



Treaty Land Entitlement Committee of Manitoba Inc.

Progress Report 2019/2020



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A Treaty Promise to be kept.



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Glossary of Abbreviations used in this Progress Report

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

“**AGM**” means Annual General Meeting

“**DISC**” means Department of Indigenous Services 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 a 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



Tansi! 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.

I also want to thank our Member Entitlement First Nations (EFNs) for their continued support in my service as TLEC's President.

The TLEC is a stand-alone, rights-based organization whose primary objective is to help our Member EFNs secure their Reserve land entitlement under their Treaties with the Crown in right of Canada.

To achieve this goal, the MFA was signed on **May 29, 1997**, by the TLEC, Canada and Manitoba to provide a total of 1.1 million acres of Reserve land to our Member EFNs.

23 years later, over **552,000** acres has been set aside as Reserve by Canada under the MFA, in spite of Canada's consultation process with non-MFA Aboriginal groups, which we still oppose.

In 2017, we took Canada to binding arbitration for unilaterally amending the MFA's agreed-to implementation process without our consent. In 2012, Canada advised us that they would be consulting other Aboriginal

groups prior to setting aside TLE lands as Reserve. This was a breach of the MFA's terms and original implementation process.

Then in March 2018, the appointed Adjudicator issued her decision and ruled that Canada did breach its obligations to our Member EFNs under the MFA.

Following this decision, we tried to negotiate a mutually acceptable remedy, or resolution agreement, with Canada but failed to reach an agreement in 2018.

Then on February 20, 2019, we filed a Notice of Application in the Federal Court of Canada seeking a declaration that the Releases and Indemnities signed by each of TLEC's Member EFNs in favour of Canada, as required under the MFA, are void and ineffective, and that Canada is barred from relying on these Releases and Indemnities.

This court action was authorized by our Member EFNs. Following this court application, Canada reached out to TLEC and asked if we would agree to mediation under the supervision of the Federal Court. We agreed. Unfortunately, this too did not resolve our dispute.

If the declaration is granted by a judge, this would clear the way for the TLEC to sue Canada for loss of use under the Treaty land claims process.

In 1997, when our Member EFNs agreed to accept the MFA's deal for land to settle our outstanding TLE claims, we were required to provide Canada with a conditional release where we agreed that further legal action would not be pursued by us.

However, 23 years later, Canada is failing to hold up the Honour of the Crown in fulfilling its Treaty obligations under the MFA. And as I stated earlier, they have breached the MFA's terms by unilaterally amending the TLE land conversion process without our consent, which was confirmed by the Adjudicator's 2018 decision. And this on-going breach continues.

That being said, we remain open to negotiating a possible settlement, outside of the court action, that could resolve our EFNs' objections to Canada's on-going breaches of the 1997 MFA and achieving the constitutional goal of reconciliation.

In October 2019, we witnessed the re-election of the Liberal Party of Canada under Party Leader Justin Trudeau.

Recall that on October 9, 2015, then President of the Liberal Party, Anna Gainey, on behalf of Party Leader Justin Trudeau, made the following commitment to our Member EFNs:

"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 being elected in 2015, the Trudeau government has set aside over 90,000 acres as Reserve under the 1997 MFA, again in spite of Canada's consultation process with non-MFA Aboriginal groups and only after certain Aboriginal groups consent to these parcels becoming Reserve. This consent, in our view, effectively amounts to a veto over the TLE land conversion process.

As we venture forth in 2020, our Federal Court Application will be reactivated and we look forward to having our day in court.

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.

During this past fiscal year, TLEC continued to use its best efforts in working with Canada and Manitoba under the Three Party Strategic Planning Process, and assisting the EFNs in advancing their TLE parcels towards Reserve creation. This work also involved organizing and participating in regular parcel review meetings with the EFNs, Canada and Manitoba.

TLEC also continued to support and assist the EFNs in their efforts to resolve and accommodate the various third party interests and other encumbrances on their TLE Land Selections and Acquisitions. Specifically, this included providing direct funding support to the EFNs from the Third Party Interest Account, which TLEC administers.

TLEC also assisted and supported the Northland Dene First Nation in its Referral to the IMC for resolution of Manitoba's Reasonable Use Areas for lodges and outcamps, which affects five (5) of their TLE Crown Land Selections. This effort resulted in Manitoba relinquishing the Reasonable Use Areas on these Selections.

On the matter of TLEC's objection to Canada's consultation process with non-MFA Aboriginal groups, on February 20, 2019, TLEC filed its Notice of Application in the Federal Court of Canada as per the following section within the MFA:

X.05 Suspension of Release

(4) In the event Canada has committed an Event of Default and that Event of Default continues for a period of 180 days, the Entitlement First Nation shall be entitled to request a declaration before a court of competent jurisdiction that the Release and Indemnity is void or ineffective in whole or in part and that Canada is barred from relying on the Release and Indemnity.

This court action was a direct result of not reaching a resolution agreement with Canada following a binding arbitration decision in March 2018. This decision ruled that Canada breached its MFA obligations to the EFNs by unilaterally amending the MFA - without the EFN's consent - with its consultation process.

Following this application, in March 2019, TLEC and Canada agreed to mediation under the supervision of the Federal Court of Canada, effectively putting this case in abeyance.

One of the items that was being discussed and considered under the mediation process, which was confidential, is amending the 1997 MFA. In November 2018, Canada provided TLEC with \$1 million to hold meetings with the EFNs to discuss proposed MFA amendments.

In early 2019, Canada agreed to allow TLEC to continue using this funding in the 2019-2020 fiscal year, instead of returning the unused dollars by March 31, 2019. As a result, TLEC utilized this money for the following:

1. To hold meetings with the EFNs in Winnipeg, MB; and
2. Covering TLEC's travel and legal costs under the mediation process.

With respect to the Mediation Sessions, a total of five (5) sessions were held:

1. July 11 & 12, 2019 in Vancouver, B.C.;
2. July 23, 2019 in Winnipeg, MB;
3. September 18 & 19, 2019 in Ottawa;
4. November 20 & 21, 2019 in Toronto; and,
5. January 15, 2020, in Winnipeg, MB.

TLEC held the following Special Meetings in Winnipeg with the EFNs:

1. November 27 – 29, 2018;
2. February 4, 2019;
3. June 10 & 11, 2019;
4. July 17, 2019;
5. August 20, 2019;
6. October 8, 2019;

7. October 31, 2019;
8. December 13, 2019; and,
9. January 30 & 31, 2020.

The purpose of each of these meetings was to provide an update on the Mediation Process between TLEC and Canada, and to receive input and further direction from the TLEC Voting Members.

Following TLEC's Special Meeting on January 30 & 31, 2020, TLEC's Voting Members decided to abandon the Mediation Process and reactivate the Federal Court Application filed on February 20, 2019.

On July 25, 2019, the Sapotaweyak Cree Nation (SCN) held a grand opening for its Petro Gas Bar and Convenience Store on its second urban Reserve in the Town of Swan River, MB.

SCN's second urban Reserve is .21 acres and was set aside as Reserve by Canada on May 4, 2018, under SCN's TEA.

The SCN is the only EFN to have two (2) urban Reserves in the same town under the 1997 MFA.

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 March 2020
Barren Lands	66,420.00	-	66,420.00	80.56
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	32,721.60
God’s Lake	42,600.00	-	42,600.00	16,310.04
Manto Sipi	8,725.00	-	8,725.00	5,544.06
Mathias Colomb	217,364.00	-	217,364.00	175,340.34
Nisichawayasihk	61,761.00	-	61,761.00	33,816.01
Northlands	94,084.00	-	94,084.00	52,728.42
Norway House	104,784.00	-	104,784.00	66,745.38
Opaskwayak	47,658.00	8,410.00	56,068.00	29,685.30
Rolling River	2,356.00	44,756.00	47,112.00	6,207.20
Sapotaweyak	108,134.00	36,045.00	144,179.00	99,702.08
War Lake	7,156.00	-	7,156.00	4,282.60
Wuskwi Sipi	44,168.00	14,722.00	58,890.00	26,618.54
TOTAL	848,420.00	114,677.00	963,097.00	552,912.49
*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	-
Total	137,529.29	-	137,529.29	3.21

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



Left-right: Chief Nelson Genaille (Sapotaweyak Cree Nation), Elder Jimmy Hunter Spence (Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation), Chief John Clarke (Barren Lands First Nation), Councillor Modeste Tsessaze (Northlands Dene First Nation), & Councillor Willie Moore (Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation).

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 March 2020, the TLEC Board of Directors consists of the following individuals:

- **Chief Nelson Genaille**, President - Sapotaweyak Cree Nation;
- **Councillor Willie Moore**, Vice-President – Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation;
- **Chief Elwood Zastre**, Treasurer – Wuskwi Sipihk First Nation;
- **Councillor Modeste Tsessaze**, Secretary – Northlands Dene First Nation;
- **Chief John Clarke**, Board Director – Barren Lands First Nation; and,
- **Elder Jimmy Hunter-Spence**, Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation.

Executive Director's Report



A a n i i n /
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T a n s i /
Greetings. My name
is Chris Henderson
and I am the
E x e c u t i v e
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).

Under the MFA, the IMC is generally responsible for facilitating the implementation of the MFA and any TEAs signed by the EFNs by monitoring and reporting on progress, making recommendations to facilitate implementation and assisting the MFA parties – Canada, Manitoba, TLEC and the EFNs - in resolving matters and issues in dispute.

