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- TRC Call to Action #94



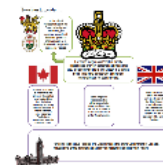
The 3 women in the bottom left circle and the First Nations people in the top right circle hold four totem poles.



Decolonizing the Crown in Canada



Do what is the role of a governor general in this highly relationship?
As I said it, the role is to be a bridge between the government and the people.
- Another of my role is to advise the government.
- The role is to be a bridge between the government and the people.



ROYAL PROCLAMATION AND CONSTITUTION OF CANADA

45. We call upon the Government of Canada, on behalf of all Canadians, to jointly develop with Aboriginal peoples a Royal Proclamation of Reconciliation to be issued by the Crown. The proclamation would build on the Royal Proclamation of 1763 and the Treaty of Versailles of 1763, and reaffirm the status-in-law relationship between Aboriginal peoples and the Crown. The proclamation would include, however be limited to, the following commitments:



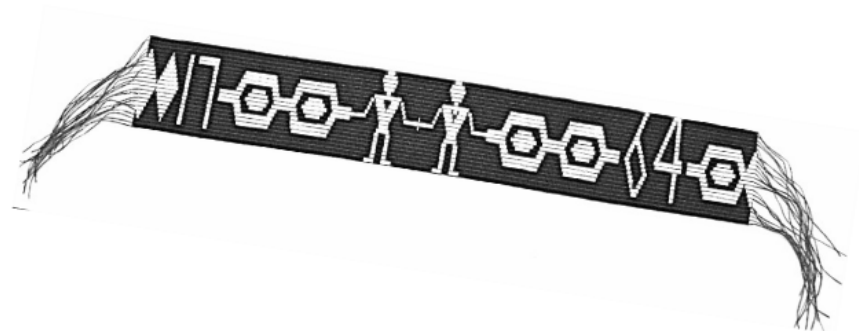
As the representative of The Crown, the highest office in this province, I am privileged to fulfil my duty of working with Indigenous Peoples. In 1982, I was named and so I intend to do my duty to provide the greatest support to the Indigenous governments.



Original



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What is Treaty?

signed

penalty

money

Contract

terms

conditions

documented

lawyers

written

Relationship

Trust
Communication

Honesty

Patience

Openness

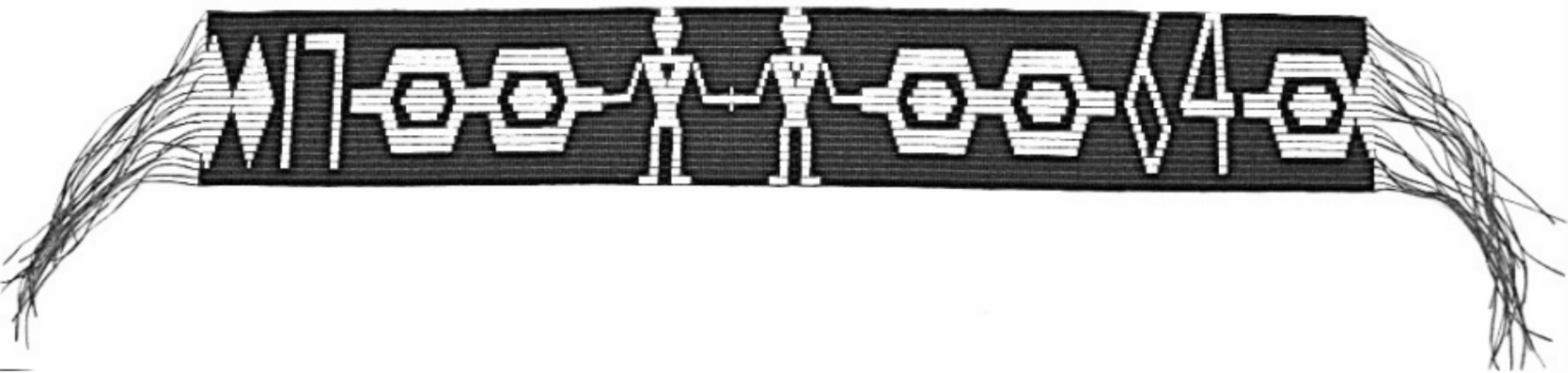
Empathy

Respect

LOVE

Our constitutional monarchy, which has evolved over a thousand years, requires us to have an understanding of the symbolism and words that often stray into an abstract realm and are imbued with history and subtleties. Exploring the institution of the Crown often steers us toward the same language that must be used in order to properly describe Treaty.

