

Zagimē Anishinabēk

National Claims Research Workshop

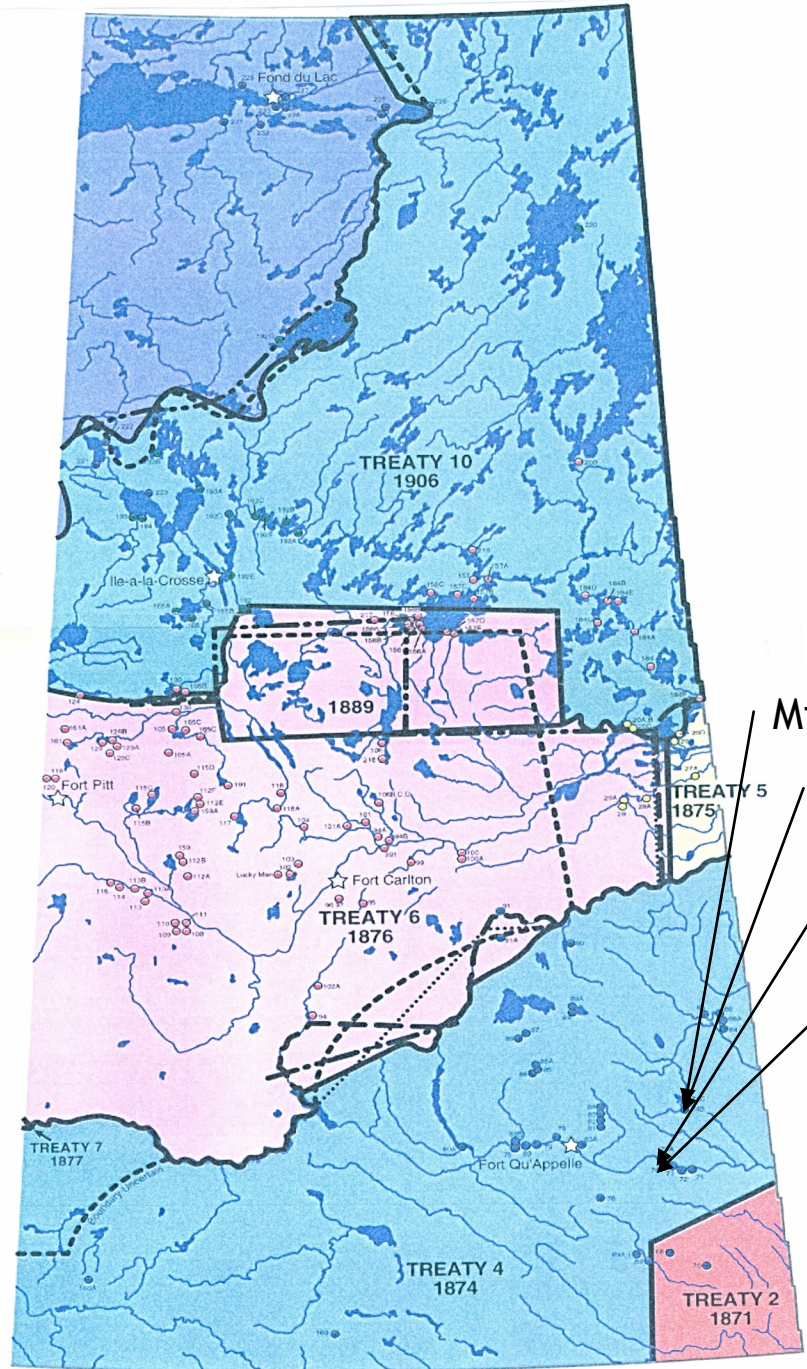
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- ▶ Zagimē is comprised of four reserves, Sakimay IR #74, Shesheep IR #74A, Little Bone IR #74B, and Minoahchak IR #74C
- ▶ We also have reserve lands located in the cities of Regina and Yorkton and several rural locations



Minoahchak IR #74C
Little Bone IR #74B
Shesheep IR #74A
Sakimay IR #74



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- ▶ In total, our current reserve land base encompasses
12,901 hectares = 129 square hectares, or
31,879 acres = almost 50 square miles
- ▶ We also collectively share a 99 hectare (244 acres) reserve with 36 First Nations of Treaty 4 - this is the land where the Treaty 4 negotiations took place located at Fort Qu'Appelle



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- ▶ 1907 Illegal surrender of the Little Bone reserve. The consequences of this illegal surrender has had serious and detrimental personal and community impacts on the members of Little Bone that is still being felt today
- ▶ Flooding of Zagimē and Shesheep reserve land from a dam built by the federal government in 1942



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- ▶ Treaty Land Entitlement, which resulted from a failure by the Crown to set aside the correct amount of land when our reserve was originally surveyed in 1882
- ▶ Agriculture Benefits Claim was filed with the Minister of CIRNAC in February 2023, and we are waiting for it to be accepted for negotiation



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- ▶ Unlawful amalgamation of Little Bone with Zagimē
- ▶ Mismanagement of our lands and leases that allowed squatters to build cabins and camps at the lake that is located on our reserve
- ▶ Mismanagement of our revenue account by the Crown when the lease rent from the squatters and other land leasing was either not paid, or the revenue was used inappropriately by the Crown



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- ▶ Possibly other claims that have yet to be discovered through research, however, all of this work has come of a halt
- ▶ December 2022, meeting with representatives from the Specific Claims Branch in Ottawa to discuss our claims
- ▶ At that meeting the SCB representatives recommended that we “bundle” our claims and submit them directly to the SCB
- ▶ Previously we submitted our claims to the FSIN claims research office



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- ▶ We decided to “bundle” our claims on the understanding that it would be a much more effective and efficient process
- ▶ July 12, 2023, we received an email from a junior funding officer at the Negotiations Support Directorate of CIRNAC advising that our funding application for all our claims was denied
- ▶ We were encouraged to apply in 2024-2025



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- ▶ All the claims denied are over 115 years old
- ▶ One of the claims addresses the unlawful amalgamation of Little Bone with Zagimē
- ▶ Little Bone members still deal with the dispossession from their land through the illegal 1907 surrender, the loss of their leadership and independence, and community cohesion that resulted from the unlawful amalgamation
- ▶ The intent of the unlawful amalgamation claim is to assist Little Bone members to begin their healing, which has been delayed



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- ▶ Zagimē is distant from those who make decisions that impact our community
- ▶ This disconnection results in not understanding the historic wrongs continue to have an impact today
- ▶ These delays further exacerbate new impacts that include our inability to purchase lands that were originally ours
- ▶ It is especially concerning when we see lands prices rising due to land speculators
- ▶ As a result, reclaiming our lands may never be achieved



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Looking Forward

- ▶ Food Security
- ▶ Green technology
- ▶ Health of the land and the water
- ▶ Self-determination
- ▶ Mino-pimatisowin

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Gitchi Miigwetch

Kika wapamininim mīnawa



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