

TREATY WEEK 2023

Renewing Our Treaty Relationships

NOVEMBER 7 to 9, 2023

ROBINSON HURON WAAWIINDAMAAGEWIN TREATY WEEK

In 2016, Ontario passed legislation recognizing the first full week of November as Treaties Recognition Week. This annual event honours the importance of treaties and helps students and residents of Ontario learn more about treaty rights and relationships.

Since 2020, Robinson Huron Waawiindamaagewin (RHW) has used this opportunity to educate students and community members, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous, about the Robinson Huron Treaty of 1850 and the work being done in the territory to establish a treaty-level governance body to address treaty-specific issues as well as efforts to return to traditional governance systems.

The Robinson Huron Treaty of 1850 establishes the foundational relationships between the Anishinaabe of the northern shores of Lake Huron, our lands, and the Crown. Treaty relationships require the participation of all those living within the Treaty territory for their implementation.

We welcome you to join us this week to learn about the Robinson Huron Treaty of 1850 and reflect on your Treaty relationships, responsibilities, and obligations. We also welcome you to learn more about RHW and the work we are doing to reignite the Regional Anishinaabe Ishkodaykaan (Council Fire) in the Treaty territory.

To register, please visit: forms.gle/ka5SerZT4wzqJm8H8

ABOUT RHW

RHW is an initiative undertaken by the 21 First Nations of the Robinson Huron Treaty to create a treaty-level body capable of addressing many issues that have, until this time, been addressed within Canadian government-created agencies and systems of governance. The goal is to develop a collective Anishinaabe decision-making body progressing the interests and inherent rights of our people's interests and inherent rights. We recognize that the Treaty helps protect our inherent rights and can build on the strength of this collective to enhance and foster health and wellness for our people.

RHW also conducts treaty-based research, facilitates community engagement in Robinson Huron Treaty communities on treaty-related matters, and develops treaty education tools, including detailed use and occupancy research of the treaty area.

Learn more at waawiindamaagewin.com



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GENERAL INFORMATION

In-person location	Canisius Hall, University of Sudbury (Laurentian University Campus) 935 Ramsey Lake Road, Sudbury
Stream online	youtube.com/@robinsonhuronwaawiindamaag1557
Treaty Week MCs	Nelson Toulouse <i>Sagamok Anishinawbek</i> Quinn Meawasige <i>Serpent River First Nation</i>
Treaty Week Elders	Martina Osawamick <i>Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory</i> Julie Ozawagosh <i>Atikameksheng Anishinawbek</i> Donald Petahtegoose <i>Atikameksheng Anishinawbek</i>

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» **Supreme Court Hearings Streaming Event – November 7**

The Supreme Court of Canada will be hearing an appeal brought by Ontario seeking to overturn the decision of the majority of the Ontario Court of Appeal. Ontario will be arguing that the ONCA's majority were wrong in upholding Justice Hennessy's interpretation of the augmentation rather. Ontario will also argue that awarding past compensation for historical treaty breaches is inappropriate and that the RHT should only be entitled to receive declarations from the Court at a future Stage 3. RHTLF's legal team will argue that the majority were correct in upholding Justice Hennessy's interpretation of the augmentation promise. They will also argue that the ONCA made an error by overturning Justice Hennessy's findings that the Crown has a fiduciary duty the implementation of the augmentation promise.



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AGENDA *for* TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023

ELDER & YOUTH SUMMIT

Time	Event	Facilitator/Speaker
7 a.m.	Sunrise Ceremony	Elder Julie Ozawagosh Elder Donald Petahtegoose Nookomis Martina Osawamick
8:15 a.m.	Breakfast and Coming Together	
9:00 a.m.	Opening Miigwechwin	Nookomis Martina Osawamick
9:15 a.m.	Treaty Gifts from the Robinson Huron Treaty Territory	Noodin Shawanda
10:30 a.m.	Break	
10:45 a.m.	Your choice:	
	Traditional Games	Great Lakes Cultural Camps
	Video Showcase	Robinson Huron Waawiindamaagewin
	Tea and Sharing in the Arbor	Walter McGregor
12:15 p.m.	Lunch	
1:00 p.m.	Traditional Storytelling Workshop	Debajehmujig Storytellers
2:30 p.m.	Break	
2:45 p.m.	Treaty Territory: More Than Reserves	Dr. Darrel Manitowabi
4:30 p.m.	Closing Miigwechwin	



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AGENDA *for* WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2023

TREATY TALKS *with* TOMORROW'S LEADERS

SECONDARY SESSION		
Time	Event	Facilitator/Speaker
7 a.m.	Sunrise Ceremony	Elder Julie Ozawagosh Elder Donald Petahtegoose Nookomis Martina Osawamick
9:00 a.m.	Classroom Arrival and Welcoming	
9:15 a.m.	Opening Miigwechwin	Elder Julie Ozawagosh
9:25 a.m.	Understanding the History of the Robinson Huron Treaty of 1850	Dr. Alan Corbiere
10:50 a.m.	Classroom Departure and Baa Maa Pii	

ELEMENTARY SESSION		
Time	Event	Facilitator/Speaker
11:45 a.m.	Classroom Arrival and Welcoming	
12:00 p.m.	Opening Miigwechwin	Elder Julie Ozawagosh
12:10 p.m.	Understanding the History of the Robinson Huron Treaty of 1850	Dr. Alan Corbiere
1:15 p.m.	Classroom Departure and Baa Maa Pii	



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AGENDA *for* THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023

TRADITIONAL *and* TREATY-LEVEL GOVERNANCE FORUM

Time	Event	Facilitator/Speaker
7:00 a.m.	Sunrise Ceremony	Elder Julie Ozawagosh Elder Donald Petahtegoose Nookomis Martina Osawamick
9:00 a.m.	Opening Miigwechwin	Nookomis Martina Osawamick
9:15 a.m.	Opening Comments from RHW	Earl Commanda
9:20 a.m.	First Nations Botany, Food Security, and Treaties	Dominic Beaudry
10:30 a.m.	Break	
10:45 a.m.	Returning to Our Traditional Ways of Being and Practice	Quinn Meawasige
12:00 p.m.	Lunch	
1:00 p.m.	Panel Discussion: Community Experiences with the Use and Occupancy Study	Cheryl Recollet
2:15 p.m.	Break	
2:30 p.m.	Equitable, Sacred and Sustainable Uses of Creator's Gifts	Neil Jones
3:15 p.m.	RHTLF Litigation/Settlement Update	RHTLF Legal Team
4:30 p.m.	Treaty Week Closing Miigwechwin	

