

What is “meaningful consultation” anyway?

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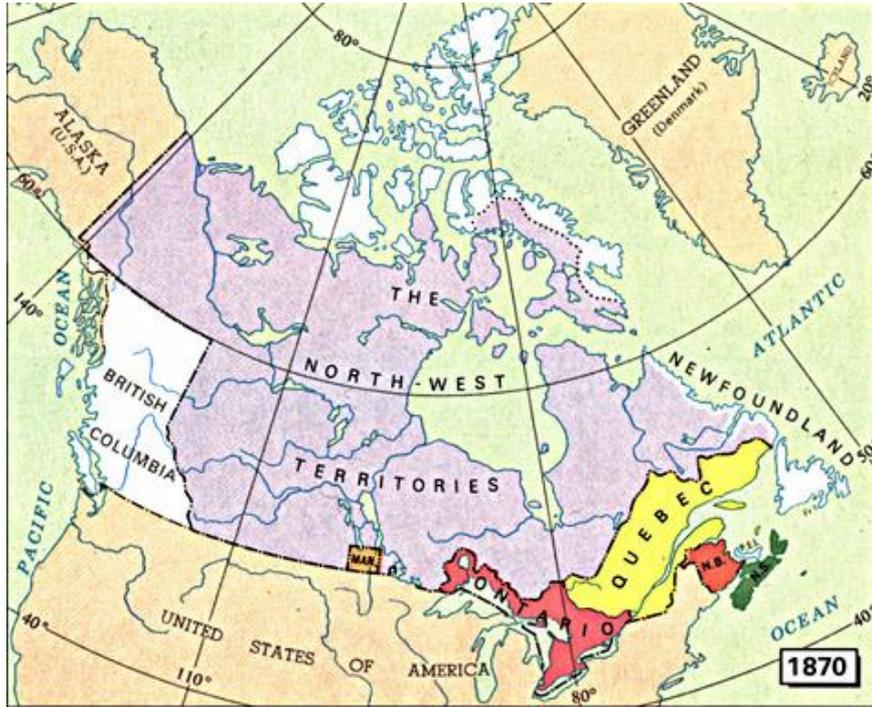


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A bit about me



A bit about my heritage



The North-West Territories (Rupert's Land and the North-Western Territory) are acquired by Canada from the Hudson's Bay Company. From part of them Manitoba is created as the fifth province.

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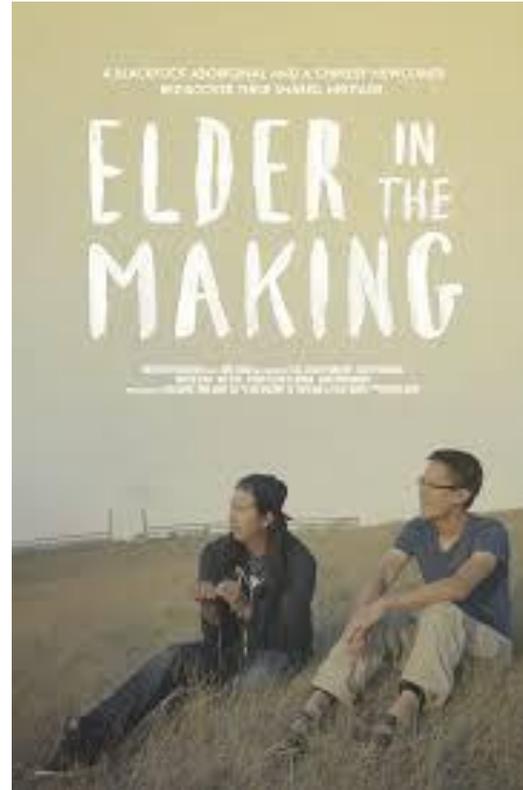
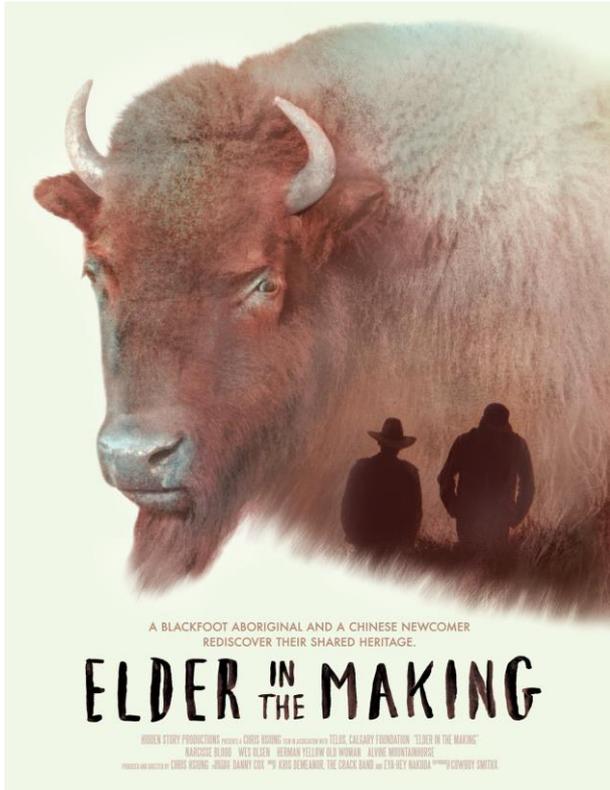
A bit about you



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**In small groups, share the
story of your family's
connection to this land**

“Meaningful history requires effort”



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Arrested development



\$129B

VALUE OF 35 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS
THAT HAVE BEEN STALLED OR STOPPED



\$8-12B

ADDITIONAL YEARLY LOSS OF
VALUE FROM THOSE 35 PROJECTS

As part of a four-month investigation, the Financial Post identified as many as 35 projects, worth \$129 billion, that have been stalled or cancelled due to opposition from environmental, aboriginal and/or community groups.



