

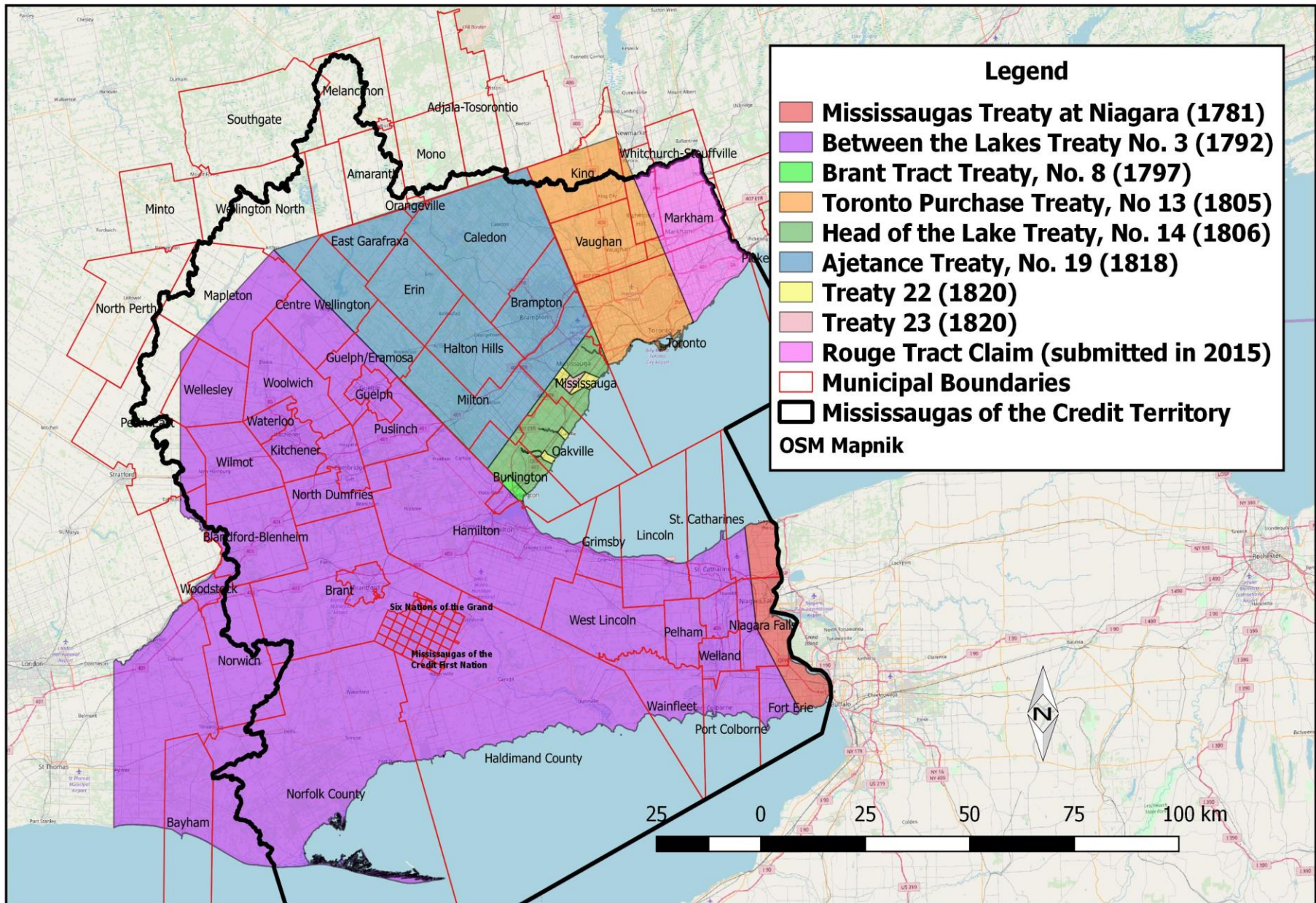
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# Guiding Principles for Consultation

