



# Treaty Land Entitlement Committee of Manitoba Inc.

## Progress Report 2017/2018



A Treaty Promise made.  
A Treaty Promise to be kept.





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- Image 3:** TLEC Staff:  
Left-right: Terry Ettawacappo, Renata Meconse, Lana Major, Linda Reimer, Marion Wilson, and Chris Henderson.
- Image 4:** Left-right: Mayor Chris Goertzen (Steinbach, MB) & President of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities, Deputy Chief Richard Dumas (Mathias Colomb Cree Nation) & Vice-President of TLEC, and Honourable Eileen Clarke, Minister of Manitoba Indigenous and Northern Relations.

## Acronyms used in this Progress Report

“**ATR**” means Canada’s Additions to Reserve Policy

“**AGM**” means Annual General Meeting

“**INAC**” means Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada

“**EFN**” means Entitlement First Nation

“**IMC**” means the Implementation Monitoring Committee

“**MFA**” or “**Framework Agreement**” means the 1997 Manitoba Framework Agreement on Treaty Land Entitlement

“**MDSA**” means Municipal Development and Services Agreement

“**SAC**” means Senior Advisory Committee

“**TEA**” means a Treaty Entitlement Agreement or a “**TLE**” agreement

“**TLEC**” means the Treaty Land Entitlement Committee of Manitoba Inc.

“**TLE**” means Treaty Land Entitlement

“**TPI**” means Third Party Interest



## Message From Chief Nelson Genaille - TLEC President



**T**ansi! On behalf of the Treaty Land Entitlement Committee (TLEC) of Manitoba's Board of Directors, I am honoured to provide greetings for this Progress Report.

On May 29, 2017, we observed the 20 year anniversary of the signing of the 1997 Manitoba Framework Agreement (MFA) on TLE.

Over the last number of years, limited progress has been achieved under the MFA's implementation.

The reason for this is due to Canada's unilateral decision to alter and amend the MFA's implementation process.

In 2012, Canada advised TLEC that they must now consult other Aboriginal groups prior to setting aside TLE lands as Reserve under the MFA.

It's our position that this unilateral act constitutes a material amendment to the MFA, which we vigorously disagree with because when the MFA

was signed in 1997, consultation was not part of the MFA's implementation process and our Member EFNs have not yet consented to this amendment.

The MFA, while not a Treaty itself, is an agreement whose purpose is to implement, in a timely fashion, the long outstanding constitutionalized promise of TLE in Manitoba. This promise now remains outstanding for some of our Member EFNs for more than 145 years.

Canada's decision to consult on the TLE land conversion process has caused unnecessary delays and defeats the ultimate purpose of the MFA which is to enable our Member EFNs to Select and/or Acquire parcels of land in Manitoba, and for the Crown to set apart that land as Reserve in fulfillment of the per capita provision of the Treaties.

Despite this challenge, we were hopeful when the Liberal Party of Canada promised to speed up the TLE land conversion process back in 2015 during the federal general election campaign.

Specifically, on October 9, 2015, the President of the Liberal Party of Canada, Anna Gainey on behalf of

Party Leader Justin Trudeau, made the following commitment to the TLEC:

**“A Liberal government will fast track Treaty Land Entitlement in Manitoba and work to complete this long overdue process within the next decade. We will ensure that the federal government allocates adequate resources to complete land surveys in a timely manner and cut through red tape to speed up setting TLE lands aside as reserve lands.”**

Since the two year anniversary of the Liberal federal government (October 19, 2017), are they making good on this TLE campaign pledge?

For the 2015-2016 year, Canada's Indigenous and Northern Affairs (INAC) Minister Carolyn Bennett did set aside a total of 3,105 acres of TLE lands as Reserve under the MFA.

Under the MFA, TLE lands are set aside as “Indian Reserve” by Ministerial Order, meaning the INAC Minister signs off on the paperwork.

