

Living Into Right Relations – November 2023

Hello,

It's November - Treaties Recognition Week is a time to learn more about the historic and ongoing treaties between Indigenous peoples and various governments over time and make a point of understanding what it means to live into those treaties. Section 1 offers a variety of entry points for this. Some of it is only available this week; much can be pondered over time.

November 7 is Inuit Day in Canada. Section 5.a highlights two events.

November is also the month before Christmas and New Years, times of the year when gift giving and donations are high on our list. Section 4 is a small sampling of some Indigenous entrepreneurs and initiatives to consider when making those choices.

It's a heavy time in our world. I wish us all wisdom and compassion as we navigate the turmoil, the related events and information around us and the ways we can respond.

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1. Treaties Recognition Week: Nov. 5-11. Some ideas for you and your circles:

- a. [Our Home And Treaty Land : Walking Our Creation Story](#) Recommended by Pam from W.I.N.D. Good book for discussion for faith groups.
- b. [Treaty Rights at the Supreme Court of Canada: Restoule Appeal](#) Learn about an ongoing case related to treaties in which the annual monetary payment to the Anishinaabe would be increased over time if resource development in the territories was sufficiently profitable. From [First Peoples Law Report](#). One action you could take is to educate yourself by subscribing to this weekly report.
- c. [Treaties Recognition Week 2023 | Office of Indigenous Relations](#) University of Waterloo offers a variety of other resources 2 speakers:
 - i. Nov. 6: [Clayton Samuel King: 100 Years of the Williams Treaties](#) and
 - ii. Nov 9, [Myeengun Henry: Spirit of the Treaties](#)
- d. [Treaties Recognition Week](#) Info from Ontario Government website.
- e. [Episode 1 – Treaty Promises: Treaty making](#) first of a video series from the Suzuki Foundation. Other episodes and numerous other videos can be found at this link.
- f. [What does Treaty Mean to You?](#) Reposted from MP Sol Mamakwa's facebook.
- g. **Map Resources:**
 - i. [Whose Land](#) a friendly starting place to learn where traditional territories were, what treaties cover what areas, where the residential schools were, building Land Acknowledgements and more. Good for teachers - and all of us!
 - ii. [Native-Land](#) similar content, more interactive and detailed.

2. Land Back

- a. [O:se Kenhionhata:tie](#) - stay up to date through their Facebook posts
 - i. How to support? <https://www.landbackcamp.com/support>
- b. [1492 Land Back Lane](#) Supportive actions -
 - i. **Friday Lunches for 1492 LandBack Lane. Our next delivery date: Nov 17.** Cash donations can be made through [Ways to Donate - Parkminster United Church](#) . Please identify your donation as 1492 LandBack Lane and include your street mailing address if you would like a tax receipt. For more info or to lend a hand, contact me at nancydykstra@gmail.com. Thank you!
 - ii. Support their [legal defense fund](#) .

3. Highlighting Indigenous-led initiatives and organizations.

Back in June, [O:se Kenhionhata:tie](#) put out an invitation to their readers to familiarize themselves with various Indigenous-led organizations in Waterloo Region. We're writing about one each month. If you'd like to tell us about one, please forward info along. Thanks!

This month we're highlighting [White Owl Native Ancestry Association](#), located at 65 Hanson Ave. Kitchener. Founded in 1975, our White Owl is one of the oldest Indigenous community organizations in Kitchener-Waterloo. They are "dedicated to innovative Indigenous holistic practice with a commitment to whole person development within families and communities" in Waterloo Region, Wellington and Dufferin counties. Check out their [Facebook](#) page for current events. (Thank you, Mary Lou Emburgh.)

4. Supporting Indigenous Entrepreneurs and Organizations through Christmas and New Year's gift giving and donations

- a. A Very Merry Indigenous Art Market - Kitchener City Hall Nov. 25&26, 11a.m.-4p.m
- b. [.2023 Canadian Indigenous Christmas Market](#)
- c. [Shop Indigenous Women's Market!](#)
- d. Receive Vibrational Sound Therapy from Tammy Gagnon while laying under a 6 foot drum! Learn more at [Mashkiki strength of the earth](#). Gift certificates available. Tammy is located in Bright, ON and can be reached online [here](#).
- e. Sapling and Flint, Ohsweken <https://www.saplingandflint.ca>
- f. [Woodland Cultural Centre](#). [Donate](#) or [shop](#) at their online store.
- g. [Crow Shield Lodge](#). Donation page [here](#).

