

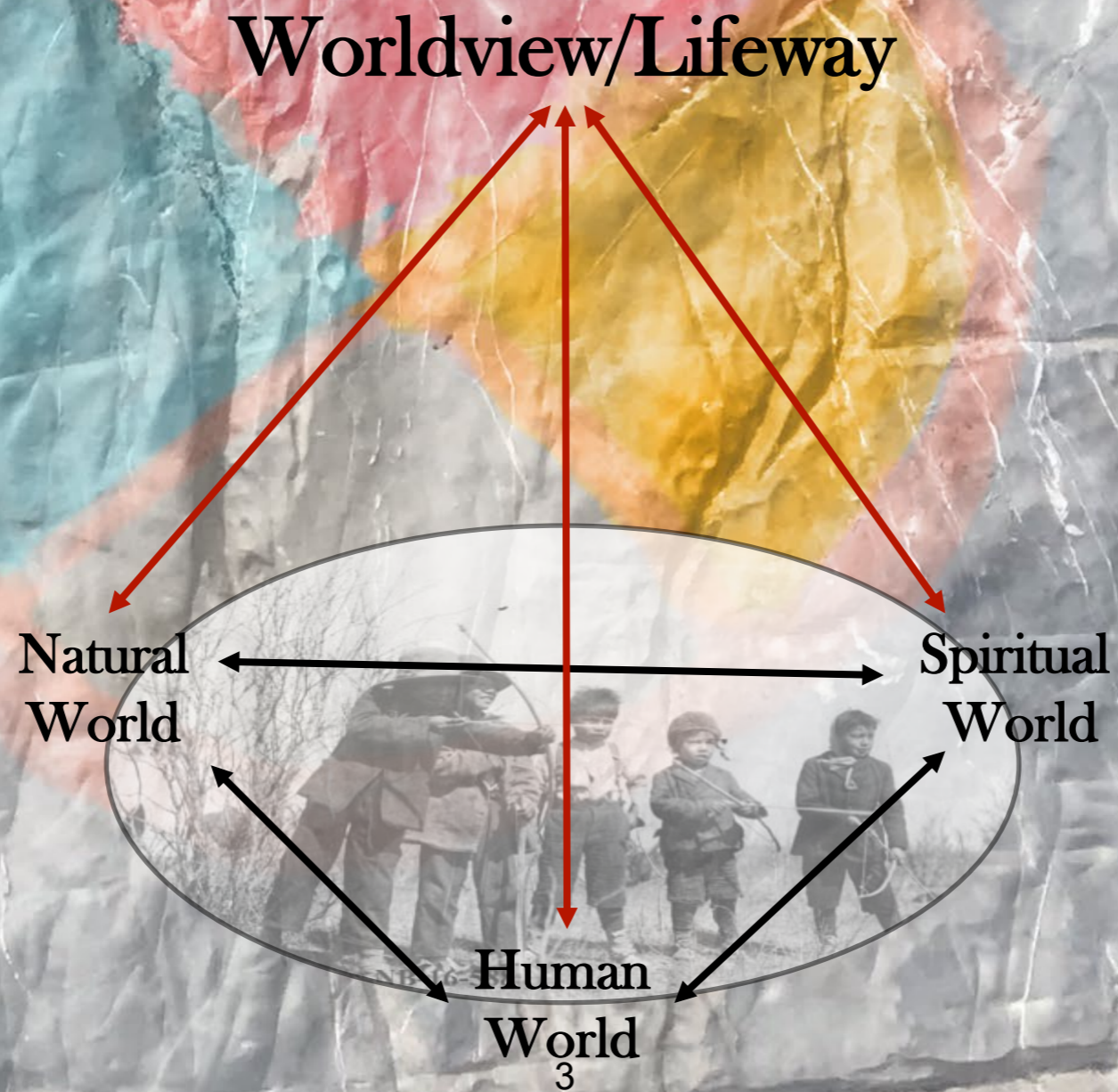
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$$E=mc^2$$

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Making Wolf

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Life

The simple act of breathing and being present in this world and at this moment..... BREATHE.....

Life requires 4 essential elements;

Land

Air

Fire

Water

Dzanago (A long time ago) It was determined that these essential elements meant life existed as we now know it

As Leaders, whether elected, hereditary and traditional. We need to inform ourselves about what the history of this land has been

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When we are thinking we are not limited by the prejudices and the definitions of a belief. When we think with our intelligence then we start to deal with the realities of our collective power. Saskatchewan leadership is a powerhouse.

BUT

First we have to realize that our Identity was made political and there is no political solution when we're under someone else's rules. It's the illusion that prevents us from being authentic.

