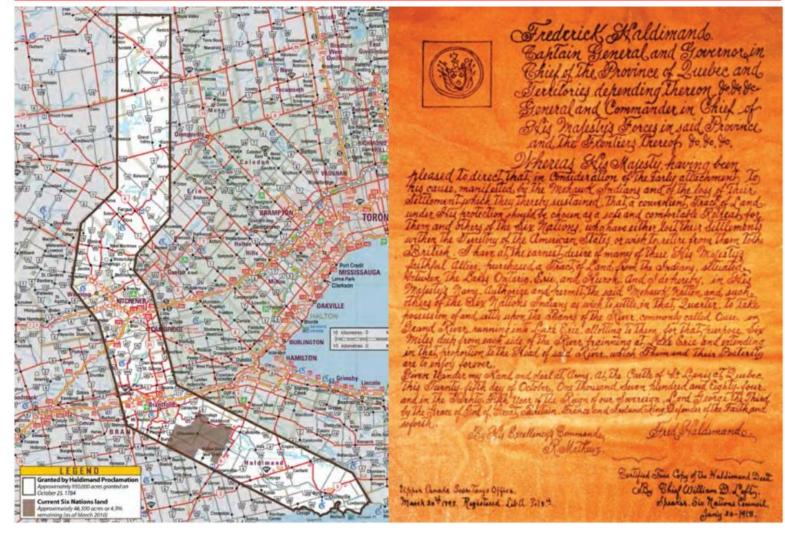
THE SIX NATIONS 1784 HALDIMAND TREATY



Treaty: An International agreement between sovereign states and governed by international law.

Understandings of Land

Western View

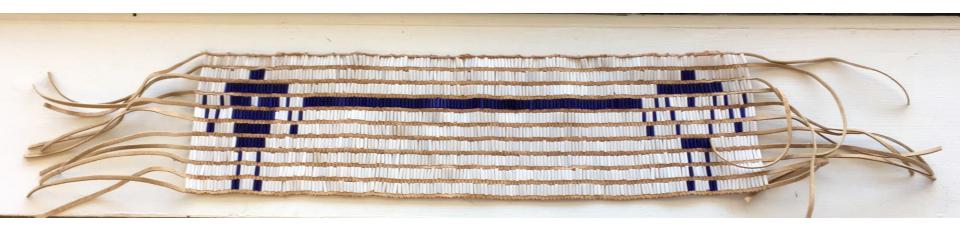
- Land is an individual's private property
- Land is viewed as a commodity with equity
- Land is for personal benefit (profit)
- Land can be manipulated, controlled and exploited for economic progress
- Land is owned (It's a commodity.)

Indigenous View

- Land collectively belongs to future generations
- Everyone should be able to benefit from the land
- Take what you need but use all that you take
- Respect what you take from the land, considering the next 7 generations
- Land is to be shared

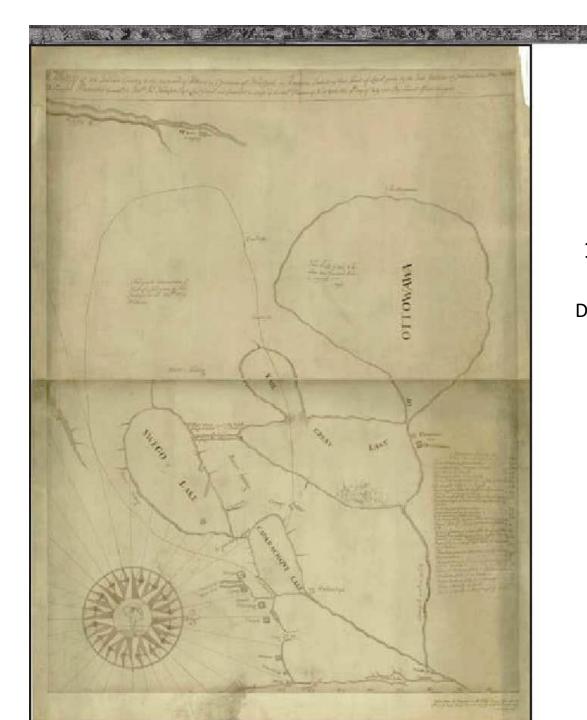
Let's back up a bit....

