

# TSIMA KOHTOTSITAPIIHPA





When I think about repatriation, I think about going into a museum and taking back items.

I learned from Martin HeavyHead Sr that repatriation takes many forms including learning stories, making relations and visiting the places where our ancestors spent time. We can take back these things that were once stolen from us.

Sometime this year I decided that the money I received from the Alberta Government would be the money I used to reclaim what I lost during my 16 years in the child welfare system.

To do this I would create a large scale map of Alberta that focused on Indigenous relationship to land. I would do this through looking for original place names, traveling around Alberta and research.

Halfway through the residency, when I realized that I'm not a cartographer, I decided I would narrow the scope and include myself and my family's relationship to the land in this province. I ended up spending most of my time in Southern Alberta where my mom's side of the family is from.

I took 10 separate trips outside of Edmonton where I went to several cities, towns and landmarks on Treaty 6,7 and 8.

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Remove my memories

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