For the 2016-2017 year, INAC targeted roughly **44,000 acres** of TLE lands for Reserve creation by March 31, 2017. This target was not met.

As of January 2018, approximately **25,519.67 acres** of TLE lands have been set aside as Reserve by Canada under the MFA.

I also want to thank the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Chiefs-in-Assembly for adopting a resolution of support for TLE implementation in Manitoba during the AFN's Annual General Assembly last July 2017 in Regina, Saskatchewan.

Moving forward, we will use this resolution, along with the Liberal Party's 2015 TLE campaign promise, to ensure TLE implementation in Manitoba remains a top priority for this Trudeau federal government.

In closing, I thank our Member EFNs and our technical staff for their efforts and work in ensuring TLEC meets its implementation obligations to its EFNs under the MFA.

Ekosi! Megwetch!

**Chief Nelson Genaille**  
**President – Board of Directors**



## Introduction:

# The Manitoba Framework Agreement On Treaty Land Entitlement

On May 29, 1997, the Manitoba Framework Agreement (MFA) on Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) was signed between Canada, Manitoba and the Treaty Land Entitlement Committee of Manitoba Inc., on behalf of 19 Entitlement First Nations (EFNs), at the Opaskwayak Cree Nation, Manitoba.

The MFA outlines how the Parties – Canada, Manitoba, TLEC and the EFNs – have agreed to fulfill the outstanding TLE obligations in Manitoba arising from the Numbered Treaties. It sets out the principles, responsibilities and dispute resolution processes associated with the land selection and acquisition process.

The MFA provides for up to a total of 1,100,626 acres of additional Reserve land to be selected and/or acquired for those EFNs that agreed to accept the MFA's terms through community approval process votes.

Of the 1,100,626 acres, 985,949 is the Crown Land Amount to be selected and 114,677 is the acreage amount to be acquired, or purchased, by the six (6) EFNs who were provided with land acquisition payments due to insufficient amounts of available Crown Land to select from within their territories.

Shortly after the signing of the MFA, Canada recognized the O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree Nation and the Marcel Colomb First Nation as separate First

Nations under the Indian Act. As a result, both these First Nations are now eligible to sign on to the MFA and receive additional Reserve land.

One of the unique aspects of the MFA is the Implementation Monitoring Committee (IMC). The IMC is generally responsible for facilitating the implementation of the MFA and any Treaty Entitlement Agreement (TEA) signed by the EFNs, by monitoring and reporting on progress, making recommendations to facilitate implementation and assisting the MFA Parties in resolving matters and issues in dispute.

The IMC is made up of five (5) members: two (2) representatives appointed by TLEC, one representative for each of Canada and Manitoba and an Independent Chairperson.

TLE refers to land owed to certain First Nations under the Numbered Treaties in Manitoba signed by the First Nations and the British Crown between 1871 and 1910. Treaties 1 to 10 provided that the Crown would set aside a certain amount of land as Reserve land based on the populations of the "Indian bands" at the time of the original surveys for Reserve lands. Not all Indian bands received their land entitlement as promised in the Numbered Treaties and this is what is referred to as "Treaty Land Entitlement".



## TLEC'S Implementation Responsibilities

As set out in Article 33.02, General Responsibilities of TLE Committee, of the MFA, TLEC will assist with the implementation of the MFA and each TEA signed by TLEC's Member EFNs, by undertaking the following:

1. To provide technical and professional support to an EFN in planning and conducting the Community Approval Process (CAP);
2. To develop and deliver a communications program for the EFNs informing them about the implementation of the MFA;
3. To provide professional and technical support to an EFN in explaining the provisions contained in the MFA and the TEA and in the implementation of both agreements;
4. To establish a working relationship with the departments and staff of Canada and Manitoba in support of the implementation of the MFA;
5. To provide professional and technical support to an EFN in all aspects of the Selection or Acquisition of land to be set apart as "Reserve", including:
  - a) Reviewing and commenting on the Land Selection Study undertaken by the EFN;
  - b) Liaison with Manitoba in the process of review of proposed Dispositions and Mineral Dispositions within each EFN's Community Interest Zone (CIZ);
  - c) Reviewing the application of the Principles to the Selection or Acquisition of land;
  - d) The preparation and negotiation of agreements necessary for the Selection or Acquisition of land;
  - e) The monitoring of the land transfer process;
  - f) The monitoring of the process of setting apart land as reserve;
  - g) The negotiation of municipal development and services agreements as required;
  - h) The removal, discharge or accommodation of Third Party Interests;
  - i) To provide professional and technical support to the Implementation Monitoring Committee (IMC) at meetings and aiding in resolving and mediating disputes amongst the major parties involved.
6. To produce documents and manuals in support of the implementation of the MFA; and,
7. To produce reports on the progress of the implementation of the MFA and TEAs.

### TLEC'S 2017 Annual General Meeting

On June 26 & 27, 2017, TLEC held its 2017 Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Brokenhead Ojibway Nation (BON).

The AGM focused on year-end reports from TLEC's Implementation Secretariat staff, including presentation of TLEC's year-end financial statements for 2016-2017.

In addition, TLEC reported on the funding support provided to the 15 EFNs through the Third Party Interest (TPI) Account.

This funding has enabled the EFNs to hire a TLE/TPI Coordinator to work on resolving the various TPIs affecting their TLE Land Selections and Acquisitions.

As stated in the MFA, Section 20.06(1) (a), the TPI Account shall be used, "...for the purposes of discharging, replacing or accommodating Third Party Interests affecting land Selected or Acquired by Entitlement First Nations".

### Three Party Strategic Work Plan

Under Article 31.01, Undertaking of Parties, within the MFA, it states:

*"The TLE Committee, Canada and Manitoba agree that they will, in good*

*faith, use their best efforts to fulfill the terms of this Agreement."*

In accordance with this article, Canada, Manitoba and TLEC (commonly referred to as the "Parties") have developed an Annual Work Plan for each fiscal year that identifies the EFNs' TLE Land Selections and/or Acquisitions for conversion to Reserve under the MFA.

This Annual Plan sets out a series of objectives and target dates to coordinate and synchronize the efforts of the Parties, current status of the parcels, and to monitor and track the land transfer and Reserve creation process. The end goal being the setting apart of TLE lands as Reserve.

TLEC has also continued to support and assist the EFNs in their efforts to resolve and accommodate the various TPIs on their TLE Land Selections and Acquisitions.

### Buffalo Point First Nation

TLEC supported the Buffalo Point First Nation (BPFN) as they became the first EFN to successfully challenge the Manitoba government's refusal to allow TLE Selections within provincial parks.

In October 2016, BPFN and Manitoba argued before an independent adjudicator, under binding arbitration, on the word "generally" in relation to



BPFN's TLE Land Selection within the Birch Point Provincial Park.

BPFN first selected Birch Point in 1994, prior to signing its TEA on March 24, 1998, under the MFA.

The Birch Point Selection is 105 acres and includes the entire Birch Point Provincial Park, which is 32 acres in size.

Under the MFA, it was agreed by Canada, Manitoba and TLEC that EFNs, like BPFN, "may not *generally* Select land in a provincial park..."

BPFN argued that because of their unique location, and other cultural factors, this wording enables exceptions to be made, therefore allowing them to make a selection in a park and having that land set aside as Reserve. Manitoba did not agree with this position.

On December 22, 2016, the adjudicator, Ms. Sherri Walsh, issued her decision and stated that the BPFN's Birch Point TLE Selection is eligible to be set aside as Reserve:

**"I find that the Birch Point selection is eligible to be set apart as Reserve in accordance with the Principles for Land Selection and Acquisition, having regard to the wording of subsection 3.03(6) of the Manitoba Treaty Land Entitlement Framework Agreement.**

**In accordance with subsection 35.04(3)(c) I also find that the Province is required to take the necessary action to give effect to this determination."**

Unfortunately, on January 22, 2017, Manitoba appealed this decision to the Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench, in accordance with Section 35.05, Appeal of Binding Arbitration Awards, within the MFA.