The Two Row Wampum 1613 The Silver Covenant Chain 1665



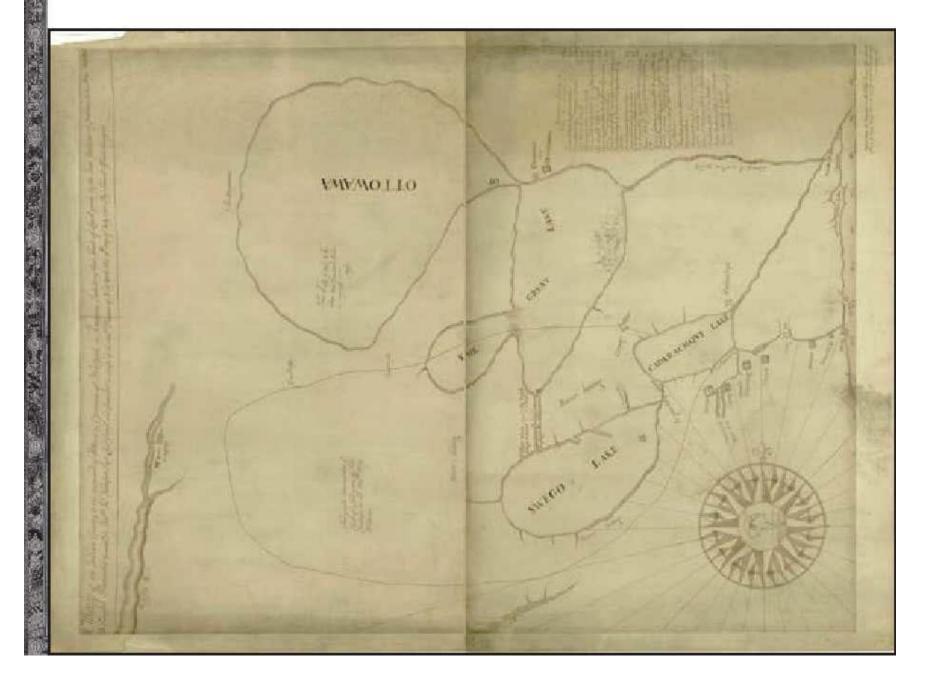
1701 Dish with one Spoon Treaty 1701 Nanfan Treaty and the Great Peace of Montreal 1701





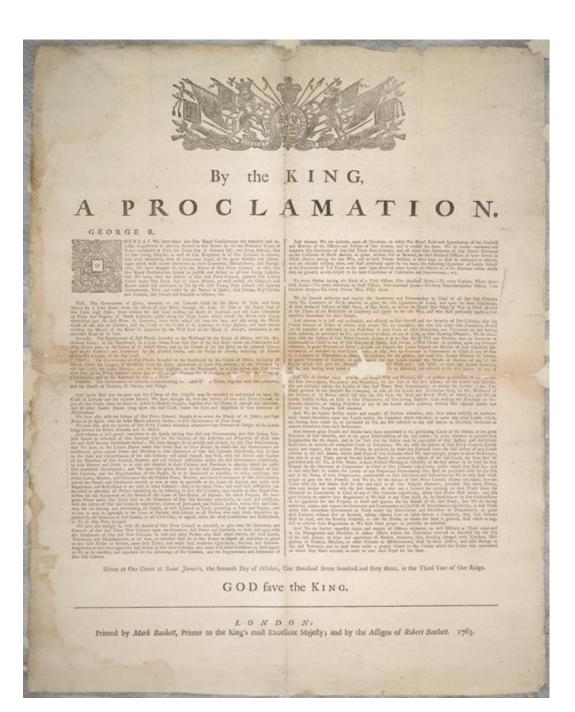
1701 Nanfan Treaty

Debate on validity and the Clowes Map



Royal Proclamation of 1763

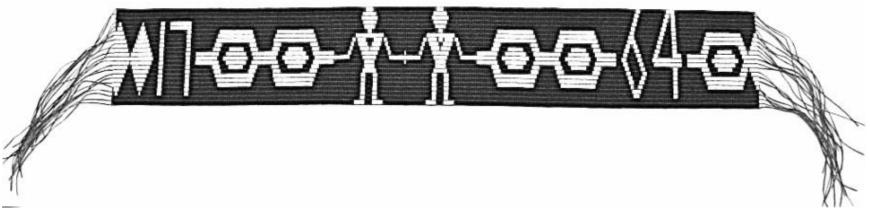
- Issued after defeat of New France on the Plains of Abraham 1759
- Enshrined Indigenous sovereignty
- Often referred to as the First Nations "Magana Carta"



