

Treaty Education Initiative

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3rd Regional Treaty Education Training

Originally TRCM had planned to host two regional training sessions but due to the high volume of requests and a lengthy wait list it was decided that 2 additional training sessions would be provided. On February 1 & 2, 2012 the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba was pleased to provide the 3rd Regional Treaty Education Training Session to another 49 participants.

Once again, we are very grateful to another one of our partners, Manitoba Education who provided in-kind space at 1567 Dublin Avenue, Winnipeg MB. This particular session was planned for the teachers and administrators within the Lord Selkirk School Division, Seine River School Division and Hanover School Division. These individual divisions had requested their teachers, so we combined the three divisions by providing 10 seats each as well as 10 for First Nation schools.

As with the past two training sessions, we invited two (2) members of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Council of Elders to present and provide their perspective on the importance of teaching Treaties in the classrooms and why it is important for all students to understand the

historical aspects of Treaties total to 59 schools that have now received the Treaty Relationship. A member of TRCM Education kits and 177 teachers and administrators have now attended and presented on the Canada and First Nations Historical Timeline which provided the participants with further historical information on First Nation people with their relationship with the Crown.

Connie Wyatt Anderson and Cynthia Bird, co-writers of the Grade 5 and 6 Teacher Resources, provided an overview of the Treaty Education Initiative, the Teacher Resources and the Treaty Essential Learnings document, as well as review of sample lesson plans. A correlation to the Manitoba Social Studies curriculum was introduced where teachers were assured that this is not a new curriculum but an excellent resource to be used to enhance the existing provincial Social Studies curricula.

One registrant from each school was presented with a Treaty Education Kit, which included the Teacher Resource packages for Grade 5 and 6 plus a variety of Treaty Education resources. In total TRCM presented 25 kits to teachers including 2 school division consultants. This brings the



Elder D'Arcy Linklater
Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation



Commissioner Wilson presenting a Certificate of Completion to training session participant



What does working together look like?

TEI Treaty Education Kit Distribution List

Arborgate School
 Black River School,
 Blumenort School
 Bothwell School
 Chemawawin School
 Chief Clifford Lynxleg, School
 Daerwood School
 David Livingston School
 Ebb & Flow School
 Ecole Guyot School
 Ecole Riverside School
 Ecole St. Adolphe School
 Ecole St. Norbert Immersion School
 Ecole Swan River South School
 Ginew School
 God's Lake Narrows School
 Greenvally School
 Gypsumville School
 Isaac Beaulieu Memorial School
 James Nisbet Community School
 JB Mitchell School
 Keeseekoowenin School
 Kelsey Community School
 King Edward Community School
 Kleefeld School
 La Barriere Crossings School
 La Salle School
 Landmark Elementary
 Lawrence Sinclair Memorial School
 Lockport School
 Mapleton School
 Marymound School
 Mikisew Middle School
 Mitchell Elementary School
 Mitchell Middle School
 Mosokahiken School
 Mulvey School
 Niji Mahkwa School
 Niverville Elementary School
 Nordale School
 Peguis Central School
 Petit Casmir Memorial School
 Poplar River School
 Richer School
 Ruth Hooker School
 Scott Bateman Middle School
 Silverwinds School
 Southwood School
 St. Andrews School
 St. Anne Elementary School
 St. Emile School
 Steinbach Junior High School
 Taylor School
 Waponahk Community School
 Whitemouth School
 William S. Patterson School
 William Whyte Community School
 Wolsely School
 Woodlawn School

Trivia Question #1

What act was enacted on March 29, 1867 by the British parliament to provide for the Confederation of Canada?

Message from Treaty Commissioner James Wilson



This past year at the TRCM has been a whirl wind of excitement in terms implementing the Treaty Education Initiative (TEI). For the past three years, staff have been diligently writing Teacher Resource documents that would be added to the Treaty Education Kit; In September 2012 we officially released the Treaty and the Treaty Relationship Teacher Resource Guides for Grade 5 and 6 after a successful pilot project was completed in 13 schools. The first major event for the release of the TEI, with guidance from our Elders, materials were taken to a ceremony where they would be given Spiritual Blessings, at *Igniting the Fire Gathering* at Manitou Api in the Whiteshell Provincial Park. Treaty Three Elders brought their drum and conducted the Spiritual Ceremony. Although the weather was not what we hoped, the day was one full of hope and promise for a better tomorrow. Within the following weeks, TRCM publically launched the Treaty Education Initiative at the Forks, another sacred and monumental place of our Ancestors.

