



# ANISHINAABE AGOWIDIWINAN

## TREATY 2 - AUGUST 21, 1871

### PREAMBLE

After intense negotiations between the Queen of England and Anishinaabek of Akowigun Niish, the parties came to an understanding on August 21st, 1871 for Immigration and Settlement, thus maintaining its sovereignty and jurisdiction.

We, the Anishinaabek of Akowigun Niish, possess the inherent rights and Authority, to govern ourselves, on the land bestowed onto us, by the Creator from time immemorial.

### OUR SIGNATORY FIRST NATIONS

Dauphin River First Nation, Ebb and Flow, Keeseekoowenin (Riding Mountain/Dauphin Lake), Lake Manitoba (Dog Creek), Lake St Martin, Little Saskatchewan, O-Chi-Chak-Ko-Sipi (Crane River), Pinaymootang (Fairford) and Skownan (Waterhen)

### WHERE IS AKOWIGUN NIISH?

Treaty 2 extends north of Treaty 1 territory, from the east shore of Lake Winnipeg, across the centre and southwest of Manitoba to the Moose Mountains in southeastern Saskatchewan. The Treaty 2 territory includes 8,676,828 hectares of land (more than 21 million acres). Included within are Riding Mountain National Park, Duck Mountain Provincial Park, Turtle Mountain Provincial Park, Hecla/Grindstone Provincial Park, and Moose Mountain Provincial Park Saskatchewan.

### OUR TRUTHS AND APPROACH

Treaty No. 2 was negotiated and entered into in August 1871 at Manitoba House, with Representatives of the Queen of England. This document acknowledges, and enshrines all the authority of Anishinaabe Jurisdiction, Sovereignty and Nationhood. Anishinaabe Akowigun Niish, Ahkeh, includes other Anishinaabe, whose Reserves are within the boundaries of Akowigun Niish, will be eligible to be part of Anishinaabe Agowidiwinan. It is upon this foundation, that we place our Governance Structure, and is the basis of our Authority, our Jurisdiction, and our Onankonehkawin.

Our Onankonehkawin is the basis, of implementing of our inherent and Akowigun rights, which extends, to all members of the Anishinaabek regardless of their Residency.

The extent of our Territory is, rooted in the sacred gifts from our Creator, our Elders' teachings, our knowledge, our inherent rights, and our Birthright.

Our inherent right to self-determination includes, but not limited to: The right to govern ourselves and to determine our own destiny; including, the right to develop and amend our Onankonehkawin, our Onankonehkawin and governance procedures, based upon the decisions of our Anishinaabe;

The right to establish and maintain our own forms of governance, in order to provide for the health and prosperity of Anishinaabek.

*The purpose of this treaty was "... to open up to settlement and immigration a tract of country bounded and described hereinafter mentioned, and to obtain the consent thereto of her Indian subjects inhabiting the said tract, and to make treaty and arrangements with them, so that there be peace and good will..."*





## OUR OBJECTIVES

The objectives of Anishinaabe Agowidiwinan are:  
To protect the collective, inherent, aboriginal and Treaty rights of Akowigun Niish Anishinaabek and the lands, waters, and resources within the boundaries, of Akowigun Niish.

To plan, initiate and carry out negotiations with federal, provincial and other governments, on matters, related to the protection of lands, waters, and resources in Akowigun Niish Territory; and other negotiations as required.

Each Anishinaabek member shall remain in total control of all decisions, regarding its Reserve lands and those lands that were part of their traditional territory.

To plan, initiate and carry out negotiations with the private sector and organizations that are involved in the exploration, extraction, processing, transportation, or distribution of natural resources, lands, or waters within Akowigun Niish Akowigun Territory.

## LOCATION OF OFFICE

The registered office shall be located on the Ebb and Flow Anishinaabek, and may be moved from time to time, within the Akowigun Niish Territory. All official business of Anishinaabe Agowidiwinan and Council of Chiefs shall be within the Akowigun Niish and territorial lands.

## SECRETARIAT

It is the intent of Anishinaabe Agowidiwinan, to separate the political and administration arm by establishing an Anishinaabe Agowidiwinan Secretariat. The Anishinaabe Agowidiwinan Secretariat shall be the Administrative body.

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## AKOWIGUN NIISH BUSINESS ARM

Anishinaabe Agowidiwinan shall pursue modern commercial opportunities, with and/or, without partners, through the use of Treaty 2 Development Inc. : a corporation incorporated in Canada, 2013 to pursue economic and business development.

