




# Treaty Education Initiative (TEI)

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## Message from Treaty Commissioner James Wilson



Commissioner Wilson presenting Certificate of Completion

First of all, I would personally like to thank all of the educators who have taken an interest in the Treaty Education Initiative (TEI) over the past year. The Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba (TRCM) welcomes all others to participate as well as we move forward. Also, big thanks to all partners and contributors in the development process of the Treaty Education Resources.

The Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba has been a flurry of activity over the past 12 months. 2011-2012 marks Year 1 of Grade 5 & 6 Implementation which is now complete; Treaty Education Kits have now been introduced into the public school system across the province, as well as in First Nation local controlled schools.

The Kindergarten to Grade 4 Teacher Resources are now complete and a scheduled pilot project will begin in October 2012 to 5 pre-selected schools.

Concurrently, TEI writers are near completion on the Grade 7-12 Teacher Resources, and these are scheduled to be completed by September 2012. The Grade 7-12 pilots will be announced September 2013.

As we continue to move forward, there has been a steady buzz in the TRCM office.

The TEI is only one component under the TRCM Public Education Mandate. The Speakers Bureau is receiving more requests as well. As more and more teachers and administrators are aware of the TEI, the requests for speaking engagements in educational settings have increased; as well as requests to present to non-educational organizations. This can only be viewed as a positive outcome, as the TRCM's ultimate goal is to bring a greater understanding and awareness of the Manitoba Treaties and Treaty relationship.

Throughout the upcoming year, the TRCM Speakers Bureau will continue to strive to reach more schools and organizations by bringing awareness of the importance of the Treaties and the Treaty Relationship and how this era in history played an integral part of development of Manitoba as a province.

As an educator myself, I am extremely pleased to be directly involved with the Treaty Education Initiative and watch it unfold across the province. We have heard from many participants that *it is about time* that Treaty Education is now being taught in schools. Further, with the support of the larger educational institutions and

governing bodies, comprehensive integration of the Treaty education resources is an attainable goal that will be achieved during this mandate of TRCM.

The TEI project is not only getting provincial recognition, but nationally as well. TRCM was invited to participate at a national level meeting with the Assembly of First Nations regarding the development of a national First Nations education kit.

The TRCM will continue to work to ensure the message "*We Are All Treaty People*" will be recognized and understood by all Manitobans. If your school or organization would like presentations from any Speakers Bureau member and for a complete list of speakers, please contact our office and we will gladly assist.

Please continue to visit the TRCM website at [www.trcm.ca](http://www.trcm.ca); Future TEI training opportunities will be posted under the TEI tab.



Participants from Louis Riel SD @ TRCM learning Centre

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

## TREATY EDUCATION INITIATIVE SCHEDULE OF TRAINING:

### May 2012

**#1 Catalyst Teacher Treaty Education:**  
**Prince Charles Education Resource**  
**Centre @ 1075 Wellington - May 31,**  
**June 1, 2012 - COMPLETED**

### August 2012

**#1 Regional Treaty Education Training**  
**Brandon TBC - Aug 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

### September 2012

**First Nations School Administration**  
**Training: Location TBD- September 19 &**  
**21, 2012**

### October 2012

**K-4 Pilot Project Training #1 Location**  
**TBD Winnipeg- October 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**#2 Catalyst Teacher Training - Location**  
**TBD - October 25 & 26, 2012**

### November 2012

**#2 Tentative Regional Training:**  
**Thompson TBC -November 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>,**  
**2012**

### December 2012

**Provincial Train the Trainer MTS**  
**training session for Administrators:**  
**MTS Learning Centre- December 6 & 7,**  
**2012**

### February 2013

**#3 Regional Treaty Education Training:**  
**Location TBC- February 6<sup>th</sup> & 7, 2013**

**K-4 Pilot Project Teacher Training #2:**  
**Location TBC - February 21, 2013**



### Trivia Question #1

**How many numbered Treaties**  
**are there within the province**  
**of Manitoba?**

## TRCM Speakers Bureau Profile

### Dr. Jean Friesen, University of Manitoba

Dr. Friesen is an Associate Professor of History at the University of Manitoba where she teaches Canadian history, Aboriginal history, and public history. She has served as Chair of the Heritage Council of Manitoba and on the Board of the Manitoba Museum, edited the Manitoba History journal, and was a Director of the Forks Renewal Corporation. She represented the Wolseley constituency in the Manitoba Legislature from 1990 to 2003. From 1999 to 2003 she served as Deputy Premier and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs. She has written about the Tsimshian of British Columbia, heritage in Manitoba, and the western Canadian Treaties with First Nations.



