

(RE)ROOTING

INDIGENOUS LEADERSHIP



Land Acknowledgement

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In the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge that we live, work and play on the traditional territories of the Blackfoot Confederacy (Siksika, Kainai, Piikani), the Tsuut'ina, the Iyârhe Nakoda Nations, the Otipemisiwak Métis Government of the Métis Nation within Alberta District 6, and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta



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Overview of Presentation

1 Indigenous perspective of land

Learn about Indigenous Peoples relationship with the land, ceded and unceded territory

2 Activity on land acknowledgements

Discuss your relationship with Indigenous traditional territories.

3 Crafting a meaningful land acknowledgement

Review wise practices for crafting land acknowledgments.

4 Q&A

Time to ask questions and share reflections.



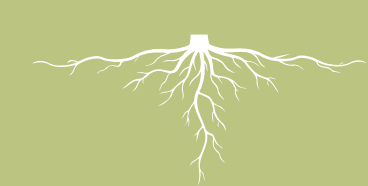


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If anything in this presentation triggers a difficult emotional response, we encourage you to seek professional help.





Indigenous perspective of land

Section 1



Relationship to Land

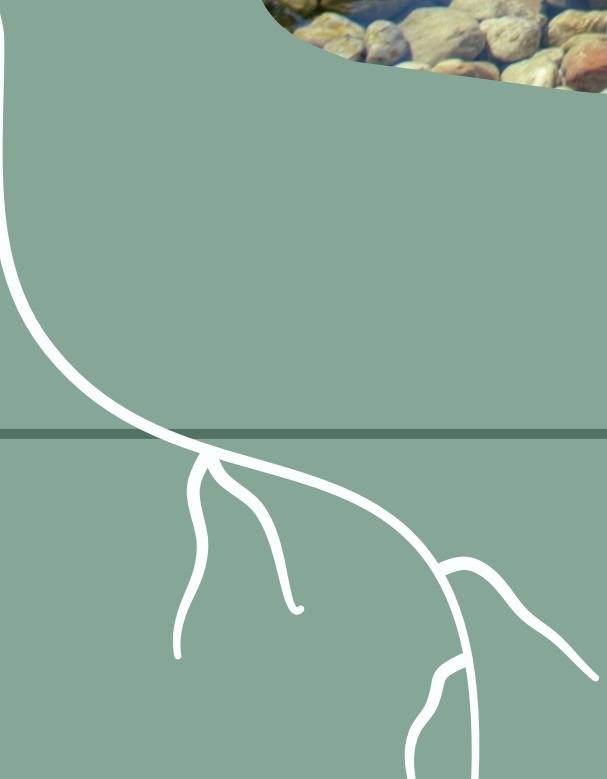
Indigenous Peoples have deep connections to the land and consider themselves as caretakers of the land not owners.



Whanganui River

In 2017, New Zealand passed a groundbreaking law granting personhood status to the Whanganui River.

Ko au te awa, ko te awa ko au:
I am the river, and the river is me.





Anishinaabe Creation Story



Source: Turtle Lodge: Retrieved from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5tGQ3SyIBA0>

