

Grand Council Treaty #3 Bulletin

Treaty and Aboriginal Rights Research

The Treaty and Aboriginal Rights Research Office was formed in 1971 by the Chiefs-in-Assembly, under the auspices of Grand Council Treaty # 3. The objectives of the Treaty and Aboriginal Rights Research Office are to:

Research and develop *Specific Claims*, in accordance with Canada's claims policies, on behalf of the member First Nations who mandate the Treaty and Aboriginal Rights Research Office, to conduct claims research, and to present all documents collected on a claim submission to the First Nation Chief and Council;

Assist member bands in providing further clarification up to the point of validation after claims are submitted to Canada.

DATE	ACTIVITIES FOR 2009 - 2010
June 22 – 24, 2009	TARR Personnel was in attendance at the National Research Director's Meeting in Gatineau, Quebec. Presentations - made by the Research and Negotiations Funding Unit and the Specific Claims Branch was unable to send any representative at this time. Grand Council Treaty #3 has a seat on the Research and Negotiations Funding Unit/Research Directors Joint Working Group. This group meets to discuss funding issues on the National Level. Currently, Larry Morrison is the Grand Council Treaty #3 Representative.
July 8, 2009	TARR Personnel met with Big Grassy Council to discuss the Windy Point Claim. Arrangements made in preparation of upcoming Elder's interviews.
July 13, 2009	TARR Office met with TARR Centre for Manitoba. Tour of the building and discussed current issues with Specific Claims Process.
September 9, 2009	Elder's interviews were conducted in Onigaming First Nation, in regards to the Windy Point claim in the Specific Claims Process.
September 10, 2009	Elder's interviews were conducted in Big Grassy First Nation, in regards to the Windy Point claim in the Specific Claims Process.
September 21 -22, 2009	TARR was in attendance for the 17 th Annual National Claims Research Workshop held in Charlottetown, PEI. Discussions and Presentations included topics on: Specific Claims Branch Tribunal, Research and Negotiation Funding Issues, Mi'kmac Confederacy of PEI Showcase, Archaeological evidence on Specific Claims, Comprehensive Claims and Aboriginal Title, First Nation Interest in Reserves – Certificates of Possession, Leasing of Reserve Lands, Calculating Loss of Use, and Census Records.