### First Nations-Municipal Relations

As reported in 2014-2015, a partnership agreement was signed by the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM), the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba (TRCM) and the TLEC on March 17, 2015.

This agreement was part of an ongoing dialogue aimed at establishing a more open and effective TLE process in Manitoba with respect to TLE land acquisitions in municipalities.

In March 2017, a working group of these organizations and other government participants developed a Treaty Land Entitlement Information Toolkit to serve as an educational tool for municipalities in relation to TLE acquisitions and municipal development and services agreements.



# TLE Land Conversion Update

Entitlement First Nations	Crown Land (no minimum)	Other Land Entitlement Acres	Total Treaty Land Entitlement	Acres Converted to Reserve as of Jan. 2018
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	2,450.90
Bunibonibee	35,434.00	-	35,434.00	31,342.34
God’s Lake	42,600.00	-	42,600.00	16,310.04
Manto Sipi	8,725.00	-	8,725.00	5,540.90
Mathias Colomb	217,364.00	-	217,364.00	175,346.34
Nisichawayasihk	61,761.00	-	61,761.00	33,816.01
Northlands	94,084.00	-	94,084.00	14,595.84
Norway House	104,784.00	-	104,784.00	42,045.53
Opaskwayak	47,658.00	8,410.00	56,068.00	29,685.30
Rolling River	2,356.00	44,756.00	47,112.00	5,931.60
Sapotaweyak	108,134.00	36,045.00	144,179.00	99,701.87
War Lake	7,156.00	-	7,156.00	486.19
Wuskwi Sipihk	44,168.00	14,722.00	58,890.00	26,618.54
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>848,420.00</b>	<b>114,677.00</b>	<b>963,097.00</b>	<b>484,550.86</b>
*Fox Lake	26,391.00	-	26,391.00	3.21
*Marcel Colomb	17,007.00	-	17,007.00	-
*O-Pipon-Na-Piwin	17,674.29	-	17,674.29	-
*Sayisi Dene	22,372.00	-	22,372.00	-
*Shamattawa	24,912.00	-	24,912.00	-
*York Factory	29,173.00	-	29,173.00	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>137,529.29</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>137,529.29</b>	<b>3.21</b>

\* To date, these six First Nations have not signed their individual Treaty Entitlement Agreements under the Manitoba Treaty Land Entitlement Framework Agreement.





Left-right: Councillor Johnny Anderson, Chief Nelson Genaille, Councillor Willie Moore, Councillor Hubert Watt & Deputy Chief Richard Dumas.

The TLEC is governed by a Board of Directors, comprised of five (5) individuals elected from and by the TLEC Voting Members in accordance with TLEC’s By-Law.

Directors are voted in by the Voting Members every two years at TLEC’s Annual General Meetings, which TLEC is required to hold annually by July 31 of each calendar year.

The TLEC Board of Directors leads and guides the policies, objectives and strategic direction of the TLEC, all the while ensuring TLEC fulfills its MFA implementation responsibilities.

As of January 2018, the TLEC Board of Directors consists of the following individuals:

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

**Deputy Chief Richard Dumas, Vice-President**  
Mathias Colomb Cree Nation;

**Councillor Johnny Anderson, Treasurer**  
Norway House Cree Nation;

**Councillor Willie Moore, Secretary**  
Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation; and,

**Councillor Hubert Watt, Board Director**  
God’s Lake First Nation.

**Elder Advisor, Mr. Jimmy Hunter Spence,**  
Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation



## Executive Director's Report



A n i i n /  
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Greetings. My  
name is Chris  
Henderson and I  
am the Executive  
Director of TLEC's  
Implementation  
Secretariat.

