



# Treaty Education Initiative

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### Trivia Question #1

What do First Nation People called North America?

### Trivia Question #2

What are the five First Nation languages in Manitoba?

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## Message from Treaty Commissioner James Wilson



Commissioner James Wilson

Greetings and Happy New Year to you all from the staff at the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba. We hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season and is ready for the second part of the 2012-2013 school year.

With each passing month, the TRCM has been getting busier; however this can only be seen as positive and rewarding. Over the past three months, the Speakers Bureau requests have been consistent as you will notice from the list prepared as to where the members have been invited. As the Treaty Commissioner I am always honoured to be invited to speak at the schools and other external organizations. I try to make myself available as often as I can, as Public Education is one of the three pillars of the TRCMs Mandate and education continues to be a priority for myself and for the organization.

Having said that, in terms of training at the grade 5 and 6 levels, we are pleased to announce that we have reached 54% of the School Divisions across the province. This includes having distributed over 200 Treaty Education Kits to classroom teachers, divisional consultants and TEI partners. A total of 129 provincial schools and 23 First Nation schools are now implementing Treaty Education in their classrooms. From now until the end of March, there will be 2 more Regional Treaty Education Training

sessions; one in Brandon and the other in St. Theresa Point First Nation. When developing training schedules the staff at TRCM continues to be mindful that all Manitobans should have equal access and opportunity to attend at least one of the training sessions, and for this reason, Regional Treaty Education Training sessions will be spread out across the province. A draft training schedule for 2013-2014 has been developed and will be available soon in hopes that school divisions can plan their Professional Development days to fit with TRCMs training dates. For more information on these and any other training sessions available through TRCM, please visit the TEI tab located on TRCMs homepage where a full listing of all current and past training sessions are available for viewing.

Provincial and First Nation school administrators now have the opportunity to participate in a two day Treaty Education Training session, as do divisional consultants. These consultants have been referred to as Catalyst Teachers. Some of these Catalyst Teachers have now taken the initiative to provide training to their school teachers and TRCM provides presenters to speak about the Treaties and the Treaty Relationship and the importance for teaching this to all Manitoba students. With the support of the School Administrators as well as the hard work of the divisional consultants, TRCM hopes that we will be able to reach double the amount of schools over the next school year.

If you are a teacher who is now implementing Treaty Education, we wish you well and please contact TRCM at any time if need be. If you have not yet participated in any Treaty education training events we encourage you to join us on this exciting journey. Ekose



### Message from Cynthia Bird, TEI Project Lead

The Treaty Education Initiative continues to be appreciative to all of the people from across Manitoba who have become part of the TRCM's Treaty Education Initiative Network through their involvement in the TEI pilots, the Treaty education training sessions, schools and divisions who have embraced the opportunity to teach about Treaties and the Treaty relationship, including those who have participated as presenters, supporters and advocates for Treaty education in all classrooms. Your excitement, commitment, and leadership are most appreciated. Special acknowledgement is extended to the Treaties Sub-Committee partner representatives and the Assembly of Manitoba Council of Elders who have continued to be fully engaged in the work of the TEI. Thanks also to our leaders Commissioner Wilson and Jennefer Nepinak, Executive Director; and to our colleague from the OTC Ken Horsman. All the best in the New Year – 2013 will be an even more exciting year for Treaty education! The first drafts of new Treaty education resources for Grade 7-12 are coming soon.

## Treaty Education Training Events October – December 2012

### Kindergarten to Grade 4 Pilot October 2012

K-4 Pilot Workshop was held in Winnipeg on October 17-18, 2012 with 21 Kindergarten to Grade 4 teachers from a sampling of schools across Manitoba. The new Treaty education resources developed by Dr. Betty Lynxleg, Elder Doris Pratt, Connie Wyatt-Anderson, and Cynthia Bird were introduced to the teachers along with the Treaty Education Kit. The pilot teachers will be introducing the new K-4 Treaty education resources to their students over the next three months from November 2012 to January 2013. The same group of teachers will then be returning to a one-day session in March 2013 to share their experiences and provide recommendations on the new materials.

Schools Participating in the Kindergarten to Grade 4 Pilot Project are:

-  **Kelsey Community School**, The Pas Manitoba, Kelsey SD
-  **Helen Betty Osborne Ininew Resource Centre**, Norway House Manitoba, Frontier School Division
-  **Chief Clifford Lynxleg School**, Tootinazabiing Treaty Reserve, Local Control
-  **Ginew School**, Roseau River Anishinabe Nation, Local Control
-  **Niverville School**, Niverville Manitoba, Hanover School Division
-  **Ecole Guyot**, Winnipeg Manitoba, Louis Riel School Division

### Catalyst Teacher Training

The second workshop was held in Winnipeg on October 30-31, 2012 with several school division consultants, support teachers, and other educators from across the province. The purpose of the workshop was to provide two days of Treaty education training to participants who are in positions to work with several schools and bring awareness about Treaty education in classrooms. The expectation of catalyst teachers is that they will find entry points to coordinate Treaty education training for classroom teachers interested in teaching about Treaties and the Treaty relationship in their classrooms. The TRCM will support these initiatives with various speakers who can go out to the schools/divisions/regions to provide greater context for teaching Treaties in classrooms and share a variety of perspectives on Treaties and the Treaty relationship. The TRCM is excited about this group of educators, as they will begin to provide the leadership for promoting Treaty education in classrooms as a means of enriching student learning and broadening perspectives on Canada's history and the Treaty relationship that exists among all Canadians.



