

# NEXT STEPS IN MAKING LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS WE ARE ALL TREATY PEOPLE

## ONE

**CONSIDER:** For hundreds of years, Indigenous peoples have acknowledged the land. Inspired by the 94 recommended <u>Calls to Action</u> by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, land acknowledgements have become more common practice in Canada. Viewed as a first step in reconciliation, land acknowledgements are intended to commemorate Indigenous peoples' kinship to land.

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ARPDC Consultant Kim Barker-Kay considers next steps in acknowledging the land



Land acknowledgement delivered in Cree

Many of us have been including land acknowledgements in our work; now it's time to look at next steps. View the videos on the left as you begin to consider:

- When you give a land acknowledgement, do you deeply understand why you're doing it?
- Do you have an understanding of the impact of land acknowledgements on Indigenous peoples?
- What feelings come up for you when you prepare for a land acknowledgement? How can you deepen your understanding and expand your foundational knowledge?

### **TWO**

**MAKE YOUR THINKING VISIBLE:** Create or modify an existing land acknowledgement, given what you've learned so far:

#### Click on Images to View:





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- View <u>examples of land acknowledgements</u> from ARPDC consultant Donna Ross to support your thinking.
   Consider using one of <u>Donna's examples</u> as a starting place for you.
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- If you would like to reach out to an Elder on your journey of next steps in acknowledging the land, this <u>Elder</u> <u>Protocol Guide</u> may be helpful.

## **THREE**

**DIVE DEEPER:** Click on the 3 images below to learn more about how and why land is acknowledged.



This video provides insight into the historical significance of land acknowledgements as an honoured tradition and highlights why they are an important act of reconciliation. (Time: 5:43)



Hayden King, an Anishinaabe writer and educator, spoke to Unreserved host Rosanna Deerchild about territorial acknowledgements, what they mean in today's political climate and how they can be improved. Here's part of that conversation. (Read or View) (Time: 14:51)



In this video, the ideas of 'invitation to land' and our relationship to land as Mother are explained as an important components of why land is acknowledged traditionally.

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