



RECONCILIATION

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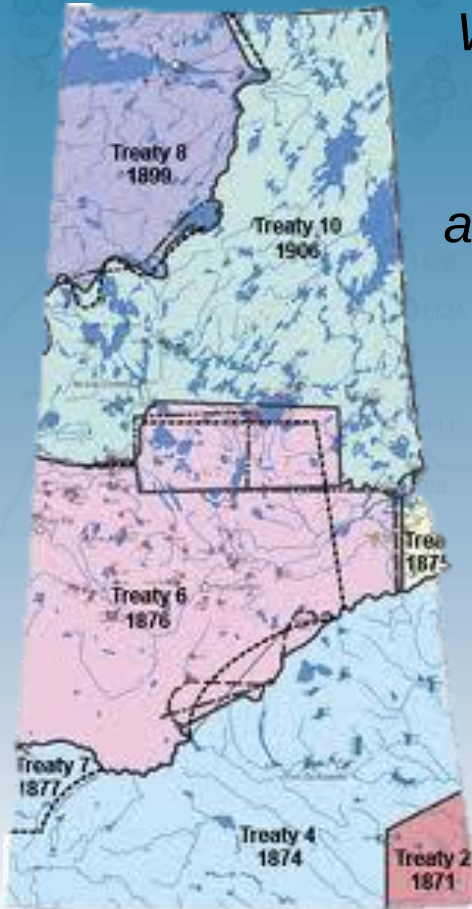


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Protocols of Place



We acknowledge that we are gathered here on Treaty 6 territory as well as the homeland of the Métis. We pay our respects to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this place and we reaffirm our relationship with one another.

► Why Acknowledge place?

- Shows respect for the first peoples of the territory
- Acknowledges and makes visible Aboriginal people who have been silenced, invisible and marginalized yet the original owners and caretakers of the land, territory, and ecology

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Personal Location



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Thank You Rotary



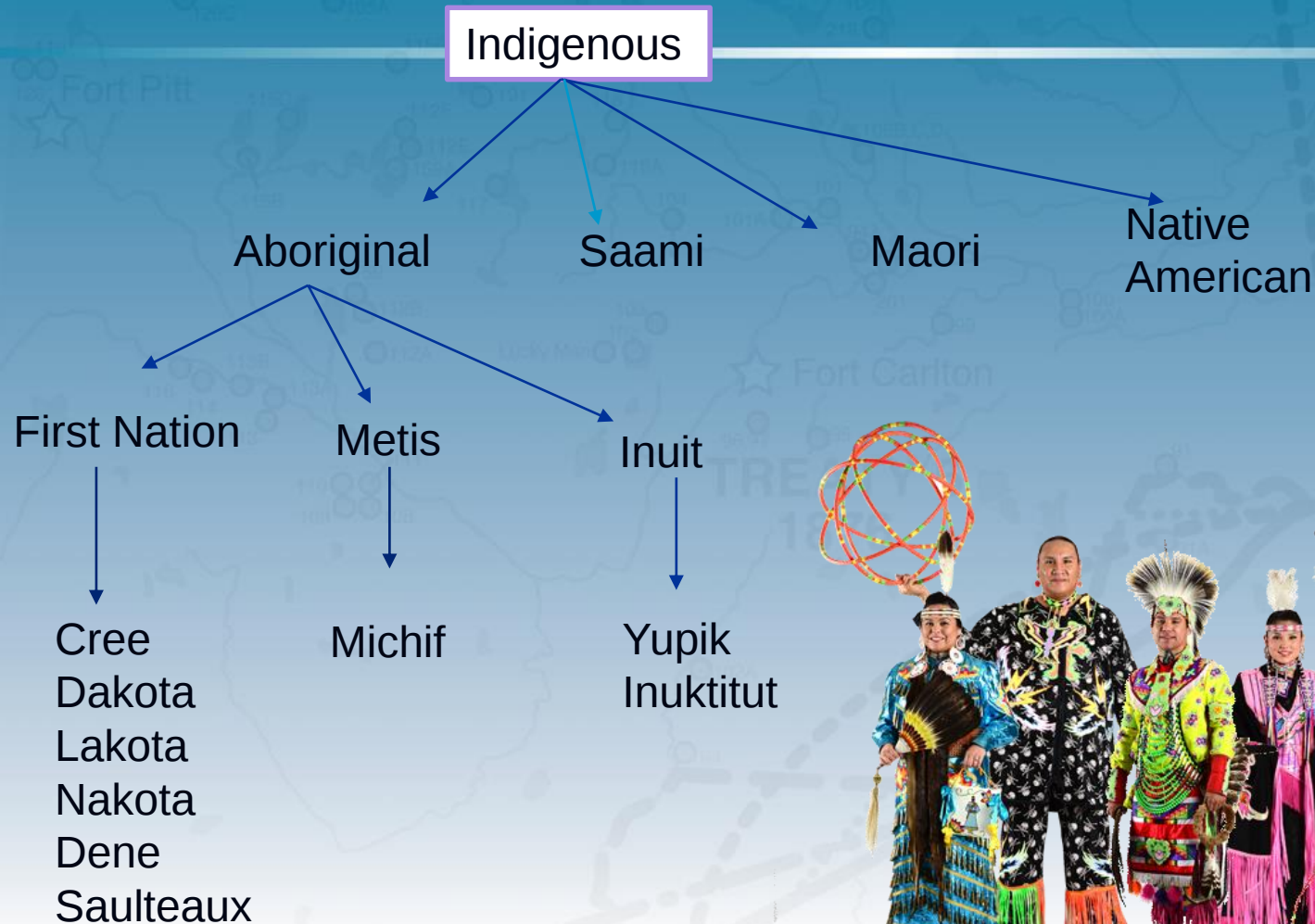
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What is the Office of the Treaty Commissioner?