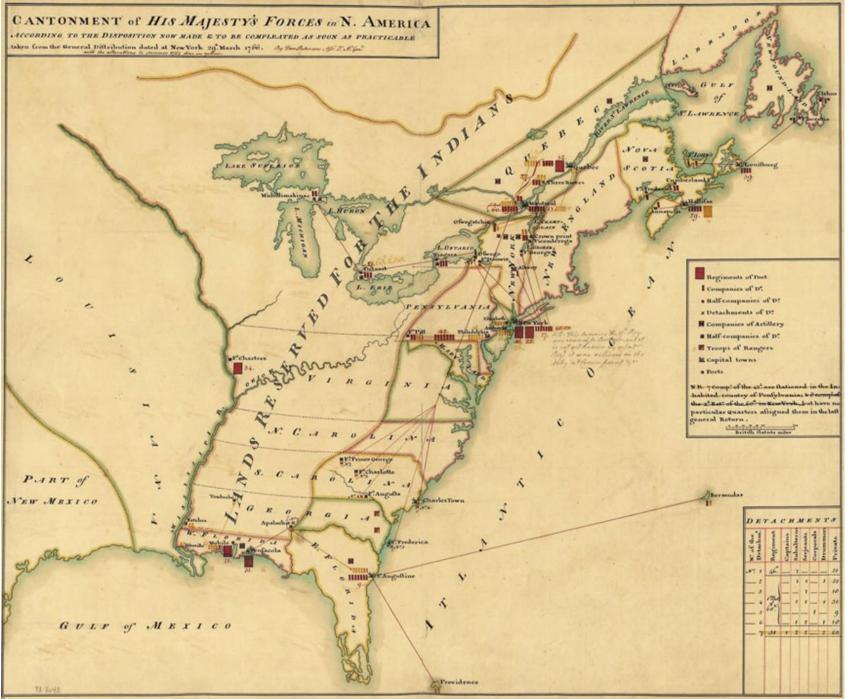
Some Key Wording...

 "And whereas it is just and reasonable, and essential to our Interest and the Security of our Colonies, that the several Nations or Tribes of Indians, with whom We are connected, and who live under our Protection, should not be molested or disturbed in the Possession of such Parts of Our Dominions and Territories as, not having been ceded to, or purchased by Us, are reserved to them, or any of them, as their Hunting Grounds."

Treaty of Niagara 1764

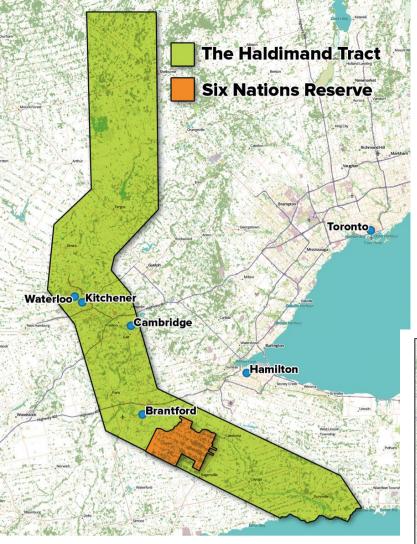


- Can only be interpreted as part of the Treaty of Niagara where the Royal Proclamation was ratified as a Treaty
- 2000 Indigenous delegates of 24+ nations attended from the Maritimes to the Prairies
- The Two Row Wampum and the Covenant Chain were brought out and re-affirmed, numerous Wampum belts and strings, as well as other gifts exchanged
- Affirmed Indigenous Sovereignty over their own land and affairs
- Land could only be aliened from Indigenous Nations by Treaty between equals in "Nation to Nation" treaty making
- These Principles were re-affirmed and enshrined in section 35 of the Constitution Act of 1982
- Offensive to the 13 British Colonies. One of the grievances of the Revolution.



