

Land Acknowledgement – October 2023

<p>Welcome</p>	<p>We begin our LA with the voice of Murray Sinclair who was the chair of the TRC of Canada: “The road we travel is equal in importance to the destination we seek. There are no shortcuts. When it comes to truth and reconciliation we are forced to go the distance.” Therefore, as Canadian citizens, we too must go the distance as we participate in seeking truth from which reconciliation may evolve.</p> <p>Tonight, with gratitude and thanksgiving during this time of harvest, we recognize the teachings, knowledge and wisdom of the Indigenous peoples of Turtle island.</p>
<p>Treaty</p>	<p>Tonight, we meet on land in Etobicoke and acknowledge that this land is the ancestral home of the Wendat, Anishinaabe, Houdenosaunee and most recently the home of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. We are grateful to learn, understand and grow alongside Indigenous peoples.</p>
<p>General Comment</p>	<p>We are thankful for the water that we are created from and that sustains us and all our relations. We are thankful for the rocks and soil as we stand, work and play on them. We are thankful for the trees, plants, animals, insects and sea life. We are thankful for the sky we walk under. We are thankful for the Indigenous peoples who have been the guardians of Mother Earth since time immemorial.</p>
<p>Personal Question</p>	<p>(Pause) How does this LA nudge you to take action this month?</p>
<p>Club Commitment</p>	<p>(Pause) Our CFUW Mission Statement commits us to strive to promote equality, social justice and lifelong learning. That includes working towards truth, healing, justice and reconciliation. Please join in this action to increase your understanding of the Land Acknowledgement.</p>