

Overview



Introductions to Community, who we are.

Poplar River's commitment to protect traditional territory from major development.
To have a final say of the traditional territory.

Description of traditional territory. What is traditional territory?



role of the community in determining goals and success?



- Goal is to protect Poplar River traditional territory from major development.
- Created a lands management plan, based on traditional teaching.
- Community is involved in this process, decisions are made at community level and through several working groups
- Continued community involvement ensures success.



addressing the social aspect of community?



- Traditional healing camps, including youth, women, families and elder camps.
- Reconnect to the land and spiritual values.
- Wholistic approach in addressing the social problems.
- Revitalization of traditional social system that were lost through residential school era.



addressing the environmental aspect of community?



- Acknowledging the elder's wisdom and knowledge and how important the land and our environment to our community and the rest of the world.
- Through the development of our land management plan and our negotiations with the Provincial Government we stopped all industrial development uses of our traditional territory.



addressing the economic aspect of community?



- Attempting to create economic development, long term meaningful employment through eco tourism.
- Developing capacity to carry out scientific research, monitoring climate change, carbon sequestration of all our traditional territory, above and below ground.
- Partnership with other First Nation and Provincial Governments in seeking a designation for a World Heritage Site. This will provide opportunities for a long term administration and interpretive employment for our people.



addressing the cultural aspect of community?



- Our cultural and our way of life is linked to the land and our environment.
- Anishinabbe cannot be separated from the land because we strongly believe we are the land.
- Relearning our traditional teachings, values and ceremonies by practicing youth drum and dance groups.
- Community healing dances and other ceremonies.



addressing equity?





impacting public policy?

- Land use and occupancy studies.
- Land management plan, approach Government, implement plan, create protected area resulted in recently Bill 6 to be passed, Bill 6 is a traditional planning act.
- Our lands management plan will become law and our land will be legally protected and Poplar River First Nation was granted equal say in what happens in our traditional territory. This act is in place for other First Nation on east side of Lake Winnipeg.