I have been in this position since April 2010, and I am also one of TLEC's Representatives on the Implementation Monitoring Committee (IMC).

Since 2008, TLEC has operated under an annual Contribution Funding Arrangement (CFA) with Canada through its formerly named Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada and now called Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC). This funding relationship has allowed and enabled TLEC to continue fulfilling its TLE implementation responsibilities, as well as continuing to serve and represent its Member EFNs.

As of January 2018, 15 EFNs have executed their individual TEAs under the MFA and are currently engaged in the land selection and acquisition process.

To date, Canada has set aside a total of 484,550.86 acres of land as Reserve for 14 out of these 15 EFNs.

The Barren Lands First Nation (BLFN) has seen 0 lands set aside as Reserve due to unresolved issues regarding "Land-in-Severalty" and SaskPower's unregulated use of Reindeer Lake, which affects some of BLFN's TLE Land Selections.

In accordance with Article 33 of the MFA, TLEC's Implementation Secretariat identified the following as priority areas of focus and attention for the 2017-2018 fiscal year:

- Continued participation in the Three Party Work Plan Process and assisting the EFNs where required under this plan;
- Continuing to support the Barren Lands First Nation in their negotiations process aimed at resolving the "Land-in-Severalty" issue;
- Continuing to support the Buffalo Point First Nation's Birch Point Provincial Park TLE Selection post-binding arbitration decision;
- Monitoring, and assisting where requested, the Brokenhead Ojibway Nation's negotiations with Manitoba and Manitoba Hydro to conclude a hydro easement agreement on their TLE Selections;
- Implementation of a Third Party Interest Resolutions strategy, with a specific emphasis on resolving mining claims and reasonable use areas for lodges;

- Convening and participating in regular Parcel Review Meetings with the EFNs, Canada and Manitoba;
- Assisting and encouraging those specific EFNs in making new Crown Land Selections;
- Assisting and supporting the six (6) Schedule "B" EFNs in their efforts to acquire Surplus Provincial Crown Land;
- Any other implementation issues and matters deemed important by TLEC's EFNs;
- On-going implementation of an external communications strategy informing EFNs and other audiences about the implementation status of the MFA; and,
- Distribution of TLEC information, newsletters and annual reports to the EFNs, various special interest groups and other members of the public through TLEC's website and Facebook page.

In 2017, TLEC also utilized and invoked binding arbitration, one of the dispute resolution mechanisms within the MFA, against Canada for unilaterally amending the MFA's implementation process without the written consent of TLEC (\*See

TLEC's President's Report for more information on this issue-in-dispute). As of the publication of this Progress Report, we await the Adjudicator's Decision on this binding arbitration process.

I thank the TLEC Board for their leadership and guidance and the TLEC staff for their dedication and work in assisting our Member EFNs in the implementation of the MFA.

In closing, we remind Canada and Manitoba of the sacred obligations under all TLE agreements signed with Treaty First Nations, as stated in the 2015 Federal Court of Appeal's decision regarding the Kapyong Barracks and Treaty One First Nations:

**"Agreements such as these are not be interpreted like commercial contracts. Instead, they must be interpreted in accordance with the objectives of honourable conduct, reconciliation and fair dealing with Aboriginal peoples..."**  
(Paragraph 118, Federal Court of Appeal, August 14, 2015)

Miigwech/Ekosi/Masi Cho/Thank you,

**Chris Henderson**  
**Executive Director**



## Finance/Office Manager's Message



**T**ansi! My name is Terry Ettawacappo and I am from Norway House Cree Nation which I consider my home.

This is going on my fourth year of employment as

Finance/Office Manager with the TLEC. I hold a Certified Aboriginal Financial Management (CAFM) designation.

I provide overall financial management and administration of the TLEC Limited Partnership, Third Party Interest Account, and financial administration of the Implementation Monitoring Committee.

