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Treaty 7 Indigenous Knowledge Circle

Questions and answers for the
Enough For All knowledge circle

The knowledge circle is not a test; it is a resource meant to be used to help you learn and unlearn your level of awareness about the Traditional Treaty 7 territory and Métis Region 3 in and around Calgary. Awareness is only a beginning step to fostering and mobilizing work of reconciliation. The actions we take after we welcome and embrace deep levels of awareness is where the real impact and change can flourish.



How to use the Knowledge circle:

For many Nations, it is believed that to achieve wellbeing we must stay centered and in equal connection to all aspects of our lives. When rating yourself, the more answers you know, the closer your marker will be to the center.

1. For each section read each question and rate yourself on how much knowledge of the topic you have (E.g. In Treaty 7 section you knew 4 out of the 8 questions, therefore you would place your marker in the middle.)
2. The more knowledge you know the closer your marker is to the center of the circle.
3. The idea is to be centred and can be viewed as a parallel for creating balance and harmony in knowledge capacity but also as a way to inform next steps and areas of learning or awareness that could be invited into the circle.

Critical self-reflective questions:

1. What surprised you about yourself?
2. What areas/topics would you like to learn more about?
3. What activities could you participate in this year?

Treaty 7

- When was Treaty 7 signed?
- What Tribes signed Treaty 7?
- Who are the tribes of the Blackfoot confederacy?
- What is the difference between the Blackfoot and the Blackfeet?
- What are the three Tribes of Stoney-Nakoda?
- What are the three reserves of the Stoney-Nakoda?
What is the largest Reserve in Canada by land mass?
What Treaty 7 Nation borders Calgary?

A Snapshot of Poverty in Mohkinstsis (Calgary)

- What are possible causes of poverty?
- What percentage of Indigenous Children live in low income?
- What is the percentage of monthly income consumed by rent for a single person living on social assistance?
- What is the average annual after-tax earnings for the bottom 10%?
- What groups are overrepresented as living in low income?



Métis

- Who are Métis?
- What is the Métis Nation of Alberta?
- What Region is Calgary?
- Who is the Region 3 President?
- Who is the Region 3 Vice President?
- The Métis sash is _____.
- What is Michif?

Lived Experience

- What is the mandate of the Poverty Talks! committee?
- What is the mandate of the Client Action Committee?

Treaty 7

When was Treaty 7 signed?

- Treaty 7 was signed in September 22, 1877 on the banks of the Bow River in Siksika.

What Tribes signed Treaty 7?

- Blackfoot tribes Siksika, Kainai, Piikani
- Tsuu T'ina
- Stoney-Nakoda

Who are the tribes of the Blackfoot confederacy?

- Siksika
- Kaiani
- Piikani

What is the difference between the Blackfoot and the Blackfeet?

- Blackfoot are in Canada
- Blackfeet are in the United States

What are the three Tribes of Stoney-Nakoda?

- Bearspaw
- Chiniki
- Wesley

What are the 3 reserves of the Stoney-Nakoda?

- Morley
- Eden Valley
- Big Horn

What is the largest Reserve in Canada by land mass?

- Kainai Nation southern Alberta

What Treaty 7 Nation borders Calgary?

- Tsuu T'ina

Métis Nation Region 3

What Are Métis?

- As per the Métis National Council, Métis means a person who self identifies as Métis, is distinct from other aboriginal peoples. Is of historic Métis ancestry, and is accepted by the Métis Nation.
- Not all people of mixed Indigenous ancestry are Métis.

What is the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA)?

- It is the Métis Government for Métis people in Alberta.
- Governance of MNA was established in 1928.
- MNA is divided into six regions in Alberta.
- Alberta is also the only province with Métis settlements, which are separate from the Regions.
- The MNA is governed by Provincial council.
- The MNA has six regional Presidents and Vice Presidents.

What Region is Calgary?

- Region 3

Who is the Region 3 President?

- Lawrence R. Gervais

Who is the Region 3 Vice President?

- Judy Gentes

The Métis sash is:

- A colorful finger woven belt that is usually three meters long, it is sometimes referred to as the Assumption sash or the ceinture Flechee (arrow sash).
- The sash was multi-functional, it was used as a belt to hold coats closed, used a tow rope trumpline, towel and sewing kit.

What is Michif?

- The language spoken exclusively by Métis, who are decedents of Fur traders and First Nation women.
- Michif Uses a mixture of French nouns and Cree verbs.

Poverty in Mohkinstsis ([Poverty Snapshot¹](#))

What are the possible causes of poverty?

- Fraying communities where people can feel isolated and alone.
- Wages that aren't enough to keep up in a high-priced city like Calgary.
- An inability to build up savings and assets.
- Services that are hard to find and access.

1. <http://enoughforall.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/A-Snapshot-of-poverty-in-Calgary-in-2019.pdf>

- Rules and systems that penalize people for trying to get ahead.
- Growing income inequality is strongly correlated with the incidence of low income.

What percentage of Indigenous Children live in low income?

- 24.3%

What is the percentage of monthly income consumed by rent for a single person living on social assistance?

- 66%

What is the average annual after-tax earnings for the bottom 10%?

- \$11,822

What groups are overrepresented as living in low income?

- Non-Indigenous, Non-Immigrant
- Indigenous
- Immigrant

Lived Experience Committees

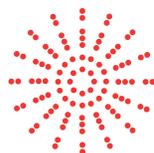
What is the mandate of the Poverty Talks!² committee?

- Poverty Talks! exists to enable people living in poverty to act as advisors to “Enough for All,” Calgary’s poverty reduction strategy; to raise awareness about poverty and to advocate for social change.
- Members participate in monthly meetings and on short-term project teams. Members act as consultants for Vibrant Communities

Calgary and Enough for All stakeholder committees.

What is the mandate of the Client Action Committee³ (CAC)?

- A group of fifteen members with either past or current lived experience of homelessness. Since its inception in 2012, the CAC has brought unique guidance to the Calgary Homeless Foundation, providing insight into what they are doing well and where they can improve.
- The CAC has been active contributors on key projects:
 - “Do you see me?” documentary about the discrimination those experiencing homelessness face. This project led to the launch of the Homeless Charter of Rights.
 - The Mock Election (with the help of the Calgary Drop In & Rehab Centre and Elections Canada) resulting in Canada’s first ever polling station to be placed in a shelter.
 - Coordinated a citywide memorial service for those who have lost their lives while in homelessness.
 - Act as ambassadors for Calgary’s Coldest Night of the Year fundraiser.
 - Consultants for a variety of experts in the homelessness sector.



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Vibrant Communities Calgary (VCC) is a non-profit organization seeking to engage Calgarians in advocating long-term strategies that address the root causes of poverty in Calgary.

VCC is also the steward of Enough for All, Calgary’s poverty reduction strategy.

2. <https://www.povertytalksyyc.org/>

3. <http://calgaryhomeless.com/ending-homelessness/client-action-committee/>