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Micheal is a program evaluator from Treaty 6 territory in Battleford, and the founder of Two Bridges Consulting in Saskatoon. He attended the University of Saskatchewan and after completing a Masters degree in Applied Social Psychology, he found a passion for working in the program evaluation field. For the past four years, he has worked with academic and community organizations to improve their programming using social science research.

Among many projects, he has been working with the Office of the Treaty Commissioner (OTC) since January 2018 developing an evaluation strategy (logic model, indicators of success, mapping exercises, etc.) for how we can measure Saskatchewan's progress towards reconciliation.



## Measuring Reconciliation in Saskatchewan

Since 2014, The Office of the Treaty Commissioner (OTC) has been compiling feedback from community, influential leaders, Elders and Residential School survivors, and the public at large, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous, to build a common vision for successful truth and reconciliation in the Treaty territories of Saskatchewan. From what the OTC has heard, there exists a common agenda among Saskatchewan residents for a better future. It involves work in four areas: having a shared understanding of our history; building authentic relationships; reinforcing our cultures, world-views, and interweaving our experiences; and changing our political, economic and social systems so that they represent and benefit everyone.

The OTC is now working to develop a strategy for measuring progress towards this vision. At the same time, the OTC has been using its stature as a neutral facilitator to bring together and support “champions” for reconciliation, assisting in creating coalitions of First Nations, Métis and non-Indigenous community leaders in nine regions across the province.

In his presentation, Micheal will outline the creation of the reconciliation vision, the measurement strategy to date, how the vision and measurement work can serve to promote learning and accountability on truth and reconciliation, as well as reflect on some personal and professional learnings since beginning the project.