



## Senior Immigrant Settlement Services English Conversation Circle

## Canadian place names with Indigenous origin

https://umanitoba.ca/student/indigenous/media/24\_Place\_Names.pdf

Place name	Indigenous word	Meaning	Language
Canada	kanata	settlement <i>or</i> village	Huron
Winnipeg	min-nipi	muddy waters	Cree
Manitoba	maniot- wapow	straight of the spirit <i>or</i> manitobau	Cree
Manitoba	mini-tobow	Lake of the Prairie (ie Lake Manitoba)	Assiniboine
Manitoba	manitoo ahbee	Where the Creator Sits	Ojibway
Saskatchewan	kisiskatchewani sipi	swift flowing river (ie the Saskatchewan River)	Cree
Ontario	onitariio	beautiful lake	Huron
Quebec	kebek	narrow passage <i>or</i> strait	Inuit
Yukon	loyu-kun-ah	great river	Dene
Nunavut	nunavut	our land	Inuit
The Pas (MB)	opaskweow	narrow passage between high banks	Cree
Grand Rapids (MB)	misepawistik	rushing rapids	Cree
Ottawa	adawe	trade (The Odawa Nation controlled trade on the river)	Algonquin
North West		"tuktu" - "caribou" +	
Territories		"yaktuk" - "looks like",	<b>-</b>
NWT	Tuktoyaktuk	= reindeer that looks like caribou	Inuit