

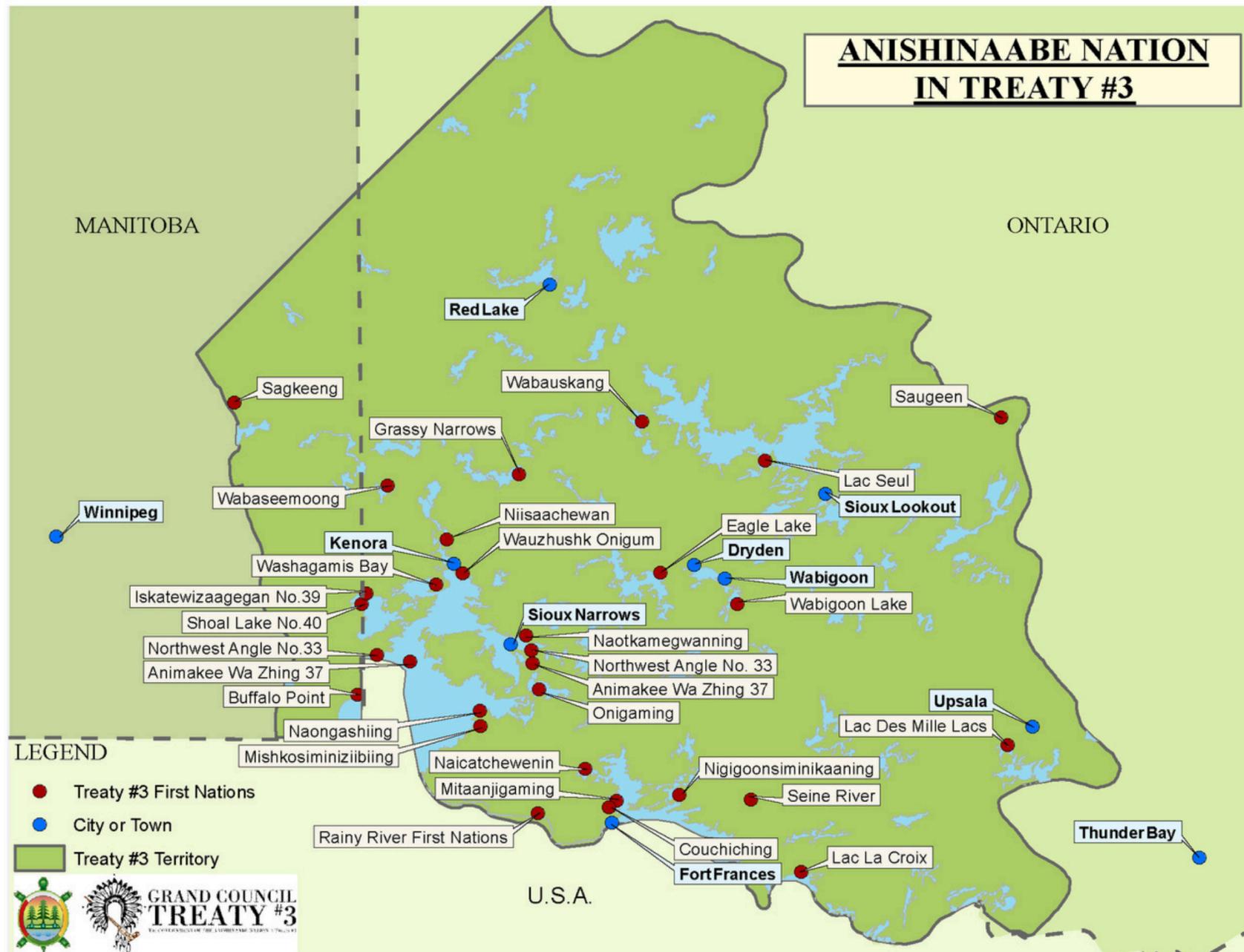


Manito Aki Inaakonigewin Part 2: Economic Applications



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ANISHINAABE NATION IN TREATY #3



This presentation will go over:

1. Overview of what we spoke at last year
 - History and recap of Manito Aki Inaakonigewin
2. Building Economies through Manito Aki Inaakonigewin
3. Education on Manito Aki Inaakonigewin
 - internal education
 - external education
4. Implementing Manito Aki Inaakonigewin Economics



Last Years Presentation: Recap

History

Harmonization

Principles



Background

With the spiritual guidance from the Creator, and knowledge keepers from the territory of Grand Council Treaty 3, the process of harmonization of sacred law was initiated that would improve the lives of our people.

