



## Sod-turning ceremony on urban reserve in Swan River

Eight years after buying land in the Town of Swan River, the Sapotaweyak Cree Nation (SCN) held a sod-turning ceremony on its urban reserve on July 23, 2014.

## Northlands Denesuline First Nation Chief and Council meets TLEC

On the first official day of fall, Chief Leo Dettanikkeaze and Council Members of the Northlands Dene First Nation (NDFN) welcomed TLEC's President, Chief Nelson Genaille, and staff to Lac Brochet, MB, on September 23, 2014, for a face-to-face meeting.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the implementation status of the NDFN's Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) agreement, which was signed on November 9, 1999.

Under its TLE agreement, the NDFN is entitled to select 94,084 acres of Crown Land.

To date, a total of 66,832.52 acres has been selected by the First Nation within its Treaty and traditional territory.

Left-right: Swan River Mayor Glen McKenzie (in beige pants), Chief Nelson Genaille and others breaking ground in Swan River, MB.

Construction of a video lottery terminal (VLT) and sports lounge is now underway after the sod was turned by SCN's Chief Nelson Genaille and Swan River's Mayor Glen McKenzie.

On April 3, 2006, SCN acquired .14 acres in Swan River, known as the "Former Liquor Control Commission" property, at 108-6th Ave South.

Canada converted this parcel to reserve land earlier this year on February 23, 2014.

On March 31, 1998, SCN, Canada and Manitoba signed a Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) agreement under the Manitoba Framework Agreement on TLE.

At that time, SCN was entitled to select 108,134 acres of available Crown Land and purchase, or acquire, 36,045 acres of "Other" Land for economic and social benefit.

Construction of SCN's VLT and sports lounge is expected to be completed by December 2014.

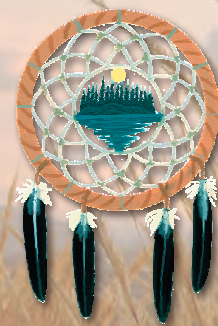
Canada has set aside a total of four (4) selections to Reserve for the use and benefit of the NDFN, comprising of 4,134 acres.

NDFN has yet to formally select 27,251.48 acres under its TLE agreement.

The NDFN is signatory to Treaty No. 10 and is located at Lac Brochet, MB.



Left-right: Councillor Lena Sha'oullie, Councillor Joe Danttouze, Councillor Joe Hyslop, TLEC's Linda Reimer, Chief Leo Dettanikkeaze, Councillor Joe Antsanen, & TLEC's Chief Nelson Genaille.



# Treaty Land Entitlement Committee of Manitoba Inc.

# UPDATE

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## TLEC's 2014 Annual General Meeting

On June 24 and 25, 2014, the Treaty Land Entitlement Committee (TLEC) of Manitoba held its 2014 Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Kikiwak Inn in the Opaskwayak Cree Nation (OCN).



Board of Directors, Left-Right: Chief Nelson Genaille, Chief Morris Swan Shannacappo, Chief Irvin Sinclair, Councillor Paul Chief & TLE Trustee Craig Audy

The following individuals were elected to the TLEC Board for a two year term (2014-2016), as well as being appointed to the following TLEC Executive Committee positions, pursuant to TLEC's By-Law No.1:

**Chief Nelson Genaille,**  
**Sapotaweyak Cree Nation – President;**

**Councillor Paul Chief,**  
**Brokenhead Ojibway Nation – Vice-President;**

**Chief Irvin Sinclair,**  
**Bunibonibee Cree Nation – Treasurer;**

**TLE Trustee Craig Audy,**  
**Wuskwi Sipihk First Nation – Secretary; and,**

**Chief Morris Swan Shannacappo,**  
**Rolling River First Nation – Board Director.**

TLEC thanks Councillor Joe Antsanen, Northlands Dene First Nation, for allowing his name to stand for nomination and former Board member Chief Arlen Dumas, Mathias Colomb Cree Nation, for his service to the TLEC Board from 2012 to 2014.

As of October 2014, Canada has converted a total of 462,727.11 acres to Reserve for 14 of the 15 EFNs that have signed their individual TLE agreements under the MFA.

OCN is where the Manitoba Framework Agreement (MFA) on Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) was signed by Canada, Manitoba and the TLEC on May 29, 1997.

The MFA details the way Canada, Manitoba and TLEC have agreed to fulfill the outstanding TLE claims for the Entitlement First Nations (EFNs) represented by the TLEC.

