



TREATY RELATIONS
COMMISSION OF MANITOBA

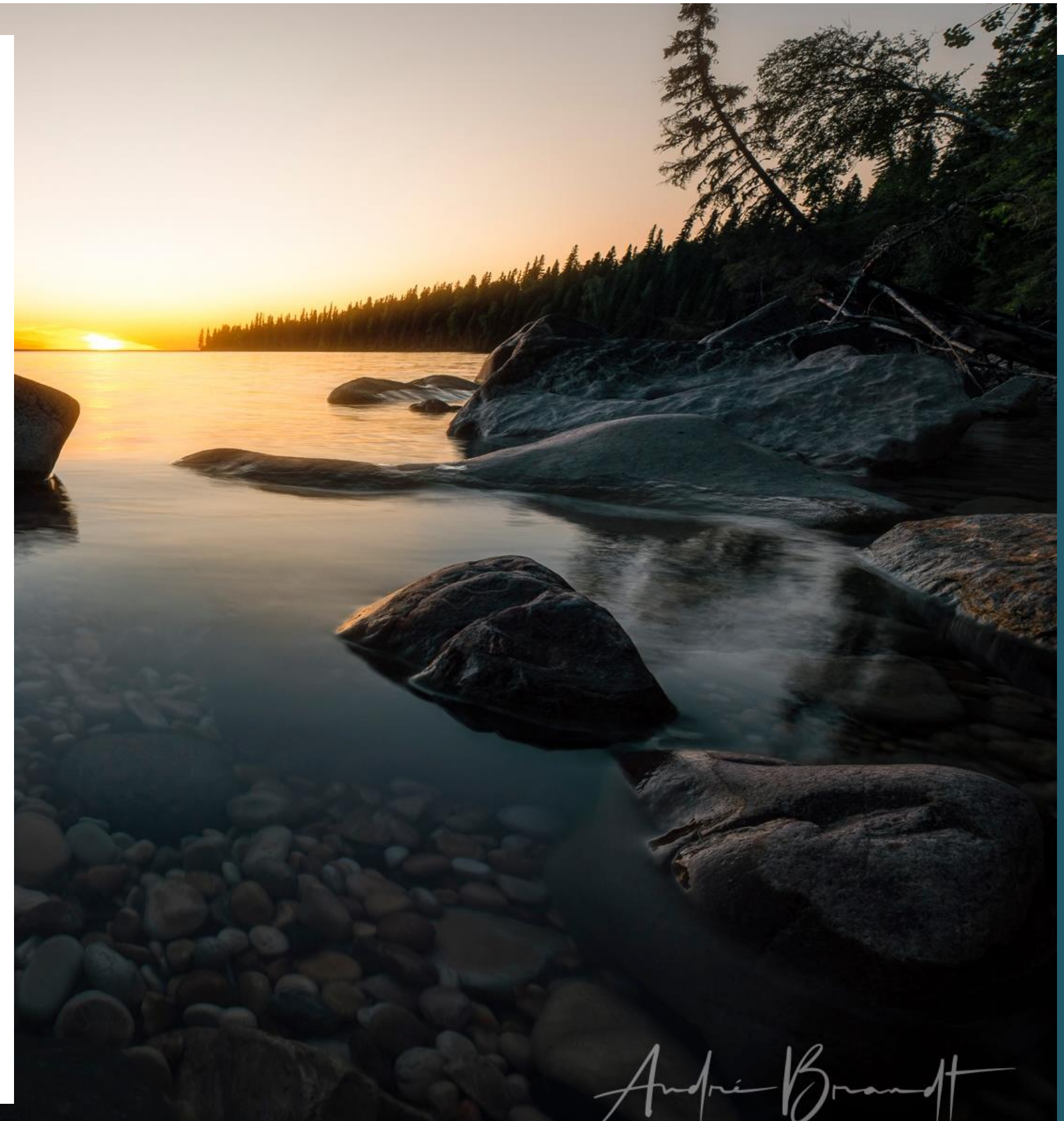
Treaty Education

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Manitoba School
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We recognize that we live, work, and play on traditional Indigenous territories across Manitoba. We wish to express gratitude to Mother Earth for the resources we are using and give thanks for the opportunities derived from being a Treaty partner.



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Welcome!

Just as there is no “typical” school board in Manitoba, so too there is no typical school trustee. Board members represent all age groups, all levels of educational attainment, and all occupations. Effective board members do, however, share some very important characteristics.

- Effective board members are characterized by the ability to **work as members of a team.**
- They maintain **open minds**, and have the ability to engage in give-and-take and to arrive at a decision.
- They know that authority rests with the board as a corporate body, not with individual trustees, and that they **must work with their colleagues** in order to achieve their goals.
- They are willing to spend the time required to **become informed** and to do the homework needed to take part in effective school board meetings.
- They share a strong desire to **serve children and their community**, as well as a strong belief in the value of public schools.
- Effective board members respect the needs and feelings of other people, and have a well-developed sense of fair play.
- They recognize that the school division or district they serve may be one of the largest businesses in town, and that the board is responsible for seeing that the business is well-managed.

What is the role of school boards and school trustees?

Source: [Manitoba School Boards Association](#)

NETTIQUETTE





Today

9 AM to 3:45 PM

1 Welcome, Introductions, Review of Agenda

Connie Wyatt Anderson

2 Understanding the Historical and Contemporary Treaty Relationship

Treaty Commissioner Loretta Ross

3 Spirit and Intent of Treaties from an Elder's Perspective

Dr. Elder Harry Bone

4 Activity: Kahoot

Connie Wyatt Anderson

5 Catalyst Teacher Learning Network

Brett Schmall & Wade Houle

LUNCH BREAK

6 Treaty Education Planning and Long-term Sustainability Goals

Cynthia Bird

7 Importance of Teaching Treaties

Connie Wyatt Anderson

8 Closing

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