

# **Recognizing Sovereignty, Recognizing Nations: Wikibase and Wikidata for Canadian Indigenous Content**

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# Recognition of sovereignty

Centering Nationhood  
and  
Centering Justice

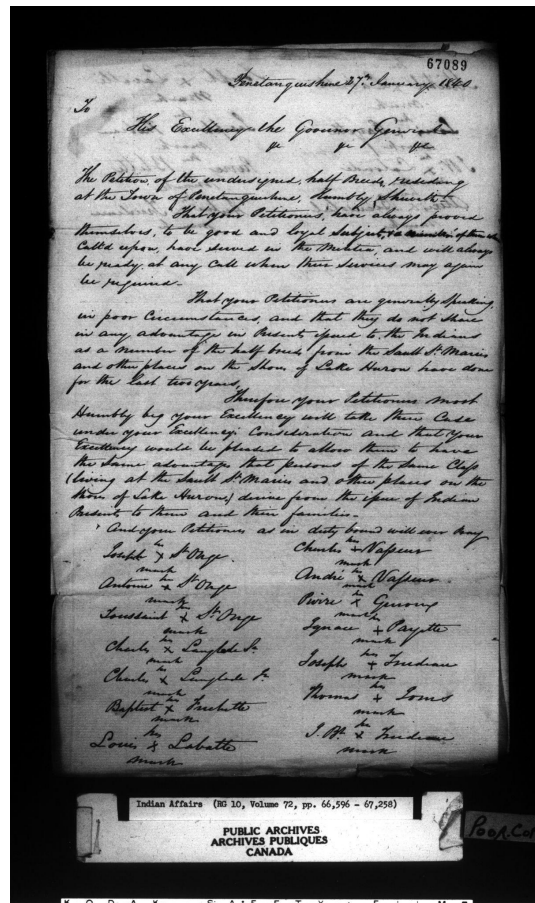
Belonging to a nation is not the same as belonging to an ethnicity.

Relationships  
between nations,  
governance, land, and  
people

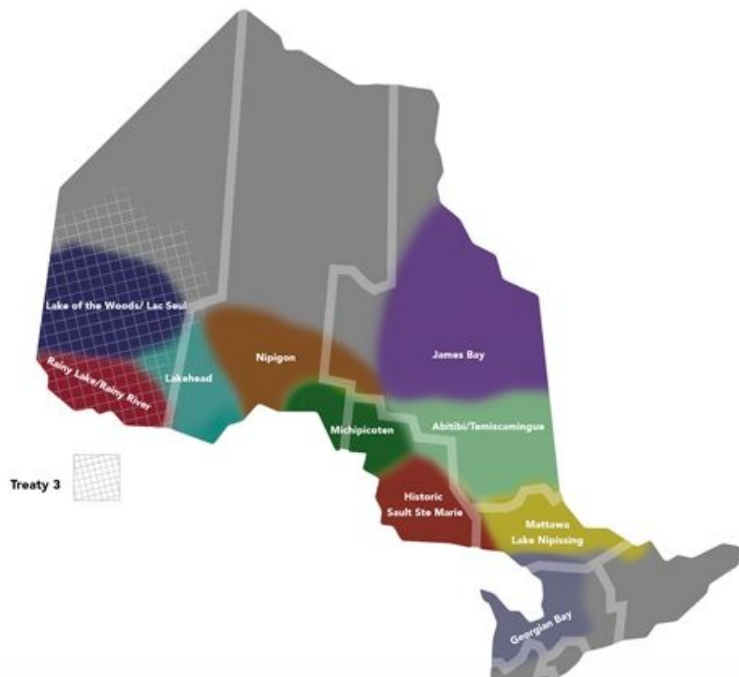
# A Story



Famille Philippe Moreau et Marie Jeanne Chevrete  
 Quatre de leurs enfants  
 bébé Philippe, Constant, Marie et Joseph



# Traditional Harvesting Territories Map



## Captains of the Hunt

The Captains of the Hunt (COTH) play an integral role in the management of Métis rights. One COTH is assigned to each of the Traditional Harvest Territories within Ontario and is mandated by the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) to have full authority over the Métis harvest in their respective region.

The COTH act as a direct line of communication between Harvesters and the MNO and MNR. They help manage the annual harvest in concert with the province of Ontario, support the implementation of the Interim Harvesting Policy and determine the appropriate management of the harvest in their respective regions. COTH also act as the liaison between harvesters and the MNO in situations where charges have been filed.

### The duties of the COTH include:

- ✦ Travel throughout their region and into MNO communities in their region to work with Councils on Harvester's Certificates issues



*MNO Captains of the Hunt at the MNO AGA in Peterborough in August 2018.*  
*Front (l-r) Sandy Triskle, Andy Lefebvre, Greg Garratt, Margaret Froh, Art Bennett, Peter Rivers, Brian Tucker, Denis Lefebvre*  
*Kneeling: Phillip McGuire [Click here for larger photo.](#)*

<http://www.metisnation.org/registry/harvesting/captains-of-the-hunt/>



# Metis National Council responds to outrage over homelands map; explains probation of Metis Nation—Ontario

Friday, November 30th, 2018 1:45pm

**"There's no hierarchy of rights. Our rights aren't secondary to other Indigenous nations and we're an autonomous, distinct Indigenous nation in Canada and we're just providing clarification for something that has been known for quite a long time." —Will Goodon, MNC spokesperson**

By Shari Narine  
Windspeaker.com Contributor  
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A map outlining the Metis Nation homeland has been met with anger – both from those within the Metis National Council and First Nations people.



