Living indigenous laws
(inaakonigewin)

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Lake Winnipeg Watershed
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Inaakonigewin
Relationships

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Kije Manidou (Creator)

Animals

Plants

Fish

Anishinaabe

Nimaamaa Aki (Mother Earth)

Nibi (Water)

Manidoo Adisookan (Spirit)
Anishinaabemowin & Nagaamowin
Story – dibaatiminon & aadizookaanag

– The young girl who walked again (Alan White)
– The young healer (Florence Paynter)
– The snow boss (Dennis White Bird)
– The water bottling company (Alan White)
– Clear Water Lake (Hary Bone)
– Water offering (Alan White)
– The lynx and the rabbit (Dennis White Bird)
Anishinaabe inaakonigewin

- Spiritual
- Natural
- Customary
- Human
ANI principles – phase 1

- Water has a spirit
- We do not own water
- Water is life
- Water can heal
- Women are responsible for water
- We must respect the water
- Water has a duality
- Water can suffer

ANI principles – Phase 2

– **Spiritual law**: water is life.
– **Natural law**: water must flow.
– **Customary law**: we must not stop water from flowing without reason and without reparation for the breach of spiritual and natural law.

– What is the **human law**? (Deliberative process)
Building a Dam
Miigwech

Elders
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