



Land Acknowledgement – April 2024

Tonight we acknowledge that we are meeting on this land known as Treaty 13.

March 31st celebrates National Indigenous Languages Day.

In June of 2019 - *four* years ago - the government of Canada officially recognized the importance of Indigenous languages by passing the Indigenous Languages Act. There are more than 70 distinct Indigenous languages within 12 language families in Canada. The Act dedicates sustained funding by the Canadian government for the revitalization, preservation, maintenance and strengthening all of the Indigenous languages in Canada. Our CFUW Mission Statement commits us to strive to promote equality and social justice and lifelong learning. We are all committed to increasing our knowledge about Indigenous languages and their cultural importance.

If you are interested:

Mary Simon, the present Governor-General, used Inuktitut in her inauguration speech - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cT8j0_F1YLQ

Calls to Action from the TRC: Language and Culture - <https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1524495846286/1557513199083>

Indigenous Languages Act receives Royal Assent - June 21, 2019: Bill C-91, An Act respecting Indigenous languages (short title: Indigenous Languages Act), was introduced in the House of Commons on 5 February 2019 by the Minister of Canadian Heritage and Multiculturalism. <https://www.indigenouswatchdog.org/update/jun-21-2019-2/>

Indigenous Language Revitalization in Canada - <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/indigenous-language-revitalization-in-canada>