

Living Into Right Relations – October 2024

Hello,

How has your week been? Does the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation seem like a long time ago? Hopefully we are continuing to reflect on our experience and consider next steps in our journey. The News and Views section includes a thought-provoking blog post on this fledgling day of recognition. I believe that how we mark this day needs to continue to evolve.

Treaties Recognition Week which happens annually in early November, is just around the corner. It will be underway by the time the November newsletter arrives so I have included what I can in this month's offerings. Section 1 includes a variety of entry points for this learning: local events; websites and maps to help us do our own research about treaties related to where we live; and recent relevant court decisions.

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1. Nov 3 to 9 is Treaties Recognition Week

- a. [Treaties Recognition Week](#) Info from Ontario Government website.
- b. [Office of Indigenous Relations University of Waterloo](#) University of Waterloo offers a variety resources here. Check closer to the date to see about possible events.
- c. **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!
- d. [Native-Land](#) similar content, more interactive and detailed.
- e. **2024 recent Supreme Court decision re: payments** [Supreme Court of Canada - Ontario \(Attorney General\) v. Restoule](#) Background: [Treaty Rights at the Supreme Court of Canada: Restoule Appeal](#)
- f. [Treaty litigation successful for 21 Lake Huron First Nations](#)
- g. While not related directly to treaties, this is valuable reading related to legislation and interpretation at the supreme Court level [Coalition Statement | Supreme Court of Canada decisions underline the significance of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Canadian law](#).
- h. Subscribe to Bruce McIvor's one minute videos on Indigenous Rights: [Indigenous Rights in One Minute](#). E.g. [What was Required to Create a Historical Treaty?](#)

2. Land Back

- a. [O:se Kenhionhata:tie](#) - at Willow River Centre, 243 King St., Kitchener. Read their Facebook posts. Some highlights:
 - i. [Handicraft Hangouts with Brittney Baldwin](#) Oct and Nov.
 - ii. [Funding from Region of Waterloo Upstream Fund](#)
 - iii. How to support? [Support us | O:se Kenhionhata:tie](#)

3. An Occasional section about the Arts

a. Kitchener Waterloo Art Gallery

- i. To Oct. 20 [Billy Gauthier: Sila | Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery](#)
- ii. to Nov. 10 [Kathleen Daly: Northern Exposures](#)
- iii. **Thursdays in October, Oct 3 - 24 67:30 p.m.** [Everything, Everywhere, All at Once](#) participants, ages 7 to 12 will take inspiration from [Billy Gauthier: Sila](#) and [Kathleen Daly: Northern Exposures](#) will learn to communicate their feelings and understandings on specific topics using visual language.

b. Waterloo Region Museum

- i. [Currents of Change](#)
- ii. [Maple Leaf/ Schneiders Gallery](#)

c. Art Gallery of Hmilton

- i. [RBC Artist In Residence: Alex Jacobs-Blum September 21, 2024 - March 16, 2025.](#)

4. Learning at home and connecting in person

- a. [Crow Shield Lodge](#) in Waterloo Region has a range of events related to education, healing, land stewardship and reconciliation, including a monthly men's sharing circle (Oct 16), women's full moon ceremony (Oct 17), and more. Events listing [here](#).
- b. **Tues, Oct.8, 6-9 p.m.** KW [Indigenous Poets Society](#) Open Mic at The Grove Cafe 295B Lancaster St W, Kitchener.
- c. **Thurs, Oct.17, 7 p.m.** Robin Wall Kimmerer [The Honorable Harvest: Indigenous knowledge for sustainability](#) Western University, Centennial Hall, 550 Wellington Street, London. Thank you, Pegi Ridout. A book study on her book Braiding Sweetgrass is being offered through Church of the Redeemer in three Sunday evening sessions, Oct 28, Nov 4 and Nov 11. Find more info and registration [here](#).
- d. **Thurs, Oct. 24** A day of On-the-Land Learning at Six Nations with Adrian Jacobs. A full day of outdoor learning, focused on land rights and treaty relationships with Adrian in the morning, and native plant restoration with [Kayanase](#) in the afternoon. Cost: +/- \$20 to donate to the places we visit. For more information and to RSVP contact Cindy Stover at cindystover@gmail.com. She will share more details directly with you in mid-October.

- e. **Fri, Oct. 25, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.** [A Day of Reflection: 240 years of the Haldimand Land Grant](#) Six Nations Polytechnic. A Day of Reflection commemorating the 240th anniversary of the Haldimand land Grant to the Six Nations for their sacrifices during the American Revolution.
- f. **Tues, Oct. 29, 1:30-3:30** [Nations Uniting](#) Sharing Circle - To join this event and be part of their mailing list contact Rhonda Johns at nations.uniting@gmail.com.
- g. **Wed, Oct. 30, 12-2.** Grandmothers' Tea at Norwich United Church, 80 Main St W, Norwich. Potluck lunch and sharing time. Contact Joan (519-754-8786) or Shirley (519-753-5789) for more information.
- h. **Sat, Nov. 2, 8 a.m.** [Grand River Water Ceremony](#), at [Schneider Park](#), Kitchener, parking off King St, across from Freeport Hospital.
- i. **Mon Nov. 4, 2-3:30 and 7-8:30 p.m.** The Concerned Lay Catholics' Indigenous Teachings Book study. [The Clay We are Made Of: Haudenosaunee Land Tenure on the Grand River](#) by Susan M. Hill. Readers may also want to read: *The Puzzle of the Haldimand Tract* – Phil Monture. Also, view the video linked in Section 5.c.i below. Online, facilitated by Donna McGreal. To register and for more information contact concernedlaycatholics@gmail.com.
- j. **Fri, Nov. 8, 7-8:30 p.m.** [Re-telling our stories: Mennonite and Indigenous perspectives in conversation](#). Leah Reesor-Keller and Clarence Cachagee in conversation, with host Bob Nally. Erb St Mennonite Church, 131 Erb St. W., Waterloo. Register through the link.

5. Good Reads, News and Views

a. Reads

- i. [Honouring and Supporting Indigenous Resilience](#), by Tumia Knott, spalə́, September 27, 2024. First People's Law. Thought-provoking perspective on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.
- ii. [The Knowing](#) by Tanya Talaga. *The Knowing* has been adapted into a four-part documentary series that premiered at TIFF this year and is on [CBC Gem](#). (From First People's Law. See more c.i below.)
- iii. Youtube, listen to [Who We Are: Inspired by the Words and Wisdom of Murray Sinclair \(Niigaan Sinclair & Tanya Talaga\)](#) Book launch for Murray Sinclair's new memoir [Who We Are: Four Questions For a Life and a Nation](#). Thank you, Donna McGreal.

b. News

- i. [This Kitchener, Ont., church uses portion of its budget for Indigenous reparations for "harm done"](#) CBC. Learn more here: [Ep 27 - Spiritual Covenant with Adrian Jacobs | Mennonite Central Committee](#).
- ii. [Conestoga creating two Indigenous-inspired classrooms to enhance student learning](#).

c. Views

- i. Recommendations from First People's Law [What We're Watching: Fall Edition](#).