

# TREATY PROTECTOR

Grand Council Treaty #3 protects, preserves and enhances inherent and Treaty rights. We all have a role and responsibility in protecting Treaty 3. This is achieved by working together to implement our rights.

## COURT CHALLENGES

- **Education:** addressing the inequities of education in Treaty #3 First Nation Communities (Oct, 2011)
- **Water:** acted to ensure a Judicial Review of the negative effects flooding has in our territory and the impacts to our livelihoods such as harvesting wild rice and fisheries and treaty rights (Sept 1, 2011)
- **Treaty Rights:** intervened in BC supreme Court to address the negative impacts of cumulative infringements of the Treaties that will result in an erosion of all Treaty rights (May 25, 2011)

## HONORING OUR COMMUNITIES

- Residential School Comprehensive Healing Plan that will benefit individuals, communities and intergenerational survivors for 5-years after the I.A.P – Independent Assessment Process
- Held Gala Events June 2009 & March 2011 to honor Residential School Survivors
- Each Assembly honors individuals and communities that assert their treaty rights for all of us. At the last Assembly: Ochiichagwe'Babigo'Ining for their "release of the sturgeon" each year, Trappers at Grassy Narrows for maintaining the roadblock for the last decade, and Rainy River fishers won in the Court of Appeal their treaty right to commercial fish
- Celebrate achievements in communities such as Lac Seul building of a new school and toll booth on hwy in Couchiching FN

## WORK IN PROGRESS

- Improving Governance by:
  - Working on GCT#3 Constitution
  - Strengthening our Anishinaabe Laws pertaining to Child Care and Resource Law
  - Establishing a Governance Roundhouse
- MOU with International Joint Commission who regulates water levels in Canada
- Statement of Relationship with Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs
- Land and building development for Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School and GCT#3 offices
- Acknowledging Treaty 3 territory through signage on Hwy #1 and along river boundaries

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## HISTORY

GCT#3 is the historic traditional government of the Anishinaabe Nation in Treaty #3 and is the political government for the 28 First Nations representing 26 First Nations in Northwestern Ontario and 2 First Nations in Manitoba. By treaty with Her Majesty in 1873, the Nation shared its duties and responsibilities and protected its rights respecting 55,000 square miles of territory. The Anishinaabe Nation did not surrender any rights of self-government and so continue to exercise its traditional government and has made significant movement over the years back towards Anishinaabe Nationhood.



We remain Treaty Anishinaabe Nation, despite the efforts of the settler government to assimilate our communities, and especially our children through the Indian Residential School system and through Canadian and provincial governments historically laws & policies designed to undermine Anishinaabe government based on a denial of its jurisdiction.

In recent years however, the Canadian government recognizes that the Constitution Act, 1982, supported by recent Supreme Court of Canada decisions, clearly establishes that the jurisdiction of Anishinaabe government continues to exist. Therefore, the Anishinaabe Nation in Treaty # 3 maintains rights to all lands and water in the Treaty # 3 territory commonly referred to Northwestern Ontario and south-eastern Manitoba. Accordingly, any development in the Treaty # 3 Territory such as, but not limited to, forestry, mining, hydro, highways and pipeline systems that operate in the Treaty # 3 Territory require the consent, agreement and participation of the Anishinaabe Nation in Treaty # 3 and its communities.



Re-affirmation of the Mitaanjigamingi FN Chief & Council, 2011  
 L.R. Diane Kelly, Chief Janice Hebderson, Paul Henderson, Pam Johnson