As part of my duties, I also report at all TLEC Board of Directors meetings to share information on position reports and financial statements to allow for informed decisions.

TLEC engaged the services of Heartland Chartered Accountants to conduct the financial audit 2016-2017 for TLEC Limited Partnership and the Third Party Interest Account. The audit was completed successfully and was distributed and reported to TLEC's Member EFNs at TLEC's Annual General Meeting held at the Brokenhead Ojibway Nation in June 2017.

BCV Asset Management also reported to the EFNs at the 2017 AGM on the position and activity of the investments in the Third Party Interest Account. The reporting requirements were met with Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada.

I remain optimistic that all parties can come together in good faith to resolve the outstanding treaty obligation of reserve creation.

Ekosani,

***Terry Ettawacappo, CAFM***  
***Finance/Office Manager***



## Implementation Advisor's Message



**H**ello. My name is Linda Reimer, a member of the Sandy Bay First Nation, Manitoba.

I joined the TLEC team on November 2009. It was my intention to assist the First Nations

in their efforts to implement the Treaty obligation of the Crowns under the MFA.

My assigned EFNs include: Bunibonibee Cree Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, God's Lake First Nation, Northlands Dene First Nation, Norway House Cree Nation, Opaskwayak Cree Nation, and War Lake First Nation.

I am pleased to finally report that a number of Reserves have been created for my assigned EFNs for fiscal years 2016/2017 and 2017/2018: Bunibonibee Cree Nation has 2 Reserves created on March 17, 2017; God's Lake First Nation had 2 Reserves created on May 1, 2017; Northlands Denesuline First Nation had 2 Reserves created on March 30, 2017, and 8 created on May 12, 2017; Norway House Cree Nation had one Reserve created on March 30, 2017; Opaskwayak Cree Nation had 1 Reserve created on July 13, 2017; and War Lake First Nation had 17 Lots set aside as one Reserve on July 13, 2017 in the Town of Ilford.

As an Implementation Advisor, I provide orientation sessions of the TPI

program and the MFA to the new TPI Coordinators. I continue to update the Annual Work Plans, and attend the Strategic Planning meetings and TLEC's Special Meetings as required. The Annual Work Plan identifies the individual detail steps for each party, and the inter-dependence of each Party's role in this process. The Annual Work plan is our guide to track and monitor the progress of the land selections and acquisitions.

I will continue to assist my assigned EFNs in their efforts to achieve and resolve their issues on their priority parcels, which may include negotiating resolutions to the Third Party Interests. This work also includes discussing and attempting to resolve the Hydro Easements, caveats, mining claims, MTS, Manitoba Hydro utility permits, MDSAs, and the Tourist Operation Impacts.

I look forward to supporting the EFNs along with TLEC staff to continue to implement the MFA, and reminding Canada and Manitoba to maintain the integrity and honour of the Crown.

In spite of all our frustrations, we all work together to ensure that future generations will inherit what was promised to them under the Treaties. We will assist one another in moving forward to have our EFNs' lands set apart as Reserves.

Miigwech/Thank you,

**Linda Reimer**  
**Implementation Advisor**



## A/Implementation Advisor's Message



**M**y name is Marion Wilson. I am of Cree ancestry and a member of the Peguis First Nation.

I have worked over 14 years in the administrative field under the mandate of the 1997 Framework Agreement (MFA) on Treaty Land Entitlement. Over the years, I have been employed as the Executive Assistant for both the Treaty Land Entitlement Committee and the Implementation Monitoring Committee and most recently in November of 2016 I have been appointed as Acting Implementation Advisor.

I have been assigned to work with the following Entitlement First Nations (EFNs): Sapotaweyak Cree Nation, Rolling River First Nation and most recently the Brokenhead Ojibway Nation, Manto Sipi Cree Nation, Mathias Colomb Cree Nation, Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation and the Wuskwi Sipiik First Nation.

