

Land Acknowledgement – November 2024



Our land acknowledgement honours the sacrifices of Indigenous peoples who participated in the war efforts of Canada.

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 home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island. We are grateful as we learn to grow in our relations with all Indigenous people.

How does this Land Acknowledgment encourage you to take action this month?

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.

We also remember the Honourable Murray Sinclair who passed away on November 4, 2024. The Honourable Sinclair was Anishinaabe and a member of the Peguis First Nation. He experienced racism in life but never lost his sense of hope, duty and responsibility. He was a lawyer, judge, senator, and leader of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee. He dedicated his life to repairing and reshaping Canada's relationship with Indigenous peoples.

Interested in Learning More? Check out:

1. **November 8** is Indigenous Veterans Day, when Canada honours First Nation, Metis and Inuit soldiers and veterans, and their long, distinguished legacy of serving in the Canadian Armed Forces.
2. **APTN - Indigenous Television** - The launch of APTN on September 1, 1999, represented a significant milestone for Indigenous Peoples across Canada. The network has since become an important entertainment, news and educational programming choice for viewers via two distinct HD channels: APTN and APTN Languages, and through its Indigenous-focused streaming service.
<https://www.aptn.ca/>
3. **Toronto Indigenous Radio** - 106.5 ELMNT FM Today's Indigenous Beat -
<https://toronto.elmntfm.ca/>

4. **Indigenous Veterans** – the history of Indigenous veterans in Canada including the history through the wars, personal stories, the Canadian Rangers, the Code Talkers and more. -
<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/people-and-stories/indigenous-veterans>
5. **Indigenous Veterans** – Equals on the battlefields but not at home -
<https://www.ictinc.ca/blog/indigenous-veterans>
6. **14 Facts you may not know about the contributions of Indigenous Veterans** -
<https://www.ictinc.ca/blog/14-facts-you-may-not-know-about-contributions-of-indigenous-veterans>
7. **19 Books to enhance your understanding of Indigenous Life in Canada** -
<https://www.cbc.ca/books/19-books-to-read-in-honour-of-the-national-day-for-truth-and-reconciliation-1.7335838>
8. **Interested in fine art?** Check out the work of any of the following Indigenous fine artists who ushered in a new contemporary art movement in the 20th century: Joseph Jacobs, Alex Janvier, [Norval Morrisseau](#), Daphne Odjig, Carl Ray, Allen Sapp and Bill Reid, Carl Beam, Gerald McMaster and Jane Ash Poitras.