



Truth and Reconciliation Community Bobcaygeon

VISION for the FUTURE 2019

Overview

- Our Vision for 2019/ 2020 and Beyond
 - Creating a compelling picture of the future
- Our Audience
 - Who do we have in mind when we are planning
- Our Values
 - *Clear Values to Guide Us*
 - Our core shared values and the what that looks like in action
- Our Plan
 - Current Snapshot
 - What's Working
 - Potential Barriers
 - Our Plan
 - The steps we take to take us from where we are to accomplishing our vision

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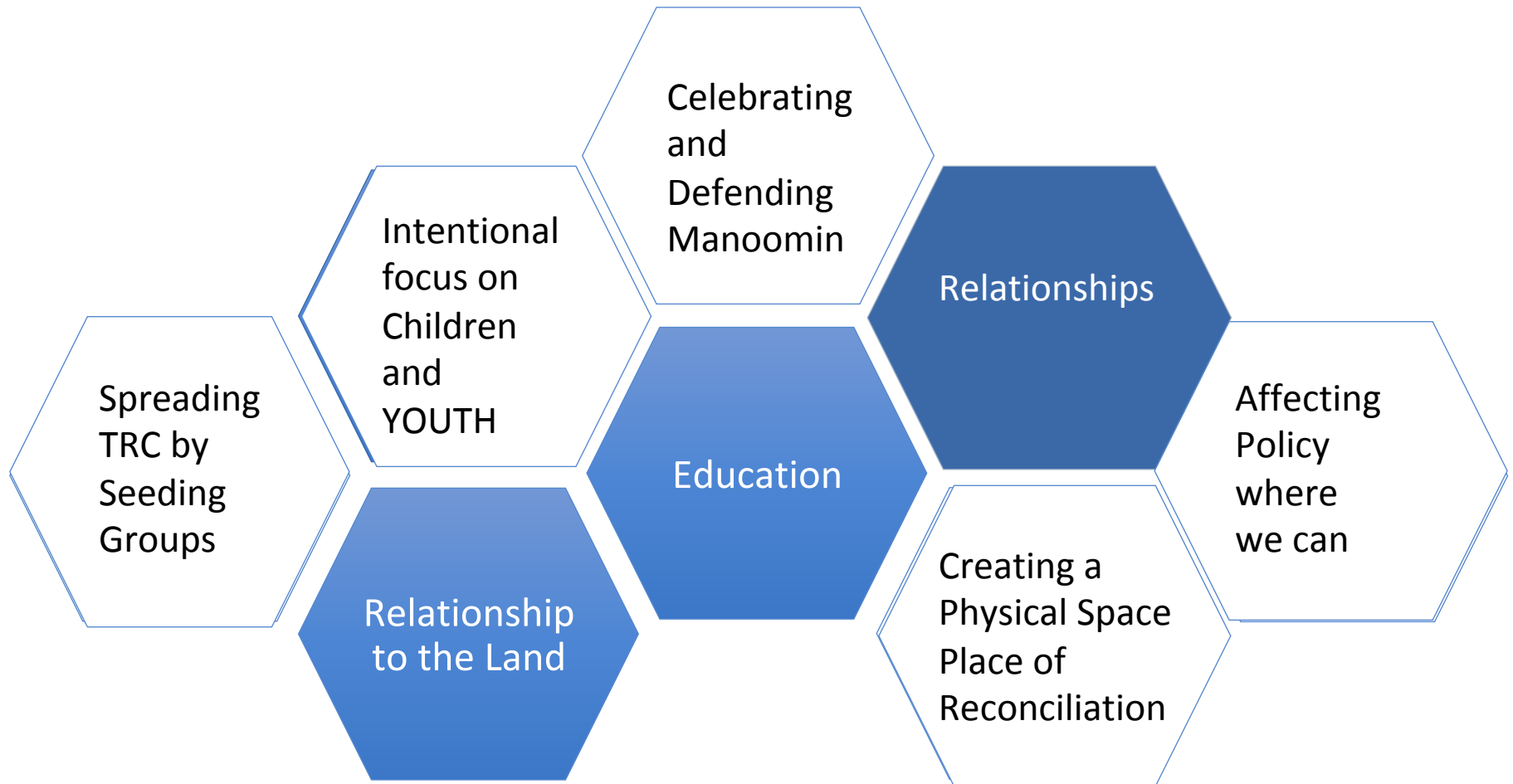