My role is to assist my assigned EFNs with the implementation of their respective Treaty Entitlement Agreements. I attend all party parcel review meetings with the EFNs, along with Manitoba and Canada, where current updates are provided and focus is on the methods of resolving Third Party Interests that

encumber the TLE land selections and acquisitions.

I also participate in the Strategic Planning meetings along with my TLEC colleagues, Manitoba and Canada. At this table, the Annual Work Plan and other tools are maintained to transfer land as effectively and quickly as possible to Reserve status.

Over the past year there has been some minor improvement in the amount of Crown land and Other land acres that have been converted to Reserve status as you will see in this report.

With that being said, it is still frustrating for our EFNs regarding the amount of land being converted yearly. The MFA was signed 20 years ago this May 2017 and there is always room for improvement and effort to get the lands converted to Reserve.

My encouragement is to all EFNs, the TLEC, the Government of Manitoba and the Government of Canada to continue on implementing the 1997 MFA in good faith and to transfer all selected and acquired lands to reserve for the benefit of our children's future and beyond.

Thank you.

**Marion Wilson**  
**A/Implementation Advisor**



## Project Manager's Message



**M**y name is Jaymie Leary Balfour. I joined the Treaty Land Entitlement Committee in February of 2015 as a Project Manager for the Third Party Interest Support Project.

It has been my pleasure to work with the Entitlement First Nations leadership, administration, and Treaty Land Entitlement/Third Party Interest Coordinators and have been made to feel most welcome.

I am responsible in working with our 15 Member EFNs in their implementation of Third Party Interest Support Project funding and their journey towards Reserve creation.

I was also responsible to provide technical support on the Treaty Land Entitlement files for Barren Lands First Nation, Mathias Colomb Cree Nation, Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation and Wuskwi Sipiik First Nation.

I am trained in the field of Environmental Science and Project Management and was raised on the Nelson River in Northern Manitoba. I gained valuable knowledge of the Reserve creation processes while working with Norway House in their TLE endeavors and can speak directly to the experiences from an Entitlement

First Nation perspective. I have a strong connection and understanding of the principles of protection for our traditional territories which is represented in my work.

I work closely with the TLEC and EFN Finance Officers in the administration of the TPI funding and oversee the activity reporting from the TLE/TPI coordinators from each of our communities. I provide support to our technicians and liaise with government representatives so that a path towards potential solutions can be developed.

TLEC, Manitoba, and Canada staff members work together on strategic planning materials and the annual work plans which are defined by all parties. I also provide technical support for TLEC organized events and report back to the Board of Directors and the Membership Entitlement First Nations with pertinent information.

The realization of the promises made in Treaty extends beyond the conversion of land and is integral to the current relationships in which we exist today.

I would like to encourage the Entitlement First Nations to continue to work diligently towards the best possible outcome and demonstrate our true resilience.

**\*NOTE: Jaymie is currently on Maternity & Parental Leave from TLEC and will be returning to her position in May 2018.**



## A/Executive Assistant's Message



**H**e l l o /  
Booshoo!  
My name  
is Lana Major I am  
an Ojibway from  
Ochiichagwe'  
Babigo'Ining First  
Nation Treaty 3 in  
Kenora, Ontario.

I have been part of the TLEC since November of 2016 and am currently in a term position until next March 2018 as the Acting Executive Assistant.

Prior to starting my role at TLEC I was working in the hospitality industry as a Sales Coordinator/Event Planner, Front Desk Manager and I also work as a Support Worker part time on the weekends in group homes supporting Aboriginal Youth.

In 2017, I attended and coordinated the TLEC Special Meetings – two in Winnipeg and another meeting in Ottawa. I coordinated the 2017 Annual General Meeting hosted by the Brokenhead Ojibway Nation at the South Beach Casino & Resort.

