



Skills Centre Land Acknowledgement

Our office is located in Trail, inside the traditional, unsundered territory of the Sinixt Nation. The Sinixt are the mother nation of all Salish Peoples, and have occupied and taken care of this land for approximately 11,000 years. Other First Nations, specifically the Syilx, the Secwepemc, and the Ktunaxa have lived in, cared for, and traveled through these lands, and continue to make many important contributions to our communities.

This land was stolen by colonizers and we acknowledge that we benefit from that injustice. To the Indigenous Peoples of Canada, we offer our respects for their enduring strength and resilience despite the many wrongs they have faced and continue to face.

The Skills Centre's commitment to being part of the healing process of these wrongs is to have all staff read and understand the Truth and Reconciliation document, and to celebrate, support and partner with Indigenous Peoples and organizations whenever possible. In accordance with our values, and with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, we pledge to use our resources, voices, and services to advocate for justice and equality.

We humbly recognize that there is much more to learn about Indigenous history and we are focused on listening to Indigenous voices, learning about the injustices Indigenous Peoples have faced, and using our influence to encourage truth and reconciliation in the systems, organizations, and people around us.

With our land acknowledgment, we take the first step of many towards demonstrating our respect, support, and gratitude to the Indigenous community and this land that we live on. We hope to influence others to join this effort and take time to recognize the past and present Indigenous Peoples who have inhabited this land and worked to preserve the Təmx'wúla?xw (pronounced tem-who-lau-h, meaning homeland).

Depending on the power you hold, actions that reflect your commitment to truth and reconciliation could include volunteering or donating to Indigenous-led organizations, advocating for policies that align with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action, promoting grassroots change initiatives led by Indigenous people, or returning stolen land.



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