

TREATIES RECOGNITION WEEK ²⁰/₂₅



Anishinaabe Relationship and Responsibility to Creation

Robinson Huron Waawiindamaagewin (RHW), in partnership with Laurentian University and Shingwauk Kinooamaage Gamig (SKG), will host Treaties Recognition Week 2025 this November in N'Swakamok (Sudbury) and Baawating (Sault Ste. Marie). As we reflect on 175 years since the signing of the Robinson Huron Treaty of 1850, this year's theme, Anishinaabe Relationship and Responsibility to Creation, invites us to renew our relationships with Creation, one another and ourselves.

NOVEMBER 3-4

N'SWAKAMOK (SUDBURY)

Treaty presentations, panels and cultural teachings at Laurentian University

NOVEMBER 5

ACROSS THE TERRITORY

School visits, community engagement and resource sharing (travel day)

NOVEMBER 6-7

BAAWATING (SAULT STE. MARIE)

Treaty presentations, youth-Elder dialogues and cultural teachings at SKG

Treaties Recognition Week brings together our communities, youth, Elders and allies to rekindle Treaty relationships and support the resurgence of Anishinaabe ways of knowing and being. We look forward to welcoming knowledge holders, speakers, and guests to help carry these conversations forward as we honour this historic milestone — together, recollectively and responsibly.

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CONVERSATION
VIA ZOOM AT:
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A MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

On behalf of the province and people of Manitoba, I am honoured to provide a message of welcome for Treaties Week 2025.

As you recognize 175 years since the signing of the Robinson Huron Treaty, I hope you have the opportunity to reflect on your relationship to the treaties. All Canadians are treaty people, and it is up to all of us to honour them and live up to their spirit and intent every day. Whether that means speaking our languages and practicing our culture, or listening, learning, and working to advance reconciliation, we all have a role to play.

As Premier of Manitoba, I take very seriously the sacred responsibility to respect the treaties made in our province. When we formed government, I appointed myself Minister responsible for Indigenous Reconciliation because treaties are made between nations, and to honour them we must continue to work together as nations in real partnership. Every step our government takes is guided by this belief, and it is how we are moving forward on the journey of reconciliation in our province.

Thank you to Laurentian University and Shingwauk Kinoomaage Gamig for organizing this important event. I wish everyone attending a meaningful time.

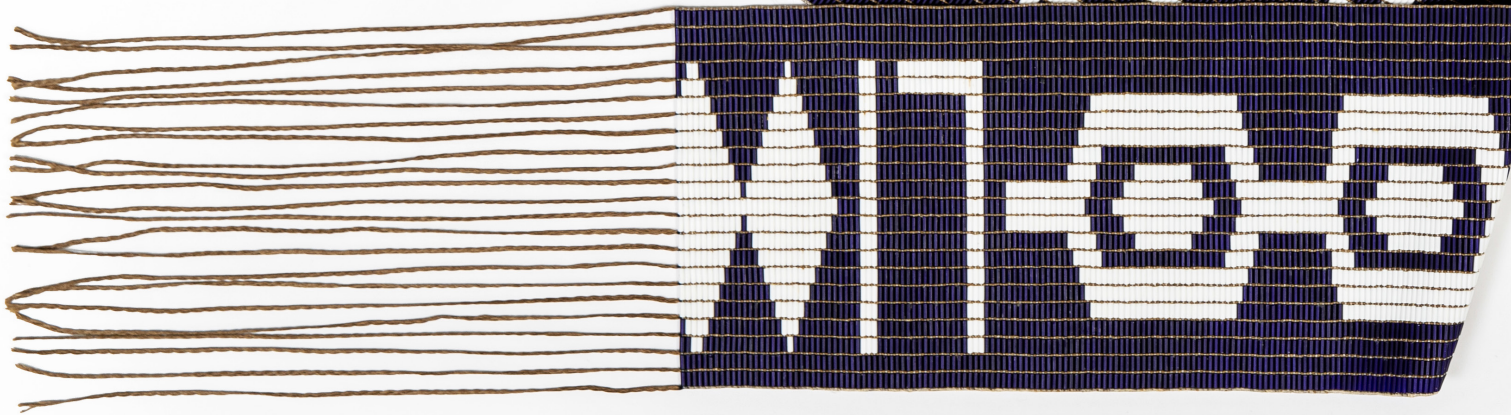


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***The Honourable Wab Kinew
Premier of Manitoba***

WELCOME

This year's Treaties Recognition Week theme is *Anishinaabe Relationship and Responsibility to Creation*, which was provided to us by the ancestors through ceremony by our Cultural Advisor, Leroy Bennett. The following is a brief explanation of the relationship and responsibility to Creation.



