

## Land Acknowledgement – March 2024



“Beneath the contemporary surface of any territory are histories of belonging that have been erased, overlooked, contested and forgotten. Acknowledgement provides a simple, yet powerful way of recognizing histories that reach beyond colonization and the establishment of the Canadian state. Additionally, it increases awareness about the unique and enduring relationship that exists between Indigenous peoples and traditional territories, including practices and spiritualities that continue to develop in relationship with place today.” \*

Tonight, we honour and respect the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples who have lived and cared for the Etobicoke lands on which we meet. As non-Indigenous people we share the responsibility for the care of the land with the Indigenous people. In the spirit of peace, friendship and respect let us learn and work together.

For more information about this Land Acknowledgement click on the orange feather in our monthly newsletter.

\* Taken directly from Humber College’s Land Acknowledgement rationale

### More Information on Land Stewardship

#### Eco/Environmental-Stewardship

- The responsible use and protection of the natural environment through conservation and sustainable practices to enhance ecosystem resilience and human well-being

#### Indigenous Organizations Supporting Land Stewardship (And there are more)

1. Chiefs of Ontario – The environmental priorities - <https://chiefs-of-ontario.org/priorities/environment/>
2. Assembly of First Nations – Climate action - <https://afn.ca/environment/environmental-protection-climate-action/>
3. Assembly of First Nations – Water Protection - <https://afn.ca/environment/water-stewardship/>

#### Non-Indigenous Organizations promoting Land Stewardship (and there are many more)

- Friends of the Earth - <https://foecanada.org/>
- David Suzuki Foundation - <https://david Suzuki.org/>
- EcoJustice Canada - <https://ecojustice.ca/>
- Nature Conservancy Canada - <https://www.natureconservancy.ca/en/>
- Environmental Defence Canada - <https://environmentaldefence.ca/>
- Toronto Regional Conservation Authority - <https://trca.ca/conservation/>

#### Examples of Land Stewardship Success

- Coastal First Nations – Great Bear Initiatives - <https://coastalfirstnations.ca/our-land/land-stewardship/>
- Thaidene Néné, NWT -<https://www.landoftheancestors.ca/>
- High Park Chemical Management - <https://indigenoulandstewardshipto.wordpress.com/indigenous-stewardship-vs-chemical-management/>

#### Other

- **Children’s Book - Sila and the Land** by Ariana Roundpoint, Shelby Angalik, and Lindsay DuPré – video story - [https://programs.greenlearning.ca/sila-and-the-land?gclid=CjwKCAiA8YyuBhBSEiwA5R3-Ezt2atWXyGqwLEbAEP0uuXkueUD\\_OZw9MhRYZBmv6anENkRFo0sXDxoCIL](https://programs.greenlearning.ca/sila-and-the-land?gclid=CjwKCAiA8YyuBhBSEiwA5R3-Ezt2atWXyGqwLEbAEP0uuXkueUD_OZw9MhRYZBmv6anENkRFo0sXDxoCIL)
- **Adult Novel - Braiding Sweetgrass** by Robin Wall Kimmerer