When Tosgoshi (frog) Leaves

Frogs are environmental indicators to what the local environmental changes are happening because of their sensitivity to change.



The oral Tsuut'ina story is that once they disappear then humans won't be far behind

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Who are we?

inherited ideas of being dispossessed
What does that mean?

1. deprived of possession
2. Spiritually impoverished or alienated
3. Suffered the loss of prospects, relationships, etc

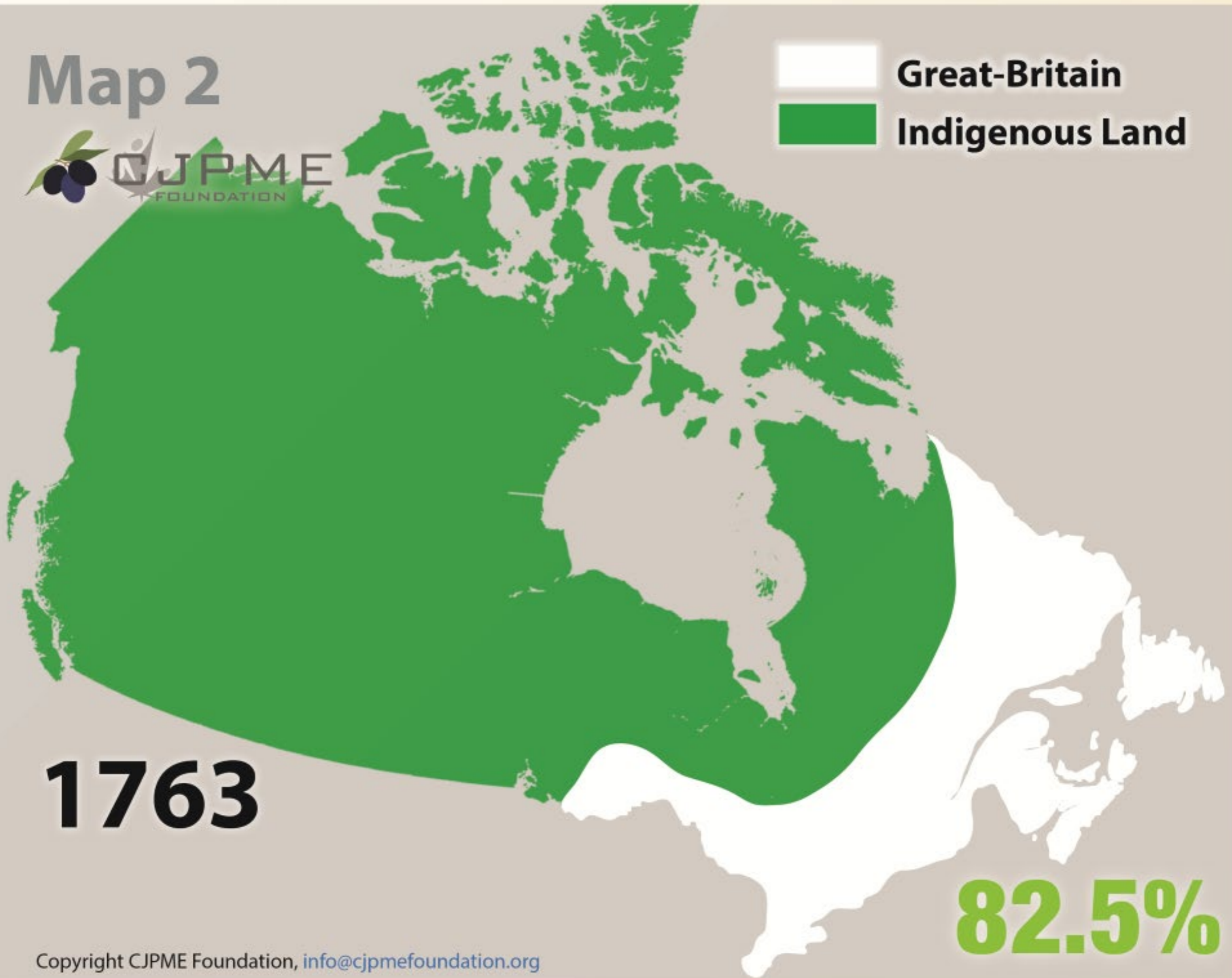
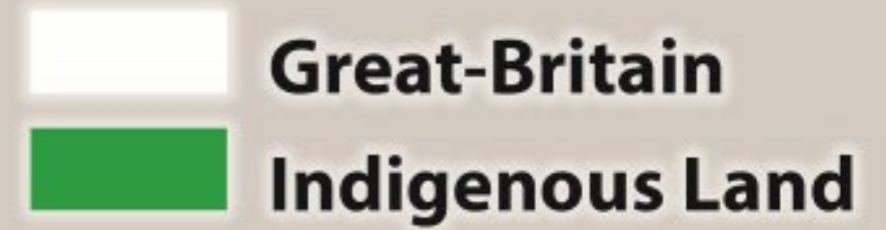
Map 1



