

WANI SKA TAN

ALLIANCE OF HYDRO IMPACTED COMMUNITIES



Spring Annual Gathering 2018

May 15th-17th

Thompson, Manitoba



AGENDA

TUESDAY MAY 15TH

- 6:00 pm - Arrive to UCN
 - Dinner & Welcome Remarks
 - Wa Ni Ska Tan Updates
 - Evening Entertainment

WEDNESDAY MAY 16TH

- 8:30 am - Doors Open at Friendship Centre & Registration
- 9:00 am - Opening Remarks
- 9:15 am - Introductions
- 10:00 am - Project Updates
- 10:30 am - 15 min Break
- 10:45 am - Keynote by Sylvia McAdam “Whose Land Is It?”
- 12:00 pm - Lunch
- 1:00 pm - Workshops begin at UCN
- 2:15 pm - 30 min Break
- 2:45 pm - 2nd Round of Workshops
- 4:00 pm - 30 min Break
- 4:30 pm - Documentary “Doctrine of Discovery: Unmasking the Domination Code”
- 6:00 pm - Free Evening

THURSDAY MAY 17TH

- 8:30 am - Continental Breakfast at UCN
- 9:00 am - 3rd Round of Workshops
- 10:15 am - 30 min Break
- 10:45 am - 4th Round of Workshops
- 12:00 pm - Lunch at Friendship Centre
- 1:00 pm - Workshop Report Back
- 2:00 pm - 15 Min Break
- 2:15 pm - Community Presentation
- 3:00 pm - 30 min Break
- 3:30 pm - Next Steps
- 4:30 pm - Closing Ceremony
- 6:00 pm - Dinner at UCN
 - Evening Entertainment

May 15th Entertainment



Blaine Constant is from Grand Rapids, MB and began playing fiddle at the age of 11. He has an energy on the stage that keeps the dancers moving and will be sure to get you up on the dance floor.

May 17th Entertainment

Leonard Sumner

Anishinaabe MC/Singer/Songwriter Leonard Sumner’s storytelling flows directly from the shores of Little Saskatchewan First Nation, located in the heart of the Interlake of Manitoba.



May 16th Keynote: Sylvia McAdam “Whose Land Is It?”

Sylvia McAdam (Saysewahum) is from the Treaty 6 lands and is a direct descendant of Treaty peoples. She is nēhīyaw and nakawe and speaks nēhīyaw. Sylvia has her Juris Doctorate from the University of Saskatchewan and Bachelor of Human Justice from the University of Regina. She is co-founder of a global grassroots movement called ‘Idle No More’. Sylvia has been selected for several awards namely; The Carol Gellar Human Rights Award, Foreign Policy’s Top 100 Global Thinkers Award, Social Justice Award, 2014 Global Citizen Award and most recently Margolese National Design for Living Prize. Sylvia has authored two books: “Cultural Teachings: First Nations Protocols and Methodologies” and “Nationhood Interrupted: Revitalizing nehiyaw Legal Systems”.

WORKSHOPS (UCN)

Session A (May 16 1-2:15PM)
Session C (May 17 9-10:15AM)

Session B (May 16 2:45-4PM)
Session D (May 17 10:45-12PM)

NEB Hearings: Community Input Room 108A Session A & D

The National Energy Board (NEB) is currently reviewing the “Manitoba-Minnesota Transmission Project” (MMTP). Wa Ni Ska Tan applied to and received intervenor status as part of this regulatory process. This workshop will discuss upcoming hearings.

Legal Discussion Room 212 Session A & C

This workshop will report on legal research conducted over the past two years for wa ni ska tan, including completed opinions on treaty 5 adhesions issues in split lake, on the legal status of implementation agreements and on work being undertaken on water rights. as well, the workshop will develop strategies for further legal research.

Whose Got the Power Room 213 Session A & B

Whose Got the Power is an interactive role paying game to better understand crown corporations and negotiations, and the frustrations faced by many communities throughout these processes. Participants will be asked for feedback as a way of improving the game for youth.

License to Learn Room 211 Session A

The licensing process for hydro projects is highly technical and inaccessible. It is made for consultants not communities. With CRD, LWR, the Kelsey Dam and the Grand Rapids Dam up for relicensing in coming years, we're asking for your input on how decisions about hydro projects should be made. Who should decide? What should the process look like? How might Free, Prior and Informed Consent be applied? Your input will contribute to a report that will be issued later in the year

Women's Gathering Room 108A Session B

This workshop is intended to be a starting point for discussions around research opportunities specific to Indigenous women from Hydro-affected Communities in Manitoba.

Indigenous Environmental Monitoring and Social Justice Room 211 Session B & C

Wa Ni Ska Tan is hoping to launch our environmental programme this year, which many members have identified is a priority.

This is a brainstorming workshop where all those participating can decide the following priorities:

- * Where: which communities want to partner and take a lead in this initiative?
- * Who should be involved?
- * How can we make the science accountable to these communities and the Alliance?
- * What should we monitor? (water, medicines, wildlife, humans, etc)
- * When is the best time to begin doing this and for how long?

