



# An Introductory Guide to Indigenous Rights

Canada's relationship with Indigenous people can be confusing — and sometimes contentious. MNP has developed a program to help learners understand Indigenous peoples' rights, why they have them and why they are integral to the history and future of Canada.

Working through an engaging and easily digestible suite of tools, we will navigate four key concepts which underpin Canada's relationship with Indigenous peoples, including:

- Indigenous peoples were sovereign before Canada became a country
- Canada has a 300-year-old treaty relationship with the Indigenous peoples of Canada
- Assimilation policies distorted the treaty relationship
- Indigenous peoples of Canada hold a unique set of rights (including treaty rights) protected by the *Constitution Act, 1982*



The following products are designed to support a variety of learners, including educational institutions (e.g. local schools), governments and the private sector:

## Educational Resource Solutions

Our team can prepare customizable support and resource solutions, which include a book and courses (online, half day, full day, semester). Course packages include a detailed outline and lesson plans that correspond with ready-made lessons, that any instructor or facilitator can deliver with confidence and ease.



### Book — *An Introductory Guide to Understanding Indigenous Rights*

With 140 full colour pages, key terms, references and additional resources, this book is an introduction to Indigenous rights and Canadian history with respect to the treaty relationship. It contains relevant case studies and a timeline chronicling important dates in the evolution of the relationship between Indigenous peoples and Canada.



### Online Course — *Understanding Indigenous Rights*

By simplifying complex concepts and providing a clear context for Canada's relationship with Indigenous peoples, we enable you to provide easy-to-monitor in-house training to a wide variety of audiences — including company employees and contractors, government officials and staff or anyone who might benefit from learning about the treaty relationship.

Our online course can help your organization understand:

- Where Indigenous rights came from
- Who holds Indigenous rights
- Significant historical events that lead to Canada's treaty relationship with Indigenous peoples



### Locally Developed Course - *Understanding Treaties and Sovereignty*

MNP has developed a Grade 10 course approved for use in Alberta public schools which can be custom designed to suit any grade or meet the unique needs of your organization.

Showcasing video lessons from Elders specific to a treaty or region, each locally developed course is customizable to suit the unique history and circumstances of an Indigenous Nation. MNP's locally developed courses are also appropriate for public schools or organizations wishing to increase student or staff knowledge about the treaty relationship.

Our book, *An Introductory Guide to Understanding Indigenous Rights* is a companion resource for the course or suitable as a stand-alone resource.



### Customized Corporate Training

Our team has experience developing and delivering customizable training for corporate employees of all level, including providing additional insight and understanding to suit their professional context. We offer a range of delivery options — from online courses to customizable full- or half-day in-person sessions which we can tailor to your organization, company and industry.

## ABOUT MNP

MNP is a leading national accounting, tax and consulting firm to Canada's Indigenous communities. We have invested more time and resources into understanding Indigenous needs than any other firm. With more than 250 Indigenous clients and 300 professionals, MNP has developed a diverse suite of services designed to preserve our clients' traditions and position them for success.

For more information about how MNP can help, or to register your school or business for a course, contact:

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