



LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS
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TRIBAL COUNCIL TRAVEL REPORT NARRATIVE

From: Regina Bentley

Date: March 26-30, 2014

Re: Anishinaabemowin-Teg Language Conference

Thursday morning started off with the welcome from Martina Osawamick. Also Keynote Speaker Wab Kinew did a presentation on Looking Forward: "Directions in Digital Learning for Anishinaabenowin."

Some of the sessions that I attended were.

Species at Risk, Theodore Flamand: We watched a power point presentation about plants, reptiles and birds that are in danger of becoming extinct, endanger, to the point that they may no longer exist on Mother Earth.

Sovereignty & Self-Determination, Lynda Trudeau, In this session we learned of Wikwemikongs journey in exercising sovereignty and self-determination.

The Aansookaan (legend) of the Birch Tree & the construction of birch bark boxes, Theodore and Myna Toulouse, this session gave a history of the birch bark and all of the different types of boxes and the use of the boxes.

Earth Medicine Healing, Edna Manitowabi, This session was very informational on how healing happens, how we understand it, our creation story, tobacco, offerings, and other traditional teachings surrounding our medicines. A slide presentation was shown on the medicine plants what they look like, the use of them and where to find them.

