

MANITOBA SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION (MSBA)

Location: Microsoft Teams-

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Date: April 23, 2026

Time: 8:45 am – 3:45 pm

Type of Training: One Day Treaty Education Training
Trustees, School Board members, staff

Agenda for One Day

8:30	Virtual Room Open - Teams	TRCM Team/MSBA Team
8:45 am	Opening/Welcome Remarks	Jodie Taylor Director, Governance and Professional Development Services Connie Wyatt Anderson, Treaty Education Lead, The Pas, Manitoba
9:00 am 9:45 am	Presentation: Understanding the historical and contemporary Treaties and the Treaty Relationship	Treaty Commissioner Loretta Ross, Hollow Water First Nation, Treaty 5
9:45 – 10:30 am	Presentation: Spirit and Intent of Treaty Making: An Elder's Perspective	Elder Harry Bone, Chair of AMC/TRCM Council of Elders, Keeseekoowenin Ojibway Nation, Treaty 2
10:30 am – 10:45 am	COFFEE/HEALTH BREAK	
10:45 – 11:00 am	Kahoot:	Connie Wyatt Anderson,
11:00 – 12:00 pm	Catalyst Teacher Learning Network	Brett Schmall, Treaty Consultant Wade Houle, Consultant
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	LUNCH	
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Treaty Education Planning and Long Term Sustainability Goals	Cynthia Bird, Treaty Education Advisor, Peguis First Nation, Treaty 1
2:30 – 2:45 pm	BREAK	
2:45 – 3:45 pm	Importance of Teaching Treaties	Connie Wyatt Anderson
3:45 pm	CLOSING COMMENTS	

OUR TEAM:

Treaty Commissioner Loretta Ross is a member of the Hollow Water First Nation, Treaty 5. She holds a degree in law from Queen's University and has been a practicing lawyer for over 20 years providing legal counsel to numerous First Nation people, governments and organizations. She was appointed Treaty Commissioner in 2017.

Dr. Elder Harry Bone B.A. (Hons.), LL.D./13 (U of M), C. M., is a Treaty 2 Elder from Keeseekoowenin Ojibway Nation. Dr. Elder Bone was raised by his grandparents, who taught him the importance of maintaining ties to language, land, and culture. Their influence and teachings helped him to become a strong supporter of First Nations rights throughout his life.

Connie Wyatt Anderson is an educator from The Pas/ Opaskwayak Cree Nation. She has been involved in the creation of student learning materials and curricula at the provincial, national, and international level. She has received a number of awards including the 2014 Governor General's History Award for Teaching Excellence and the 2017 Manitoba Métis Federation's Distinguished Leader in Education. Connie holds a B.Ed., M.Ed. and is Treaty Education Lead.

Cynthia Bird (Wabi Benais Mistatim Equay) of Peguis First Nation, Treaty 1, is a long-time educator whose most recent work has been with the TRCM's Treaty Education K-12. In recognition of her accomplishments and contributions to education, she was honoured with the Aboriginal Circle of Educators' Research and Curriculum Development Award in 2011 and the TRCM's Treaty Advocacy Award in 2014. Cynthia was the principal writer for the Treaty Education K-12 teacher resources and is currently the Treaty Education Advisor at the TRCM

Amanda Simard is from Manigotogan and is a band member of the Hollow Water First Nation, Treaty 5 and has been with the TRCM since 2010. Amanda completed her Business Administration from Red River College and attended the University of Winnipeg working towards a degree in Indigenous Studies. Amanda is the Treaty Education Manager at TRCM

Brett Schmall is the Treaty Consultant with Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning's Indigenous Excellence division. He is French Métis (from St. Norbert) with kinship ties to the Courchaine, Blais and Pilon families. Brett is on an interchange with the government from Hanover School Division, where he worked as the divisional Indigenous Learning and Assessment Coach. His new role sees him guiding Catalyst Teachers as they support K-12 teachers in their divisions specific to Treaty teaching and learning. He can be reached at Brett.Schmall@gov.mb.ca

Wade Houle is a Curriculum Consultant with the Indigenous Excellence in Education Division for Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning (MEECL). He is from the Ebb and Flow First Nation and is currently on interchange with the Mountain View School Division where he was previously the Indigenous Education Coach. Wade is passionate about adult learning, Indigenous education, and anti-racism and anti-oppression education.