\$12.6B

COST OF DENIED GREAT WHALE HYDRO
PROJECT IN QUEBEC



\$16B

COST OF DENIED MACKENZIE VALLEY
GAS PIPELINE PROJECT

TransMountain Pipeline Expansion



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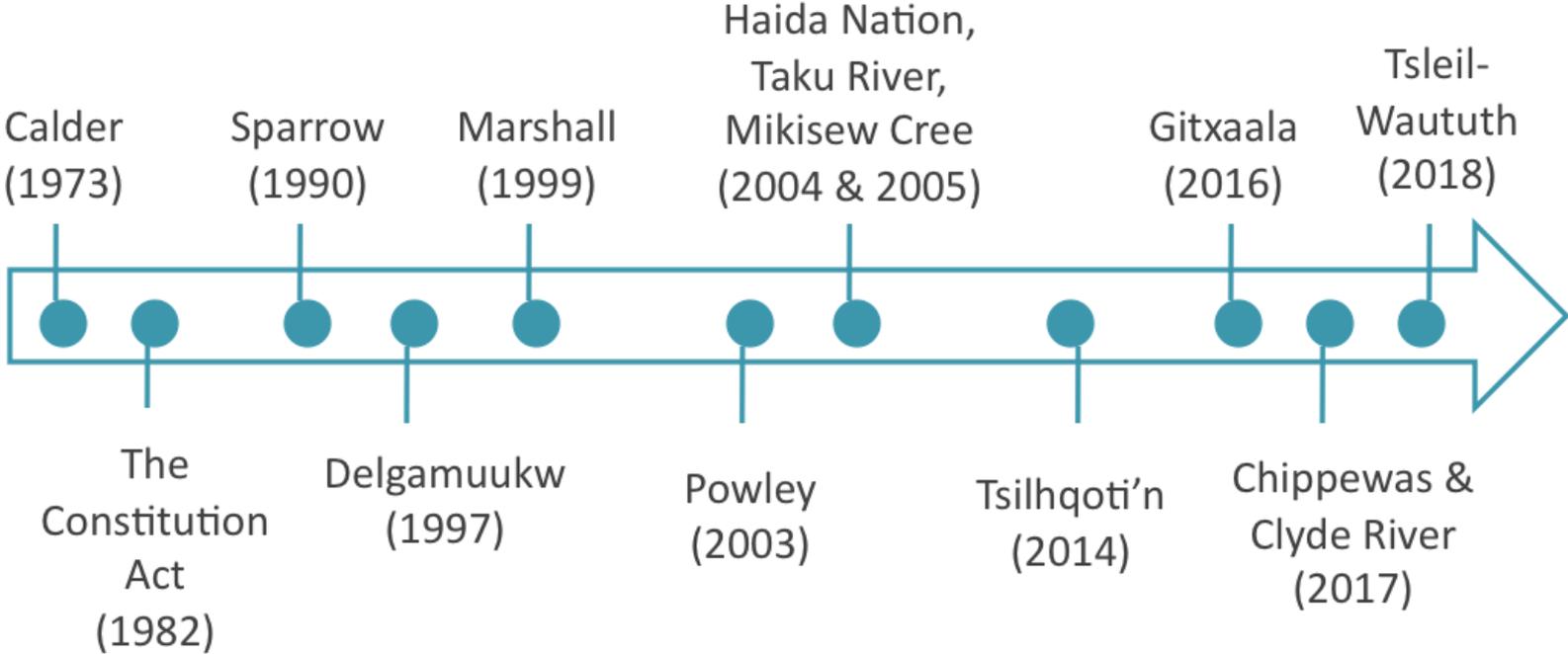


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Duty to consult: our evolving understanding



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What doesn't change

- Indigenous peoples have collectively held rights to the land that are unique from rights of other Canadians and unique to each nation
- The purpose of consulting with Indigenous peoples is to truly understand the potential impact of development on unique rights
- The purpose of accommodation is to work together in good faith, with mutual respect, to address impact of development on unique rights
- Meaningful consultation requires an authentic relationship, which often requires mutual trust, recognition, commitment, and vulnerability

What needs to change



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Re-storying Canada

Royal Proclamation of 1763

La Proclamation royale de 1763

On October 7, 1763, King George III issued a Royal Proclamation for the administration of British territories in North America. The Royal Proclamation of 1763 set out the core elements of the relationship between First Nations and the Crown, established the recognition of First Nation rights in Canada, and laid the foundation of the treaty-making process.

*By the King, a Proclamation.
George R. (Royal Proclamation of
1763) FF 1763 G, Clements Library,
University of Michigan*



Le 7 octobre 1763, le roi George III a publié une proclamation royale de l'administration des territoires britanniques en Amérique du Nord. La Proclamation royale de 1763 établissait les éléments essentiels de la relation entre les Premières Nations et la Couronne, la reconnaissance des droits ancestraux au Canada et le fondement du processus de conclusion de traités.

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Community members voices their concerns over Algonquin Land Claim

April, 2013

The reason for this meeting is so community members of councils from across municipalities, within the land claim area, can come together and hopefully create a voice that will carry some weight, Florent went on to say...

From public fishing, and hunting, to accessibility and wildlife concerns – the land transfers from public to private, will affect Ontario's culture, Demille continued.

Link to news article [here](#)



Re-storying Canada



'Reconciliation in its best form': B.C. rancher gives land back to his First Nation neighbours

May, 2017

When an 86-year-old retired rancher donated half his land to a B.C. First Nation this week, it was not so much a gift as an act of reconciliation, says Esk'etemc Chief Charlene Belleau.



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