



### Origins of The Movement

The movement started with four women in Saskatchewan who had concerns about new legislation being proposed. In particular, the concern was with bill C-45, an omnibus bill that would remove several land and water protection acts. The four women wanted to raise awareness about this bill, its impacts on land and water use/preservation and the violations of governmental duties to consult and rights with respect to consultation with Indigenous communities. The very first teach-in was held November 10, 2012 at Station 20 West in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

### Spread to the North: Snapshot of Northern Saskatchewan Events

A number of events took place across northern Saskatchewan in support and solidarity with Idle No More.

#### Meadow Lake, December 18, 2012

The voices, drums and thoughts of around 200-250 First Nations members and supporters were heard as they marched through Meadow Lake on December 18, 2012. The march started at Meadow Lake Stampeding Ground and ended at the Conservative MP, Rob Clarke's office to oppose federal legislation Bill C-45.



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#### Buffalo Narrows, January 5, 2013

An Idle No More rally in Buffalo Narrows took place on January 5 with over 200 people. There were all ages present, including a great number of youth, and were mostly Metis and First Nations people representing the communities of La Loche, Buffalo River First Nation, Dillon, Birch Ridge First Nation, Turnor Lake, Michel Village, Buffalo Narrows, Ile-a-la-Crosse, Canoe Lake First Nation, Beauval, English River First Nation, Patuanak, Pinehouse, Green Lake and Red Pheasant First Nation, among others.



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### The Founders

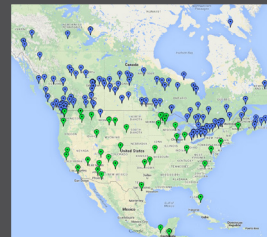
Founders (left to right): Sheelah McLean, Nina Wilson, Sylvia McAdam, and Jessica Gordon.



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### Getting the Message Out

The initial spread of the movement happened through social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter and was almost overnight that the movement became a national and global phenomenon. As the movement caught on, events popped up all over the place including remote locations in the Canadian North.



Google Map Image of INM Events



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## Loon Lake, January 22, 2013

First Nations members from Ministikwan Cree First Nation gathered for a road block during an Idle No More National Day of Action and solidarity. Blockades were staged along Highway 21 west of Loon Lake and along highway 903.



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## La Loche, January 27, 2013

A Idle No More solidarity march and rally was held in the Dene community of La Loche on January 27, 2013 with around 30 supporters. A young girl, Shayna Paul, drummed and sang the closing song "Dancing Around the World."



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## Stanley Mission, March 16 - June 21, 2013

A Northern Saskatchewan family walked more than 3,000km from their Stanley Mission home, approximately 500km north of Saskatoon, to Ottawa in support of the Idle No More movement's opposition to Bill C-45. The walk was called "A Sacred Journey for Future Generations" and started with 7 and grew to 13 people. Bruce McKenzie organized the walk which led the group on a walk to Saskatoon before they set out for Yorkton, Winnipeg, Thunder Bay, Sault Ste. Marie and finally Ottawa.



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## Canoe Lake Cree Nation, March 23, 2013

An Educational Workshop was held in Canoe Lake in support of Idle No More. There were a number of speakers including Glenda Abbot, Tala Tootoosis, Ashley Marie Wilson, Lindsey Knight (Eekwol), Jessica Iron Joseph, Kevin Joseph and Tyrone Tootoosis as well as the founders of the movement, Jessica Gordon, Sylvia McAdam, Nina Wast'e and Sheelah McLean.

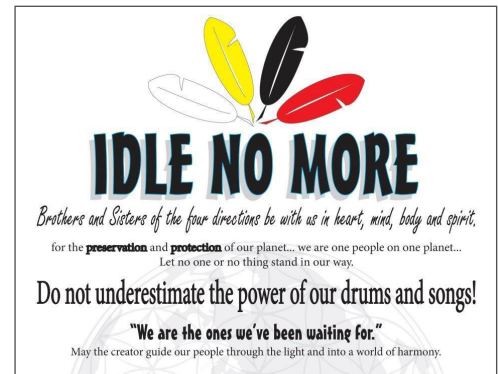


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