- Federal Commission - Mandated by FSIN and Gov't of Canada
- Two-fold Mission:
 - Treaty Table: facilitate common understanding of Treaties 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10
 - advocate for strong Treaty relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous citizens

Terminology



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Reconciliation

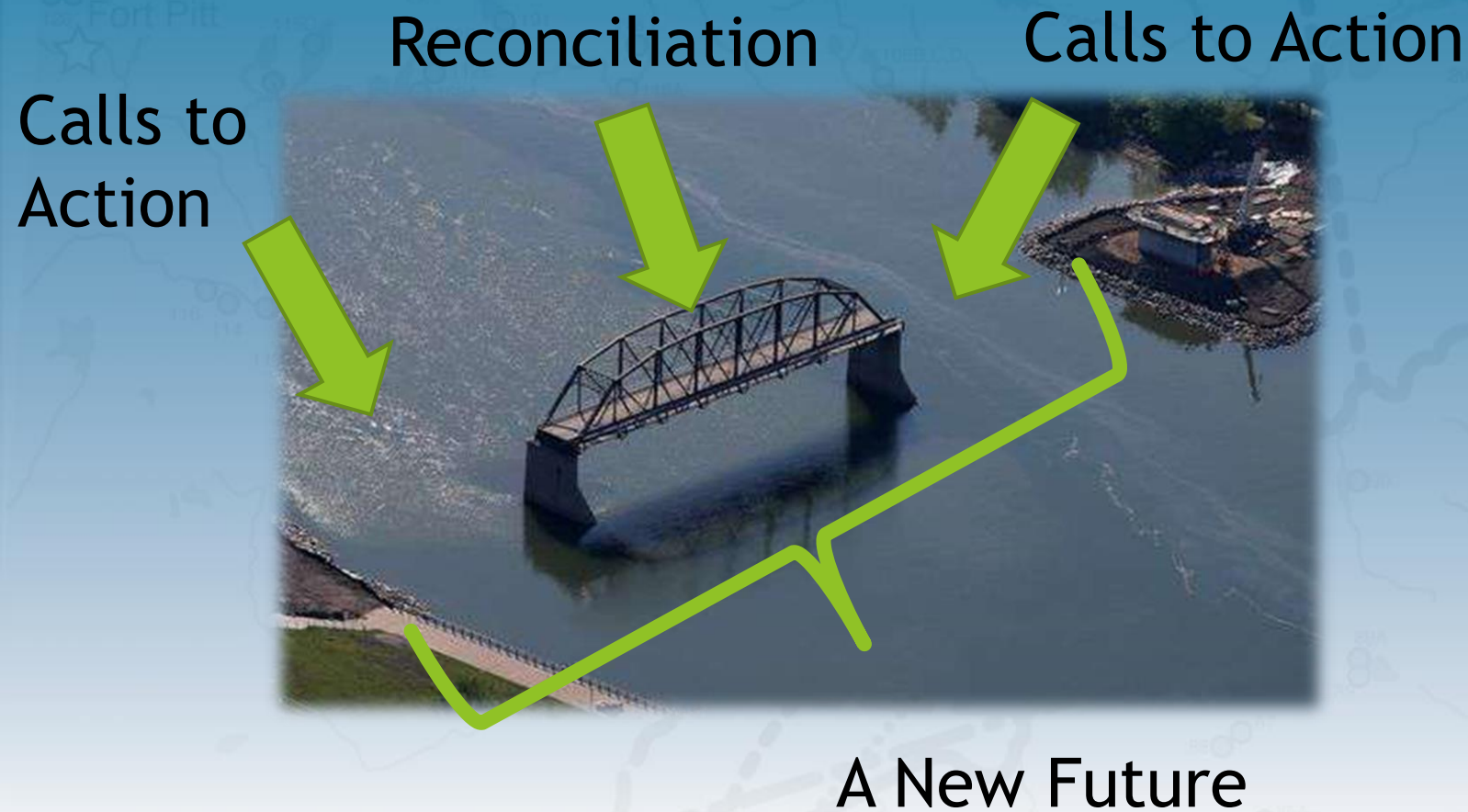
- “Miyowahkohtowin” – Having good relations
- “Waypinasun” – letting go and regaining balance
- Both a goal and a process
- New relationship: respect and understanding of needs, fears and aspirations