Why our vision matters:

- A vision describes a compelling future state. It acts like a magnet, pulling our group forward.
- A vision shows us something better in some way than what exists today. It gives hope for the future. The ability to imagine or to have a vision is one of the key ingredients in making something happen.
- When we did the play with Drew Hayden Taylor, we thought big and so many threads like the workshops with the schools, the reaching out to CLFN and the Q & A came together under one compelling umbrella.
- This shared vision of where we want to go is the first step in helping us to get to our desired outcome - in actually achieving a larger goal. It provides inspiration to keep us all moving forward in the same direction and is something we can refer to often to avoid distractions taking us off course and reducing our impact.
- Martin Luther King's vision in his "I have a dream" speech is still energizing and compelling people forward long after his death

Overview

Elements of Our Vision





Vision Element - Manoomin

- TRC – Bobcaygeon started in 2015 with our concern for the rights of local First Nations to harvest manoomin and we continue to emphasize its importance in our vision by learning and supporting the desires of First Nations around the issues of manoomin.
- Manoomin is flourishing in the waterways surrounding our community.
- There is a robust participation in Manoomin Ceremonies by Indigenous and non-Indigenous people which is strengthening respectful relationships between cottagers and First Nations.
- The Truth and Reconciliation Commission recommendation #57 has been implemented successfully.
 - *We call upon federal, provincial, territorial and municipal governments to provide education to public servants on the history of Aboriginal peoples... This will require skills-based training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights, and anti-racism.*
- Government employees understand and respect Treaty rights and good relationships with First Nations.
- The community discourse about manoomin is one of joint effort and support.



Vision Element Relationship to the Land

- The Climate Crisis is a priority in all decisions.
- We transform our relationship to the Land
 - We reframe seeing Land through the Colonized lens of private property and ownership to one of caretaking and relationship.
 - Land restitution is supported and happening privately and publicly.
- We take action to respect and act for Water
 - We act for clean water for Curve Lake First Nation residents
 - Robust participation in water walks to bring attention to the sacredness of water
- We are implementing events that are land and water based.



Vision Element – Relationships

- We are broadening our relationships with settlers and Indigenous Peoples to further Truth and Reconciliation.
 - We foster connection with Curve Lake First Nation Elders, Knowledge Keepers and Council members.
 - We create events aimed at the larger community that are social, educational, and/or ceremonial allowing people to get to know each other.
 - We reach out to other Allies, individuals and organizations who have interests that align with ours to further our goals.
 - We look to Knowledge Keepers, Academics, Scientists, Educators, Artists, Actors, Authors and local experts for their contributions.
- We extend Respectful relations to all living things.

Vision Element – Education

- We expand our educational activities about treaty rights and responsibilities, Indigenous history language and culture, reconciliation, and impact of colonization through:
 - Storytelling
 - Media articles and editorials
 - Presentations and workshops
 - Films/theatre
 - Art projects
 - Pamphlets
 - Outdoor events
- Celebrate resiliency as well as truth-telling.
- Counteract negativity and racism with skill and sensitivity.
- Connect with others who have had successes.





Vision Element – Affecting Policy

- We extend our focus beyond education at the local level to advocating for policy changes at the provincial and federal levels concerning Indigenous social justice issues.
- We lobby for training /education for those who work in an official capacities.
- We identify which recommendations by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls reports that TRC-Bobcaygeon can implement or influence.

