



**Tunnelling Association of Canada**  
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# **Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Moment**

Indigenous Land Acknowledgement



# Why is indigenous land acknowledgment important?

“It is important to understand the longstanding history that has brought you to reside on the land, and to seek to understand your place within that history. Land acknowledgements do not exist in a past tense, or historical context: colonialism is a current ongoing process, and we need to build our mindfulness of our present participation.”

– Northwestern University



# Tips for creating a land acknowledgment



- Reflect on why you are doing a land acknowledgement
- Research the Indigenous people to whom the land belongs
- Practice the correct pronunciation of the names of the Tribes, Nations, or bands, and places and individuals you are including in the acknowledgement
- Use past, present, and future tenses



# Example



## Acknowledgment

Éy swáyel. We acknowledge that Abbotsford School District is located on the traditional territory of the Stó:lō people, the Semá:th and Mathxwí First Nation. With this, we respect the longstanding relationships that Indigenous Nations have to this land, as they are the original caretakers.

We acknowledge historical and ongoing injustices that Indigenous Peoples endure in Canada, and we accept responsibility as a public educational institution to contribute toward revealing and correcting miseducation as well as renewing respectful relationships with Indigenous communities through our teaching and community engagement.





# Thank you!

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