

What is Kitaskeenan Kaweekanawaynichikatek?

- Kitaskeenan Kaweekanawaynichikatek brings five Cree (Inin wak) Nations together to talk about creating an Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area (IPCA) in northeastern Manitoba on our shared ancestral homelands on the Hudson Bay lowlands and coast.
- The project was initiated by York Factory First Nation (YFFN) and collaborates with Fox Lake Cree Nation (FLCN), Tataskweyak Cree Nation (TCN), Shamattawa First Nation (SFN), and War Lake First Nation (WLFN).
- This new IPCA will be Indigenous-led, and guided by the local traditional knowledge, laws, and value systems of each community.

Kitaskeenan Kaweekanawaynichikatek means “The Land We Want to Protect”



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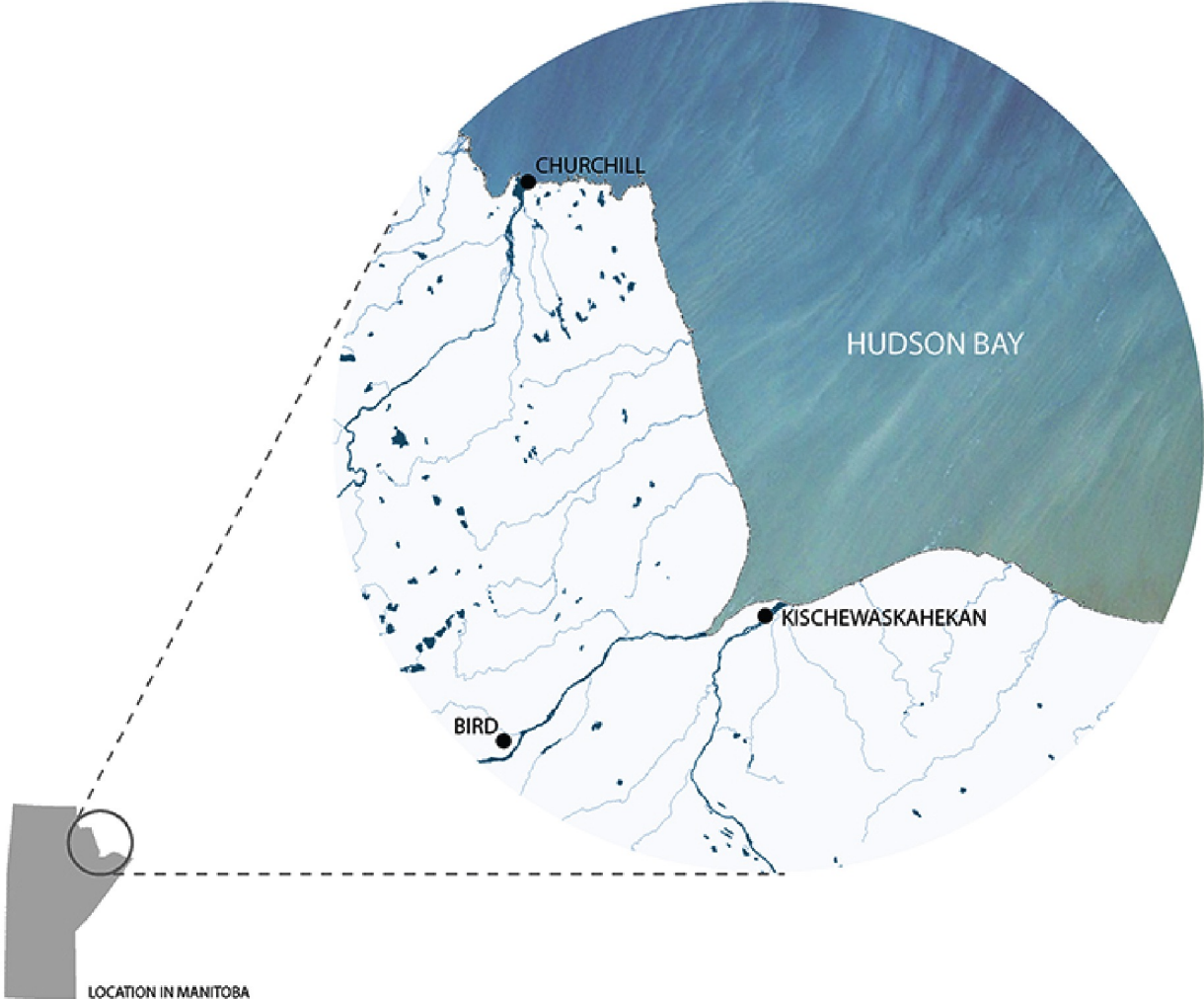


- The Kitaskeenan Kaweekanawaynichikatek Working Group is composed of the YFFN Kitaskeenan Project Team, and Community Coordinators, Leadership, Elders, Resource Users, and Youth from each community.
- Together, they review overall progress, set project direction, and make major decisions regarding Kitaskeenan Kaweekanawaynichikatek.



