

MCFN Timeline

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Why A Timeline?

- Easier visually
- Quick to highlight periods in time of dates that are important
- Charts are a living document, always able to add, when new information is found.

1600-1700: In the Beginning

- Family tree- e.g. Names: Anishnabe, Algonkians, Chippeways, Mississaugas, Ojibway
- Migration how the Mississaugas travelled and occupied Southern Ontario ownership by conquest
- 1690s the Ojibway, Odawa and Potawatomi formed the Three Fires Confedracy serving as a political and military alliance. Together they forced the Iroquois back into New York State
- As of 1695 the Mississaugas were the recognized owners of Southern Ontario lands



1700-1800: Changes

British began to put rules in place for lands



- 1763 Royal Proclamation was passed, ending unregulated land surrenders
- 1783 The Treaty of Paris, the former 13 Colonies renouched the Royal Proclamation and aruged they had gained political sovereignty and ownership of all conquered Indian lands
- During the American Revolution the Mississaugas supported the British Crown
- Dependency on supplies that was given lead to land purchases/treaties
- Misunderstandings about the meaning of surrenders; the concept of land ownership of lands by individuals is new. One written reason were simply 'grants of the use of land during good behaviour'
- Over the next few years the early treaties of vast acreages were made
- Treaties were made as the Mississauga Nation and later on as the Mississaugas of the River Credit

1700-1800: Changes



- 1781 Niagara Treaty
- 1784 3 million acres were surrendered to the British for the relocation of the Iroquois Confederacy and the United Empire Loyalists
- 1784 Mississaugas and Iroquois Confederacy met prior to the surrender of the lands
- Mississaugas thought it better than being surrounded by white settlers that were flocking in
- 1787 Toronto Purchase found that it was talked of land but not surrenders
- 1788 The Gunshot Treaty no written document has been found





1800-1900: Mississaugas of the Credit

- Treaties continued to be made with the Mississaugas of the Credit
- 1805 Toronto Purchase was taken again, 1787 treaty contained no land description
- 1806 The Mississauga tract was surrendered from Toronto to Hamilton
- Mississaugas of the Credit reserved the fishing rights in the 12 and 16 Mile Creeks, Etobicoke and the Credit Rivers
- 1820 Treaty 22 was taken, reserving 200 acres – land claim was resolved in 1997
- 1820s Government wanted the Indians to settle, beginning of reserves



1800-1900: Mississaugas of the Credit

- English names began to be written as Indian names were hard to spell
- 1823 Peter Jones converted to Christianity
- 1826 Peter Jones and the Credit Indians settled again along the Credit River
- 1829 Petitioned to the Crown to secure the salmon fishery in the Credit River and an Act of Parliament was passed confirming exclusive rights to hunt and fish
- 1835 The Act was confirmed again.
- 1840 Unrest at the Credit, no title to their lands.
- 1847 Credit Indians relocation to Six Nations land as Six Nations remembered what the Mississaugas had done for them, 4800 acres in Tuscarora Township





1800-1900: Mississaugas of the Credit

- 1848 new home called New Credit
- 1852 Church is built
- 1865 Requested additional land, received 1200 acres in Oneida Township
- 1882 Council House is built



several had located elsewhere, some 266 Mississauga settled on lots on the New Credit Reserve in 1847. Many of these belonged to the Methodist Church and in 1848 a mission was established here by the Reverend William Ryerson. With the mission's growth and the increase in cultivated acreage, New Credit became a prosperous farming community and

in 1903 the Mississauga purchased the Reserve.



New Credit United Church







School House, 1921

1900-2000: New Credit's Early Days

- 1903 \$10,000 is paid to Six Nations for the land
- 1919 A meeting is held with Saugeen to discuss the Williams Treaty, Mississaugas of the Credit attended but it not involve their traditional lands
- 1921 School house was built
- 1923 Williams Treaty was signed, Mississaugas of the Credit were not signatories
- 1925 Methodist Church became the United Church
- 1947 Rumpus Hall, now the New Credit Public Library was brought to New Credit





New Credit School, 1965



Lloyd S. King Elementary School, 1998



Community Centre, 2013



1900-2000: New Credit's Early Days

- 1965 New School houses grades 1-6
- 1971 Recreation Complex houses a factory, then Mohawk College
- 1984 Railway Land Claim is resolved
- 1987 Powwow at New Credit
- 1987-88 New Administration building is built
- 1990 Day care opens at New Credit United Church dining hall
- 1997 200 Acre Land Claim is resolved and a Trust Agreement is created
- 1998 Lloyd S. King Elementary School is built
- 2010 Toronto Purchase Land Claim is resolved
- 2012 Historical Gathering begin and continues each year
- 2013 Community Centre is built