

**ROSEAU RIVER**  
*Anishinaabe First Nation*

# History of Roseau River Anishinaabe First Nation's Waste Management





**I Love trash!**



# Roseau River Anishinaabe First Nation

Population – approximately 2,766 members as of August 2024

Approximately 1500 live on reserve

Location:

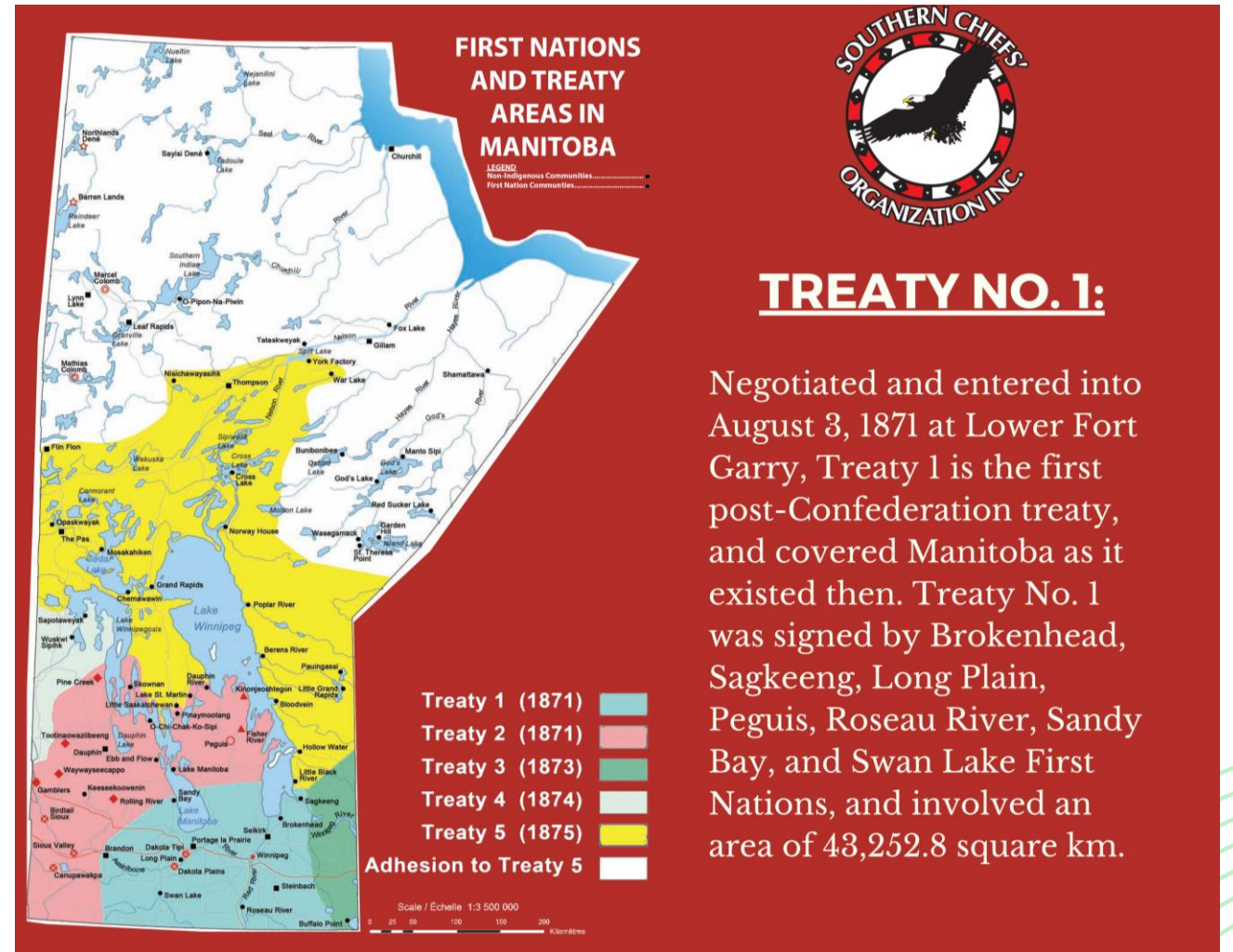
1 hour South of Winnipeg

5 kilometers east of Letellier and Highway 75

1 of the 7 First Nations in Treaty 1

2 Parts to our Reserve Lands – Main Reserve 2 and Roseau Rapids 2(a)

Rapids area is 20 minutes directly east of the Main Reserve with no Dumping Grounds



