

First Nations Waste Minimization Program



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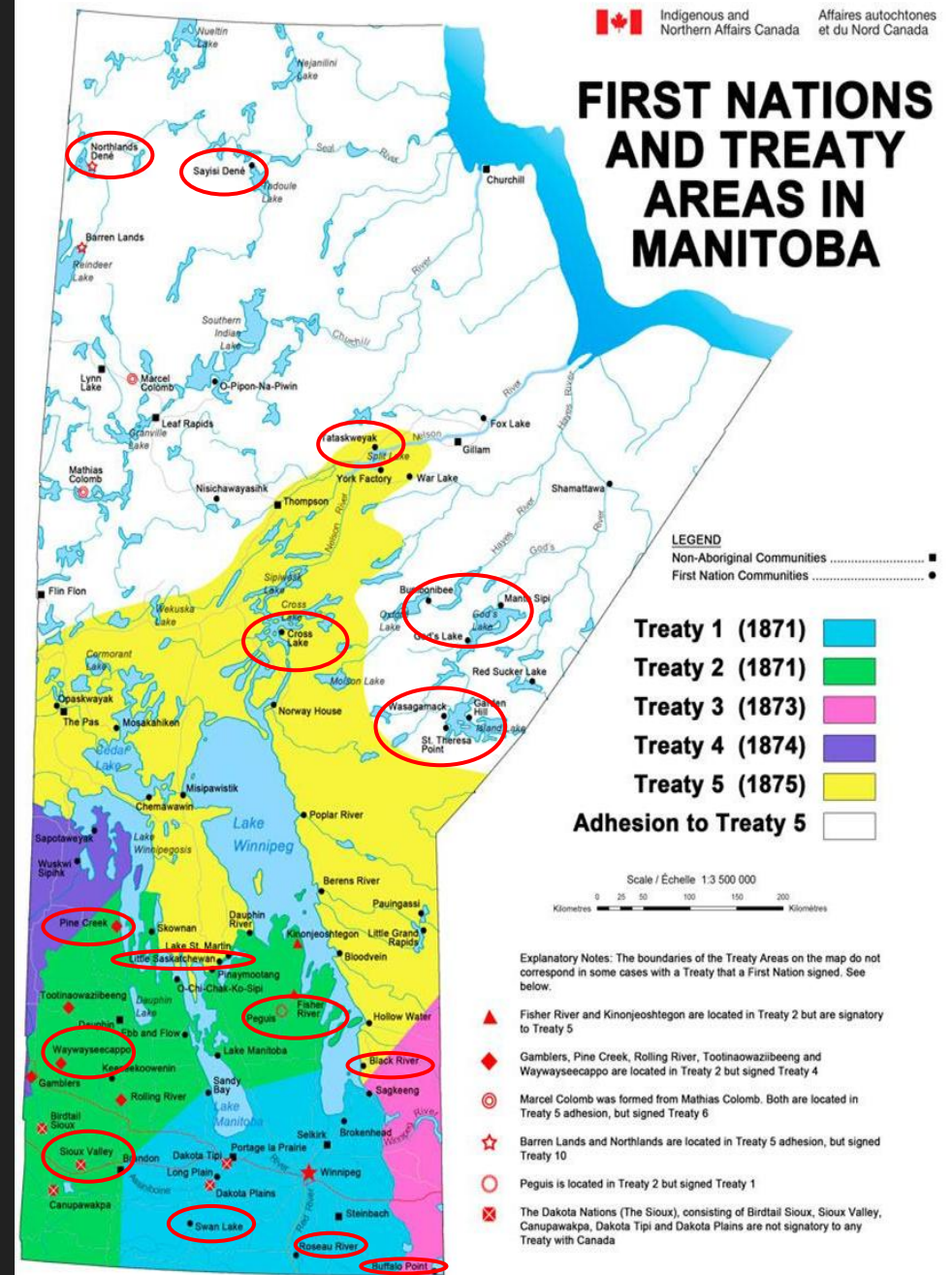
- FNWM started as a pilot program in 2017-18
- Collaboration between the Southeast Resource Development Council, Indigenous Services Canada, Green Action Centre, and participating First Nations.
- Started with 3 communities: Bloodvein First Nation, Peguis First Nation and Fisher River Cree Nation.
- Number of communities we support has since grown to 23 First Nations.
- Varying levels of support are provided based on community needs, priorities, and readiness.