## Recognition of MNCFN's Territory:

MNCFN asserts its Aboriginal and Treaty rights throughout its Treaty Lands and Traditional Territory and this must be recognized by the Crown and Proponents;



## Municipalities within MNCFN Treaty Lands and Territory

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## **Honour of the Crown:**

The Crown, in all its dealings with MNCFN, must uphold the honour and responsibilities of the Crown, and undertake consultations honestly, transparently and in good faith;

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## **Respect:**

Consultation must occur in a mutually respectful manner, striving to achieve a shared understanding of the purpose of the consultation and the best path forward;

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## Early Notice and Engagement:

Consultation must take place as early as possible. At a minimum, MNCFN must be notified of projects and engaged with the Crown or Proponents prior to commencement of any environmental or archaeological assessments, and prior to decisions of final project plans.

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## Capacity Funding:

MNCFN expects the Crown and/or Proponent to fully fund MNCFN's engagement in consultation and accommodation processes. MNCFN cannot be expected to expend its own funds to evaluate proposals that are predominantly or exclusively geared toward the benefit of others.

MNCFN will budget for its reasonably expected expenses and will expect to enter into agreements with the Crown and/or Proponents to recover these expenses. Where appropriate, expenses may include those incurred by experts retained by MNCFN.

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## Full Participation:

MNCFN will fully participate in all processes associated with projects in the Territory. At MNCFN's discretion, it is mandatory that our FLRs be on-site and participating in all assessment activities on the ground and that the Crown or

Proponents provide for any costs associated with FLR involvement based on the MNCFN Chief and Council approved engagement agreement which includes all associated costs. MNCFN may request additional assessments or activities, such as medicinal/culturally significant plant inventories/surveys and/or ceremonies (as appropriate).



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## Protection of Cultural Heritage (The Places of Our Ancestors):

Protecting and preserving sites of cultural heritage (both tangible and intangible) is essential to MNCFN's expression of rights, as well as an inherent responsibility of our People. Too much of our cultural heritage has already been destroyed, when archaeological assessments were not properly done and did not involve our people. MNCFN must be involved in reviewing and decision making regarding MNCFN's cultural heritage. Further clarification of MNCFN's requirements and expectations can be found in the MNCFN Standards and Guidelines for Archaeology.

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## Protection of the Environment:

Protecting and preserving Mother Earth is essential to MNCFN's expression of rights, as well as an inherent responsibility of our People. MNCFN must be involved in decision making regarding environmental assessments, and be provided a full and transparent explanation of the potential impacts of any project. MNCFN must also be involved in the development of environmental and archaeological assessment survey design. This includes involvement of MNCFN FLRs in environmental assessments (and any on-going or long-term monitoring), incorporation of additional assessments and mitigations based on review of environmental assessment documents, as well as incorporating environmentally sustainable practices and principles in decision making processes concerning development activities.

MNCFN lands and waters must retain their ecological integrity, biodiversity and balance, and where possible, be enhanced;

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## **Cooperation and Collaboration:**

Consultation must occur in an open, flexible and effective manner. This includes implementing workable timelines, communications, transparency, full disclosure, solutions, and financial assistance to the MNCFN to participate meaningfully in the consultation process;

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## **MNCFN Knowledge Systems:**

MNCFN traditions, laws, values and knowledge system shall be accorded the same respect and weight as those Western knowledge systems presented by the Crown and Proponents. However, MNCFN is not obligated to share sensitive cultural information or knowledge with the Crown or Proponents;

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## **Accommodation:**

MNCFN expects to come to fair and reasonable agreements with the Crown and/or Proponents regarding accommodation. Accommodation pertains to both cultural and economic interests of MNCFN.

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## **Long-Term Relationships:**

MNCFN expects to build positive relationships with the Crown and Proponents that last beyond the completion of given project. MNCFN expects to be involved in long-term monitoring, on-going communications and come to terms with the Crown and Proponents regarding Long Term Relationship Agreements.

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## **Withdrawal/Refusals or Objections Not Equivalent to Consent:**

Refusals, objections or withdrawals do not constitute consent to a project or to actions being considered or taken by Crown.