The Preliminary Study Area

- The Kitaskeenan Kaweekanawaynichikatek preliminary study area covers a large portion of our shared ancestral homelands as five Ininéwak Nations.
- No decisions have been made yet about which parts of the preliminary study area will be protected through this new IPCA.
- It will be up to the five Ininéwak Nations to make these decisions together in the next phase of the project (Phase 2 - 2023/26).



Kitaskeenan Kaweekanawaynichikatek - Phase 1

- The Kitaskeenan Kaweekanawaynichikatek Project is currently still in Phase 1, which was initiated in August 2020 and will continue up to March 2023.
- The Project has received funding (for Phase 1) from the Canada Nature Fund, the Metcalf Foundation, and the International Boreal Conservation Campaign (IBCC).
- Our YFFN Kitaskeenan Project Team consists of:
 - Louisa Constant - YFFN Councillor (formerly Chief) & Project Lead
 - Flora Beardy - YFFN Elder & Community Coordinator
 - Robben Constant - YFFN Kitaskeenan Project Support
 - Elly Bonny - HTFC Planning & Design (Winnipeg, MB)
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- Feedback obtained from collaboration meetings with the five Inin wak Nations (leadership, elders, youth, resource users, and community members) were used to create a ‘Vision Statement’ for Kitaskeenan Kaweekanawaynichikatek.
- Elders (from our five Inin wak Nations) recently approved the ‘Vision Statement’ and have collaborated on the translation of this document into Roman Orthography and Cree Syllabics.

The image displays three panels of the 'Kitaskeenan Kaweekanawaynichikatek' Vision Statement. The left panel is the English translation, the middle panel is the Roman Orthography version, and the right panel is the Cree Syllabics version. Each panel features logos for the five Inin wak Nations at the top and a landscape illustration at the bottom.

Kitaskeenan Kaweekanawaynichikatek VISION STATEMENT
Our ancestors for millennia have been sustained by Kitaskeenan - our land, following their traditional laws, teachings, and practices. We, the Nayhenaway Ininewuk - the Cree People, know this because this knowledge was passed down orally from generation to generation. Askiy and all that it holds is our legacy from the Creator and was cared for by our ancestors. It is now our turn to protect it.

Kitaskeenan is a gift to our children that carries their histories, language, and identities. Our vision is to protect Kitaskeenan Kanatenihtakwuk- our sacred land- by following the ways of our ancestors to conserve, preserve and honour all of Askiy that the Creator provided. Protecting this land will play a major role in the survival of our culture and language.

We will work together to create a protected area in our shared homelands. The Kitaskeenan Kaweekanawaynichikatek initiative will be Ininewuk-led, guided by traditional laws and the wisdom of our elders, youth, and knowledge keepers.

The Five Nations will have equal representation and responsibility in protecting Kitaskeenan Kaweekanawaynichikatek.

TASKEENAN NAWAYNICHIKATEK ANI ISSINUMOWIN
paychimatisehekowuk aniskay otawemawuk, mitsinayhakik tpinaway owanusowaywiniwuk, ye ko mena Ininew otisichikaywinewawuk, ewuk, ki kiskaynitaynan ooma. Mache aye ke ay pimatisuk, mena otaniskay pimatisuk, ooma ykon ka itakok ootah uskeek kinakatamakonon waynitamok ooko aniskay otawemawuk. Ahsah noosch ootah kapimatiseyuk kestanan ka ati

kokosukichawasiminanuk ooschi, achemowin ootanak mena kah ooscheyuk. Ooma negani kapay ka kanawaynichikatek kitaskeenan yhenan aniskay otawemow ka ke itootakik. Ah ke achistachik, aye ke kistaynitakik kakinowkaykon thik Kitchi Manitou. Kanawaynichikataykay ooma ymakan kapay kapimatuk ininew pimatisewin

kaymitoyuk ka wunustaniwuk ooma uskeek ay kakinow ah key paychi ooscheyuk, Wasahak ya. Ooma kitaskeenan kaweekanawaynichikatek kamok ininewuk, ka kiskinotahamakonon ye koh kaytayatsuk okiskaynitamowina, ywina, aye ko okanawaynichikaykuk kayas

yuk ininewisewinuk ki nanaskomonan ka tapiskochi pimatotaniwuk ooma kitaskeenan chikaywin.

