

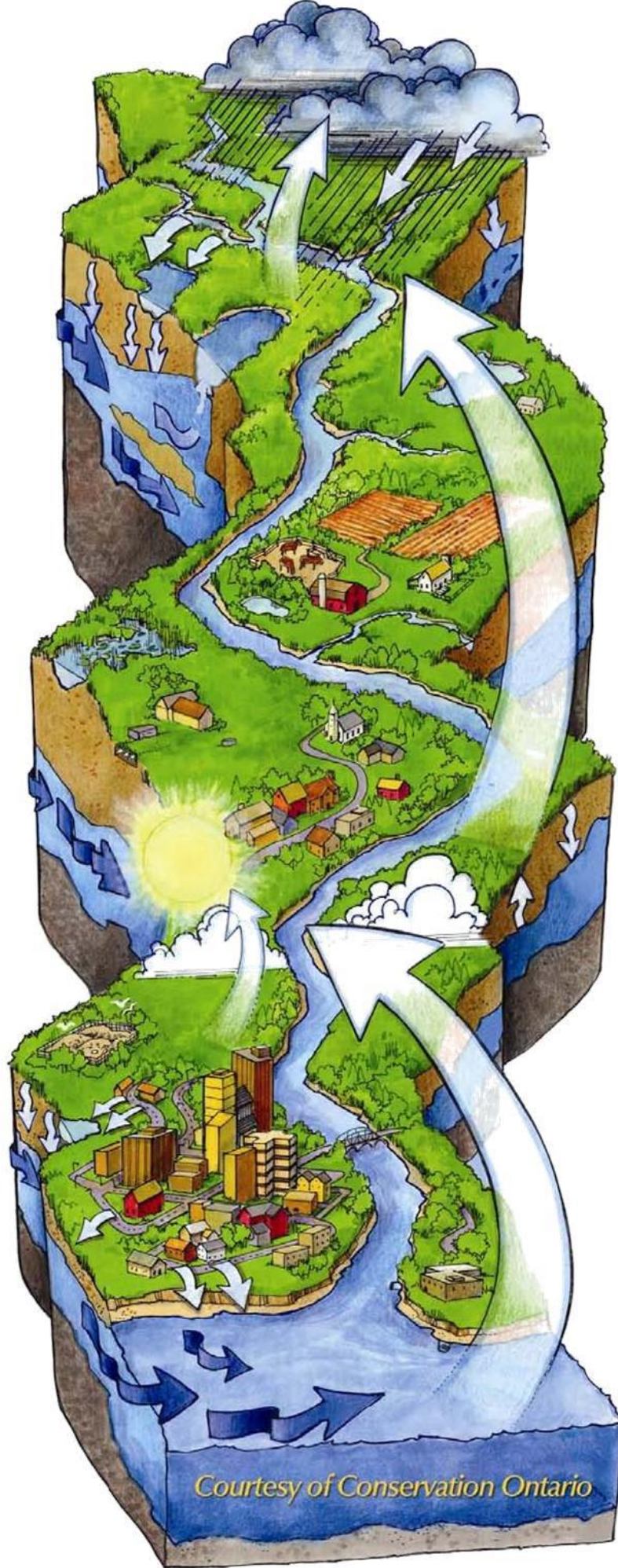
# WATER

PATHWAYS TO DECISION-MAKING...

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BUILDING COLLABORATIVE GOVERNANCE  
THROUGH CONSENT PROCESSES

AFN Water Forum February 6, 2018



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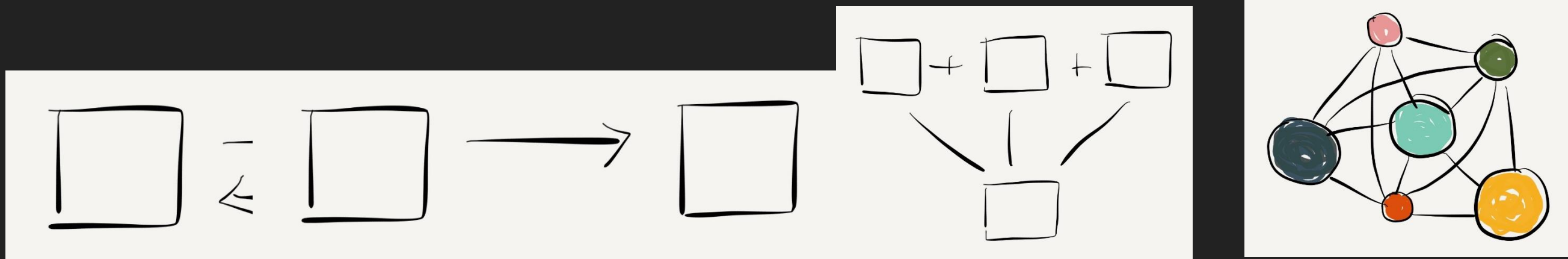
UNDRIP, MUCH LIKE THE TREATY, CALLS ON US TO WORK TOGETHER.

Grand Chief Dr. Wilton Littlechild  
Chair, National Council for Reconciliation

GOVERNANCE = DECISION-MAKING

# GOVERNANCE IS ABOUT MAKING DECISIONS, SOMETIMES TOGETHER

How can governments work together — when there may be overlapping responsibilities, contested authorities, and differing legal systems?



DISCUSS

CONSULT

COOPERATE

COLLABORATE

THEY WORK TOGETHER THROUGH A PROCESS  
CALLED “COLLABORATIVE CONSENT”

# COLLABORATIVE CONSENT 101: OUTLOOK, PROCESS, OUTCOME

**An ongoing process of committed engagement between Indigenous and non-Indigenous governments to secure mutual consent on proposed pathways forward**

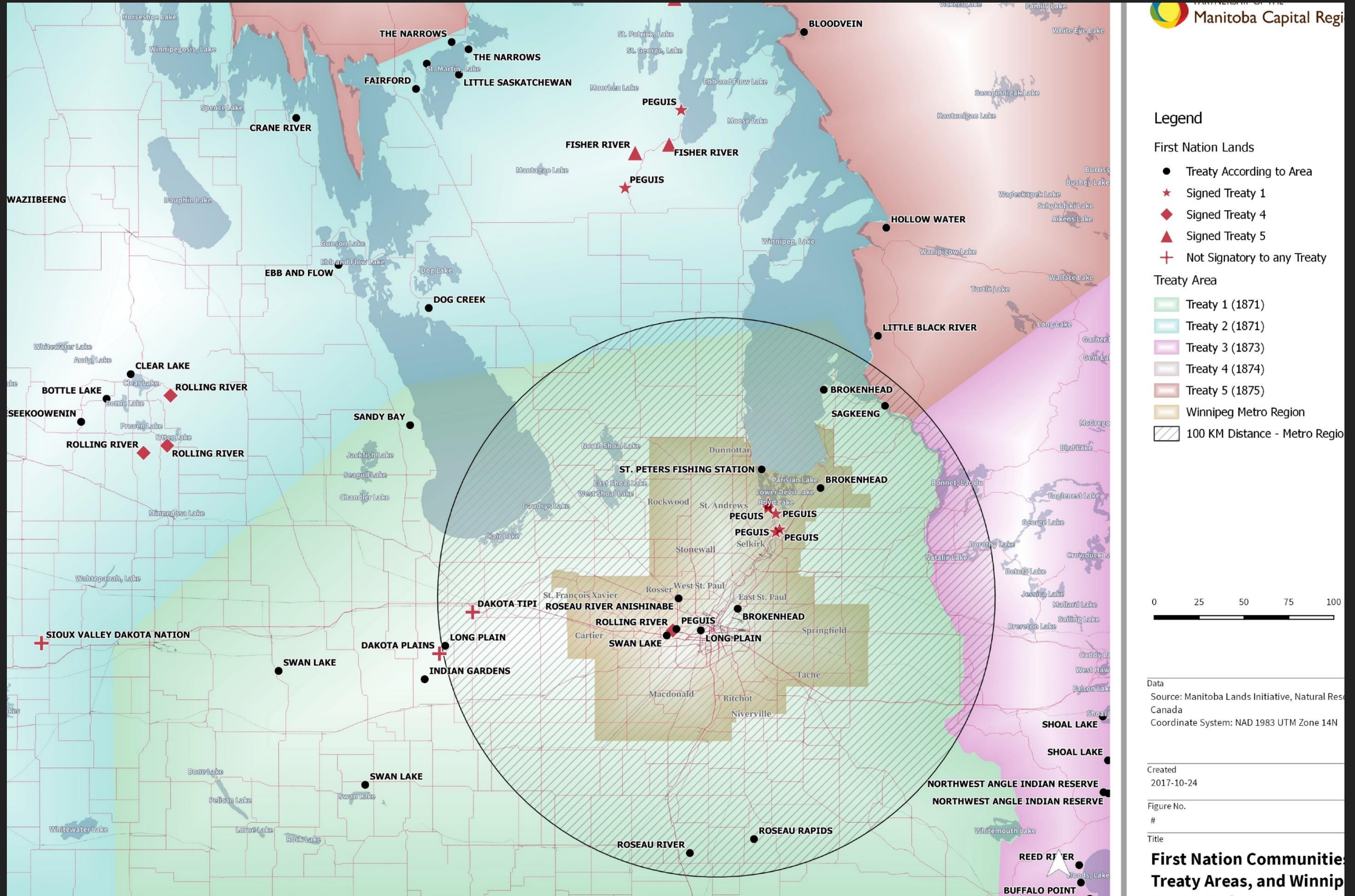
- ▶ Fundamentally about governance and changing how decisions (at all levels) are made
- ▶ Does not mean that all parties are involved in all decisions, but that they decide where collaboration is necessary (or not)
- ▶ Bending the beams: Both Indigenous and Crown governments adapt institutions, governance regimes, and timelines – creating shared spaces



# THE 7 HALLMARKS OF COLLABORATIVE CONSENT

1. Collaborative consent is fundamentally based **on respect, trust, and the art of diplomacy** between governments.
2. All governments recognize each other as **legitimate authorities**.
3. Collaborative consent tables are **decision-making** tables.
4. Scope of issues considered can be **extensive** and ultimately must be satisfactory to all parties.
5. Collaborative consent starts at the front-end and all governments commit to remaining at the table for **the long haul**.
6. Each government's **interests** must be dealt with in a satisfactory manner from their own point of view.
7. The process generates **real outcomes**.

# COLLABORATIVE GOVERNANCE INITIATIVE in LAKE WINNIPEG BASIN







“THE GREAT  
UNSETTLING  
IS WHAT  
DRIVES US  
FORWARD.”

Elder Deniseanne Boissoneault  
Anishnabe Kwe from Manitoulin  
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