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

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 Services Canada. 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 March 2020, 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 over 552,000 acres of land as Reserve for these 15 EFNs, in spite of Canada's consultation process with non-MFA Aboriginal groups, which is an on-going breach of the MFA.

In accordance with Article 33 of the MFA, TLEC's Implementation Secretariat focused on the following priority areas in the 2019-2020 fiscal year:

- TLEC continued to inform and educate the EFNs about the Strategic Planning Work Plan through regular Parcel Review Meetings with Canada and Manitoba and working with the EFNs to address the various issues affecting their TLE Land Selections and Acquisitions;
- Continuing to support and assist the EFNs in their efforts to address, resolve and accommodate the various third party interests and encumbrances on their TLE Land Selections and Acquisitions;
- Continuing to support the Barren Lands First Nation in their negotiations to finalize the Land-in-Severalty Implementation Agreement;
- Continuing to support the Buffalo Point First Nation's Birch Point Provincial Park TLE Selection post-binding arbitration decision process;
- Assisting the Northlands Denesuline First Nation in its Referral to the IMC for resolution of Manitoba's Reasonable Use Areas for lodges and outcamps, which affects five (5) of their TLE Crown Land Selections;
- Continued participation on the Mining Claims Working Group, which aims to address the on-Reserve Surface Access Rights legislative gap by establishing a Surface Access Rights Regulation for Manitoba under the First Nations Commercial and Industrial Development Act;
- TLEC provided regular updates on its Facebook page; and,
- TLEC also continued its participation in the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba's Speakers Bureau and provided presentations on TLEC to various student groups.

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 closing, I encourage our Member EFNs to remain focused and determined in advancing their TLE Land Selections and Acquisitions through the MFA's complex step-by-step Reserve creation process.

Miigwech/Ekosani/Masi Cho/Thank you,

Chris Henderson
Executive Director

Finance/Office Manager's Message



Tansi! My name is Terry Ettawacappo and I am from the Norway House Cree Nation.

I would like to wish you and your family good health.

This is going on my sixth (6th) year of employment as Finance/Office Manager with the Treaty Land Entitlement Committee of MB. I hold a Certified Aboriginal Financial Management (CAFM) designation and a Business Administration Diploma.

I provide overall financial management and administration of the TLEC Limited Partnership, Third Party Interest Account, and financial administration of the Implementation Monitoring Committee. Financial reports are prepared and presented to TLEC's Board of Directors to allow for informed decisions. The financial reports include year to date position, variances, and reporting on the Third Party Interest Account investments.

TLEC engaged the services of Heartland CPAs to conduct the financial audit 2019-2020 for TLEC Limited Partnership, and the Third Party Interest Account. The audits were completed successfully and presented to the Member Entitlement First Nations (EFNs) at TLEC's Annual General Meeting held at Brokenhead Ojibway Nation in June 2019.

Also, during the AGM, an update was provided to the EFNs on the position and activity of the investments in the Third Party Interest Account. The audited financial statements were submitted to Indigenous Service Canada as required.

I continue to remain hopeful that all parties can come together in good faith to resolve the outstanding Treaty obligations and the full realization of Indigenous peoples' rights.

Ekosani,

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

Implementation Advisor's Message



Hello. My name is Linda Reimer, a member of the Sandy Bay First Nation.

I joined the TLEC team on November 2009 and I recently celebrated my 10 year work anniversary with the TLEC. I have enjoyed working with the TLEC team and also the TPI Community Coordinators in their efforts to address the Third Party Interests (TPIs) on their TLE parcels.

I am pleased to report that a number of Reserves have been created in 2019 for my assigned Entitlement First Nations (EFNs):

- Bunibonibee Cree Nation: had 1 Reserve created (2 parcels combined into one reserve) on July 12, 2019;
- Northlands Denesuline First Nation had 6 Reserves created on May 9, 2019; and,
- Norway House Cree Nation had 10 Reserves created on May 9, 2019.

With respect to my other three assigned EFNs;

- God's Lake First Nation has a survey under way for one parcel;
- Opaskwayak Cree Nation is making progress in acquiring new parcels; and,

- War Lake First Nation selected 7 new selections in the Town of Ilford, and are negotiating the resolution of the TPIs.

As an Implementation Advisor, I provide orientation sessions on the TPI Support Project and the MFA to the new TPI Coordinators. I continue to update the Annual Work Plans, which identifies the individual detail steps for each party, and the interdependence of each Party. The Annual Work plan is the guide for all parties to track and monitor the progress of the TLE Selections and Acquisitions. I also update the Land Transfer Reserve Creation Manual charts for my assigned files, attend the Strategic Planning meetings, Parcel Review meetings, TLEC Special Meetings, and community meetings as required. .

