



NIBI NEWS

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Territorial Planning Unit (TPU) Holiday Newsletter

The TPU Staff would like to wish everyone a Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Zhaagimaa Waabo

Guided by Manito Aki Inakonigaawin, and recognizing the significance of Treaty #3's connection to the land, the Territorial Planning Unit (TPU) works with Treaty #3 Leadership to protect the lands, waters, and resources within the 55,000 square miles that make up the Treaty #3 Territory.



Asubpeeschoseewagong children learning about reusing

Community Based Monitoring

Moving into 2020 the TPU's community-based monitoring program (CBM) will be looking for interested communities to join into the program in Spring to collect baseline water quality data from their traditional waters.

The CBM program will also be expanding to include shoreline clean-ups in communities and an environmental monitoring education component for middle and high school level students. If you or your community are interested in participating, please contact Chris Herc.

NIBI DECLARATION

The Nibi Declaration has been presented at Wa Ni Ska Tan Conference by the Women's Council and AFN. The TPU with Decolonizing Water is working on a Water portal in Treaty #3 and journal articles to share the principles of the Nibi Declaration.

Climate Change

In partnership with Shooneyaa Waa Biitong, Grand Council Treaty #3 has developed Climate Youth Strategy Teams in the following communities: Asubpeecheewagong, Naotkamegwanning, and Onigaming. Part of this process involved hiring 3 youth coordinators which has allowed one per community. The youth groups will receive a very in depth education in Climate Change, Mitigation, Adaptation, and training on environmental monitoring. Youth will receive support from the Territorial Planning Units Geneva Kejick on development of their strategy. The TPU staff will also provide support to the youth on identifying impacts of climate change in their communities and opportunities to mitigate. Youth will also explore ideas on how their home communities can decrease the amount of emissions that their communities produce.



Niisaachewan Monitors and GCT3 Staff collecting walleye tissue samples from Winnipeg River for Mercury

Treaty #3 Database/ Resource Map:

The Territorial Planning Unit has commenced a project with the Firelight group to develop a Treaty #3 geo spatial database. This would provide secure and central repository for everyone to house GIS files and environment reports from across the Territory. It would be the foundation of developing visualization tools such as maps by all technicians and communities, the TPU will also be working to create a resource development map of the Territory.

Trapping:

Treaty 3 has renewed the Trapping Harmonization Agreement (THA) for another 5 years (ending March 31st 2024). Principals of the agreement are: respect for land, animals, and people, conservation of mammals, safety, and incorporating humane trapping standards in accordance with the Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards.

Resource Revenue Sharing:

The Special Chiefs Committee met on August 1st, 2019, and passed a resolution (Ca-19-14), authorizing the distribution of funds as follows: equally divided between participating First Nations, which includes a GCT3 administration fee which will be equivalently shared between First Nations.

What to watch for in the new year:

- NWMO Gathering
- MAI Forum
- Watershed Management forums
- Climate Change Youth Gathering January 28th & 29th 2020

We would like to share our ongoing initiatives with you, please feel free to reach out to our office at anytime **1-807-548-4214**.

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