Catalyst Teacher Training Workshop #2 October 30-31, 2012, Winnipeg, MB

### Regional Treaty Education Training Session – Thompson, MB

The Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba has developed excellent working relationships with several of their partners and continues to be grateful for in-kind contributions that have been granted to the Treaty Education Initiative in regards to space to hold the training sessions. Once again the University College of the North at their Thompson Campus provided space for the northern Regional Treaty Education Training session on November 22 & 23, 2012. UCN hosted participants to this session that included Grade 5 and 6 teachers and other educators from Mystery Lake School Division, Cross Lake Education Authority, Norway House, and University College of the North. Thanks are extended to University College of the North for their hospitality as well as to Allen Sutherland for sharing his perspectives on our shared history. Elder D'Arcy Linklater welcomed everyone to Treaty 5 Territory and shared his insight on Treaties and the Treaty relationship. Special acknowledgement is also extended to Elder Harry Bone for chairing the two-days and supporting the dialogue by sharing his teachings on Treaties and the Treaty relationship. With this training session complete, all schools within the School District of Mystery Lake now all have Treaty Education kits in their schools. With support from SDML superintendent, who spent the two full days with the group, TRCM congratulates the entire District as they move forward together to bring Treaty Education to all students in hub of the north.



Allen Sutherland, TRCM Speakers Bureau Member and participants at the Regional Training session, Thompson Manitoba

### Provincial School Administrators Training – Winnipeg, MB



The Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba now offers Treaty Education Training sessions to school administrators for both the First Nation and Provincial School Administrators. The first of two series presentation took place on December 6 & 7, 2012 in partnership with the Manitoba Teachers Society. There was a total of 15 administrators in attendance for the two days. Elder Harry Bone, Jean Friesen and Dennis White Bird were among the TEI presenters that shared their understanding of the Treaties and the Treaty Relationship to the group. An evaluation was completed and from that we received some positive feedback and as a whole, all participants enjoyed the two days and gain a better understanding of the history of Canada. The First Nations School Administrators training has been scheduled for January 17 & 18, 2013. With school administrators' support, the Treaty Education Initiative will continue to gain momentum and by the end of TRCMs mandate, students all grade levels across the province will have access to Treaty Education resources.

## TRCM Speakers Bureau Profile Elder D'Arcy Linklater

**Speakers' events/organizations who have utilized the Speakers' Bureau since September 2012**

-  Brandon University
-  University of Manitoba
-  University of Winnipeg
-  Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre
-  Turtle Lodge
-  SAGE Conference
-  St. Rose Du Lac
-  Sargent Park School - Teachers
-  Manito Ahbee
-  Healthy Child Day Forum
-  Winnipeg Police Cadets Training
-  Shaughnessy Park School
-  John Henderson Jr. High
-  Principal Sparling School
-  Laura Secord School
-  Garden City Collegiate
-  Seven Oaks School Division - Professional Development
-  Winnipeg School Division 1
-  Royal Bank of Canada
-  Hanover School Division - Professional Development
-  Edmund Partridge school
-  Macdonald Youth Services
-  Public Service Alliance of Canada



AMC Council of Elders member, Speakers Bureau Member and active TEI Elder Presenter, Councilor D'Arcy Linklater

**Trivia Answers**

Answer # 1. Turtle Island

Answer #2 Dene, Cree, Ojibway, Dakota and Oji-Cree

Elder D'Arcy Linklater was born in Nisichawayasihk (Nelson House) and raised by his grandparents who taught him to live openly like the water and the river to experience life to the fullest. His great grandfather was Pierre Moose the Chief who made the Adhesion to Treaty #5 with the Crown in Nelson House on July 30, 1908.

He received his elementary education in Nisichawayasihk and attended residential school in Portage La Prairie where he graduated from high school. He attended Keewatin Community College in The Pas, Manitoba where he graduated from the Natural Resource Management course.

Elder Linklater has worked as a trapper, fisherman, hunter and miner. He was employed with the Department of Natural Resources for eight years in Thompson, Manitoba.

He has been Executive Director for his Cree Nation and an elected leader for over fifteen years. He has a keen interest in justice and equal rights for his people. He continues to work tirelessly for his people with the aim of combating injustices and poverty.

His dream is to move away from wardship towards social and economic justice. He seeks sustainable ways to use the natural resources in a way that will provide meaningful opportunity for First Nations people while at the same time providing the protection and respect for the land.

**Speakers Bureau Update**

Through dialogue and information sharing the Speakers Bureau is a service provided by the TRCM that continues to work to create an understanding about the historical and contemporary issues that relate to Treaty and the Treaty Relationship. The Speakers Bureau was launched in 2006 and has increased participation to 30 active members from the Treaty territories in Manitoba who are well versed with knowledge and experience about the Treaties. The Speakers Bureau is a communications mechanism that is adaptable to each audience. In the coming year, TEI will be developing TEI specific speakers utilizing existing members as well as recruiting new members. Please visit TRCMs website to find out more information.