**Metis Nation Homeland Map**

<https://windspeaker.com/news/windspeaker-news/metis-national-council-responds-outrage-over-homelands-map-explains-probation>

“Colonization is subtle, insidious,  
and nearly invisible...

adopting and including terms that  
reflect the experiences and  
perspectives of the marginalized is a  
step toward the redress of colonial  
power” (Duarte & Belarde-Lewis)

The Development of the  
First Nations, Métis, Inuit Ontology  
(FNMIO)

# Example of Nunavut Names

Community Name	Used For	Alternate Names/Spellings	Cultural Affiliations	Political Affiliations	Language(s)	Geographical Location	Source(s)	Notes	Treaty	Band	Vetted By	Vetted Date
Arctic Bay	<span>ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ</span> Tununirusiq Ipiaryuk	<span>ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ</span> Ikpiarjuk	Inuit	Hamlet, Qikiqtaaluk Region, NLCA	North Baffin Inuktitut	73°02'11"N 085°09'09"W Nunavut	ICSP Toolkit Community Profiles http: //www. buildingnunavu t. com/en/comm unityprofiles/co mmunityprofile s.asp GN document "Community_N ame" Wikipedia	Inuktitut name means "in a pocket." The form "Tununirusiq" appears on the Nunavut Land Claim Agreement settlement map, but the local community uses "Ikpiarjuk"	Nunavut Land Claim Agreement (NLCA)	n/a	Carol Rigby	08Mar2019
Arviat	Eskimo Point	<span>ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ</span>	Inuit	Hamlet, Kivalliq Region, NLCA	Kivalliq Inuktitut	61°06'29"N 094°03'25"W Nunavut	ICSP Toolkit Community Profiles http: //www. buildingnunavu t. com/en/comm unityprofiles/co mmunityprofile s.asp GN document "Community_N ame" Wikipedia	Inuktitut name means "place of the bowhead whale." Inuktitut name adopted 1 June 1989.	Nunavut Land Claim Agreement (NLCA)	n/a	Carol Rigby	08Mar2019

VIAF example:

<http://viaf.org/viaf/search?query=local.names%20all%20%22eskimo%20point%22&sortKeys=holdingscount&recordSchema=BriefVIAF>

# FNMI Ontology

Grappling with fundamental questions about how we document the concepts of nation, community, historical community, colonial names and the relationships between these concepts



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## Ojibway (Q17)

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Language	Label	Description	Also known as
English	Ojibway	No description defined	
French	No label defined	No description defined	

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# Wikidata Structures

# nation (Q6266)

community of people who share a common language, culture, ethnicity, descent, or history

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Language	Label	Description	Als
English	nation	community of people who share a common language, culture, ethnicity, descent, or history	
French	nation	groupe humain uni par des caractéristiques communes ou un sentiment d'appartenance commun	
Italian	nazione	nazioni comunità di individui che condividono alcune caratteristiche comuni quali la lingua, il luogo geografico, la storia ed un governo	
German	Nation	Kollektive von Menschen, denen gemeinsame kulturelle Merkmale zugeschrieben werden	

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# native land (Q27820730)

territory occupied by an Indigenous nation

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Language	Label	Description	Also known as
English	native land	territory occupied by an Indigenous nation	
French	territoire indigène	territoire occupé par un peuple indigène	
Italian	No label defined	No description defined	
German	No label defined	No description defined	

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# Anishinaabe (Q1956640)

group of indigenous peoples in present-day Canada and the United States



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Language	Label	Description	Also known as
English	Anishinaabe	group of indigenous peoples in present-day Canada and the United States	
French	Anichinabés	No description defined	Anishinabek Anishinabeg Anishinabe
Italian	Anishinaabeg	No description defined	
German	No label defined	No description defined	

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# ANISHINABEK NATION

Serving Anishinabek across Ontario

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## **Anishinabek Nation**

The Anishinabek Nation established the Union of Ontario Indians (UOI) as its secretariat in 1949. The UOI was established because the Anishinabek Nation did not legally exist and a legal entity was required to enter into legally-binding agreements. The Anishinabek Nation is a political advocate for 40 member First Nations across Ontario. The Anishinabek Nation is the oldest political organization in Ontario and can trace its roots back to the Confederacy of Three Fires, which existed long before European contact.

The Anishinabek Nation represents 40 First Nations throughout the province of Ontario from Golden Lake in the east, Sarnia in the south, Thunder Bay and Lake Nipigon in the north. The 40 First Nations have an approximate combined population of 65,000 citizens, one third of the province of Ontario's First Nation population. The Anishinabek Nation has four strategic regional areas: Southwest, Southeast, Lake Huron and Northern Superior. Each region is represented by a Regional Deputy Grand Council Chief.

The Anishinabek Nation's head office is located in Nipissing First Nation, just outside of North Bay, Ontario and has satellite offices in Fort William First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation and Munsee Delaware Nation. The Anishinabek Nation:

<https://www.anishinabek.ca/who-we-are-and-what-we-do/>

# Council Roll of Eastern Band of Cherokee (NAID 2123972) (Q59)

series in the National Archives and Records Administration's holdings

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Language	Label	Description	Also known as
English	Council Roll of Eastern Band of Cherokee (NAID 2123972)	series in the National Archives and Records Administration's holdings	
French	No label defined	No description defined	
Italian	No label defined	No description defined	
German	No label defined	No description defined	

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<https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q59927814>

successful, sustainable  
development depends on solidarity

Kathleen Fitzpatrick, 2019