The Nation would need to share our spiritual protocols and customary law that would benefit the Anishinaabe of Treaty 3.

With this initial step the elders and the knowledge keepers began the process of harmonization through elders gatherings and ceremony to begin the development of Manito Aki Inaakonigewin.





We explored:

- Building relationships
- Building partnerships
- Guiding communications
- Protecting the Environment
- Protecting sacred sites
- Protecting ceremonial grounds throughout the territory

MAI guides us in three areas for all current and future projects:

- On your internal processes
- On joint harmonization and implementation process
- On Operationalizing

MAI is a sacred law – we are only referring to the written law (Resource Law) not the customary law.

This law has always been in place and will never change, as it is the Anishinaabe legal framework.

The Anishinaabe Nation in Treaty #3 constitution provides the foundation for the law making framework.



Reconciling Sovereignties in Treaty #3



Principles of the Process

Process of Engagement

- **Weweni (Take our time)** invoke guidance from all our sacred lodges, pipes, drums, songs, traditional law and ceremonies.
- **Bebekaa(Doing it right)**
 - Relationship building establishes the engagement process will be conducted at the appropriate levels of authority: Political Forum, Technical Level, Task Forces
 - We will seek to educate the public, government agencies and industry and promote the objectives at every opportunity through public forums, media and other sources
- **Biiziindun (Listen)** – we will listen to our people, our elders, our men, women, and youth.
- **Kegofkotachiken (Don't be afraid)** – we have been taught to be afraid. We will not be afraid of implementing our laws and principles.



4 Phases



MAI sets the framework
for:

- Economic Development
 - Protection of the Environment
 - Creating economies
 - Building partnerships
 - Revenue sharing



Building Economies Through MAI

- In 2016 the Chiefs of Ontario undertook work to establish a province-wide Resource Benefits Sharing agreement with Ontario First Nations
- RBS included forestry and mining dues but also various other forms of “benefits” – including discussions about Impact Benefit Agreements
- Conversations fell apart as southern First Nations repeatedly wished to discuss *general* revenue sharing, which the province had no mandate to discuss
- Eventually the Ontario-wide approach was abandoned
- The lesson: know exactly what the mandate is and know what to put on the table



Building Economies Through MAI

- In 2017 GCT3 began negotiations for its own RRS Agreement with mandate from CA-17-27.
- The mandate was given to the Economic and Environmental Chief's Committees
- The committee met with the Ministries of Indigenous Affairs, Natural Resources & Forestry, Northern Development and Mines.
- The foundation for discussions with Ontario focused on Manito Aki Inaakonigewin and the operationalization of the law.
- The discussions with respect to proximity from a Treaty #3 perspective was about collective rights as opposed to individual rights as a First Nation. Any development within Treaty #3 were to benefit all First Nations, no matter where the development was occurring.



Education on MAI

- Internal and external
- Meet with all levels of government
- Meet with proponents
- Build internal capacity within leadership and all citizens
- Education on investments
- Reinvest into the Nation
- Long term planning
- Knowledge Sharing and transmission
- Build capacity with other Nations



Implement MAI Economics

- Aggregates to be added
- Licenses? Alcohol sales?
- The province remains committed to renewal
- Continually working on streamlining reporting and advocating for expansion
- More communities are seeking to join the agreement
- The Ontario-Treaty #3 RRS Agreement serves as a precedent setter for a future Manitoba-Treaty #3 RRS Agreement



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