1766 Map showing Proclamation Line

Map image courtesy of History.com

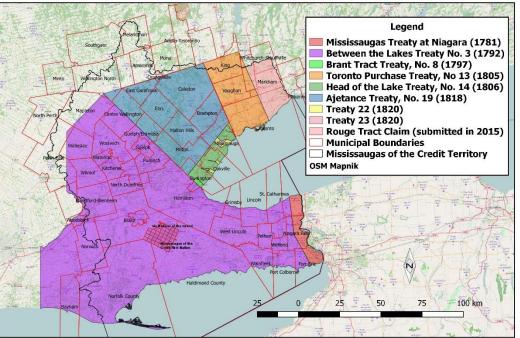


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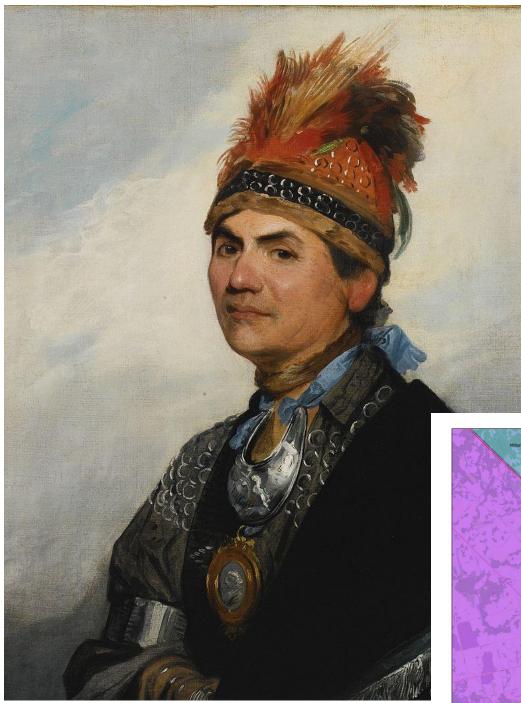
..."Six Miles deep from each side of the River beginning at Lake Erie and extending in the proportion to the Head of said River, which Them and Their Posterity are to enjoy forever.".

1784

- Britain negotiates with Mississaugas to allow Six Nations (and others) to settle on the Grand River
- Mississauga welcome their brethren to share territory on the Grand (under the Dish with one Spoon) but continue to use the land as well ("We are not the owners of all that land...")
- Between the Lakes Treaty of 1792 with Mississauga

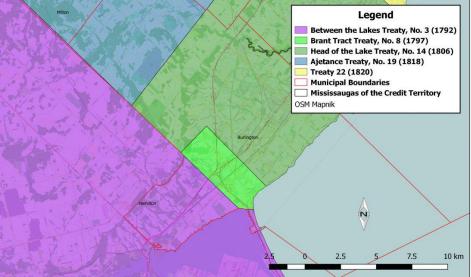


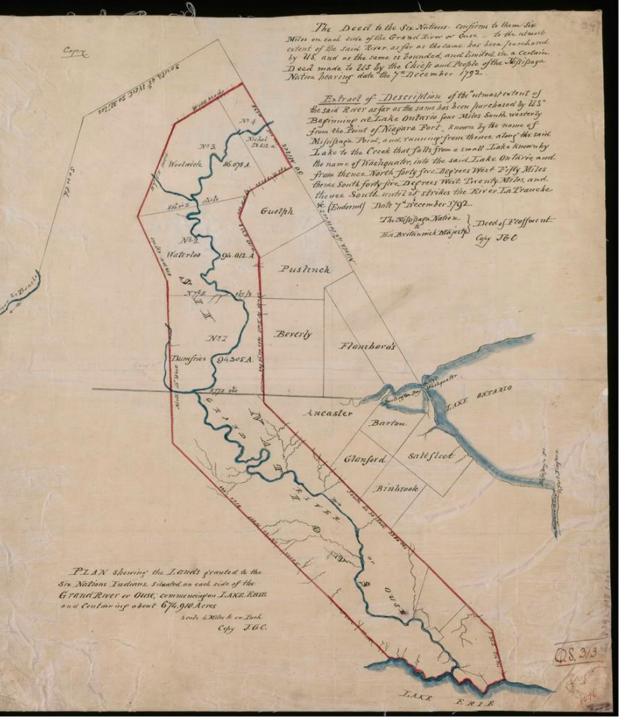
Municipal Boundaries Related to the Between the Lakes Treaty, No. 3 (1792)