The Crown





Canada

History and present
government

The Queen's Role

Royal Visits

The Governor-General and
the Lieutenant Governors

Symbols and ceremonies

The Queen's Young Leaders

History and present government

Canada has been a monarchy for centuries - first under the kings of France in the sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, then under the British Crown in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, and now as a kingdom in her own right. These lands had been occupied for thousands of years by Aboriginal Peoples who, now for many centuries, have maintained an enduring and very close relationship with the person of the Sovereign and the Crown of Canada.

The historic link between the Crown and the First Nations people is strong,
and is one I hold dear to my heart.

- Duke of Cambridge, Haida Gwaii

September 30th, 2016



Victoria

Black Rod Ceremony at Government House.

The Black Rod is a ceremonial staff used on formal occasions when the monarch or her provincial representative, the Lieutenant Governor, is present in the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia. The materials and symbols affixed to the Rod are representative of the province and its relationship to the Crown.

- His Royal Highness installs a final Ring of Reconciliation to embody the historic relationship of the Sovereign as the guardian and protector of the Aboriginal peoples and to symbolize the reconciliation of all cultures in British Columbia.

Reception Hosted by the Province of British Columbia.



One of the greatest privileges I have as Lieutenant Governor is the power to convene. By bringing people together, the institution of the Crown is able to spark new relationships and encourage innovative partnerships. And there is no more important conversation than how we will live together, sustainably and equitably. How we can reimagine a country that is true to its values and strong in its diversity.

- The Hon. Elizabeth Dowdeswell



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Hon. James K. Bartleman
2002-2007, Ontario



Hon. Steven Point
2007-2012, British Columbia



Hon. Ralph Steinhauer
1974-1979, Alberta



Hon. Graydon Nicholas
2009-2014, New Brunswick



Indigenous Lieutenant Governors

Hon. Yvon Dumont
1993-1999, Manitoba





As the representative of The Queen, the highest office in this province, I am privileged to fulfill my duty of friendship with Indigenous Peoples in Treaty. It is a sacred trust as relevant as my duty to ensure the province always has a functioning government.

- The Hon. Elizabeth Dowdeswell
February 15th, 2017

Some ideas to consider . . .



As the official representatives of The Queen federally and provincially, the governor general and lieutenant governors often are seen as in direct relationships with Indigenous Peoples.



For some Indigenous Peoples, Treaty relationships are very personal and mean that they are directly bound to The Queen in a familial bond. This bond carries with it important responsibilities for both partners.



Since the 1931 Statute of Westminster the Crown in Canada has been legally distinct from the British Monarchy. Since they were not consulted in this development, some Indigenous People do not recognize a separate Canadian Crown.

Some Indigenous Peoples see their relationships with the Queen as distinct from her offices of Queen of Canada and/or Queen of the United Kingdom.

Since most of the Treaties in Canada were concluded with the British Crown, some Indigenous Peoples see their relationships with the Queen in her role as Sovereign of the United Kingdom.



For some Indigenous Peoples The Crown means the entire Government of Canada, including the prime minister and Ministry of Indigenous and Northern Affairs.



The Royal Proclamation cannot be properly interpreted unless it is combined with the Treaty of Niagara, and treaties cannot be understood without acknowledging the relationship Indigenous Peoples have with the Queen and her family. This chapel will serve to remind Canadians of these truths.


Chief R. Stacey Laforme
Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation

