

## **Land Acknowledgement**

Acknowledging the land is an important part of reconciliation. It helps build meaningful relationships.

It honours the authentic history and its original people.

We acknowledge, that what we call Alberta, is the traditional and ancestral territory of many people, presently subject to Treaties 6, 7, and 8. Namely the Blackfoot Confederacy consisting of Kainai, Piikani, and Siksika Nations- the Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Nakota Sioux, Stoney Nakoda, the Tsuu T'ina Nation and the Métis People of Alberta.

This includes, the Métis Settlements and the Six Regions of the Métis Nation of Alberta, within the historical Northwest Metis Homeland. We acknowledge the many First Nations, Métis and Inuit who have lived in and cared for these lands for generations.

We are grateful for the traditional Knowledge Keepers and the Elders who are still with us today and those, who have gone before us.

We make this acknowledgement as an act of reconciliation and gratitude to those, whose territory we reside on, or are visiting.

-

In the spirit of respect, reciprocity and truth, we honour and acknowledge Moh'kinsstis, and the traditional Treaty 7 territory and oral practices of the Blackfoot confederacy: Siksika, Kainai, Piikani, as well as the Iyarhe Nakoda and Tsuut'ina nations. We acknowledge that this territory is home to the Otipemisiwak Métis Government of the Métis Nation within Alberta District 6. Finally, we acknowledge all Nations – Indigenous and non – who live, work and play on this land, and who honour and celebrate this territory.

This sacred gathering place provides us with an opportunity to engage in and demonstrate leadership on reconciliation.