Access to Land as a Measure of Health and Wellbeing Room 212 Session B

Drawing on statements shared by community members of Wa Ni Ska Tan in previous gatherings, this circle will be a space to focus on Cree understanding of health, mental health and wellbeing and the importance of maintaining relationships with the land. Dr. Derek Kornelson, PhD Candidate Joe Dipple, and researcher Ashlyn Haglund, will hold an open conversation about land-based approaches to healing and make connections to ongoing research

Archiving and Documentation Room 212 Session C

The goal of this workshop is to collect and make available documentary materials relating to hydro's effects on Indigenous communities in Manitoba. Historical documents or photos brought to the gathering will be digitized at the workshop (time permitting). We'll also ask participants about any previous hydro-related projects that have been conducted in Indigenous communities by researchers, journalists, film-makers, or others. Our goal is to identify earlier projects and try to connect with previous researchers to see if they have any records, documents, photos, films, articles, or other materials that we could acquire for the Wa Ni Ska Tan archives.

Writing Funding Proposals Room 212 Session D

Do you have an idea for a research or community project? Bring your ideas to this workshop and get support in developing them into a funding proposal that you can submit for the next intake date in September.

Manitow Wiyinkewna: Creators Laws & Our Nationhood - Sylvia McAdam Room 213 Session C & D

This workshop is presented on the assumption that participants have watched the “Doctrine of Discovery: Unmasking the Domination Code”. Before Europeans arrived on Turtle Island, the Original Peoples thrived in structured systems of leadership and laws. The information provided in this workshop will give insight into some of the nehiyaw systems as well as the subsequent impacts of colonization to the current state of affairs.

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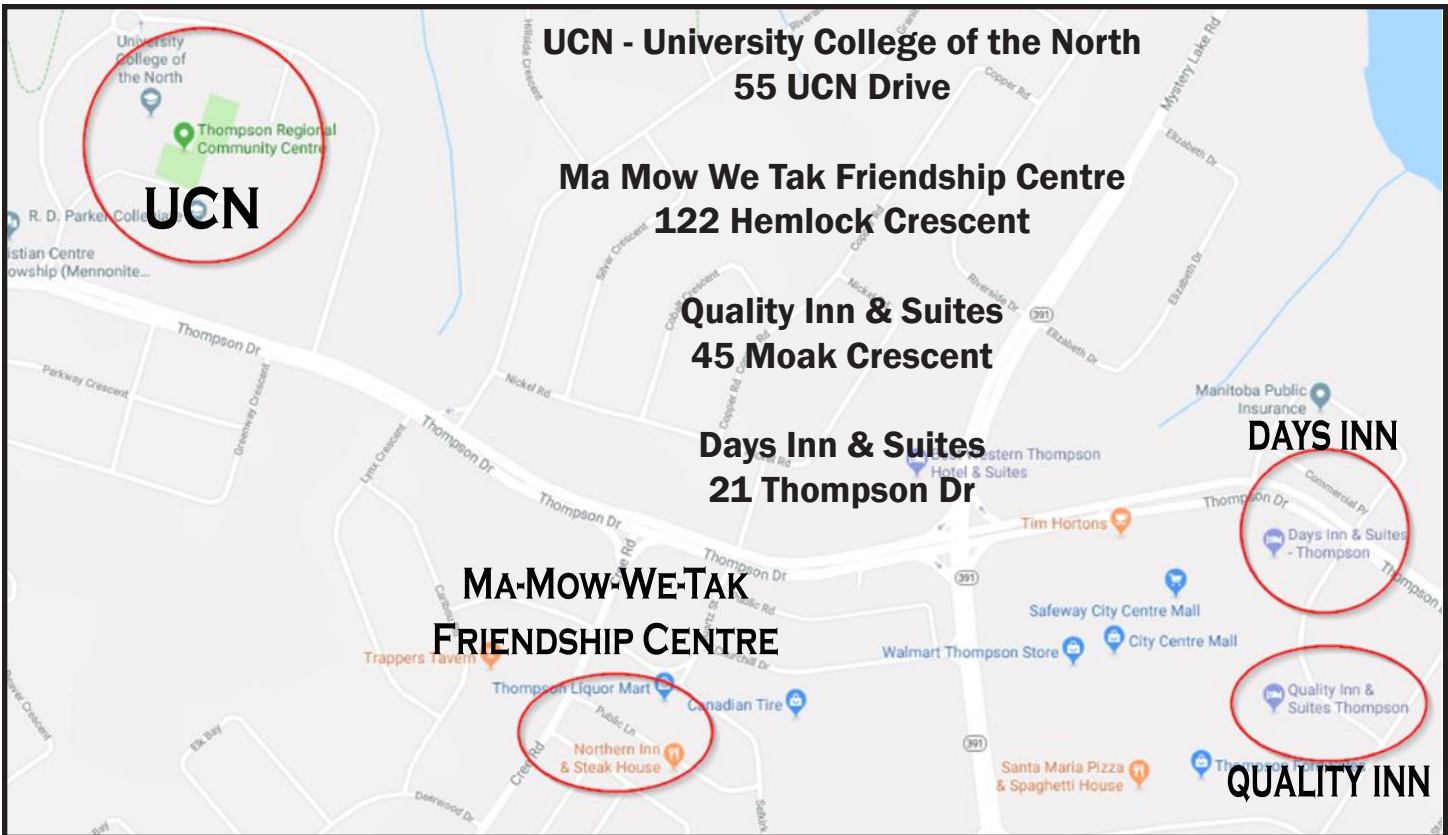


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