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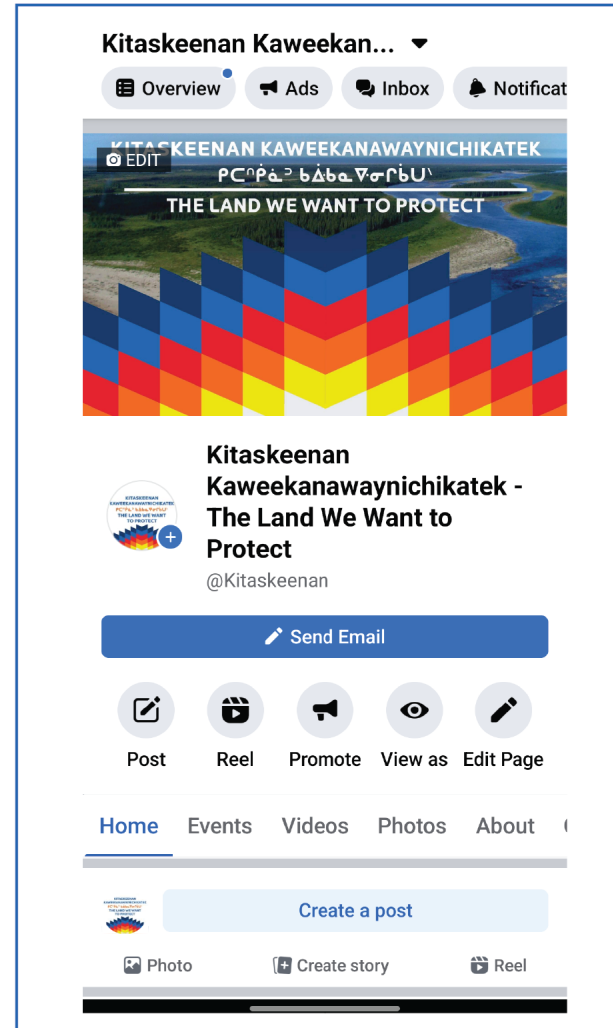
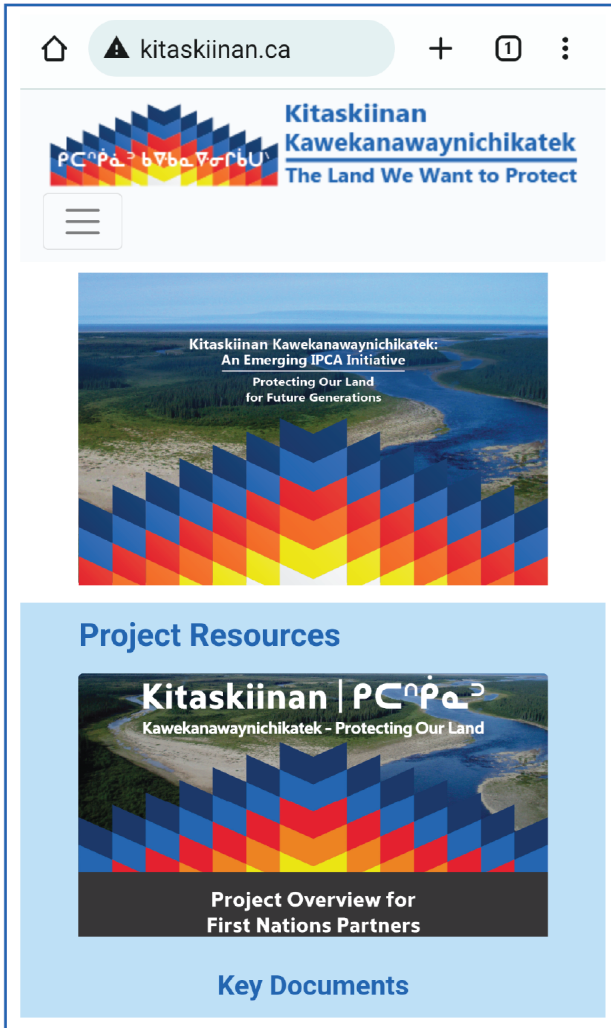
Visioning is something that we all must work together on.
Once we have our vision together, that will be our guide for the rest of this project.
- YFFN Elder Flora Beardy, April 7, 2021

Kitaskeenan Kawee Kanawaynichikatek – Phase 2

- Kitaskeenan Kawee Kanawaynichikatek Phase 2 is planned from April 2023 to March 2026.
- Funding applications for Phase 2 will be (or have been) submitted to Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), Canada’s Indigenous-Led Area-Based Conservation Fund, and the Metcalf Foundation.
- Moving forward, the YFFN Kitaskeenan Project Team will work with the five Ininéwak Nations on:
 - Documenting traditional laws to guide the protection of our ecosystems.
 - Defining the physical boundaries and mapping the new protected area (IPCA).
 - Engaging experts (scholars, elders, resources users, organizations) on indigenous stewardship and governance methods & strategies.
 - Continued collaboration (meetings & gatherings) and the sharing of information (documentation & feedback) between the five Ininéwak Nations.



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Our Guiding Principles:

- Cree Language as Identity
- Reconnecting to the Land and Knowing Our Land
- Stewardship of the Land and Responsibilities to Askiy
- Guidance Using Traditional Laws and Value Systems
- Working Together and Sharing with Each Other
- Knowing Our Shared Histories
- Honoring the Elders and Ancestors
- Recognizing Our Youth as the Future