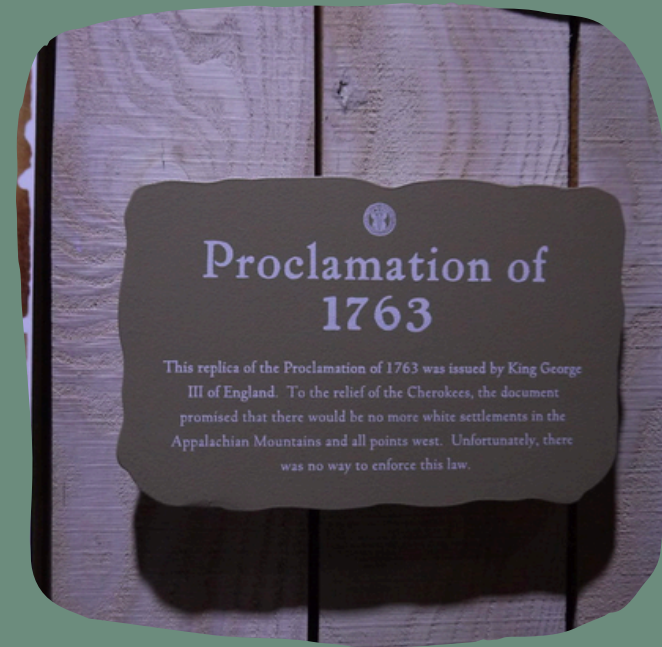




Impacts of Colonization



Doctrine of Discovery



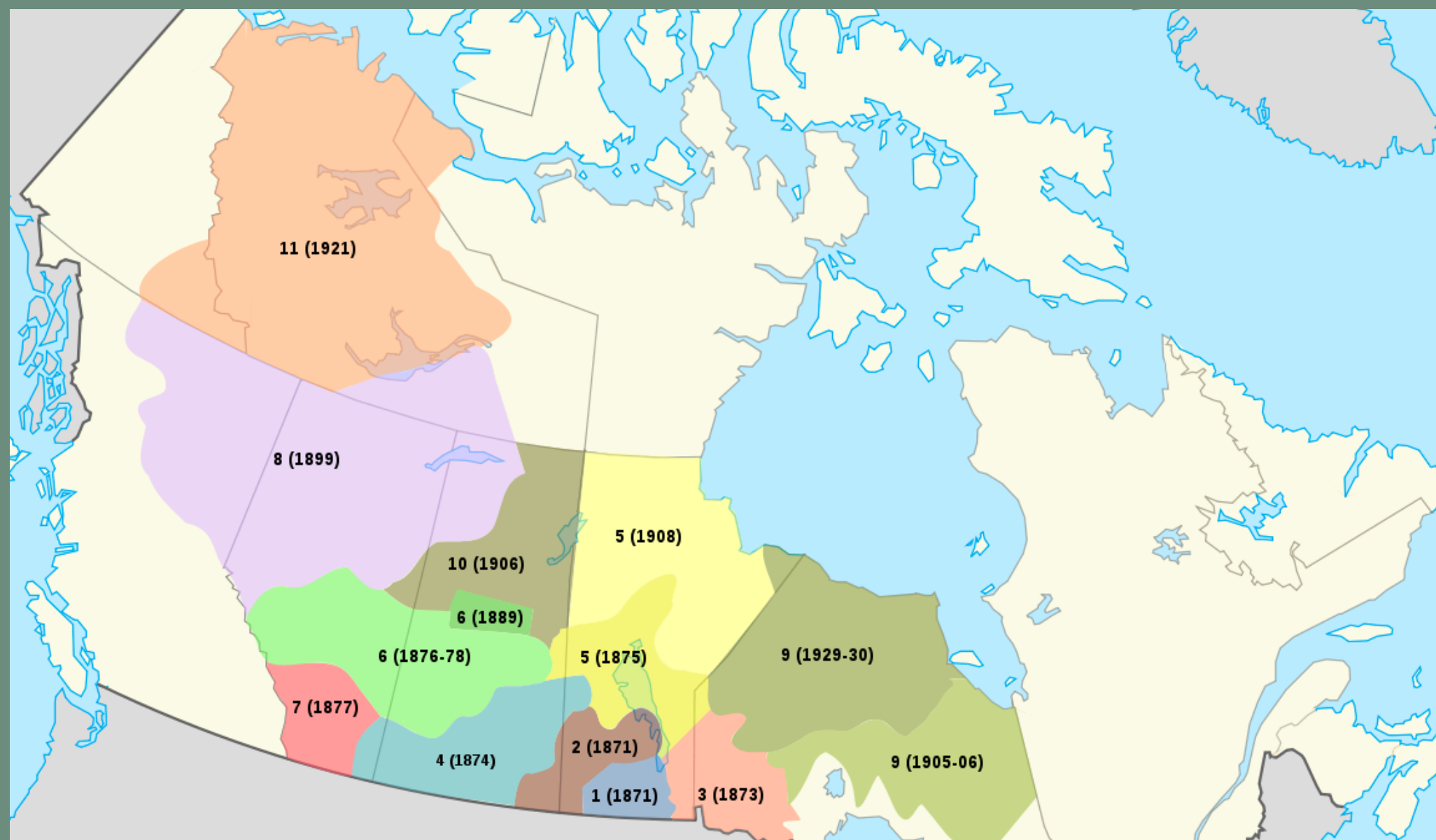
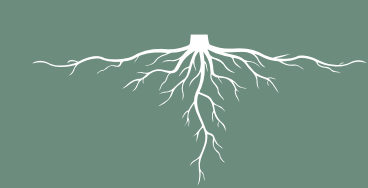
Royal Proclamation



Indian Act



**Displacement of Indigenous
Peoples from the land**



Numbered Treaties (1871 -1921)





**"Show us the
receipts"**

Unceded territory

Land that was never ceded or surrendered to
the Crown



Where are we today?

