

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Please Join us in Celebrating

TREATIES RECOGNITION WEEK 2020!

Treaties Recognition Week is marked annually during the first full week of November and runs from **November 1 – 7** this year. It's an opportunity for all Ontarians to learn about treaties and the treaty relationships that shape our province.

The Ministry of Indigenous Affairs is hosting two virtual Living Library events suitable for secondary students.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Theme: Cultural Appreciation versus Appropriation

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

(One-hour panel discussion followed by 30-minute Q&A session)

PANELISTS

BRENDA COLLINS

Brenda Collins is an Indigenous artist born in Blind River and currently living in London, Ontario. She is the five times great-granddaughter of Chief Jean Baptist Assiginack, the keeper and great orator of the 1764 covenant chain wampum belt and her mother is a band member of the Sheshegwaning First Nation. Brenda travels throughout Southwestern Ontario spreading the Indigenous word through wampum belt workshops and land acknowledgements.

DOE O'BRIEN-TEENGs

Doe O'Brien-Teengs is an Omushkego Cree/Irish Canadian Two Spirit storyteller, writer, Indigenous Knowledge Resource Teacher at the Royal Ontario Museum, and a PhD Candidate in Education at Lakehead University. She grew up in Moosonee, Ontario and currently resides in the Greater Toronto Area.

MODERATOR

DR. CYNTHIA WESLEY-ESQUIMAUX

Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux served as Vice Provost for Aboriginal Initiatives at Lakehead University for three years and is an adjunct assistant professor for the Faculty of Anthropology and maintains a status-only appointment at the University of Toronto's Faculty of Social Work. She is a member and resident of the Chippewa of Georgina Island First Nation in Ontario and has dedicated her life to building bridges of understanding between peoples.

EVENT REGISTRATION:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/2916019204010/WN_rPiz6uenTHOCTXdln-hUqcQ

Note: For those unable to join the live event, a recording will be posted on [Ontario.ca/treaties](https://ontario.ca/treaties), where you can also find additional information about treaties in Ontario.



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Theme: We are all Treaty People

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

(One-hour panel discussion followed by 30-minute Q&A session)

PANELISTS

MAURICE SWITZER

Maurice Switzer, Bnesi, is a citizen of the Mississaugas of Alderville First Nation. He has served as publisher of the Winnipeg Free Press, Director of Communications for the Assembly of First Nations and Union of Ontario Indians, and an adjunct professor of Indigenous Studies on the Laurentian University campus. Maurice lives in North Bay, where he operates Nimkii Communications, a public education practice with a focus on the treaty relationship that made possible the peaceful settlement of Canada. He is the author of "We are all Treaty People," "Nation to Nation: A resource on treaties in Ontario", and "Grandpa, what is a treaty, anyway?"

ROBERT GREENE

Robert Charles Greene is an Anishinaabe of the Ojibway Nation, born and raised on the reserve of Iskatewizaagegan No. 39 Independent First Nation. At the age of 11, he was sent away to attend the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, and later graduated with honours from Beaver Brae Secondary School in Kenora, Ontario. A certified Counsellor and Complex Trauma Therapist, Robert has extensive experience working as an Elder, Spiritual Care Giver, Mental Health Counsellor and Cultural Advisor.

MODERATOR

BOB GOULAIS

Bob Goulais is an experienced senior executive and consultant having provided over 20 years of service to industry, government, not-for-profit and Indigenous organizations. He specializes in community engagement and strategic communications specifically reaching First Nation, Métis and Inuit communities using extensive networks and relationships with Indigenous leaders across Canada. An Anishinaabe from Nipissing First Nation, Bob is a well-known and sought-after speaker, traditional teacher, facilitator and Master of Ceremonies, providing cultural context, history and traditional knowledge to diverse audiences across Canada.

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