If you have other suggestions, please send them our way!

5. Learning at home and connecting in person

- a. **INUIT DAY Nov 7 Two events - Nov 6 and 7**
 - i. **Nov. 6, noon.** [The portrayal of Arctic Indigenous peoples in mainstream culture](#) online
 - ii. **Nov. 7, 12:30-2 p.m** [Inuit Day Film Screening of The Experimental Eskimos and Circle with Elder Minnie Akparook](#) Office of Indigenous Relations UW, EC5 1111.
- b. [Act Five](#) is a gap-year program with a Christian learning/service focus based in Hamilton. They have a slew of events related to LIRR in November to which the public is invited. Please see the attached PDF. Thank you, Cindy Stover. Please note the deadline for registering is Nov 8.
- c. [Crow Shield Lodge](#) in Waterloo Region has a range of events related to education, healing, land stewardship and reconciliation. See the current events listing [here](#).
- d. **Deadline to register has passed, but if you call on Monday Nov. 6 you might still get in! Nov. 17-19** [Where Cultures Meet and Retreat](#) Five Oaks Conference Centre, 1 Bethel Rd. Paris.
- e. **Now until Jan 6.** [Doug Maracle: Come Walk With Me](#) exhibit in the gallery at Woodland Cultural Centre, 184 Mohawk St Brantford. (For other exhibits currently in the watershed see the October newsletter.)
- f. **Nov. 7, 1 p.m.** [Nations Uniting](#) film and conversation - To join this event and be part of their mailing list contact Rhonda Johns at nations.uniting@gmail.com.
- g. **Nov. 7, 7 p.m.** [A Visual Reconciliation - Sacred Listening to Artists](#) Join Dazaunggee, Julie Tián, Xavier Fernandes and Ted Fullerton, whose work is on display at Martin Luther University College as part of "A Visual Reconciliation: Cross-cultural Artistic Reflections on the Seven Sacred Teachings." Use the link to register on Zoom.
- h. Lunch and Learn [Six Nations Polytechnic](#) November - Traditional Healing Practices
Nov. 8, 12-1 p.m. (2160 4th Line Road, Ohsweken)
Nov. 15, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (411 Elgin Street, Brantford)
Watch SNP monthly newsletters and social media for more details.
- i. **Nov, 10, 17, 24... 8-9 p.m.** Every Friday night until Dec. 15. [Climate Emergency Vigils at Waterloo Town Square](#).
- j. **Nov. 15, 6-8 p.m.** Mohawk Institute Virtual tour. Click [here](#) for a link to tickets.
- k. **Nov. 19 2-4 p.m.** [Reflections on A Visual Reconciliation](#) printmaking workshop In conjunction with [A Visual Reconciliation](#) currently at Luther. Sign-up [here](#) (required). All supplies will be provided. Organized by [Feather & Cross](#).
- l. **Nov. 29, noon-2** Grandmothers' Tea, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 810 King St. East Cambridge. Click [here](#) for a description. Contact Sherri Wilker at swflordama@yahoo.com.
- m. **Dec 1, 7 p.m.** [Rising from Colonialism](#) Victoria Park Pavilion, Kitchener. Tickets, \$10. Proceeds shared with Healing of the Seven Generations.
- n. **Dec. 2, 8 a.m.** [Grand River Water Ceremony](#) All Nations Grand River Water Walk, [850 Otterbein Road, Kitchener](#).
- o. Lots of other events to learn about through [Eventbrite](#).

6. Good Reads, News and Views

a. Reads

- i. [Truth Telling : Seven Conversations about Indigenous Life in Canada](#) by Michelle Good.

b. News

- i. [Thousands protest, demanding Ontario government stop mining on First Nations' lands](#) The Varsity.

c. Views

- i. [Home on Native Land](#) a new self-directed course on Indigenous law, designed to help non-Indigenous allies advocate with greater understanding. A series of 10 videos, cartoons and lessons, take you on a journey through history- and the frontlines of legal action - with Anishinaabe comedian Ryan McMahon. From [RAVEN](#).

ii. Points of view... about The Fifth Estate investigation of [Buffy Sainte-Marie's claims to Indigenous ancestry](#)

1. [Buffy Sainte Marie - My Response & a Request](#) Sandi Boucher.
2. [Sask. Indigenous author and lawyer Michelle Good reflects on Buffy Sainte-Marie's Indigenous ancestry claims](#) CBC radio.