

IKWC Treaty Resource Kits/Telus Indigenous Communities Fund

In an effort to encourage dialogue and inspire research in the classroom, IKWC created the Treaty Resource Kits. These kits are designed to introduce concepts, stories, and histories of Treaty from Indigenous perspectives for educators, students, administrators, community members, and parents.

The contents of the kits were inspired from oral Treaty historical accounts, such as the Treaty and Aboriginal Rights Research Reports (T.A.R.R files) that were conducted in the 1970's and 80's. IKWC wanted to bring the authentic voices of Elders, knowledge keepers, and Indigenous academics into the classroom so students may benefit from these important teachings. QR Code links are available throughout the Kits that provide direct connection to the TARR files available on the IKWC Virtual Library.

The kits are broken into two groups, Kindergarten to grade six (K to 6) and grade seven to grade twelve (7 to 12). There are a number of externally developed resources:

- (Books for various reading levels) that have been reviewed and vetted by IKWC researchers;
- Archival photos, maps, etc.; and
- Poster sized reproductions of the Treaty Texts.

IKWC also developed a number of resources for the Kits, these include:

- K to 6 and 7 to 12 Binders that include lesson plans, class activities, historical concepts guides, puzzles, games, etc.;
- Treaty Medallion stickers, stamps, and passports; and
- USB drive that includes all materials found in the K to 6 and 7 to 12 Binders.

We were excited to be able to provide one Treaty Resource Kit, at no charge, to each Band Operated School in the Treaty 6, Treaty 7, and Treaty 8 Territories in 2021.

In continuing this work, IKWC is happy to recognize that we are one of the inaugural recipients of the Telus Indigenous Communities Fund for 2021. Telus has provided \$20 000 to offset the costs of the acquisition of resources and the production of more Treaty Resource Kits. The generous donation will allow IKWC to fulfill a number of requests for kits and to increase the reach of our distribution.

Further information on the Telus Indigenous Communities Fund can be found here:

https://www.telus.com/en/social-impact/giving-back/community-grants/indigenous-communities-fund?INTCMP=tcom_social-impact_indigenous-reconciliation_tile_to_indigenous-communities-fund

Indigenous Communities Fund

The TELUS Indigenous Communities Fund offers grants up to \$50,000 for Indigenous-led social, health and community programs. Together, we can make the future friendly by supporting Indigenous leaders and community groups who know their communities best.

Our commitment to reconciliation

In partnership with Indigenous Peoples, TELUS is committed to progressing the path of reconciliation in a deeply meaningful way and is dedicated to fulfilling our role and responsibilities in this regard.

For more than a decade, TELUS has collaborated with Indigenous Peoples and organizations to enable connectivity and bridge digital, geographic and socio-economic divides.

Working together, we are helping create tangible outcomes that will impact generations to come.

Funding Indigenous-led solutions

The TELUS Indigenous Communities Fund provides flexible grant funding to Indigenous-led programs supporting Indigenous Peoples in Canada.

Funding is available for projects focused on, but not limited to:

- Health, mental health and well-being
- Access to education and resources
- Community building and enhancement
- Language and cultural revitalization
- Inter-community sharing of cultural stories