Vision Element – Children and Youth

- We engage more children and youth in educational activities to stimulate their interest in treaty rights and responsibilities and to promote pride of Indigenous culture, and language.
 - By involvement in school programs
 - By celebrating and showcasing youth artistic endeavours
 - By supporting youth initiatives in educational and ceremonial events



Vision Element – Seeding Groups

- We reach out to connect to other organizations to bring attention to First Nation treaty rights etc.
 - MNR
 - Trent Lakes
 - CKL
- We foster truth and reconciliation events in new communities such as
 - Fenelon Falls
 - Buckhorn
 - Ennismore
- We provide a model and resources for new TRC Communities and support them to get started
 - We document what we have done





Vision Element – Physical Space

- Creating a permanent physical space as a Place of Reconciliation
 - Meeting Place
 - Place for Arts Festivals
 - Celebrations
 - Education and history
 - Arts and Culture
 - Community gatherings
 - Sharing food/ Café
- Mishkadeh – long term goal
- Interim places to connect – outdoor spaces, United Church and other possibilities

*We Are All
Treaty People*
Who is Our
Audience

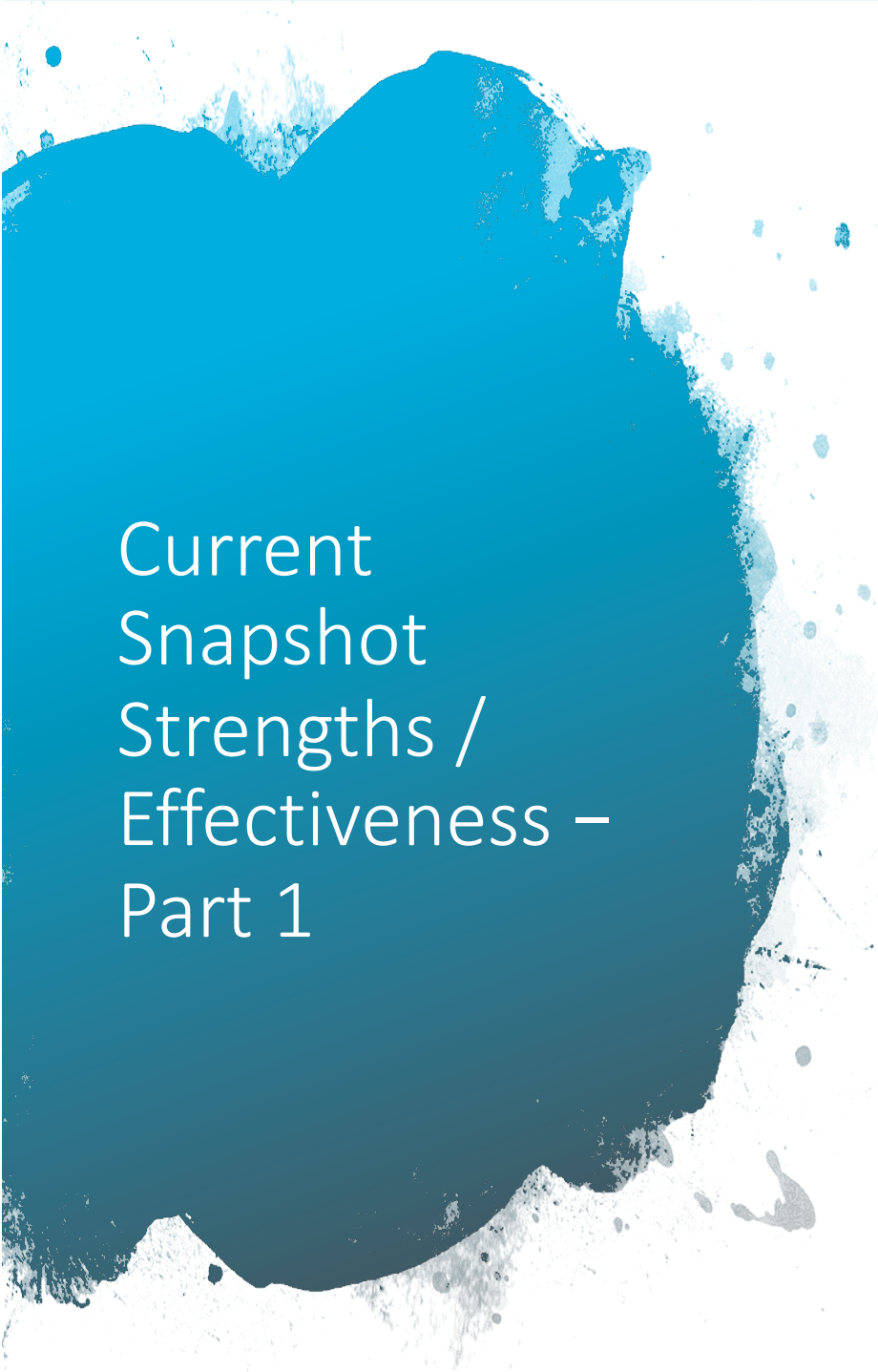
- Not one group all of the time
- Youth and Children
- SETTLERS
 - Seasonal settlers
 - Year round permanent resident settlers
 - New Canadian settlers
 - Leaders who don't understand themselves as settlers and Treaty people
- Who CLFN determines is the audience
- 90% of time those who are interested 10% of time those who are difficult so that the burden is not left to FN members
- Environmental groups, Church Groups, Academics, Clubs (Lions, Kiwanis etc.)

