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### RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

An Anishinaabemowin Language Conference will be held in one of the three Tribal Council areas each year to take stock of the research process and to showcase research results and best practices. A digital video documentary of the research will be made available for distribution, and digital Anishinaabemowin materials will be posted on the Treaty #3 website. Reports on best practices and on the research will be available for the benefit of other communities planning for language revitalization and the research results will be presented at Conferences and published widely.



LANGUAGE: THE ROOTS OF OUR PEOPLE

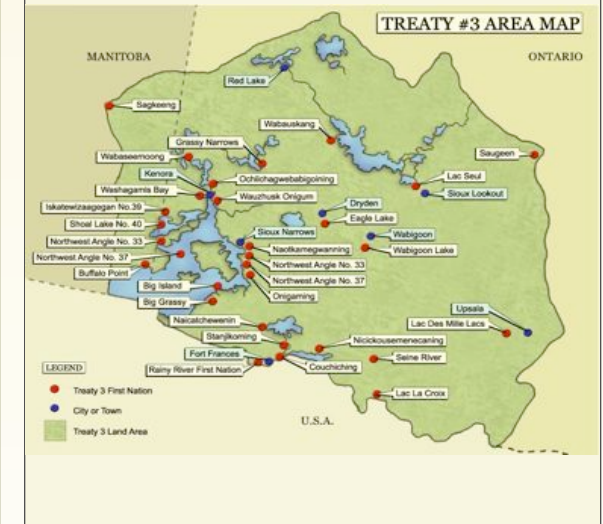
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## REVITALIZING OUR LANGUAGE

*“The survival and revitalization of the Anishinaabe language is quickly becoming a crisis within our territory... As our language keepers become older we are quickly losing our Anishinaabe wordsmiths and our links to the ‘old’ language.”* (Ogichidaa, Grand Chief Arnold Gardner)

In an effort to reverse Anishinaabemowin decline, the Treaty #3 Chiefs directed the Education and language technicians within their territory to work with Lakehead University to develop a comprehensive and collaborative strategic plan for the revitalization and retention of the Anishinaabe language.

## ACTION RESEARCH

The action research approach used for this project links Lakehead University researchers and Aboriginal graduate students with Treaty #3 participants as community researchers to build research capacity in Treaty #3 communities. Guided by the Grand Council Treaty #3 Elders Council, the research partners, together, will: a) collect baseline data on the state of the language in the Treaty #3 communities, b) research best practices relevant to language revitalization in Treaty #3 communities, c) implement

pilot projects for language revitalization in each of the three Tribal Councils in Treaty #3, and finally, this research activity aims to inform the development of a fifteen-year plan for revitalizing Anishinaabemowin usage.

**Goal:** To Create a Language Plan *“to have fluent speakers in every community and within every age group and have the Anishinaabe language heard, understood and given the respect it deserves* (Ogichidaa, Grand Chief Arnold Gardner).”

## THREE YEAR PLAN

YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3
COLLECT DATA	BEST PRACTICES	PILOT PROJECTS
ANALYSIS	RESEARCH	IMPLEMENT
LANGUAGE PLANNING	LANGUAGE PLANNING	LANGUAGE PLANNING
WHAT WE HAVE	WHAT WE CAN DO	A FIFTEEN YEAR PLAN



## RESEARCHING OUR LANGUAGE IS FUN

*Nancy Johnson and Edward Nanabush (Andy) have joined the research team. They bring a great contribution in their knowledge of the Anishinaabe language and culture to the research process. You will be hearing from them!*