We have now successfully completed 3 Regional Treaty Education Training sessions for Grade 5 and 6 teachers plus school administrators. The first session took us North in mid-October; then we hosted the second and third sessions in Winnipeg. The TEI is beginning to target different regional areas; we are in the final planning stages of moving to the Eastside of the province and eventually North and West, so schools in those areas have opportunities to access Treaty education training more readily. Please keep checking our website for future training events.

As far as the Grade 5 & 6 Implementation year is concerned, we are on target. Future plans for the 2012-13 include the possibility of 5 regional catalyst teacher Treaty education training workshops (2 days) which will be divisionally targeted; 2 regional school administrators Treaty education workshops (2 days); one for provincial school administrators and one for locally controlled school administrators. Administrators who attend these sessions will earn accredited hours that can be forwarded to Administration Levels I & II. The focus of these sessions will remain to provide capacity building that supports Treaty education implementation at the Grade 5 and 6 levels.

By the end of March 2012, the writers will have completed the Kindergarten to Grade 4 Teacher Resource packages. Once the review and vetting is complete, TRCM will be contacting selected schools to begin the Pilot for K-4 beginning in September 2012.

TRCM would like to thank all the schools who have participated in past training sessions and we continue to encourage those who have not yet had the opportunity to participate please do so when you are able. The two day sessions have been very well received by all participants and we strive to improve on the delivery of our resources. If you have questions or concerns regarding the Treaty Education Initiative please do not hesitate to contact our office and we will gladly assist.

TRCM Speakers Bureau and TRCM Contact Information Update

The TRCM welcomes all inquiries and requests for presentations from the Speakers' Bureau to attend events, workshops, schools, symposiums and panel discussions. We have seen an increase in requests since the release of the Treaty Education Kits. More schools and post-secondary institutions have been requesting speakers to visit their classrooms to provide their historical, legal and/or oral perspectives on the importance of teaching Treaties in a classroom setting and providing relevant information on the Treaty

Relationship between First Nation and the Crown. With the increase of requests, the Project Coordinator, Joel Edge-Rowntree has recruited more members to be a part of the Speakers' Bureau. Some speakers will speak specifically to the Treaty Education Initiative (TEI). Many of the existing speakers provide an overview on the TEI; however, you can request a member to provide an in-depth presentation on the initiative too.



Allen Sutherland,
TRCM Speaker's
Bureau Presenter

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The use of social media has quickly becoming a new avenue of reaching target audiences. This past summer, TRCM has created a *Facebook* page as well. Even if you are not connected to Facebook, you can still visit our page to keep up to date with where our Speaker Bureau members are presenting. From time to time, updates on the Treaty Education Initiative will also be made available on the Facebook page. Over the next few weeks, TRCM will be revamping our *website* as well. We will be inserting a tab for the Treaty Education Initiative where will find on-line registration forms, the TEI newsletter, updates and photos of events that have taken place. Please visit our *website* and our **Facebook** page often to keep in touch and informed on the initiative.

4th Regional Treaty Education Training Session

Due to the amount of request we have received for further training, we are now moving into another region. The 4th and final Treaty Education Training session for this fiscal year is to be held at the Sagkeeng Family Centre Gymnasium on March 14 & 15, 2012. Please check out TRCMs website (www.trcm.ca) for the on-line registration form. This event to open to all teachers in the Grade 5 & 6 classrooms, regardless if your school has received a Treaty Education Kit already.

TEI policy directs us to distribute one kit per school however the amount of teachers trained is unlimited. Teachers who are intending on implementing Treaty education into their classroom are encouraged to attend this session. Hope to see you there!



Trivia Question #2:

What was the name of the key document that was developed under the leadership of the Manitoba Indian Brotherhood that outlined the need to restore the original spirit and intent of the Treaties and the Treaty relationship?

Futures plans for TEI 2012-2013

Following with the TEI's work plan, the writers' number one priority at this time is to complete the Kindergarten to Grade 4 Teacher Resource packages by the March 2012. Each grade level will have 8 lesson plans, which work out to 2 lessons per theme group: ***K - Working Together; Grade 1 – Celebrating the Treaty Relationship; Grade 2 – The Treaty Relationship; Grade 3 – The Treaty Experience in Manitoba; Grade 4 – The First Nations in Manitoba.***

As with the two previous Teacher Resource guides, these guide will correspond directly with the existing Manitoba social studies curricula for each grade level. Upon completion of guides and the vetting process, the schools selected to participate in the pilot project for K-4 will be contacted with an anticipated start date to be October 2012 with a follow-up session scheduled for February 2013.