Under the direction of TLEC's Executive Director, my primary duties included the coordination and preparation for TLEC Board of Directors meetings, Special Meetings, the AGM, travel arrangements and coordination for the Board of Directors, staff and EFN Representatives. I also provide

administrative and receptionist support for TLEC and the IMC Chairperson.

This position has been a new learning experience for me about the TLE process in Manitoba and the challenges all the EFNs are facing with their own Selections. I am impressed with the formidable knowledge they have of their lands and how they collaborate together collectively for a common goal.

It is truly a powerful sight to see how they support and encourage one another in their current endeavors and to also learn about the struggles and setbacks they are battling to overcome for their TLE lands.

They acknowledge what has been achieved in the past which bolsters their courage and motivation to move forward to build and create something for the future of their great nations.

I am privileged to be a part of this process and to learn from these mighty warriors who are fighting for their entitlements. I am very fortunate to have met everyone involved in the process and am hopeful about the future and the next steps.

Meegwetch,

**Lana Major**  
**A/Executive Assistant**



## Acting Implementation Advisor's Message



**A**aniin, Tansi,  
Wotziye,  
Greetings!  
Renata Meconse  
Ndishnikaaz.

It is an honour to provide greetings to you as a new team member of the TLEC. I am

Anishinaabe and my community is Pinaymootang First Nation (Treaty No. 2).

I am very grateful to be fulfilling a year-long term at TLEC having started in June 2017. My role at TLEC includes providing support in communications and implementation.

My work experience and background is deeply-rooted in First Nations-focused communications. I have worked across the spectrum of First Nations issues helping bring awareness through my work with media, First Nations and organizations. I have had the privilege of working with Manitoba First Nations for over 10 years in my field through media/public relations and internal/external communications.

Throughout my career, I have worked in communications capacity with: Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (MKO), the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA in B.C.), Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC), the Province of Manitoba, the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba (TRCM) and Canada.

In my role with the TLEC team, I am focused on developing a greater awareness of TLE, the work that is happening and that needs to happen in Manitoba. I also support the overall TLEC efforts to work with Canada and Manitoba, to move TLE forward.

This past spring, I had the opportunity to be part of and attend the 2017 TLEC Annual General Meeting. It was a good opportunity to meet, learn and hear from the First Nations. I have also had the opportunity to attend Treaty and TLE-related events over the summer which I have shared through the TLEC Social Media accounts I have developed in my role supporting communications.

With that, I say Miigwetch.

**Renata Meconse**  
**A/Implementation Advisor**

\*NOTE: In late December 2017, Renata resigned from her term position with TLEC. TLEC thanks her for her services and wishes her continued success in her new career endeavour.



# Treaty Land Entitlement Committee of Manitoba Inc.

## Member Entitlement First Nations

Barren Lands First Nation.....	Treaty No. 10
Brokenhead Ojibway Nation .....	Treaty No. 1
Buffalo Point First Nation .....	Treaty No. 3
Bunibonibee Cree Nation.....	Treaty No. 5
Fox Lake First Nation.....	Treaty No. 5
God's Lake First Nation .....	Treaty No. 5
Manto Sipi Cree Nation.....	Treaty No. 5
Marcel Colomb First Nation.....	Treaty No. 6
Mathias Colomb Cree Nation.....	Treaty No. 6
Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation .....	Treaty No. 5
Northlands Dene First Nation .....	Treaty No. 10
Norway House Cree Nation .....	Treaty No. 5
Opaskwayak Cree Nation.....	Treaty No. 5
O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree Nation.....	Treaty No. 5
Rolling River First Nation .....	Treaty No. 4
Sapotaweyak Cree Nation .....	Treaty No. 4
Sayisi Dene First Nation .....	Treaty No. 5
Shamattawa First Nation .....	Treaty No. 5
War Lake First Nation .....	Treaty No. 5
Wuskwi Sipiik First Nation .....	Treaty No. 4
York Factory First Nation.....	Treaty No. 5



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