As a Nation of Anishinaabek, we need to explore, understand, rekindle and retain our relationship with ourselves, and by extension, our relationship to nature and Creation. Creation was here first, and we must start with Creation to truly understand ourselves as individuals and how we relate and exist with Creation and ultimately, how we relate and exist in unity with our people — Anishinaabek.

In rekindling our relationship with ourselves, we must realize, understand, respect, and fulfill our individual roles and gifts and share them with our people in our collective efforts to protect, regain, and bring forward what had to go underground to survive until now and always for the future. With these more solid relationships, we can see what needs to be done for our people and what will be required to accomplish our vision. Now, let's turn to our responsibility to Creation. It is up to each one of us, again as individuals and then as a united people, to ensure that, as we tend to our relationships amongst ourselves and others, we include our language and traditional practices.

It is our responsibility to speak our language — Anishinaabemowin. The Creator provided us with this language so we could always say, share, and learn the meanings and teachings of life and well-being for all. Even if we speak just a little, we must do our best to say it daily. Anishinaabemowin helps us understand, relate to, and be one with Creation. Our language helps keep Creation protected and alive.

In our reciprocal relation to creation, we must move forward with caring for and protecting our lands, as they are the reason for our existence. Lastly, as we progress through all of our relationship and responsibility roles, we must always do so through traditional ceremony and prayer. This is what starts a journey, keeps us going through a journey, and ends a journey. A journey can be individual or together with others. It is our responsibility to ensure we welcome, hold, and use our sacred medicines and items in ways that respect their roles in all our relationships and responsibilities to Creation.

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AGENDA *for* MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2025

Location: Round Room, Indigenous Sharing and Learning Centre (ISLC), Laurentian University, N'Swakamok (Sudbury)

Hosts: Mary Laur, Acting Associate Vice-President of Academic and Indigenous Programs, Laurentian University, Khorbin McComb, Student, Laurentian University, and Emcee Shawn McLaren

TIME	EVENT	PRESENTER(S)
7:00 a.m.	Sunrise Ceremony (<i>outside of ISLC Round Room</i>)	
8:00 a.m.	Breakfast and Coming Together	
9:00 a.m.	Welcome and Housekeeping	<i>Treaty Week Hosts</i>
	Opening Miigwechwin	<i>Nokomis Martina Osawamick Levi Southwind</i>
	Opening Comments	<i>Dr. Lynn Wells, President, Laurentian University Chief & Council Representative, Atikameksheng Anishinawbek Earl Commanda, Executive Director, RHW Dean Sayers, Political Working Group, RHW</i>
	RHW's Treaty Week and Ontario's Treaties Recognition Week	<i>Tristen Schneider, Events & Engagement Coordinator, RHW</i>
10:00 a.m.	Pipe Teachings: Creation of the Treaty Gathering Pipe	<i>Phil Jones</i>
11:00 a.m.	Responsibility to Community – Skabawis	<i>Brendan Petahtegoose</i>
12:00 p.m.	Lunch	
1:00 p.m.	Wampum Teachings	<i>Brian Charles</i>
2:30 p.m.	Rekindling Balance: Youth Reflection on Anishinaabe Law & Creation – Q&A	<i>TheLand Kicknosway</i>
4:00p.m.	Wrap-up and look to tomorrow	<i>Treaty Week Hosts</i>



Join us at the shkode (fire) outside the Round Room from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for Geteh Shkode (fire teachings) with firekeepers Alex Bisson, Jason Nakogee, Paskwa Lightning and Steve John.



