

Land Acknowledgements for Housing Co-operatives

in the regions of Durham, Toronto and York



Durham Region

We respectfully acknowledge that we are located on the traditional territory of the Mississauga of Scugog Island First Nation. The Haudenosaunee (Ho-de-no-shau-nee) and Anishinaabe (Ah-nishin-ah-beh) have lived, worked and existed on this land from time immemorial and it is now home to many First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.

This land is covered by the Williams Treaties signed with many Mississauga and Chippewa bands. This territory is subject of the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement to peaceably share and care for the Great Lakes region. We acknowledge that Indigenous Peoples were not asked to share their territory with settler populations and that we are all here as uninvited guests. We acknowledge and thank all generations of Indigenous Peoples across Turtle Island for their commitment, contributions, and protection of the land and its resources.

Toronto Region

Where we are has been the site of human activity for 15,000 years.

This land is the territory of the Huron-Wendat and Petun First Nations, the Seneca and most recently, the Mississaugas of the Credit River. The territory was the subject of the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and Confederacy of the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes.

Today, the meeting place of Toronto is still home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island. We are grateful to have the opportunity to work in the community, on this territory. We are also mindful of broken covenants and the need to strive to make right with all our relations.

About Land Acknowledgments

Land acknowledgements are a small way of showing respect and recognizing the presence of indigenous people now and in the past. They are a first step in the larger process of reconciliation that is happening throughout Turtle Island (North America).

Co-ops should be careful about using a land acknowledgement that comes from someone else. It can become routine and without much meaning. Thoughtfully and intentionally acknowledging the land and its history is an invitation to take a moment to reflect on how you can support the process of reconciliation. It is an opportunity to think about what responsibilities non-indigenous people have as uninvited guests in someone else's home. In practical terms, this means you should make an effort to learn about the content of the acknowledgement, including the correct pronunciation of the names.



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We respectfully acknowledge that we are located within the traditional territory of many First Nations, including the Chippewas of Georgina Island and the Mississaugas of the Credit. The Haudenosaunee (Ho-de-no-shau-nee) and Anishinaabe (Ah-nishin-ah-beh) have lived, worked and existed on this land from time immemorial. These lands are now home to many First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples.

This land is covered by Treaty 13 signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit, and the Williams Treaties signed with many Mississauga and Chippewa bands. This territory is subject of the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement to peaceably share and care for the Great Lakes region. We acknowledge that Indigenous Peoples were not asked to share their territory with settler populations and that we are all here as uninvited guests. We acknowledge and thank all generations of Indigenous Peoples across Turtle Island for their commitment, contributions, and protection of the land and its resources.

Resources

[Land Acknowledgement Guidance \(toronto.ca\)](#) is a document that will help to support your development of land acknowledgments, a pronunciation guide and other resources.

[Next 150](#) has a list of things you can do to increase your understanding of indigenous communities and support actions across the country.

