

Introducing the Settler Treaty Card™

*“You can’t live
here without it!”®*

With your Settler Treaty Card,™ YOU get access to countless privileges that your ancestors’ representatives signed on for in perpetuity—privileges like settler self-government and access to the land.*

Membership has its privileges—and privilege has its responsibilities.†



*Settler Treaty membership entitles the card-holder to: share this territory (except reserves) with First Nations people and move freely throughout it; freedom of religion; freedom to engage in economic activities and to use the land for the purposes of agriculture; the right to self-government (including trade and taxation, determination of citizenship, social services such as child welfare, health and education); and peace and goodwill.

Card holders are required to recognize the reciprocal treaty rights of First Nations, including: freedom of movement throughout this shared land as well as those territories reserved for the exclusive use of First Nations; freedom of religion; freedom to engage in economic activities and assurance to a right to a livelihood as well as those territories reserved for the exclusive use of First Nations; freedom of trade and taxation, determination of citizenship, and social services; and peace and goodwill. All rights of both settlers and First Nations are further delimited by our shared responsibilities to maintain good relations and to be good stewards of the land.

†Some restrictions apply. The Settler Treaty Card is not valid in most areas of British Columbia. Treaties entitle settlers to use the land for agricultural purposes to the depth of a plow. The underlying title to sub-surface resources, forests, and waters remains with First Nations. The information presented here is based upon an oral understanding of the settler/First Nations relationships defined through the numbered treaties of the Prairies, and some local variance in the treaty relationship may apply. Settlers and settler-descendants are advised to consult with local First Nations treaty elders regarding the oral understanding of treaties in your area, as well as any unresolved land claims requiring restitution. For more information, please see “Settler Treaty Rights” by Tyler McCreary, *Briarpatch Magazine*, August 2005.