 **New France**
 **Indigenous Land**



Map 2



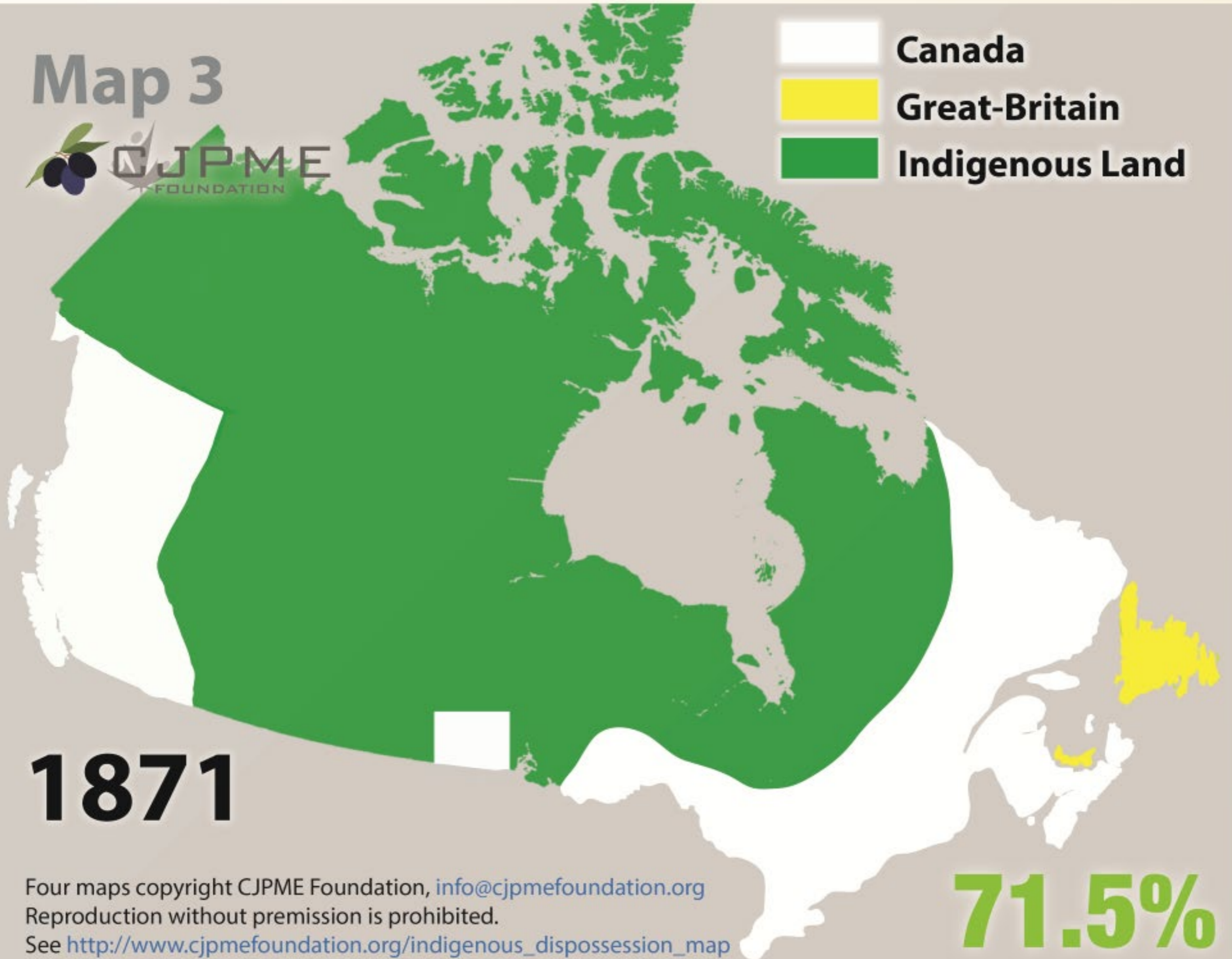
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Map 3



