

Treaty Land Entitlement Agreements

Key Provisions

An Entitlement First Nation is a First Nation that has signed a Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) settlement agreement with Canada and Saskatchewan in order to resolve an outstanding TLE claim. Canada and Saskatchewan share the costs of TLE settlement agreements; Canada contributes 70 per cent and Saskatchewan contributes 30 per cent.

Entitlement First Nations receive monetary compensation to be used to purchase land under their TLE Agreements. Land purchased under TLE Agreements must be on a “willing seller/willing buyer” basis for both private and Crown land. Each First Nation must acquire and transfer to reserve status the amount of land that should have been received at the date of first survey. This land is also known as "Shortfall Acres."

After a First Nation acquires its Shortfall Acres it may use any remaining funds to acquire additional reserve land up to the maximum number of acres the First Nation is entitled to have transferred to reserve status through its settlement agreement. This land is called "Equity Acres." The money may also be used to enhance the community and for economic development.

Each party in the TLE process has specific responsibilities:

- Entitlement First Nations select and purchase land;
- The province reviews all land selected by the First Nations for provincial interests and considers the sale of Crown land; and
- The federal government reviews the land to ensure all conditions are met before it transfers the land to reserve status.

The TLE Agreements deal with a variety of matters that affect provincial interests such as land and mineral acquisitions, water and roadway matters and the resolution of third-party and utility interests. TLE Agreements also ensure that provincial interests are addressed prior to land transferring to reserve status.

The province will continue to implement the TLE process until all entitlement First Nations have obtained their maximum acreage pursuant to the TLE Agreements.

For More Information

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