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Visual Representation of the Calls to Action



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Treaties in Canada



Treaties 4, 5, 6, 8, 10

- Historical Context – a time of great transition
- Access to Land for Treaty Rights
 - Common Provisions
 - Annuities
 - Medicine Chest (famine and pestilence relief)
 - School house
 - Agricultural supplies
 - Hunting, fishing, trapping, gathering
 - Shelter



The Relationship Promised in Treaty (1870s):

Real estate
transaction



Agreement
between nations
to share 'milk of
Mother Nature'

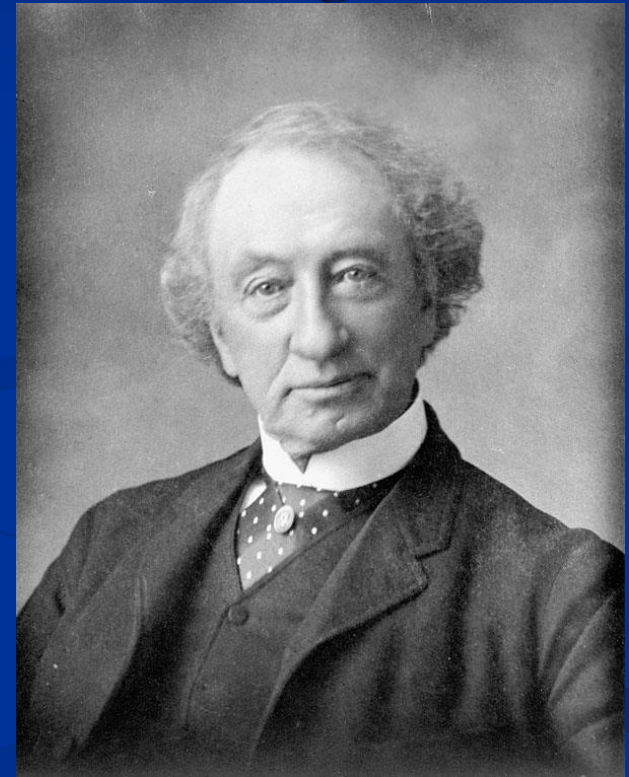
The Relationship Delivered:



What Happened?

The Indian Act - 1876

- Complete government control - Indian Agent
 - Citizenship
 - Lands and resources
 - Cultural and spiritual practices
 - Governance systems
 - Penalties and permits for trade
 - Pass system – 1885 to 1930
 - No legal council until 1950
 - Indian Act changed but still in place today



Legacies of the Residential Schools

- Child Welfare
- Education
- Language and Culture
- Health
- Justice

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Creating a provincial “movement” for reconciliation

- Use OTC to broaden space for engagement
 - Influential leaders
 - Public
- Find and support champions for reconciliation
- Connect those in the province doing good stuff
- Articulate a vision and plan for reconciliation
- Changing our stories – Examples of reconciliation

Reconciliation in Saskatchewan is each citizen of the province taking personal responsibility to do what they can to create an interdependent and fair society where:

- ◆ **Indigenous cultures**, languages, ways of knowing and governance structures **are strong and sovereign**, while also included in and contributing to the overall fabric of Saskatchewan life;
- ◆ We share a common **understanding of Saskatchewan's history**, and our personal place within it;
- ◆ **Justice** for past wrongs has been achieved, and families and **communities are strong and healing**;
- ◆ Safe spaces exist and skills are developed for **mutual learning, communication across cultures**, trust building, partnerships, and shared social experiences;
- ◆ We all enjoy a **high quality of life**, and full participation in the economy;
- ◆ **Governance at all levels**, including institutions of education, health, justice, economy and social services, **represent and benefit from both Indigenous and non-Indigenous leadership**, values, history and ways of knowing.

