



We now acknowledge this sacred land on which the University of Toronto operates. It has been a site of human activity since time immemorial. This land is the territory of the Huron-Wendat and Petun First Nations, the Seneca, and most recently, the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation.

The territory is the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Confederacy of the Anishnaabek and Allied Nations to peaceably care for and share the resources around the Great Lakes.

Today, the meeting place of Toronto is still the home to many Indigenous peoples from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work in the community on this territory.

To overcome systemic and institutional violence, we come together on this day and work to center the narratives, worldviews, and perspectives of Indigenous peoples in our collective decision-making for social justice, equity, and reconciliation.

As settlers on the Credit River, we directly benefit from the colonization and genocide of the Indigenous peoples of this land. In order to engage in resistance and solidarity against the past and present injustices inflicted on the Indigenous peoples of this land, it is imperative we constantly engage in acts of awareness and decolonization.

We also now pay our respects to the Indigenous Elders and Ancestors of this land, and to those who may be here with us today physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

