

First Annual Chiniki Lecture on First Nations History  
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# Compact, Contract, Covenant: Canada's Treaty-Making Tradition



Racing horses on the Morley Flats, 1907

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Since contact between Europeans and indigenous peoples four centuries ago, Canada has evolved through a succession of agreements designed to regulate relations between the two groups. At first, commercial compacts governing the fur-trade relationship dominated. Yet by the eighteenth century, treaties of peace and friendship became more prominent. Treaties that dealt with control of territory were initiated in the 1760s and dominated the treaty-making relationship until 1923. After a hiatus of half a century, Canada and Aboriginal peoples resumed making agreements with comprehensive claims settlements, separately negotiated treaties such as Nunavut and Nisga'a, and the British Columbia treaty process. This rich and diverse tradition of treaty-making continues to evolve in the early twenty-first century.

Saturday MARCH 1 at the Chief Chiniki Restaurant, Morley Alberta  
(Exit Morley from the Trans Canada, turn left, right at the gas station and it's up on the right)

Light Lunch served at 12:00, Talk begins at 1:00

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