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Public Engagement on Reconciliation:

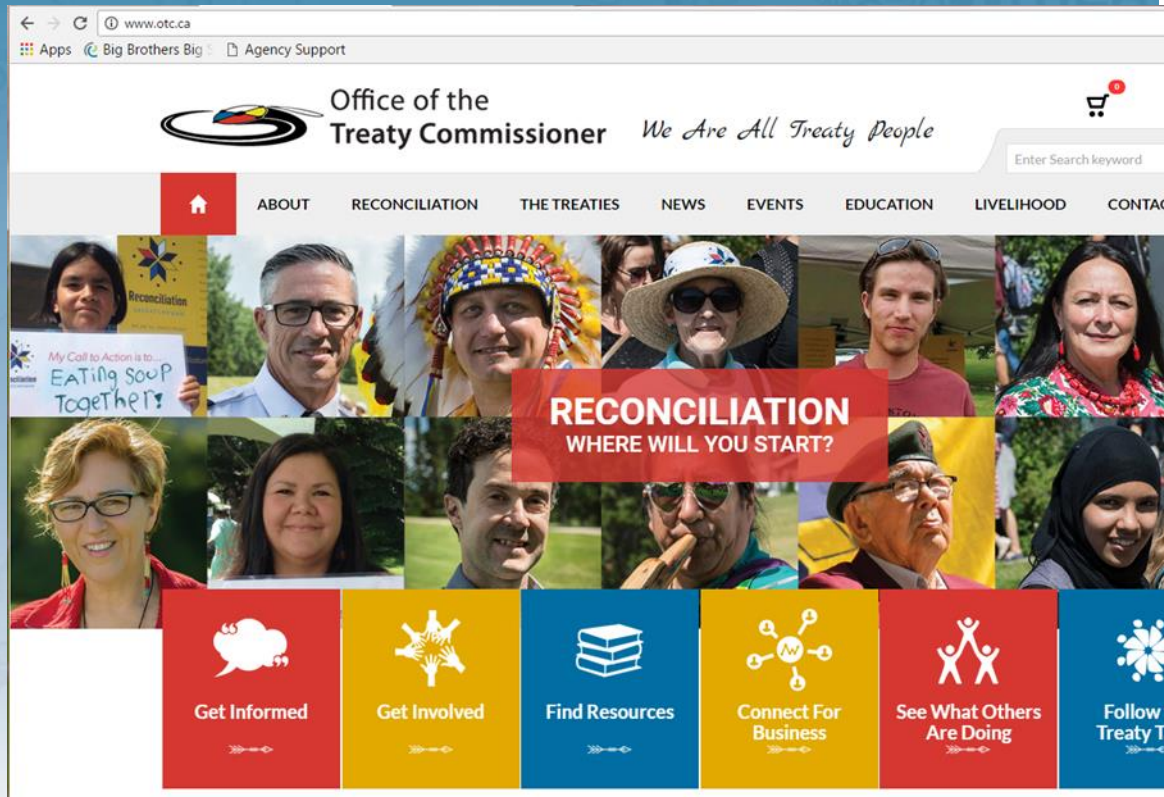
Website/Social Media

- otc.ca
- @TreatyofficeSK

Speakers/Events

- Educate
- Positive Stories
- Inspire
- Clearinghouse

Comms Strategy



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- Six weeks of activities in May-June 2016
- 30+ organisations from all walks of life
- Building relationships, trust
- Public engagement through events
- Culminating in Rock Your Roots Walk for Reconciliation
- 3000 residents walked together



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[Rock Your Roots Walk for Reconciliation, June 22, 2016, Saskatoon](#)

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Month of Reconciliation

- Flag-raising at City Hall



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- Reconciliation “Selfies” at Powwows, Metis cultural day, public talks, movie nights, libraries



Month of Reconciliation

- 'Rock Your Roots' Walk for Reconciliation



Partnerships



- Over 40 organizing partners and sponsors
- Working and learning together

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Reconciliation in Action: Momentum Growing

- Day of Prayer for Reconciliation, Oct. 21, 2016
- 38 Catholic elementary, 7 high schools:
Saskatoon, Bigger and Humboldt
- Teaching resources and support personnel –
TRC Calls to Action



Reconciliation in Action: Saskatchewan Churches

- Reviewing TRC and their own strategic plans
 - Catholic Church
 - United Church
 - Mennonite Central Committee
 - Unitarian Church
 - Anglican Church

Reconciliation in Action: Media

- Group of journalists - October 2016 conference
 - how to improve media coverage of Indigenous issues?



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What can you do?

- A few ideas:
 - TRC Calls to Action: Educate yourself
 - rotaryhip.ca
 - Listen, Learn, Show Up and Share
 - Reconciliation Saskatoon
 - Build relationships and partnerships
 - Build capacity
 - Leverage your networks, resources to ensure Indigenous voice, access, benefits
 - Sign up to the OTC newsletter!!