I will continue to stay focused in assisting my assigned EFNs in their efforts to achieve their goals in resolving their issues on their parcels, which may include negotiating resolutions to the TPIs, Hydro Easements, caveats, mining claims, MTS, Manitoba Hydro utility permits, and MDSAs.

In spite of all our frustrations dealing with TPIs and the delays caused by Canada's consultation process, we will 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 lands set apart as Reserves.

Miigwech/Thank you,

Linda Reimer
Implementation Advisor

A/Implementation Advisor's Message



Hello, my name is Marion Wilson. I am of Cree/Ojibway ancestry and a member of the Peguis First Nation in Manitoba. I have worked under the mandate of the 1997 Manitoba Framework

Agreement (MFA) on Treaty Land Entitlement since 2003. Over the years, I have been employed as the Executive Assistant for both the TLEC and the Implementation Monitoring Committee and in November 2016 I was appointed as Acting Implementation Advisor.

I am honoured to provide support to my assigned Entitlement First Nations (EFNs); Brokenhead Ojibway Nation, Manto Sipi Cree Nation, Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation, Rolling River First Nation and Sapotaweyak Cree 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, community meetings, support 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 their TLE Land Selections and Acquisitions such as Manitoba Hydro, MTS Utility Permits, caveats, municipal issues, hydro easements, Manitoba Infrastructure interests and

mining claim leases/permits. The end goal is to transfer our Member EFNs' TLE lands to Reserve.

The main highlights that I have been involved in over this past year include:

- Creation of Rolling River First Nation's acquired lands to Reserve in Headingley, MB;
- Sapotaweyak Cree Nation's grand opening of their business venture on their second urban Reserve in Swan River, MB;
- Attending the TLEC Annual General Meeting and presenting on the progress and current status of my assigned EFNs work; and,
- Attending the Additions to Reserve Training in November 2016.

Though the MFA implementation process is slow, progress has been steady and it is through the dedicated efforts of the EFN's respective Chiefs and Council and TLE/TPI Coordinators that progress can be achieved. 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 sheer determination to transfer all selected and acquired lands to Reserve status for the benefit of our children's future.

I look forward to continuing this work and one day seeing the completion of converting all Treaty lands to Reserve.

Marion Wilson
A/Implementation Advisor

Project Manager's Message



My 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. I have been

away on Maternity and Parental leave from May 2017 to December 2018.

I am responsible in working with our 15 Member EFNs under the Third Party Interest Support Project, which provides funding to these EFNs to address and resolve third party interests on their TLE parcels as they work towards Reserve creation.

I am also responsible for providing technical support on the TLE files for Barren Lands First Nation, Mathias Colomb Cree Nation, Buffalo Point First 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 Member 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; we all have an important role to play.

Ekosani,

Jaymie Leary Balfour
Project Manager

A/Executive Assistant's Message



Tansi! My name is Mandy Gudjonson and I am a proud member of the Norway House Cree Nation which is located in the Treaty 5 Territory in northern Manitoba.

I moved to Winnipeg after completing high school and a University 1 program that was offered in my community. Prior to starting with TLEC, I attained my Business Administration Diploma in 2008 and have several years of experience working in the administration field for other progressive Indigenous organizations.

I am going into my 2nd year term position with TLEC as the Acting Executive Assistant; I was hired in June of 2018. I am grateful for this opportunity to work with the TLEC staff, the Board and the EFN representatives.

I have gained a wealth of experience and knowledge and look forward to continue learning and growing with this opportunity.

My primary duties with TLEC include the coordination and preparation of TLEC Special Meetings, Board Meetings and the Annual General Meetings and I also handle travel arrangements for the Board and staff and EFN representatives for these meetings. I provide various administrative and receptionist duties; such as maintaining the office welcoming, answering phone calls and taking messages and logging incoming mail and filing to name a few.

I have enjoyed working with the TLEC team and meeting many new faces who are also working tirelessly to get lands converted. As much as it is challenging following the tedious process of getting lands rightfully returned back to the EFNs, it is very well worth it.

It is a great privilege and honour to be a part of the TLEC team and I look forward to learning more on the importance and complexity of the TLE land conversion process.

We are all hopeful that Canada and Manitoba will continue to work to get lands converted in a timely fashion.

Ekosani,

Mandy Gudjonson
A/Executive Assistant

Various Images from 2019-2020



TLEC Voting Members at TLEC's 2019 AGM in Brokenhead Ojibway Nation.

Chief Elwood Zastre, Wuskwi Sipihk First Nation (TLEC's Board Treasurer), at TLEC's 2019 AGM.



TLEC's Elder Jimmy Hunter Spence (Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation) receiving a Gift from TLEC's Chris Henderson at TLEC's 2019 AGM.

TLEC's 2019 Christmas Open House at the TLEC's Implementation Office.



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
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