-  Canada
-  Great-Britain
-  Indigenous Land

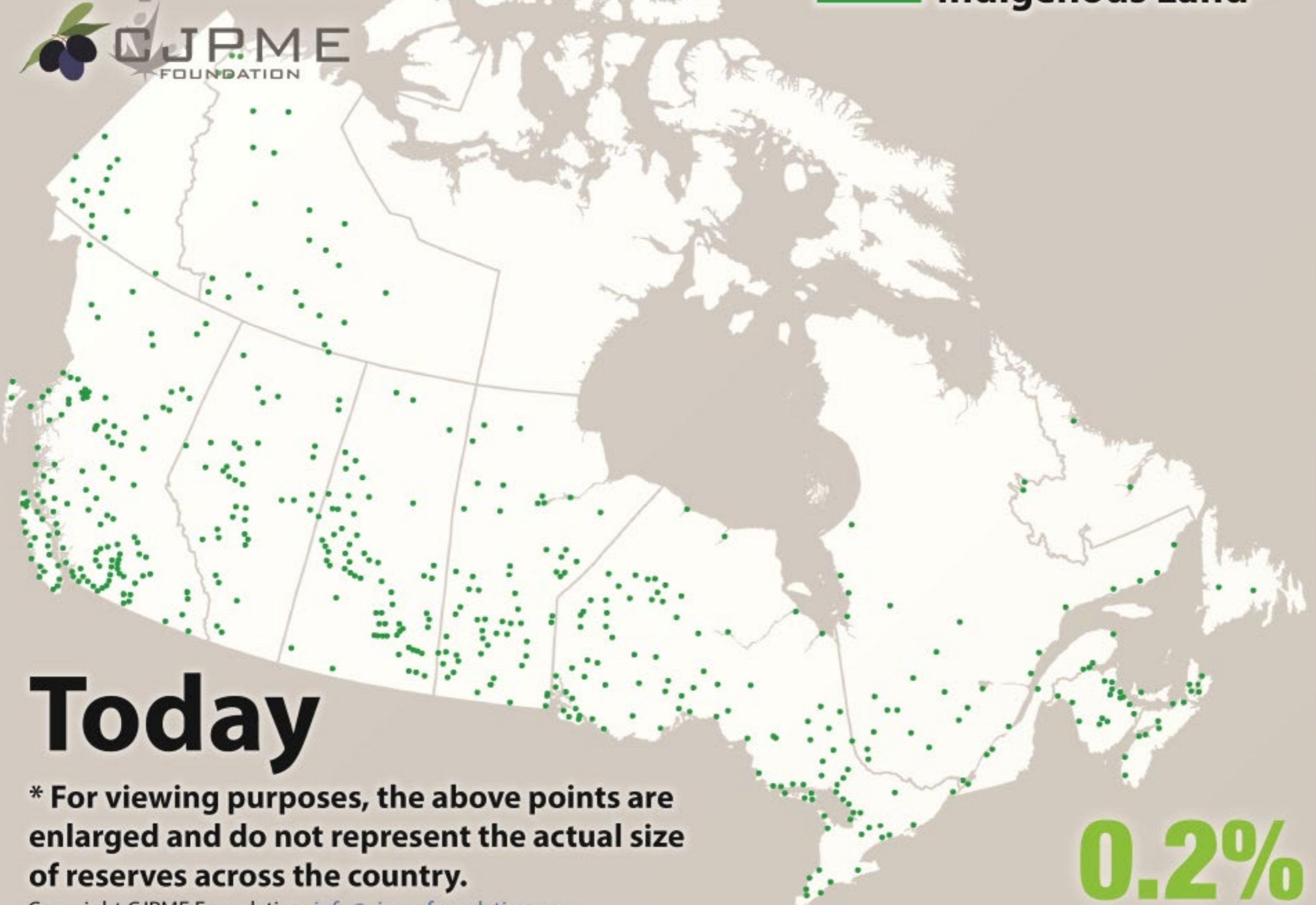


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Map 4



 Canada
 Indigenous Land*



Today

* For viewing purposes, the above points are enlarged and do not represent the actual size of reserves across the country.

