

## Land Acknowledgement – January 2024



<b>Welcome</b>	We are grateful for the teachings of the Indigenous peoples of Turtle island.
<b>Treaty</b>	We acknowledge our presence within this land that is the ancestral home of the Wendat, Anishinaabeg Haudenosaunee and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, and which is still the home for many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island. .
<b>General Comment</b>	<p>In 2020, Isabella Kulak, a young Indigenous girl, wore a ribbon skirt to a "formal dress day" at her Saskatchewan elementary school but was shamed by a staff member who said it did not meet the standard of "formal dress".</p> <p>This interaction prompted a reaction on social media, a march to the school, and a push for the federal government to recognize the ribbon skirt.</p> <p>When Isabella returned to school after the holidays on Jan. 4, 2021, a crowd of women wearing ribbon skirts led her to class, along with chiefs from the surrounding First Nations, as a show of support.</p> <p>Consequently, Senator <a href="#">Mary Jane McCallum</a> put forward Bill S-219, an Act respecting a National Ribbon Skirt Day, in honour of Isabella. The bill received unanimous support in Parliament and was passed into law in December 2022.</p> <p>Jan. 4, 2023, marked the first National Ribbon Skirt Day, a day where Indigenous women across the country were encouraged to wear ribbon skirts to celebrate their culture, their strength and their connection as women.</p>
<b>Personal Question</b>	(Pause) How does this LA nudge you to take action this month?
<b>Club Commitment</b>	(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.

**Looking for More Information? Check out these links.**

Lightning Ribbon Blog - Ribbon Skirt: Indigenous Culture's Significance and Meaning - <https://lightningribbon.com/f/ribbon-skirt-indigenous-cultures-significance-and-meaning#:~:text=The%20ribbon%20skirt%20holds%20a%20significant%20meaning%20in%20Indigenous%20culture,during%20powwows%20and%20other%20ceremonies>

National Ribbon Skirt Day Legislation - Bill S-219 (Royal Assent) December 15, 2022 - <https://www.parl.ca/DocumentViewer/en/44-1/bill/S-219/royal-assent>

Canadian Federal Government News release for Bill S-129 (Royal Assent) - <https://www.canada.ca/en/crown-indigenous-relations-northern-affairs/news/2022/12/bill-s-219-an-act-respecting-a-national-ribbon-skirt-day-receives-royal-assent.html>