

# Land Acknowledgement Protocol Maple Ridge Office

## **Maple Ridge office land acknowledgement**

“We [I] would like to begin by acknowledging that our office is located on the unceded and traditional and ancestral lands of the Coast Salish Peoples, including the territories of the ḡíćə́y (Katzie) and Kwantlen q'wá:ńł'ə́ń (Kwantlen) First Nations.”

- Katzie: (kat-zee)
- Kwantlen: (kwant-len)

## **What is a Land Acknowledgement?**

Land acknowledgements are formal statements that honour the longstanding connection Indigenous Peoples have with their ancestral lands. They are a step towards Truth and Reconciliation, recognizing the rich history and contributions of Indigenous communities who have cared for these lands since time immemorial.

## **Purpose of Land Acknowledgements**

- Pay respect to Indigenous communities who have lived and worked on this land.
- Recognize the unique relationship each person has with the land.
- Broaden perspectives to include the land's deep history and the privilege of living on it.

## Important Things To Know

- Land acknowledgements must be shared at the start of meetings, events, or gatherings by the host.
- For virtual meetings:
  - As a host, acknowledge the land you are personally on.
  - Recognize that attendees may be on different territories.
  - When possible, invite participants to share their land acknowledgements.

## Understanding Indigenous Terminology:

- **Indigenous:** a broad term encompassing First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples.
- **First Nations:** refers to Indigenous peoples in Canada who are neither Métis nor Inuit.
- **Aboriginal:** refers to the original inhabitants of Canada, including First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. Avoid using "Aboriginal" as a noun (e.g., "Aboriginals").