

WHITECAP DAKOTA TREATY

Women's Workshop

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Whitecap Dakota First Nation

Whitecap Dakota Treaty: What is it?

- Gives us the ability to govern ourselves & our lands.
- Revitalizing and restoring Dakota laws, culture, & language lost through assimilation & colonization.
- Honouring the work and hardships of our ancestors.
- Strengthening the future generations of Whitecap Dakota First Nation.

Whitecap Dakota Treaty: What is it?

- Forms the alliance between Whitecap and Canada.
- Land and economic settlement.
- Addresses current inequality between the Dakota and Treaty First Nations on the Prairies.
- Recognizes the historic mistreatment of the Dakota by the Canadian government.
- Recognizes the historical presence of Dakota in Canada & US.

Whitecap Dakota Treaty: What is it?

- A formal written agreement between Whitecap Dakota First Nation and Canada.
- A living agreement: “Tree-T”
- Constitutionally recognized & protected agreement (legally binding)
- Decolonization as basis for agreement.

Whitecap Dakota Treaty

TREE-T

Treaty Implementation Agreements



- Specific and detailed arrangements needed to fulfill treaty agreements

Shared Objectives

Lands
Education, Training & Employment
Dakota Language, Culture & Community
Economic Development, Infrastructure & Capital
Water, Wildlife & Environment
Governance, Alliances, Trade Relationships
Health, Social, Housing & Recreation



- “Limbs” carry-out work of the Core
- Seven key objectives
- More detailed arrangements outlining community interests

Core Treaty

Recognition Statement
Shared Objectives
Section 35 Protected



- “Trunk” is the main agreement
- Contains “Core” parts & principles of the agreement
- Regular review
- Not frozen in time

Reconciliation Agenda
Dakota-Crown Alliance
Historical Presence of the Dakota
Dakota Values



- “Rooted in Dakota Values & Culture
- Linked to Reconciliation

Whitecap Dakota Treaty: What is it?

NOT a historic treaty:

- In historic Numbered Treaties (ex. Treaty 4, Treaty 6) First Nations agreed to share their lands & resources in return for various payments and promises.

NOT a modern treaty:

- Have been criticized for not going far enough to recognize Aboriginal rights.
- In some BC Treaties, reserve lands were transformed into fee simple (private property)

Whitecap Dakota Treaty: What is it?

The Whitecap Dakota Treaty:

- **WILL NOT** cede or give up any lands or resources to Canada.
- **WILL NOT** cede or give up rights or status of WDFN Members.

(Status under Indian Act will remain.)
- **WILL NOT** change the status of WDFN Reserve Lands.

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NEGOTIATION TIMELINE

JANUARY 2018

Signing of *Framework Agreement* for the Dakota Treaty.

APRIL 2018

WDFN Membership meeting to review the Whitecap Treaty approach.

SUMMER 2018

Complete WDFN community consultations on Whitecap Treaty.

FALL 2018

Work with Canada to draft the terms for a treaty.
Submit draft to Federal Cabinet to set a mandate for negotiations.

WINTER 2019

Achieve mandate for negotiation of Whitecap Treaty with Federal government.

2019-2020

Negotiation and implementation of Whitecap Treaty.

Seven Shared Objectives

What do you want to see for the future in relation to these objectives?

How can you be a part of this?

-  Lands
-  Dakota Language, Culture & Community
-  Water, Wildlife & Environment
-  Health, Social, Housing & Recreation
-  Education, Training, & Employment
-  Economic Development, Infrastructure, & Capital
-  Governance, Alliance, Trade Relationships