of 1763 recognizes the rights of First Nations to the land they occupied and states that only the Crown (Canada) can acquire the rights to lands from First Nations peoples. Therefore the Royal Proclamation of 1763 is a foundational document to Treaty making and Treaty signing

Trivia Question #2 Answer:

A Treaty is a negotiated agreement between two or more nations. In the Canadian context, this definition applies to Treaties between the Crown (Canada) and the First Nations peoples.