# RRAFN 's Waste Management History



# RRAFN North Landfill/Pit

- In 1997 a site approximately 2 miles north from Main Reserve was identified for a Landfill/Pit.
- This chosen site was fenced but not diked. Also no membrane or liners.
- The site was situated on RRAFN lands that are considered pristine agricultural land that is mainly leased to farmers.
- This site remained until 2016 until capacity was reached.
- Issues with sites:
  - Unsightly – free for all pit
  - Foul odors flowing into the community – especially when Waste was burned - environmental assessment conducted stated the wind pattern in our area is mainly from the NW/NE
  - Flooding – major and moderate flooding yearly
  - Land lease disagreements ie: farmers frustrated with waste in the fields

## Landfill - continued

- 2017 – a feasibility study was conducted by Neegan Burnside with collaboration with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to determine the possibility of building a Waste Transfer Station for RRAFN.
- 2017 – 2023 (7 years)
  - Back and forth volley between Council and ISC for funding arrangements and preferred site location.
  - Temporary Garbage Collection Site was funded by ISC in 2017
  - Bins were placed in a commercial area on the FN
  - 2019 – RRAFN built a fenced in Quonset where bins became central drop off location and this site
  - North Quonset bins remained until November 2023 when the newly built Waste Transfer Station was complete and ready for Operation

## Landfill - continued

- 2017 – 2023 (7 years)
  - After ISC and RRAFN approved of the WTS build and its location, Earth Max and Neegan Burnside were chosen as our partners as the Builder and Project Manager
  - The new build started October 2022. Completed August 2023.

# RRAFN Waste Transfer Station

- Began Operations November 2023





# Waste Transfer Station

RRAFN's Waste Transfer Station can accommodate the yearly waste that is generated from:

- 230 Households
- 18 Commercial Buildings
- 401 tonnes of Waste generated per year.

5 Staff in total – 1 Manager, 2 Attendants, 2 Collectors

Waste Transfer Station Elements:

- Attendant Trailer
- REUSE Shop
- Recycling Container
- Hazardous Waste Container
- Battery Container
- Electronic Waste Container
- Garage/Shop
- Bunkers to accommodate Metal, Tires, Furniture, White Goods, Mattresses



Hazardous Waste

Batteries

Mattresses

Reuse Shop

Attendant Trailer  
Garage/Shop

E - Waste

Recycling

Tires

Furniture

Scrap Metal

White Goods

# Waste Transfer Station – continued

## REUSE SHOP

Intake any reusable items such as computers, furniture, appliances, sports equipment, etc.

Visitors daily for dropping off or picking up of items

Clean the shop every 2 weeks so we don't accumulate too much items

All items are Free

Bug free

## RECYCLING

1 enclosed container

Blue or Clear bags

Once a month hauling out

No Recycling Program established yet

## HAZARDOUS WASTE

Includes: TV's, Computers, Stereos, Microwaves, etc.

Twice a year haul out

Items placed in Super Sandbags or Super Totes and placed on pallets

# Waste Transfer Station – continued

## BATTERIES

Regular batteries, car batteries

Stored appropriately

## HAZARDOUS WASTE

Paints, oils

Sealed and in Hazardous  
Waste Containers/Barrels

Once a year haul out

## BUNKERS/CELLS

Tires – once we have 500 tires  
we will be hauling out

Furniture – kept temporarily

Metals – scraps

White Goods – kept until  
decommissioned, then hauled  
out for money back for Scrap  
Metal

## MATRESSES

Beds without Bugs



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## Future Aspirations by RRAFN Waste Management

- Implement a robust Recycling Program
- Educational Awareness Campaigns
  - Through Social Media sharing such as videos or Reels
  - Visits to Ginew School Classrooms
  - Thrift Shop:  
Reusable items



Thank you

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