Our Values - Background

- Our values include what we actually do + values that we aspire to
- Why we remind ourselves of our values:
 - Values get us out of our head and into our heart
 - Align us with Social Justice
 - Stories based on our values create connections
 - Values help us communicate “I had a dream” speech based on values
 - Touches on what people have in common
- The 7 Grandfather Teachings are our foundations
- The name of each value is best explained by looking at what we do when we are acting upon that value (our actions and behaviour) eg; in our group we value RESPECT therefore we listen to each other, are inclusive and work toward consensus.

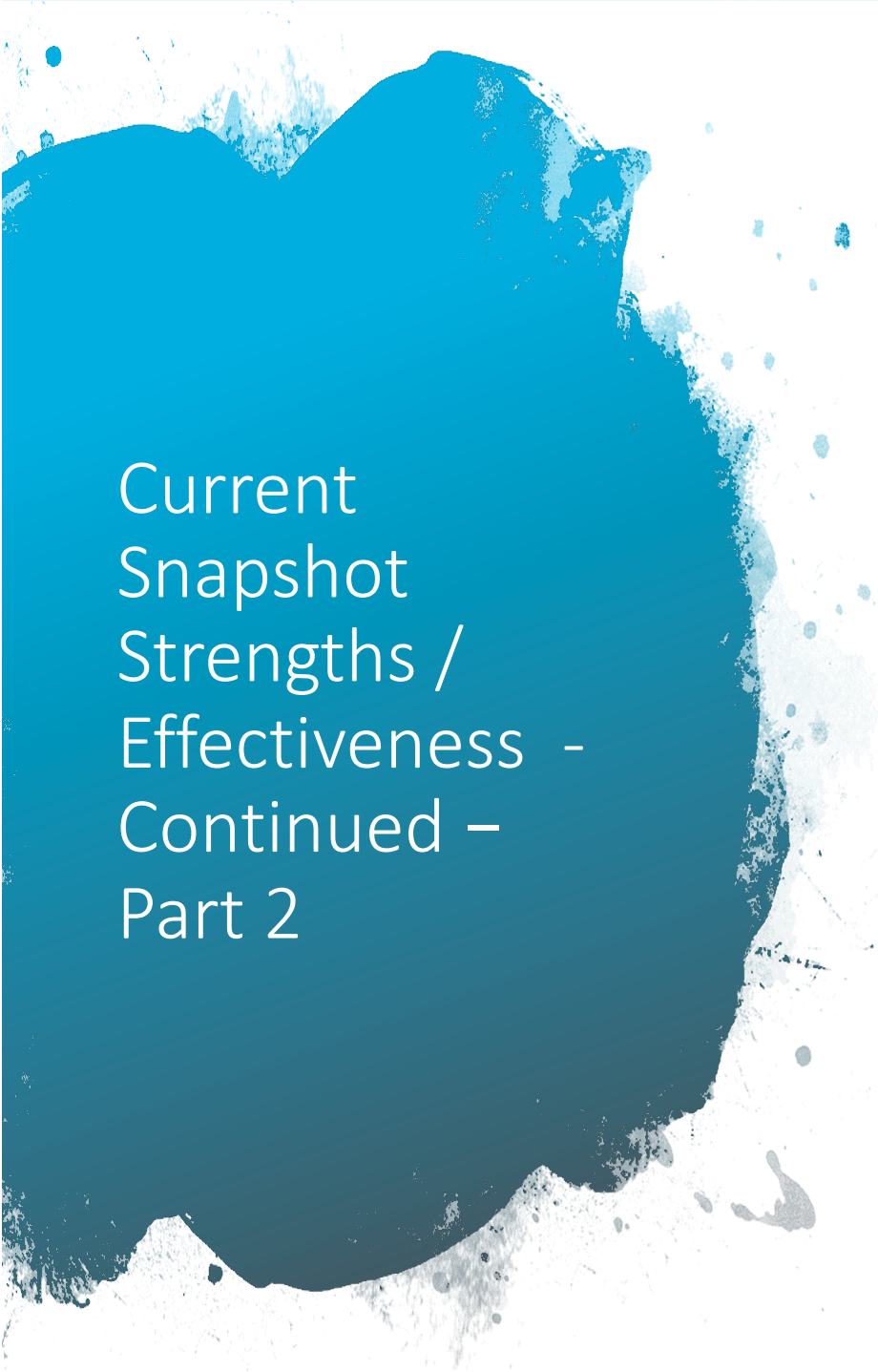
Seven Grandfather Teachings

Love	Every individual has messages of hope and celebration Passion for Social Justice Activism Consensus We value those who think differently
Truth	Learning a different way of knowing Educating ourselves on the truths
Bravery	Decolonizing our approach: Decolonizing self-reflection Confronting racism Connecting with people of different values
Humility	Listening to each other No dominance; get rid of ego We all make contributions
Wisdom	Open to new ways of knowing and being (eg ceremony) Learning a different way of knowing
Honesty	Healthy difference of opinions We value those who think differently Self-reflection on decolonizing
Respect	Value difference and diversity: Respect for the spiritual Spiritual - Love of the Land Community-building relationships