The TLEC's Implementation Secretariat provides technical support to its Member EFNs in the TLE Land Selection and Acquisition process under the MFA.

Day One - June 24, 2014 – of the AGM focused on year-end reports from TLEC's Implementation Secretariat staff, including presentation of TLEC's year-end financial statements for 2013-2014.

In the afternoon, the TLEC's 15 Voting Members elected a new Board of Directors for the TLEC.

The Manitoba Treaty Land Entitlement Framework Agreement:

# "A DEBT TO BE PAID"

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## TLEC wins binding arbitration case

After 7 years of non-stop analysis and talk, TLEC's "issue-in-dispute" against the Province of Manitoba on portages was put through a binding arbitration hearing on March 27, 2014.



Chief Irvin Sinclair,  
Bunibonibee Cree Nation

### What exactly was in dispute?

How Manitoba refused to turn over certain sections of eligible Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) Crown Land selections made by Entitlement First Nations (EFNs).

Manitoba wanted to ensure that members of the "general public" had a continued right of "public passage" to portage over certain transportation routes within the EFN's TLE Crown Land selections.

This specific issue-in-dispute involved Bunibonibee Cree Nation's (BCN) 2 Crown Land TLE selections ("Trout Falls" and "Wipanipanis Portage") totaling 946.39 acres and was the first issue-in-dispute to proceed to binding arbitration under the 1997 Manitoba Framework Agreement (MFA) on TLE.

On April 16, 2014, Mr. Lawrie Cherniack, the appointed adjudicator, issued his award

in favour of "...TLEC's ultimate position" and stated the following:

**"I therefore find that the MFA does in fact address the issue of public access to portages and that the parties intended to omit this issue from the Principles.**

**Manitoba therefore has a duty to transfer to Canada the eligible lands in question, including the public access to portages (one of the Crown Reservations to be transferred), for the benefit of BCN." (Adjudicator's Decision, Pages 31 & 32)**

### Mr. Cherniack further stated:

**"Having declared that the sites in question are eligible, and having no other basis for objecting to the sites, Manitoba must fulfill its obligations under the MFA and transfer to Canada**

## TLE LAND CONVERSION UPDATE 2014

### PRESENT STATUS:

The following chart provides the Crown Land and Other Land Amounts that each Entitlement First Nation ("EFN") is entitled to receive under the Manitoba Treaty Land Entitlement Framework Agreement (1997). For those EFNs that have signed their individual Treaty Entitlement Agreements ("TEAs") under the Framework Agreement, it also provides the amount of acres that have been converted to Reserve as of October 2014.

Entitlement First Nations	Crown Land (no minimum)	Other Land Entitlement Acres	Total Treaty Land Entitlement	Acres Converted to Reserve as of Oct. 2014
Barren Lands	66,420.00	-	66,420.00	-
Brokenhead	4,344.00	10,137.00	14,481.00	679.46
Buffalo Point	3,432.00	607.00	4,039.00	2,369.70
Bunibonibee	35,434.00	-	35,434.00	31,342.34
God's Lake	42,600.00	-	42,600.00	16,301.75
God's River (Manto Sipi)	8,725.00	-	8,725.00	4,284.00
Mathias Colomb	217,364.00	-	217,364.00	172,538.49
Nisichawayasihk	61,761.00	-	61,761.00	33,816.01
Northlands	94,084.00	-	94,084.00	4,134.00
Norway House	104,784.00	-	104,784.00	42,045.53
Opaskwayak	47,658.00	8,410.00	56,068.00	24,375.30
Rolling River	2,356.00	44,756.00	47,112.00	5,468.57
Sapotaweyak	108,134.00	36,045.00	144,179.00	99,701.73
War Lake	7,156.00	-	7,156.00	480.40
Wuskwi Sipi	44,168.00	14,722.00	58,890.00	25,189.83
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>848,420.00</b>	<b>114,677.00</b>	<b>963,097.00</b>	<b>462,727.11</b>

**the eligible lands in question, including the public access to portages (one of the Crown Reservations to be transferred), for the benefit of the BCN." (Adjudicator's Decision, Page 33)**

On July 18, 2014, Manitoba Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Minister Eric Robinson wrote to TLEC's President, Chief Nelson Genaille, advising that MB was abandoning its

position on portages and would transfer all TLE Crown Land selections, affected and held up by MB's position, to Canada for reserve creation under the MFA.

This means that roughly 20,327.91 acres, comprising 7 TLE Crown Land selections made by certain EFNs (including BCN's 2 selections), will now be transferred to Canada to be set apart as reserve.