Joseph Brant

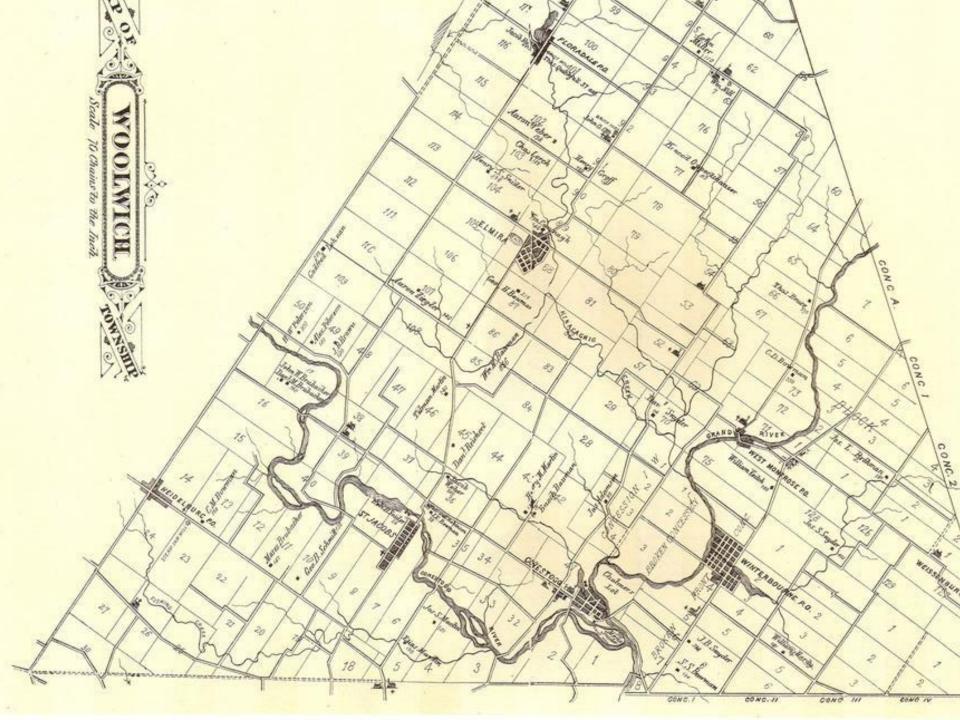
A controversial figure

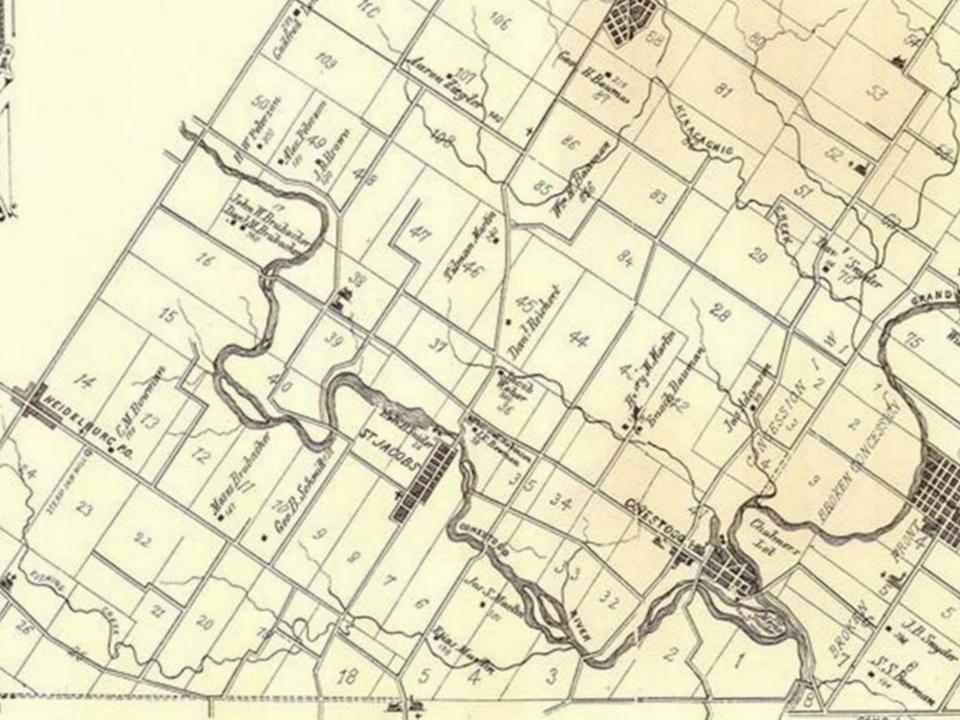




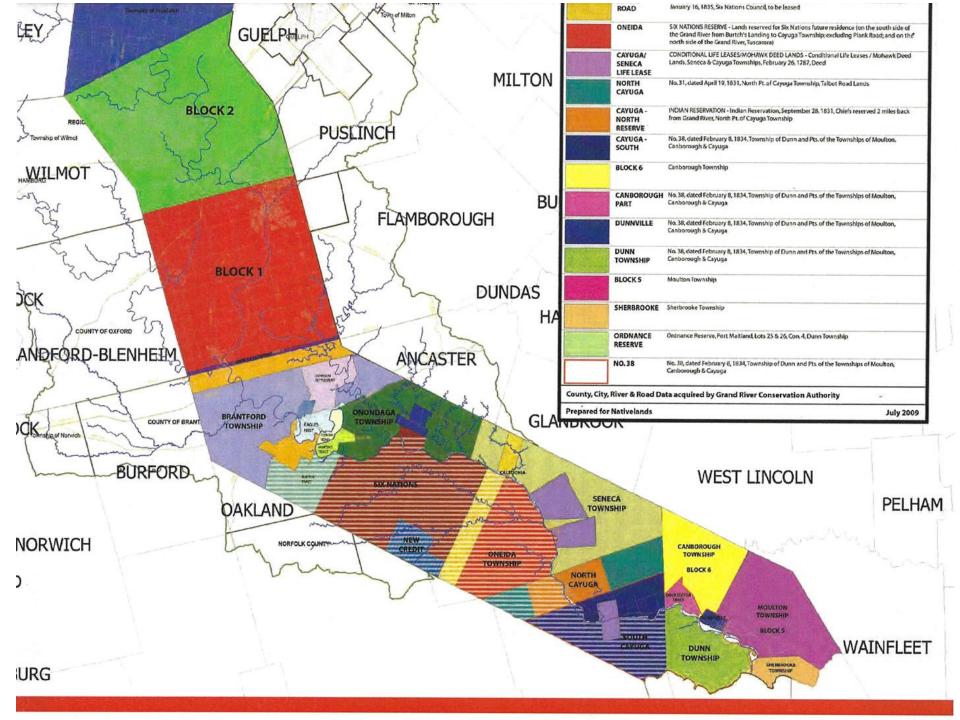
Forever?

- Simcoe Patent/Jones survey of 1793
- Settler squatters
- Joseph Brant wishes to invite settlers onto the tract to provide an ongoing annuity for the "perpetual care and maintenance" of Six Nations
- Dispute with the Crown over process – argument is really over the question of sovereignty – who decides?
- Blocks are made available sold or 999 year lease?
- Brant exceeds his "Power of Attorney" and is dismissed in 1801.





Deskaheh at the League of Nations And the deposing of the HCCC 1924



What is the Land Reclamation in Caledonia all about? The "Plank Road"



1492 Land Back Lane

Is this land occupation valid? They have the support of the HCCC. SNEC had agreed to the development for small fee.

Occupiers were called criminals by the OPP and the media. Currently Foxgate Developments has cancelled the Project.



Six Nations Development Moratorium April 2021

pictured: Roger Silversmith and Skylar Williams at press conference



Aboriginal Title Claim to Water Within the Traditional Lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit