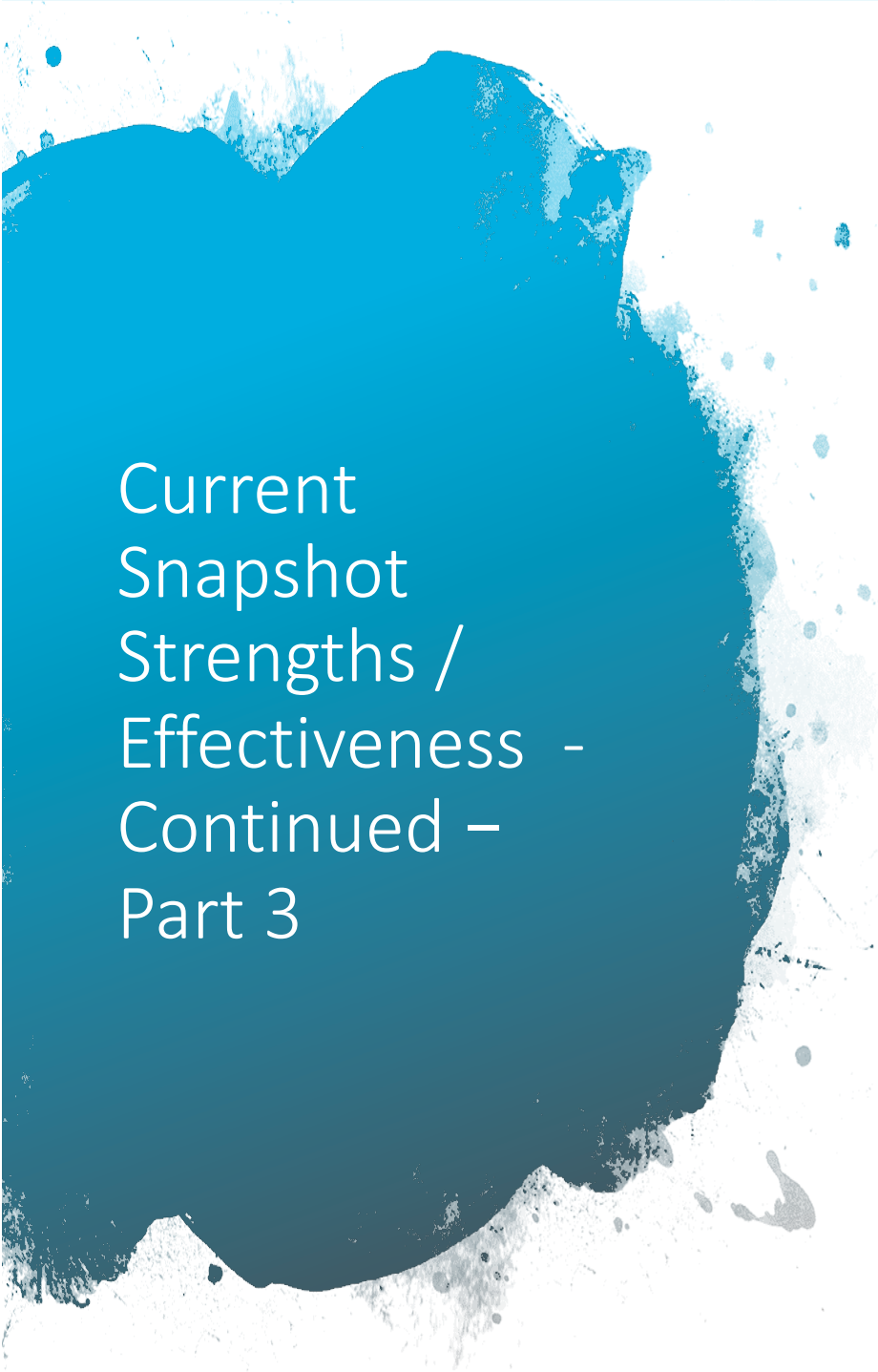
Current Snapshot Strengths / Effectiveness – Part 1

- A+ for Our Media Presence - Kawartha This Week etc, Letters, Editorials, Articles
- Our Educational Efforts
 - Freddie Taylor
 - DJ Fife
 - Alice Williams – Quilting Workshop
 - Movies/Speakers
 - Treaty Rights
 - History
 - Schools
 - Doug Williams
- Food
- Alliances (continued on next page)



Current
Snapshot
Strengths /
Effectiveness -
Continued -
Part 2

- Alliances
 - CLFN
 - CVFM
 - Settler's Village
 - Trent
 - Library / Museum
- Public Outreach
 - "Cottagers and Indians"
 - Canada Day Float
 - MMIWG demonstration
 - Water Walks
 - Subtle Profile Building with Presence at Council of Canadians, Green New Deal, Minden event with Dan Longboat
- Creative Pieces - T-shirts, paddles



Current Snapshot Strengths / Effectiveness - Continued – Part 3

- Continuous Learning
 - Internal
 - MMIWG, TRC
 - Books, Sherry T's thesis
- Lobbying/ Representation
 - Not only what we do but how we do it respectfully
 - Eg – letters, Park's Canada
 - Learned a lot from FN in this work – honourable, humble responses
- How we support each other
 - No ego/accepting of each other
 - We trust that we know where we are headed / trust in each other
 - Important for CL to see the way we work