



Robinson Huron Treaty of 1850 Gathering COMMEMORATING 175 YEARS of TREATY

AGENDA for SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

LOCATION: Roberta Bondar Park, 65 Foster Drive, Sault Ste. Marie

MASTERS OF CEREMONIES: Barbara Nolan (Garden River First Nation) and Joel Syrette (Batchewana First Nation)

LODGE FACILITATOR: Nelson Toulouse (Sagamok Anishnawbek)

TIME	EVENT
5:45 a.m.	Sunrise Ceremony in the Teaching Lodge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pipe Ceremony by Leroy Bennett Water Ceremony by Nokomis Martina Osawamick
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast at the Delta Hotel (served until 9:00 a.m.)
9:00 a.m.	Opening Protocols <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grand Entry, Posting of Flags and Staffs, Opening Miigwechwin
9:30 a.m.	Welcoming and Overview of the Robinson Huron Treaty of 1850 Gathering Welcoming by Host Ogimaak <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief Mark McCoy, Batchewana First Nation Chief Karen Bell, Garden River First Nation Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mike Restoule, Chair, Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund Earl Commanda, Executive Director, Robinson Huron Waawiindamaagewin Agenda Overview
10:00 a.m.	Why We Gather: Honouring 175 Years and the Path Ahead <i>This panel will reflect on the origins and purpose of the Robinson Huron Treaty of 1850 Gathering. Presenters will speak to the spirit and intent behind the gathering, the significance of 175 years since the Treaty was signed, and share visions for the future of this important annual tradition.</i>
11:00 a.m.	Council Fire to Treaty: Anishinaabe Governance and Responsibility to Creation Panelists: Dr. Heidi Bohaker and Dr. Alan Corbiere <i>This panel will explore the history of the Robinson Huron Treaty through an Anishinaabe lens, highlighting our original systems of governance through the council fire and how our relationship and responsibilities to creation have guided us then and now.</i>

12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Gathering of the Clans: Teachings, Treaty and Responsibilities Facilitated by Chop Waindubence and Richard Assinewai <i>For the first time, we will sit in our clans to reflect on their roles, responsibilities, and teachings. This session links ancestral governance to the spirit of the Robinson Huron Treaty, exploring how clan knowledge guides our responsibilities to creation, each other, and the land.</i>
4:30 p.m.	Break
5:30 p.m.	Doors Open to The Machine Shop (83 Huron Street)
6:00 p.m.	Feast for the Pipes: Honouring the Spirit of Treaty <i>We come together in ceremony to feast the Bond Head Pipe and Chief Shingwauk's Pipe, sacred bundles that carry the spirit and intent of our treaties. This is a time to honour the ancestors, the promises made, and our responsibilities as Anishinaabe to uphold our treaties in a good way.</i>
7:15 p.m.	Robinson Huron Treaty Documentary: Waawiindamaagewin – The Spirit of Treaty <i>This documentary explores the history, meaning, and annuities of the Robinson Huron Treaty of 1850. Featuring voices of leaders, legal experts, and knowledge keepers, it highlights our responsibility to uphold the Treaty, strengthen Anishinaabe identity, and work Nation-to-Nation with the Crown.</i>
8:00 p.m.	Comedy and Musical Performances Performers: Clint Couchie, Roger Daybutch, Open Mic
9:30 p.m.	We Are Still Here: A Drone Story of Treaty and Tomorrow <i>As night falls, the sky becomes our storyteller. This drone show brings to life the history, spirit, and future of the RHT, honouring our ancestors, challenges, and responsibilities. A story of resilience and relationship, it affirms the enduring presence of the Anishinaabe people — we are still here.</i>

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AGENDA for MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

LOCATION: Roberta Bondar Park, 65 Foster Drive, and Delta Hotel, 208 St Mary's River Drive, Sault Ste. Marie

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9:00 a.m.	Day 1 Recap and Day 2 Overview		
TIME	MAIN STAGE	TIME	TEACHING LODGE
9:15 a.m.	Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund (RHTLF) Update: Advancing Our Treaty Rights Presenters: Kerry Assiniwe, Roger Jones and Loretta Fox-Assinewai <i>Representatives of the RHTLF will provide an update on RHTLF priorities and key activities of the Anishinaabemowin Revitalization Strategy and RHTLF Communications.</i>	9:20 a.m.	Fire Teachings in the Lodge <i>Held within the Anishinaabe Teaching Lodge, these teachings will explore the sacred role of fire in our way of life. Fire is more than warmth and light — it is a source of spirit, a witness to truth, and a centre for governance. This space invites reflection on how the fire brings us together in ceremony, decision-making, and Nationhood.</i>
10:15 a.m.	Carrying the Treaty Forward: An Update from Robinson Huron Waawiindamaagewin (RHW) Presenter: Earl Commanda <i>RHW will provide an update on its work supporting the vision and responsibilities of the Robinson Huron Treaty. This session will highlight key areas of progress and ongoing efforts to uphold the spirit and intent of the Treaty in a good way, grounded in Anishinaabe values and direction from leadership.</i>		

TIME	MAIN STAGE	DELTA HOTEL MEETING ROOMS	TEACHING LODGE
2:30 p.m.	<p>Protecting Our Place: Defending Treaty Territory and Nationhood</p> <p>Panelists: Dr. Josh Manitowabi, Dr. Celeste Pedri-Spade, Stacy Tijerina</p> <p><i>This panel brings together leaders, researchers, and advocates to discuss the growing challenges to Anishinaabe rights, jurisdiction, and land. Together, they will share insights on the ongoing work to protect the integrity of the Robinson Huron Treaty and the responsibilities we hold to our ancestors, our territory, and future generations.</i></p>	<p>Youth Circle: Voices for the Future (continued)</p> 	<p>Elders Circle: Carriers of Knowledge (continued)</p>
4:00 p.m.	Break		
5:30 p.m.	Doors Open to The Machine Shop (83 Huron Street)		
6:00 p.m.	<p>Feast for the Treaty: Honouring Sacred Promises</p> <p><i>In ceremony, we gather to feast the Robinson Huron Treaty, to honour the sacred promises made, the ancestors who witnessed them, and our ongoing responsibilities as Treaty people. This is a time to reflect, give thanks, and reaffirm our connection to the spirit and intent of the Treaty.</i></p>		
7:00 p.m.	<p>Sounding Thunder</p> <p><i>A musical journey into the life of the renowned Ojibwe WWI sniper, decorated officer of the Canadian military and Indigenous political activist, Francis Pegahmagabow. Sounding Thunder is a complex work divided into three acts, exploring Pegahmagabow's early years immersed in the world of the Anishinaabe spirits, his extraordinary accomplishments in the trenches of WWI, and finally his political life as Chief of the Wasauksing Ojibwe and founder of the early Indigenous political movement in Canada.</i></p>		

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AGENDA for TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025



On this final day of the Gathering, we mark the 175th anniversary of the signing of the Robinson Huron Treaty. Together, we will honour this historic moment by viewing the original Treaty and sacred pipes, hearing from Crown representatives and Anishinaabe leadership, and coming together in ceremony, reflection, and feast. This is a time to recognize the strength of our Treaty, the responsibilities it carries, and the path we walk forward — together.



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9:30 a.m.	Pipe Ceremony
10:00 a.m.	Honouring Words <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crown Representatives • Spokesperson for the Robinson Huron Treaty of 1850 First Nation Communities • Visiting Regional Leadership
	Honouring through Gifting
11:45 a.m.	Closing Comments and Thanksgiving
12:00 p.m.	Feast
1:00 p.m.	End of Gathering — Safe travels home, everyone!