

Manitoba Wildlands First Nation Election Questions



Will your party:

Make sure both Crowns accelerate treaty land entitlements so land selection and transfers take no more than six months to be processed?

Commit to remaining land selection and transfers from the 1997? Treaty Land Entitlement being completed by 2012?

Support First Nation land claims inside Manitoba, and facilitate First Nation land purchases due to land entitlement and land claims?

Support urban reserve intentions of Manitoba First Nations?

Recommends alternative lands for any treaty land entitlement refused during inter departmental government review?

Make sure First Nations involved in land selection, transfer see results of Manitoba government reviews within 30 days?

Support Manitoba First Nations in negotiations for student funding to match per student funding in public schools, aiming for staged increases in 2012, 2014, etc.?

Support Manitoba First Nations in negotiations to secure clean water and sewage systems for all reserve residences?

Support First Nations who have decade long waits for capital funding from Canada to set up new reserve communities, or replace buildings?

Put in place culturally appropriate counseling for non-Aboriginal students, and training for teachers, in high schools with First Nations students?

Put in place school curriculum about Manitoba's aboriginal peoples, written and reviewed by Aboriginal elders and experts.

Require Manitoba Hydro to fund advance traditional use studies and economic planning prior to potential impacts from hydro projects?

Require archeological studies that include knowledge, in advance of any public work (government project) that affects First Nations?

Put in place mechanisms for First Nation requests to manage crown land designations (parks, wildlife management areas, ecological reserves, etc.)?

Establish public targets for First Nation post secondary education, training, apprenticeships, jobs, business starts, etc. for private and public sectors, with public reporting each year?

Establish a cabinet committee responsible for programs/policy/licenses/ that could affect First Nations negotiations, rights, and natural resource use that also monitors consultations?

Establish public and transparent standards and procedures for meaningful consultations and accommodation with First Nations based on inherent, constitutional and treaty rights?

Continue to fund First Nation and aboriginal capacity to participate in consultations prior to provincial Crown decisions about policy or land use.

Make sure any refusal of requested funds from the province's Aboriginal consultations fund is explained in writing to the affected community.

Make public the schedule and subject of consultations so other potentially affected communities are notified?

Provide independent legal advice for First Nations considering any business arrangement with the Manitoba government, or its agencies?

Review staffing for First Nation and aboriginal consultations activities and provide a report as to positions, roles, costs, and mandates or goals for these positions.

Move to royalty payments for use of natural resources, lands and waters in traditional areas, examples being hydro generation, road corridors, forestry agreements, mining dispositions etc.

Make sure First Nation communities can access the funding for participation in hearings about regulation of Lake Winnipeg?

Make sure any environmental hearing in Manitoba where First Nations are affected provides translators for First Nation speakers?

Combine information and public steps for possible permanent licenses for northern dams with Lake Winnipeg regulation?

NOTE: These questions are based on discussion with community members from Manitoba First Nations. They are not to be taken as a complete set of concerns or questions, but rather a set of concerns we hear often in our offices.