INDIGENOUS RESURGENCE & RECONNECTION TO LAND



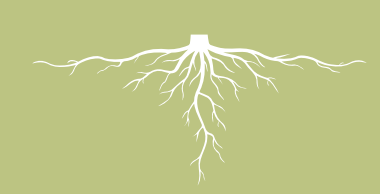


TRC & Calls to Action

47. We call upon federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal governments to repudiate concepts used to justify European sovereignty over Indigenous peoples and lands, such as the Doctrine of Discovery and terra nullius, and to reform those laws, government policies, and litigation strategies that continue to rely on such concepts.

92. We call upon the corporate sector in Canada to adopt the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as a reconciliation framework and to apply its principles, norms, and standards to corporate policy and core operational activities involving Indigenous peoples and their lands and resources.





Activity on land acknowledgements

Section 2





What is a land acknowledgment?

TRC CALLS TO ACTION

SITUATES YOUR RELATIONSHIP/POSTINALITY TO THE LANDS

RECOGNITION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

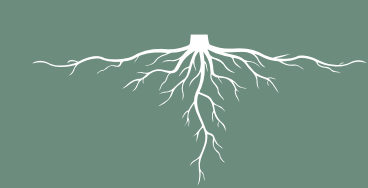




Native land Activity

Review Native Land website for five minutes and identify where you grew up or where you currently reside.





Craft Your Land Acknowledgement

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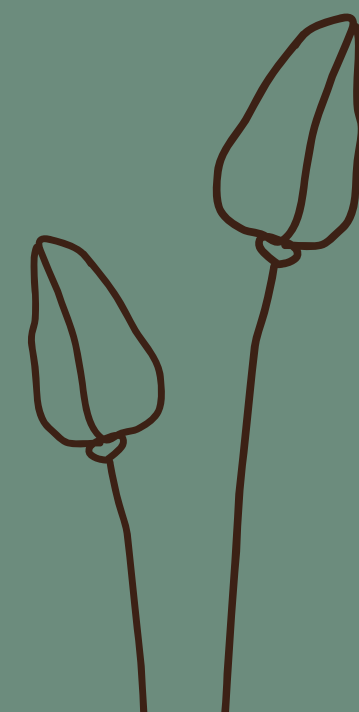
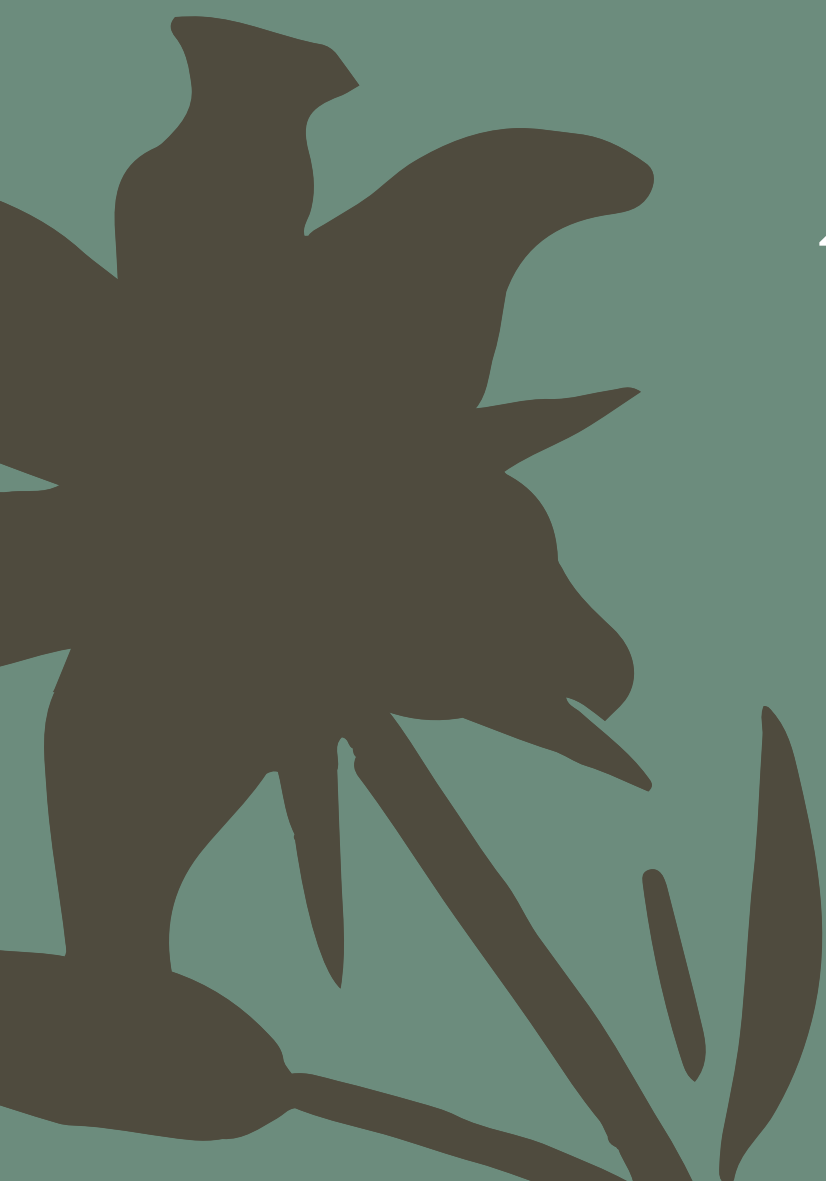
Who are you