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SPIRITUAL WORLD

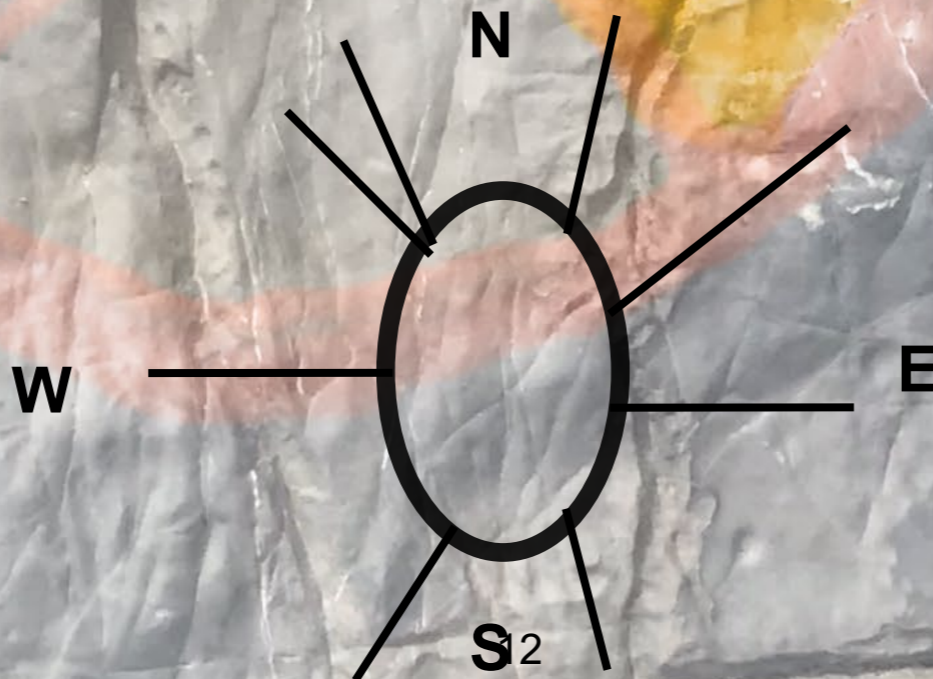
Sweat lodge- A place where spirit tries to connect

A time when the Old Chief Chula (Bullhead) came and spoke:
What they want is what is underneath the ground

Naturally we assumed it was Gas or Oil but then realized it was much more

In order to begin to understand what was meant we had to find a starting point

....A Sacred Circle....



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TSUUT'INA

Community Development Plan 1974. It laid out what the next 50 years would look like. We were able to collect a few remnants of the plan

Words of that era of elders rang **true**

Proximity to a major metropolis

Creation of commerce. It was always there

Commerce was people. Through marriage, business, athletics, etc.

Culture matters

LAND

Institutions matter

AIR

Leadership matters

FIRE

Sovereignty Matters

WATER

TAZA

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TAZA

1200 acres of designated land

Ring Road connection

COSTCO, Gas Stop, Sportsplex, First car dealership, Shopping Centre

Casino, Hotel, Events Centre, Explosive Ordinance specialists... Businesses outside of TAZA

Policies

BUSINESS CHARTER

Trustee's, Board of Directors, Taxation laws, Code of conduct

Future and in progress

Land Code, Constitution.

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Creation of partnerships, We are given morsels that become job creation projects to feed today's hunger but nothing for tomorrow.

The provinces try to be good neighbours by the giving of money . "Our Money" back to us as long as we sign agreements that give them more authority to rule.

Contribution Agreements, Public Private Partnerships, Certificate of Possession, Federal/Provincial Bills to guarantee the flow of money. Just to give back our money they took from us.

Tsuut'ina is a really a small Nation as a community population across Canada. But the one thing we always try to keep at the forefront is identity. Tsuut'ina Identity

MEETING THE SACRED AND BEING HUMAN

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

The need for vision

Tribal vision

Vision based on “inclusion”

Inclusive of everyone based on the essential elements of life
Codes of conduct steeped in ethical principles... Learned from the water you drink, the air you breathe, the land you occupy, and the power of fire for cleansing

We have to address our prejudices that an inherited and adopted way of being has confined us

Develop the ability to think and not just believe. Thinking is thinking. Believing is not thinking. Ask questions of yourself and what made you believe what you believe.

We didn't create this problem but we need to contribute to helping in accordance to our principles for existence

Need for a different lens. Learning from the holy people who are sitting right next to you right now and alternative options given from the grassroots people.

Traditional knowledge will patiently wait for Western Science to catch up. It will take time..

MEETING THE SACRED AND BEING HUMAN

“Since the time that human beings offered thanks for the first sunrise, sovereignty has been an integral part of indigenous peoples’ daily existence.

With the original instructions from the Creator, we realize our responsibilities. Those are the laws that lay the foundation of our society. These responsibilities manifest through our ceremonies... Sovereignty is that wafting thread securing the components of a society. Sovereignty runs through the vertical strands and secures the entire pattern. That is the fabric of Native Society”

Ingrid Washinawatok El-Issa born Menominee, WI July 31, 1957 (d. 1999). UN indigenous rights leader murdered in Colombia civil war.

MEETING THE SACRED AND BEING HUMAN

THESE ARE LESSONS LEARNED AS XAKIJI



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