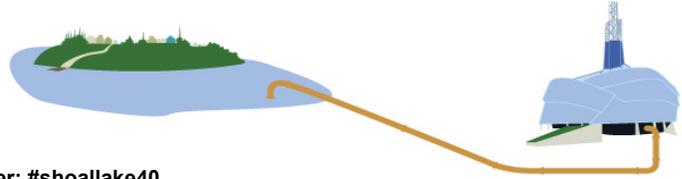


SHOAL LAKE 40 FIRST NATION MUSEUM OF CANADIAN HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

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Press Release

SHOAL LAKE 40 LAUNCHES THE MUSEUM OF CANADIAN HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

One of Canada's First Nations is looking to educate the world about that country's true Human Rights record with the launch of a **Museum of Canadian Human Rights Violations**. Their 'living museum' consists of a guided tour of their own indigenous community located just two hours east of the new Canadian Museum for Human Rights, opening this week in Winnipeg. Shoal Lake happens to be the source of Winnipeg's water supply and the Shoal Lake 40 community has been cut off and economically repressed as a result of Canada's imposition of that city's intake on their reserve land. The ongoing difficulties and injustice experienced by the community has received widespread media attention and has attracted support from national and international Human Rights organizations. Ironically, Canada's museum architect, Antoine Predock, chose to use Shoal Lake water as a symbol of 'healing' in his building's "Garden of Contemplation."

Roxanne Greene, a past councilor and one of the Violations Museum's organizers explained, "At the settlers' end of the water pipe there's economic prosperity, clean drinking water and a \$350 million building that advertises 'healing' and brags about what a wonderful country Canada is. At our end of the pipe, we have 17 years of boil water order, no job opportunities and we are forced to risk our lives for basic necessities. It's important that the world have opportunity to see that huge Canadian contradiction."

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"I've been touring politicians and bureaucrats around our reserve for years," said Stewart Redsky, a former Chief, "Showing them all the injustices and the ways we're blocked from accessing the necessities of life. Nothing has changed. A Violations Museum is at least a way to broaden the understanding of injustice to the rest of the world."

While the opening of Shoal Lake #40's **Museum of Canadian Human Rights Violations** coincides with the opening of the Canada's Museum for Human Rights in Winnipeg, it is not a flash in the pan. The volunteers assert that their Museum's program of educating the world on Canada's hypocrisy will continue, "as long as the waters run" and as long as the violations continue.

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"Our government is cooperating with the volunteers in showcasing the Violations. We're allowing access to some band facilities but mostly it's a lack of things like a water treatment and garbage disposal. People are opening their homes and telling their stories so it's a whole community thing. After centuries of colonialism, there's unfortunately lots to see," said Chief Erwin Redsky. "Who knows, if a lot of people come out, maybe we can turn 100 years of human and Treaty rights violations into an economic opportunity."

Daily tours of the **Museum of Canadian Human Rights Violations** are by appointment: Call or email:

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<http://www.amnesty.ca/blog/justice-almost-within-reach-for-shoal-lake-40-first-nation>

"When most people think of Shoal Lake 40, they think of the right to clean water, but that's really just the tip of the iceberg. There's a whole cascade of human rights issues here including the forced isolation of this community, but we could also talk about the rights to health, personal security, freedom of movement and association and even the right to life. All of these are live issues here because of the canal," Clint Curle, Head of Stakeholder Relations, Canadian Museum for Human Rights, (which features Shoal Lake water.)

<http://www.kenoradailyminerandnews.com/2014/07/11/shoal-lake-40-first-nation-marks-100-years-of-isolation-by-sharing-their-stories>

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-Linda Goossen, Council of Canadians

<http://www.canadianswinnipeg.org/apps/blog/show/42492677-the-other-end-of-the-aqueduct>

"And we support the Shoal Lake First Nation in its fight for justice." –Maude Barlow, Chair, Council of Canadians

<https://twitter.com/MaudeBarlow/status/491944804951945217>

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"Thank you to Chief Erwin Redsky, the elders, and the entire Band of Shoal Lake #40, for continuing to educate us." Sam Katz, Mayor of the City of Winnipeg

Written statement of Mayor Sam Katz on the occasion of the "Price of Water" event, Shoal Lake #40, July 9, 2014.

Attachment 2: Promo Material (2 pages)

**Shoal Lake #40 Museum of Canadian Human Rights Violations:
Promotional Material**

You have heard of the

Canadian Museum *for* Human Rights



NOW!
100 years in the making

Shoal Lake #40 First Nation is pleased to announce the grand opening of the

**Museum *for* Canadian
Human Rights Violations**



The people of Shoal Lake Number 40 First Nation have been relocated and isolated, so Winnipeg can have fresh, clean drinking water.

DAILY TOURS COMMENCING

SEPTEMBER 17, 18, 19, 20, 21

ARRANGE YOURS NOW

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SEE RIGHTS DENIED

Real Dislocation from Ancestral Homelands!
(Article 17 UDHR)

**VIEW* STOLEN
LANDS AND
DESECRATED
BURIAL GROUNDS**



*from a distance -
no trespassing,
no photographs and
strict security surveillance by occupiers will apply.

GENUINE ECONOMIC DEPRIVATION
(Article 23 UDHR)

**Meet real people struggling to survive with
little hope of development in a severely
restricted designated area.**

**CAUTION: Handouts may trigger offended response
LOADS OF INADEQUATE SHELTER AND SERVICES!**
(Articles 25 and 26 UDHR)

Visit your choice of dilapidated homes or
infrastructure - school, day care, offices.

*health and safety waiver required



EXPERIENCE!

**Actual Restrictions of Your Own Freedom of
movement! (Article 13 UDHR)**

**PAY REAL COSTS TO GET TO THE SITE
RISK YOUR LIFE* ACCESSING THE MUSEUM**

*level of risk may vary by season and weather



UDHR: Universal Declaration of Human Rights

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**"AS LONG AS THE SUN SHINES
AND THE WATERS FLOW" (UNDRIP)**

A genuine Treaty is on site ... realistically obscured by the Indian Act and easily ignored by the whole family.

**BE REFUSED CLEAN DRINKING WATER
GENUINE UNCLEAR* WATER AVAILABLE**

* 17+ years certified boil water order by Health Canada



TESTIMONIALS

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Informative, stimulating, real-life violations of rights such as:

**RIGHT TO CLEAN WATER
RIGHT TO SAFETY AND SECURITY
RIGHT TO THE NECESSITIES OF LIFE**

UNDRIP: United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

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MORE TESTIMONIALS

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How to get there:

Begin at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in downtown Winnipeg.

Go to the 'healing waters' featured in Antoine Predock's "Garden of Contemplation".



Follow the 'healing waters' supply pipe to its source at Shoal Lake #40 First Nation

**EXPERIENCE THE TRUTH ABOUT CANADA'S
REAL HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD**

A project of the Shoal Lake #40 community Price of Water group

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