The 2012-2013 school year will be a continuation of the implementation of Grade 5 & 6 Teacher Resource guides to even move schools. To date, TRCM has reached 13 of the 37 School Divisions across Manitoba; 19 of the 64 Band Operated school plus 3 Independently Funded schools. TEI staff are working hard to ensure that all schools that would like to participate in future training sessions and begin to implement Treaty education in their classroom, will have access to training in their region. Plans to host sessions in other regions of Manitoba will be finalized soon, so please keep checking our website and Facebook page for further announcements.

The Treaty Education Initiative continues to be encouraged by Administrators and Teachers across the province as they extend their interest in the project and participate in the training sessions.

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Trivia Question #1
Answer:

British North America
Act (BNA) 1867

Trivia Question #2
Answer:

Wahbung: Our
Tomorrows, 1971



Update from K-4 Writer

The TRCM K-Gr. 4 Treaty Education Resource developmental process is rolling forward and is forecasted to have its first draft complete by the end of March 2012. Through the process of development, the TRCM has created new instructional sources that will be directly tied to the TRCM K- Gr. 4 kit...very exciting!

The process for piloting the K- Gr. 4 kit will follow the similar manner as the previous Gr. 5 & 6 Kits. As well, don't forget to make a suggestion for possible instructional resources that could be added to the TEI kits and your name will be entered into a draw for a draw.

Update from 7-9 writer

The Grade 7 Treaty Education Teacher Guide is finished and is in draft form. It is meant to complement the Grade 7 Social Studies curriculum, *People and Places in the World*. The guide provides a background for teachers to implement the teaching of treaties in their classrooms, as well as eight lessons with themes that investigate and contrast the Treaty relationship on an international scale. Lesson plan topics include an exploration of the Saami of Scandinavia, the Treaty of Waitangi in New Zealand, and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Like the Grade 7 Treaty Education Teacher Guide, the Grade 8 Guide is written to support the Social Studies curriculum, *World History: Societies of the Past*. At present, the Guide is in the draft stage, and seven of eight lessons have been crafted. The overarching theme of the Guide is *First Nations Peoples' Societies*, and lesson plan topics include: Historical Treaty Making Sites in Manitoba, Custom Law Rights, and Seven Sacred Teachings.

Update from 10-12 Writer

The themes and topics for the Grade 10-12 Treaty Education Teacher Guides have been identified and presented to the TRCM Sub-Committee for the TEI and to the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs' Council of Elders. All Treaty education themes complement and support the Manitoba Social Studies curriculum themes. The Treaty education topics are related to higher level critical thinking skills of senior students. This means that more complex historical and current topics related to Treaties and the Treaty relationship are examined to support students' awareness and understanding of these complexities. The Grade 10 Treaty Education Teacher Guide is in draft form.

With the prioritization of the K-4 Treaty Education Teacher Guides, the Grade 10-12 work has been temporarily de-prioritized to assist in drafting the Grade 3 Treaty Education Teacher Guide. The work on Grade 10-12 will resume immediately after the Grade 3 Guide is complete. This development is expected to resume after March 31, 2012 and be complete by June 2012.

Other Treaty Education Initiative (TEI) News Bites:

Participant Voices . . . taken from Treaty Education Workshop #3 Evaluations –

- *Was provided with enough information to begin the path of presenting and teaching about Treaties*
- *Yes it was great to get some background knowledge, stories, teachings as well as a chance to look at the kit*
- *I learned a great deal but most importantly, I learned how much I don't know. I am looking forward to getting into the kit materials*

Pilot Project Kindergarten-Grade 4 – beginning in September 2012 selected schools will begin to pilot the K-4 Teacher Resource documents as well the Treaty Education Kit in their schools.

Presentations made on behalf of TEI include:

- ✦ Council of Aboriginal Educators in Manitoba
- ✦ Manitoba Middle Years Association
- ✦ Manitoba Elementary Teacher Association
- ✦ Manitoba Social Sciences Teacher Association
- ✦ Hanover School Division
- ✦ Cross Lake Education Authority
- ✦ MFNERC Lighting the Fire
- ✦ Manitoba Education Research Network