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AGENDA *for* TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025

Location: Round Room, Indigenous Sharing and Learning Centre (ISLC), Laurentian University, N'Swakamok (Sudbury)

Hosts: Mary Laur, Acting Associate Vice-President of Academic and Indigenous Programs, Laurentian University, Khorbin McComb, Student, Laurentian University, and Emcee Shawn McLaren

TIME	EVENT	PRESENTER(S)
8:00 a.m.	Breakfast and Coming Together	
9:00 a.m.	Welcome and Housekeeping	Treaty Week Hosts
9:15 a.m.	Robinson Huron Waawiindamaagewin Update	RHW
10:15 a.m.	Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund Update	RHTLF
11:00 a.m.	Research Update Settler-Treaty Awareness (Hybrid) – ZOOM Join via Zoom at: bit.ly/3Jxhbc2	Dr. Elizabeth Carlson-Manathara Dawnis Kennedy Dr. Joey-Lynn Wabie Dr. Jodi Koberinski Naomi Grant Dr. Deborah McGregor Nicole Wemigwans
12:00 p.m.	Lunch	
1:00 p.m.	Responsibility to Creation: Lodge Teachings	Maajijiwan (Charles) Petahtegoose
3:00 p.m.	Closing Comments	Dr. Malcolm Campbell, Provost and Vice-President, Academic, Laurentian University Representative, Laurentian University Nitaamgayaajig Education Council (LUNEC) Earl Commanda, Executive Director, RHW
3:30 p.m.	Closing Miigwechwewin	RHW Cultural Advisors
6:00 p.m.	Evening Keynote Session with Dr. Clayton King at the Delta Hotel in Sault Ste. Marie Join the livestream at 6:30 p.m. at the Anishinabek Nation YouTube Channel. Dr. King's presentation explores the Beaver Wars and the 1701 Treaty of Peace in Anishinaabe Aaking, offering deeper context to the Dish with Many Ladles and Eternal Council Fire Wampum Belts.	



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Reminder: Wednesday, November 5 is a travel day.

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AGENDA *for* THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2025

Location: White Pines Collegiate & Vocational School, 1007 Trunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

Hosts: Joel Syrette, Batchewana First Nation
Student, Shingwauk Kinoomaage Gamig (SKG)

TIME	EVENT	PRESENTER(S)
8:00 a.m.	Breakfast and Coming Together	
9:00 a.m.	Welcome and Housekeeping	Treaty Week Hosts
	Opening Drum	White Pines Boys Drum Group
	Opening Miigwechwin	RHW Cultural Advisors
	Opening Comments	Earl Commanda, Executive Director, RHW Dean Sayers, Political Working Group, RHW Chief Mark McCoy, Batchewana First Nation Chief Karen Bell, Garden River First Nation
10:00 a.m.	Treaty Talks with Tomorrow's Leaders: Chiefs Leadership Panel <i>Facilitated by Joel Syrette</i>	Robinson Huron Treaty Leadership
10:30 a.m.	Youth Leadership Panel	Local Youth Leadership
11:00 a.m.	Small sample luncheon provided by Hiawatha's Catering	
11:30 a.m.	Buses depart for home schools	
12:00 p.m.	Lunch	
1:00 p.m.	Anishinaabemowin and Creation: Speaking Life Back Into Our Relationships - Elders Panel <i>Facilitated by Dean Sayers</i>	White Pines Classes
3:00 p.m.	Wrap-up and look to tomorrow	Treaty Week Hosts



AGENDA *for* FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2025

Location: White Pines Collegiate & Vocational School, 1007 Trunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

Hosts: Joel Syrette, Batchewana First Nation
Student, Shingwauk Kinooamaage Gamig (SKG)

TIME	EVENT	PRESENTER(S)
8:00 a.m.	Breakfast and Coming Together	
9:00 a.m.	Welcome and Housekeeping	Treaty Week Hosts
	Opening Miigwechwin	RHW Cultural Advisors
9:30 a.m.	Treaty and Anishinaabemowin	John-Paul Chalykoff
11:00 a.m.	Virtual Presentation	Dr. Heidi Stark
12:00 p.m.	Closing Comments and Miigwechwewin	Alyssa Traves, SKG Earl Commanda, Executive Director, RHW Dean Sayers, Political Working Group, RHW
12:30 p.m.	Lunch	



Gchi-miigwech for attending this year's Treaties Recognition Week.

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The essence of Treaties Recognition Week

In 2016, Ontario passed legislation recognizing the first full week of November as “Treaties Recognition Week” to honour the importance of treaties and for Ontarians to learn about Treaty rights and relationships. It is important that we all understand that we are all Treaty people; both Anishinaabek and settlers.

Since 2020, Robinson Huron Waawiindamaagewin (RHW) has used this opportunity to educate students and community members, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous, about the Robinson Huron Treaty of 1850 and the work being done in the territory to establish a Treaty-level governance body to address treaty-specific issues as well as efforts to return to traditional governance systems.



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