Our team's first toolkit and prototype logo

Communities

- Black River First Nation
- Buffalo Point First Nation
- Bunibonibee Cree Nation
- Cross Lake First Nation
- Fisher River Cree Nation
- Garden Hill First Nation
- God's Lake First Nation
- Little Saskatchewan First Nation
- Manto Sipi Cree Nation
- Northlands Denesuline First Nation
- Peguis First Nation
- Pine Creek First Nation
- Roseau River Anishinaabe First nation
- Sayisi Dene First Nation
- Sioux Valley Dakota Nation
- St. Theresa Point First Nation
- Swan Lake First Nation
- Tataskweyak Cree Nation
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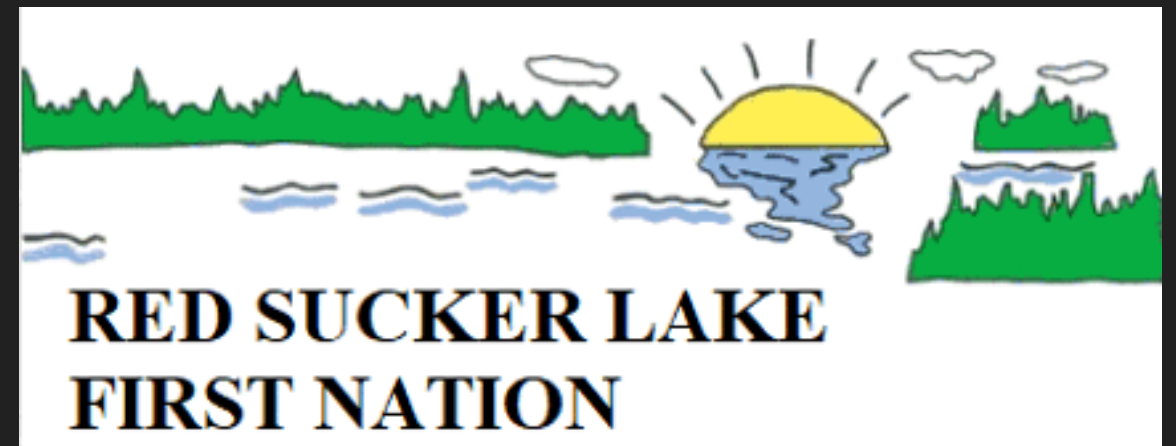


New Communities

Pauingassi First Nation

Red Sucker Lake First Nation

Skownan First Nation



First Nation Landfills & Transfer Stations

We work with First Nation communities to support material diversion efforts through assistance with:

- Landfill/recycling operations
- On-site work
- Organizing regional trainings
- Supporting funding proposals

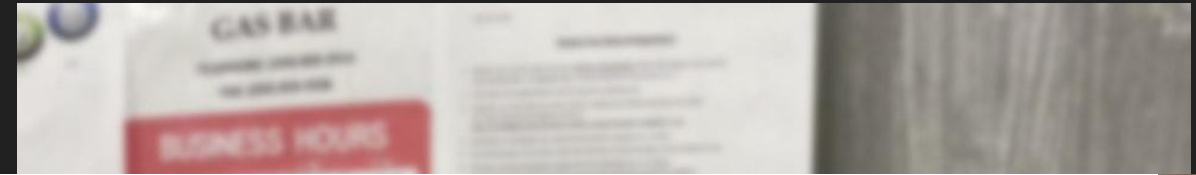


Part of the First Nation Regional Training Site at the site of the waste pile burning in the area of the site (2016 of the Lake)

Community Engagement

4R Recycling Bingo

- Fun and interactive recycling-themed bingo
- Uses different recyclable materials (as well as green tips) in place of traditional bingo numbers.
- Allows waste management staff a chance to interact with and inform community members
- Supports community knowledge



 car & truck tires	 antifreeze & coolants	 pizza boxes (clean or non-greasy parts)	 fluorescent lights (household hazardous waste)	 stove
 Use both sides - 6 million MB tons used for paper	 Turn old t-shirts into mesh shopping bags	 used paint cans (household hazardous waste)	 propane tank (household hazardous waste)	 batteries
 Styrofoam	 toxic materials (household hazardous waste)	 milk & juice cartons	 The 4Rs - Respect Reduce Reuse Recycle	 microwaves
 televisions (electronic recycling)	 Switch to toilet paper with recycled content	 pop / drink cans	 car & truck batteries	 plastic laundry detergent jugs
 Reusable Travel Mug (coffee/tea)	 fridges / freezers	 used motor oil	 no food cans	 egg cartons (cardboard not styrofoam)

Created using the tools @ edictal.com. (This notice must remain on this card.)

Example of a 4Rs Bingo card

Material Collection Drives

- Community members are asked to bring in specific materials such as household recycling or electronics.
- Participant names are put into a draw to win prizes or are paid per item in some cases.
- Encourages community participation in the recycling system
- Effective way to collect and divert specific materials out of the community without a transfer station.



