

TLE Issues

- Relationships with your neighbours are always important, and this holds true in cases of municipalities with First Nations as neighbours.
- Many municipalities have expressed frustrations with the process of converting municipal lands to reserve.
- In some cases like Headingley, things have gone smoothly and service agreements are in place and working well.
- In other cases this has been a long and expensive process.
- We have met with the Treaty Relations Commission, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and the Province and everyone is in agreement that the process needs to work better.
- We are working toward improvements, however there is no doubt this takes time.
- We encourage all municipalities working through this process to adopt a cooperative approach.
- In the cases where we have seen this, the communities have been able to achieve great success (Portage la Prairie is an example of this).
- I know many municipalities have also expressed frustration over the legal costs associated with working through the process.

- The Province has been clear that it will not cover municipal legal costs, but we have developed a list of lawyers who do work in this area to help reduce costs.
- We will continue to work on the active resolutions we have on the books dealing with compensation for tax loss, and will continue to help provide information on how to work through the process in the best way possible.