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Whose traditional territory are you on

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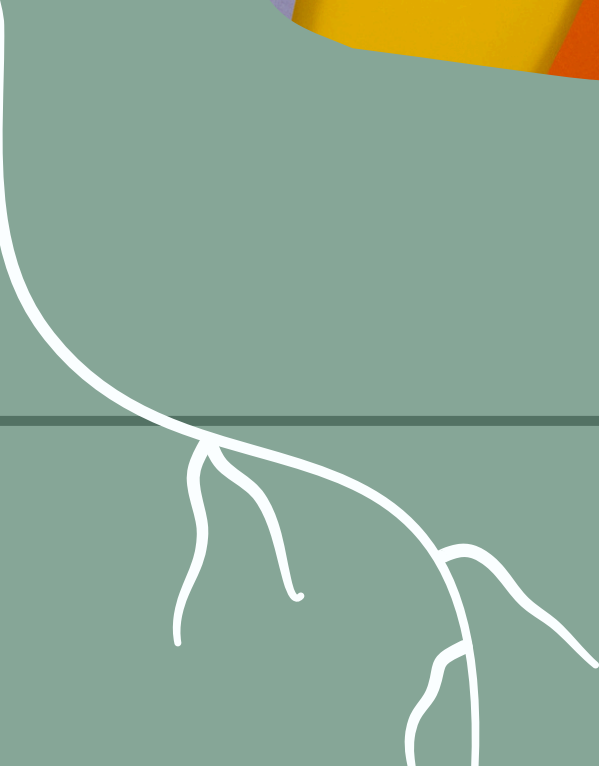
Any other personal context
(a traditional name,
relationship to the land, etc.)





Practice

Spend time in your groups, each practicing your land acknowledgement.





Section 3





Wise Practices

SITUATE YOURSELF

Acknowledge your relationship and your families relationship to the land.

RESEARCH & LEARN

Learn about how colonization, treaties, and displacement impacted Indigenous Peoples in your area.

PRACTICE PRONUNCIATION

Practice how to say the names of Nations

AVOID TOKENISTIC BEHAVIORS

Avoid asking Elders and be mindful if you ask Indigenous staff.





Resources



Post-secondaries

Review their land
acknowledgements &
resources.



YouTube

Listen to pronunciation
or language speakers.



Elders

Invite Elders to provide
an opening prayer or
welcome.

Questions?



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