ELV-GARAGE



COMMUNITY CLEAN UP/ pay you when u exchange the following...

Bring your Batteries, Tires, Ovens, fridge, dryers, washers, A/C, microwaves at our shop ALLDAY

Batteries \$4.00	Tires \$2.00	Appliances -Oven \$2.00 ^{4.00}	-Washers \$2.00
		-Fridge \$2.00 ^{4.00}	-AirConditioners \$2.00
		-Dryers \$2.00	

Come trade, all staff will be there.

Monday June 7, 2024

Garden Hill, Panty Road, Elv Garage

Big small propane \$4.00 \$2.00

2025 Highlights and Successes

Non-stewarded Refrigerant removal

Non-stewarded Mattress removal

Waste Coordinators Meet Ups

2024-25 Winter Road Recycling



Refrigerant Removal

- 1st year - 629 fridges and freezers were inspected for refrigerant evacuation, of which 480 units were evacuated. 149 Units were already empty upon inspection. 50 lbs of refrigerant gas recovered.
- FNWM team members were certified through MOPIA to remove refrigerant, and we purchased the equipment to do refrigerant evacuation.
- 2nd year - 47.58 lbs of refrigerant gas recovered this year so far.



Removing refrigerant in Boston River - October 2025

Winter Road Recycling

The Winter Road Recycling Project is a collaboration between remote winter road First Nation communities, with 26 semi trailer loads of material backhauled from 7 Producer Responsibility Organizations (PRO's), and participating First Nations, and Indigenous Services Canada (ISC). The project is facilitated by The First Nations Waste Minimization Team.

The Project partners with transporters bringing goods and supplies to communities on the winter road. Instead of 'backhauling' empty, waste management crews fill the now empty semi trailers with waste materials they have collected.



Mattress Removal

- Mattresses are non-stewarded and a difficult material to handle for most First Nations.
 - Communities pay out of pocket to handle
 - Our team has a budget to remove them a couple of times per year.
- Picked up mattresses from Pine Creek First Nation and Little Saskatchewan First Nation and delivered them to Mother Earth Recycling.
- 236 mattresses recycled to date!



All mattresses being taken to Mother Earth Recycling, coordinated with the local construction recycling 2024

Waste Coordinator Meetups

- Held in October, the day after the annual MARR Forum.
- Hosting our 4th Meetup on Friday.
- The 3rd Meet Up was held in October 2024 and had 17 participants from 11 First Nations



Location: Viscount Gort Hotel - Conference Room
 Address: 1670 Portage Ave
 Date: October 16-18, 2023
 Time: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm



First Nations Waste Minimization - MARR Forum and Waste Coordinators Meet Up Agenda

October 16-18, 2024

October 16, 2023	October 17, 2023	October 18, 2023
Information Sessions/Site Tours	Workshops	Meetup Day
8:30 - 9:00 Breakfast, Registration, Tradeshow	8:15 - 9:00 Breakfast, Registration, Tradeshow	8:30 - 9:30 Breakfast
9:00 - 9:15 Welcome & Opening Remarks	9:00 - 9:30 Welcome and Opening Remarks *Special Guest: Honourable Tracy Schmidt, Minister of Environment and Climate Change	9:30 - 10:00 Opening Remarks and Icebreaker Activity
9:15 - 9:30 Introduction & Overview	9:30 - 10:20 Facilitated Activity	10:00 - 10:30 Randy Webber - Train the Trainer
9:30 - 10:00 Community Story 1: Roseau River	10:20 - 10:30 Introducing Trade Show participants	10:30 - 11:30 ISC - OMSWAS proposal & reporting
10:00 - 10:30 Table discussion and activity 1	10:30 - 11:00 Networking Break & Trade Show	11:30 - 11:45 Break
10:30 - 10:50 Break	11:00 - 11:30 Session A1/B1	11:45 - 12:30 FNWM Team - White Goods/Refrigerant Removal
10:50 - 11:20 Community Story 2	11:30 - 12:00 Session A2/B2	12:30 - 1:30 Lunch
11:20 - 12:00 Table discussion and activity 2	12:00 - 1:00 Networking Lunch & Trade Show	1:30 - 2:15 Community updates/Discussion
12:15 - 1:00 Lunch	1:00 - 1:45 Session A3/B3	2:15 - 2:45 Community Presentation - TBD

"Thank you again for everything you and the guys do, not just for Peguis, but for all the native communities. Y'all are absolutely wonderful. I appreciate everything you have done and are still doing" ~ Participant quote

Resources

- Youth Activity Book released in 2022. Free kids resource for educators. 7000+ copies sent out to date!
- Waste Toolkit released in 2022, updated last year. Resource developed specifically for Manitoba's First Nations.



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