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Treaty Land Entitlement Toolkit released

Toolkit aimed at fostering relationships between municipalities and First Nation communities

April 13, 2017 - Another step is being taken to establish a more open and effective Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) process in Manitoba.

Today's release of a [TLE Information Toolkit](#) marks the latest efforts of the Working Group established under a 2015 Partnership Agreement between the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM), the Treaty Land Entitlement Committee of Manitoba (TLEC), and the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba. The TLE Information Toolkit includes the Community Accord template released previously as well as a new, comprehensive Frequently Asked Questions document.

"Today's announcement reaffirms our joint commitment to advance reconciliation with First Nations in Manitoba. The Treaty Land Entitlement Information Toolkit is a great example of what can be accomplished when we work together towards the same shared goal. Reconciliation in action can only make us all stronger", said the Honourable Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs.

The Honourable Eileen Clarke, Minister of Indigenous and Municipal Relations, was on hand for today's event, which took place during the AMM's annual Municipal Officials Seminar at the RBC Convention Centre in Winnipeg.

"Manitoba remains committed to fulfilling Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) obligations and we are excited to support this collaborative initiative between the Association of Manitoba Municipalities, the Treaty Land Entitlement Committee of Manitoba, and the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba," said Minister Clarke. "This toolkit will facilitate information sharing between municipalities and TLE proponents, foster stronger relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities, and help highlight the shared economic opportunities made possible through the TLE process."

According to AMM President Chris Goertzen, the primary audiences for the toolkit are municipal and First Nations Councils and their residents. "The purpose of the toolkit is to clearly explain how the TLE process works and how it can help bring economic development and growth to communities."

And while the TLE Information Toolkit marks an important step in the process, the work is not finished, adds TLEC President Chief Nelson Genaille. "With constant electoral changeover at the municipal and First Nations level, the need for ongoing education on the Treaties and the TLE process cannot be overstated. With that in mind, this Toolkit aims to answer some basic questions on Treaties, Indian Reserves, TLE and Canada's Additions to Reserves process. It's an excellent starting point!"

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