



(left-right) Winnipeg Mayor Brian Bowman, BON Chief Jim Bear, and Minister Kevin Chieff.

On April 14, 2015, government-to-government talks were held between BON and the City of Winnipeg at the Manitoba Legislature.

The topic of discussion? BON's Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) agreement and Winnipeg's Municipal Aboriginal Pathways (MAPS) policy framework.

This high-level meeting between BON's Chief Bear and Mayor Bowman was hosted by Manitoba's Minister Responsible for the City of Winnipeg, the Honourable Kevin Chieff.

"As we look to the City of Winnipeg for possible TLE land acquisitions, I wanted to start our possible relationship with the city in a good way," said Chief Bear.

On September 9, 1998, the BON signed its TLE agreement under the 1997 Manitoba Framework Agreement (MFA) on TLE.

Under BON's TLE agreement, they were provided with a Land Acquisition payment to enable them to buy, or purchase, "Other Land" on a "willing seller/willing buyer" basis.

BON has purchased several acres of land in the Rural Municipality of East St. Paul, and on October 10, 2008, **7.4 acres** was set aside as Reserve by Canada under BON's TLE agreement.

Currently, there is only one official urban reserve in Winnipeg.

Under its TLE agreement, the Long Plain First Nation purchased land on Madison Street, close to Polo Park, in 2006.

## Brokenhead Ojibway Nation Chief meets with Winnipeg's Mayor

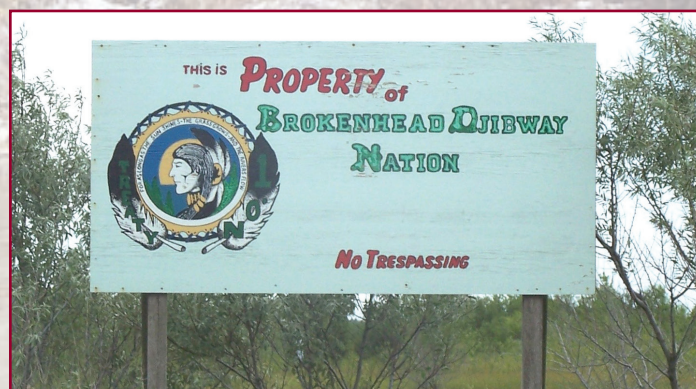
In a move reminiscent of the Treaty Number One negotiations in 1871, tobacco and a blade of sweetgrass was offered to Winnipeg's Mayor Brian Bowman by Chief Jim Bear, of the Brokenhead Ojibway Nation (BON), at their first introductory meeting.

The Yellowquill College and a Petro Canada gas station are now located on this parcel.

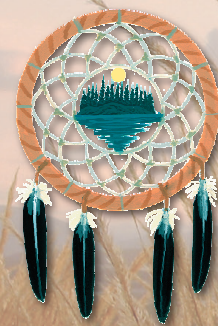
In July 2010, with help from former Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Grand Chief Ron Evans and former Mayor Sam Katz, Long Plain and the City of Winnipeg signed a municipal services and development agreement for the land, setting the stage for the development of this 3 acre parcel.

On May 23, 2013, the property was officially set aside as an Indian reserve by Canada for the "use and benefit" of the Long Plain Indian Band.

During the 2014 civic election, Mayor Bowman indicated his support for urban reserves in Winnipeg in responding to a Mayoral Candidates Questionnaire prepared by the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce.



BON signage of their "Na-sha-ke-penais Indian Reserve" in the R.M. of East St. Paul.



# Treaty Land Entitlement Committee of Manitoba Inc.

## UPDATE

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## TLEC signs partnership agreement with the AMM and TRCM

On March 17, 2015, a partnership agreement was signed by the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM), the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba (TRCM) and the Treaty Land Entitlement Committee (TLEC) of Manitoba.

The agreement is part of an ongoing dialogue aimed at establishing a more open and effective Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) process in Manitoba.

According to **Doug Dobrowolski**, President of the AMM, the agreement further solidifies a relationship that is already working well. "The AMM meets regularly with the TRCM and the TLEC and we've collaborated on a number of initiatives," he said. "The TLE claim process is complicated, and open communication is absolutely essential to keep these agreements moving along."

"The original intent of the treaties was to create shared prosperity for everyone in Manitoba through cooperation and respect," said **James Wilson**, Treaty Commissioner of the TRCM. "Today's agreement is signed in that same spirit and reminds us resolving outstanding treaty land entitlements will mean a stronger province for our children and grandchildren."