Dr. Jean Friesen,  
Professor U of M

Over the past year, Dr. Friesen has been an excellent resource for the TEI by providing a historical overview of the Treaty making process in Manitoba specifically. She has specialized in Treaty No. 1 but is very knowledgeable in all Treaties as well. Dr. Friesen always stresses that her research is from the written documents provided by the Crown, church records as well as other historical written records.

We always receive positive feedback from all participants in the workshops where Dr. Friesen has presented. If you would like to listen to Dr. Friesen's presentation, a video link will soon be added to our website, or you can call the TRCM office and make arrangements to have her visit your community or organization.

## 2011-2012 Implementation Year 1 – Grade 5 & 6

Over the course of the 2011-2012 fiscal year, the TEI began to implement the Treaty Education Kits into classrooms across the province at the grade 5 & 6 levels. TRCM provided a total of 4 Regional Treaty Education teacher in-services and this implementation year distributed a total of 64 kits to schools that now have the Treaty Education Kits and over 110 teachers have been trained.

Next school year TRCM will continue to provide Regional Treaty Education Training sessions in other regions of Manitoba.

As exact locations are confirmed our website will be updated. For more information and a complete schedule of training sessions please continue to visit our website at [www.trcm.ca](http://www.trcm.ca).



Participants from 4th Regional Treaty Education  
workshop – Sagkeeng First Nation

### Trivia Question #2:

**Which First Nation in Manitoba does not have a recognized Treaty with the Crown but are registered as *Indians* with the Government of Canada?**

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**Kindergarten – Grade 4  
Pilot Project scheduled to begin  
October 2012**

Over the past year TEI writers have been drafting teacher resource guides for grades K-4 and are now preparing these documents for final vetting and design. Throughout the duration of TEI Regional Training sessions, teachers and administrators have expressed interest in piloting these new resources in their schools. The schools that have been selected include:

**First Nation Local Controlled Schools:**

- 1. Chief Clifford Lynxleg School**  
Tootinaowaziibeeng Treaty Reserve
- 2. Ginew School**  
Roseau River Anishinabe First Nation

**Provincial Schools:**

- 3. Kelsey Community School**  
Kelsey School Division
- 4. Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Resource Centre**  
Frontier School Division
- 5. Niverville Elementary School**  
Hanover School Division

Pilot schools were asked to consider the following requirements as confirmation of their participation in the K-4 Pilot:

- 1. Identify** up to 5 teachers at the K, - 4 levels;
- 2. Support** their teachers to pilot the K-4 Treaty Education Initiative;
- 3. Support** their teachers to participate in a two-day Treaty education training workshop;
- 4. Support** their teacher to participate in a one-day debriefing workshop;
- 5. Provide** venue(s) for the K-4 Pilot Teachers to share their experiences .



Staff from School District of Mystery Lake



Myrna Ducharme, Dave Swanson, Commissioner Wilson

**School District of Mystery Lake (SDML)  
Professional Development Day – May 10, 2012**

On May 10, 2012, Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba was invited to participate in a division-wide professional development day for all teaching staff in the School District of Mystery Lake. The entire day was well attended by all staff and with the evaluation feedback that was received, it was apparent that the majority of teachers left with a new and better understanding of the Treaties and the Treaty relationship in Canada. The one-day presentation and panel discussion was co-hosted by Elder Nathan McGillivray, AMC Council of Elders, from Opaskwayak Cree Nation and Charlene Lafreniere, Councillor for the City of Thompson.

The day began with greetings from Commissioner Wilson and remarks from Angele Bartlett, SDML Assistant Superintendent; Mayor of the City of Thompson, Tim Johnston; Vince Nowlin, SDML Board of Trustees; Konrad Jonasson, Interim President at UCN; and Anne Lindsay, the President of Thompson Teachers Association. Commissioner Wilson provided an introduction to TRCM and an overview to the Treaties and the Treaty relationship, then Dr. Jean Friesen provided her perspective on the written version of Treaty making in Manitoba. The TRCM Education Coordinator, Amanda Simard, introduced the Treaty Education Initiative to the participants by providing background information and future plans until 2014.

A panel discussion followed which included: Paul Olson, the President of Manitoba Teachers Society (via video recording); Commissioner Wilson, TRCM; Frontier School Division Area 5 Superintendent Dave Swanson; and Myrna Ducharme Treaty Education Initiative pilot school teacher from Joe A. Ross School on the Opaskwayak Cree Nation. The topic for the panel discussion was: **Importance of teaching about Treaties and the Treaty Relationship in all Classrooms.** In keeping with TRCM's presentation process, Elder D'Arcy Linklater from Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation, a member from the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Council of Elders', ended the day by providing the Elders perspective on the Treaties and the importance of teaching the topic in schools, not just to First Nations but to all Canadians.