"With the heightened interest in TLE, the Kapyong Barracks and the recent economic development ventures on urban reserves in Winnipeg and Swan River, the signing of this agreement is timely," said Sapotaweyak Cree Nation **Chief Nelson Genaille**, President of the TLEC. "We want to demystify the misconceptions of "Indian Reserves", the TLE process and pave the way for more urban reserves throughout Manitoba. And the only way to achieve these goals is through on-going dialogue and working together."



(left-right) Treaty Commissioner James Wilson, Chief Nelson Genaille, and AMM President Doug Dobrowolski.

Dobrowolski says the agreement goes beyond simply encouraging further dialogue amongst the parties. "It's about cooperation not only amongst our three organizations, but with the federal and provincial governments as well—we are all working together in Manitoba."

The signing ceremony took place at the AMM's Municipal Officials Seminar in Winnipeg.

To review the complete text of the agreement, please see Pages 2 & 3.

The Manitoba Treaty Land Entitlement Framework Agreement:

# "A DEBT TO BE PAID"



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“We All Work Together”

Memorandum of Understanding between the  
Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba (TRCM),  
Treaty Land Entitlement Committee of Manitoba Inc. (TLEC) &  
Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM)

### Background

The Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba (TRCM) is a neutral body, created through partnership between the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) and Canada with a mandate to strengthen, rebuild and enhance the Treaty relationship and mutual respect as envisaged by the Treaty parties.

The Treaty Land Entitlement Committee of Manitoba Inc. (TLEC) represents 21 Member Entitlement First Nations in Manitoba and is mandated to provide its Member Entitlement First Nations with technical and support services in the implementation of their individual Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) agreements signed under the 1997 Manitoba Treaty Land Entitlement Framework Agreement.

The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) represents all 137 municipalities in Manitoba. The AMM’s mission is to identify and address the needs and concerns of those members to achieve strong and effective municipal government.

The three parties to this agreement will establish and maintain a mutually beneficial partnership aimed at enhancing the knowledge of First Nations and Canadians within Manitoba regarding the significance of the Treaties, TLE and the Treaty relationship.

This agreement complements the Partnership Agreement established and signed between TLEC and TRCM in the Opaskwayak Cree Nation, Manitoba, on March 30, 2011.

### Objectives

The parties commit to participating in an on-going dialogue to establish a more open and effective Treaty Land Entitlement process in Manitoba.

During the term of the partnership, and to the extent possible, the parties will undertake the following:

- Review the established TLE-related municipal service agreements between First Nations and municipalities in Manitoba and other provinces.
- Draft template agreements to assist municipalities and First Nations involved in TLE related and other negotiations.
- Establish and communicate points of contact in the Federal and Provincial Government who can assist First Nations and municipalities with the TLE and other processes.

### Roles & Responsibilities

The parties agree to attend meetings and share information and expertise to contribute to the development of an improved TLE process complete with online resources and tools, such as templates.

The TRCM will perform secretariat duties, such as scheduling and hosting meetings.

The parties will jointly engage Provincial and Federal orders of Government and other stakeholders to achieve the objectives for work done under this agreement.

### Resources

The parties agree to share knowledge and expertise of the TLE and involve individuals and organizations that can assist in meeting objectives when required

### Confidential Information

The parties shall not disclose any confidential information to any outside parties nor use any confidential information for any purpose other than agreed under this partnership agreement, without the express of consent of the other parties.

### Designated Representatives

Each party will designate a representative(s) to engage in the dialog and negotiations required to achieve the objectives defined in this partnership agreement.


### Terms and Conditions

The agreement will become effective immediately after signing by all parties and will remain in effect until March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 with the goal of achieving all objectives prior to this date.

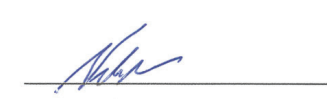
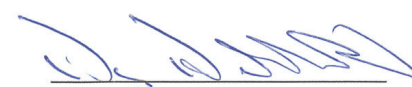
This agreement can be modified and extended at any time if all three parties agree.

This agreement is neither intended to create any legally binding obligations nor affect existing operations of any of three organizations who are committing to undertake this work on volunteer basis.

This agreement does not replace or take away from any of the current or future bi-lateral discussions between TLEC’s Members EFNs and certain municipalities regarding lands acquired within municipalities.

  
James B. Wilson, Treaty Commissioner

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