**SPECIAL FEATURE:**

**Treaty Relations: Grade 5 & Grade 6 classes Teulon Elementary School**

During the 2-day Catalyst training session an administrator from the Interlake School Division approached TRCM staff and brought some exciting news to their attention. Siobhan Faulkner, the Assistant Student Services Administrator/Aboriginal Educator at Teulon Elementary, shared with TEI Project Lead, Education Coordinator as well as AMC Council of Elders Chairperson on the new and exciting events happening in their elementary school once the students had a chance to spend some time with the Treaty Education Kit. The teachers and staff share their learned experiences with surrounding communities. For the full story please visit the Stonewall Teulon Tribune May 24, 2012 edition, online newsletter at:  
<http://www.isd21.mb.ca/pdfs/2012%20ISD%20Connections.inddmay.pdf>

On May 31 & June 1, 2012 TRCM offered the 1<sup>st</sup> Regional Treaty Education Catalyst Teacher Training Session in Winnipeg. This session was hosted by Winnipeg School Division and was attended by participants from Seven Oaks SD, River East SD, Interlake SD, Frontier SD, St. James SD as well as two First Nation Locally Control schools. Once again, TRCM requested and received feedback from all participants and here is what a couple had to say.....

*"I want to share how helpful and effective the Kit has been for me in the classroom and in the division; I appreciate so much the work TRCM has done and continues to do for schools."*

*"Cannot think of any suggestions; totally enjoyed this education opportunity; very well planned and well executed!"*

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Catalyst teacher training announcement will be posted on our website once planning has begun to take place.

### Answers to Trivia Questions

1. There are 7 signed Numbered Treaties in Manitoba; Treaty 9 is also within Manitoba boundaries, however there are no communities in the region.
2. The Dakota Nations were the exception to the Treaty making process but are recognized as having use and occupation of territories within Manitoba and have secured alliances and arrangements with the Crown (Canada).



### Update on TEI: K- 4 Level

The draft K-4 Treaty Education Teacher Guides were completed in March 2012 and are now undergoing a final review by the Sub-Committee partner representatives. All five draft teacher guides support the existing Manitoba Social Studies curriculum. It is expected that these drafts will be available for printing in July and ready for the K-4 Pilot beginning in September 2012. Additional K-4 teacher/student resources were developed by Dr. Betty Lynxleg. They include: a series of three small readers that tell the story of the Treaties and the Treaty relationship and a Treaty ABC's booklet about the Treaties.

### Update on TEI: Grade 7-9 Level

The first drafts of the Grade 7 and 8 Treaty Education Teacher Guides are now complete. Research and development of the Grade 9 Teacher Guide is currently underway and is expected to be completed by the end of July 2012. All three guides support the Manitoba Social Studies curriculum. Review of the guides will take place from September to December 2012; with final revisions in early 2013. These resources are scheduled to be piloted in select schools beginning September 2013.

### Update on TEI: Grade 10-12 Level

The Grade 10 Treaty Education Teacher Guide is in draft form. The research and development of the Grade 11 and 12 guides will take place from June to July 2012. The Grade 11 Treaty Education Teacher Guide is using the enduring understandings of the Grade 11 History of Canada as a jumping off point for the Treaty education topics; while the Grade 12 Treaty Education Teacher Guide is linked to the Grade 12 Global Issues: Citizenship and Sustainability enduring understandings. The Grade 10-12 resources will follow the same schedule as the Grade 7-9: review drafts from September to December 2012; revisions by March 2013; and piloting in September 2013.

All of the Treaty Education Teacher Guides feature Treaty education themes, sub-themes, topics which are linked to the existing Manitoba curriculum. The guides include eight lesson plans with supporting background reading information for the Teacher and Black Line Masters for implementation of the lesson plans.



Participants at the 1<sup>st</sup> Regional Treaty Education Catalyst Training Session

### Other Treaty Education Initiative (TEI) News Bites:

- The New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) is a federal grants and contributions program that supports projects led or inspired by seniors who want to make a difference in the lives of others and in their communities. Funding is available from the New Horizons for Seniors Program, which schools are eligible. Information available at [http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/community\\_partnerships/seniors/index.shtml](http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/community_partnerships/seniors/index.shtml)
- Lord Selkirk School Division & Hanover School Division both have 90% of their schools trained and have Treaty Education Kits.
- New video clips, power point presentations and updated information will be posted on the TRCM TEI tab: [www.trcm.ca](http://www.trcm.ca)

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