

Reconciliation and Indigenous Relations

Regional District of Central Okanagan Board Meeting

Orientation Module 5

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Indigenous Advisor - Purpose



Provide strong leadership and strategic guidance to:

- Build stronger relationships with the syilx / Okanagan people
- Advance local government understanding of reconciliation
- Expand RDCO's cultural competency

Indigenous Advisor - Responsibilities

- Develop an RDCO Reconciliation framework
- Foster educational opportunities for staff and elected officials.
- Strengthen local government relationships



First six months - Truth



- Relationship building
- Providing educational and cultural training sessions
- Advising staff on syilx / Okanagan initiatives/projects
- Updated land acknowledgement

First six months - Reconciliation



- UNDRIP & DRIPA research
- WFN appointed Director seat
- Honorariums & protocol
- Cultural conservation agreement
- Reconciliation framework

RDCO land acknowledgement



“The RDCO/I acknowledge(s) our/my presence on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded $tm'x^w u'la?x^w$ of the syilx / Okanagan people who have resided here since time immemorial. We/I recognize, honour, and respect the syilx / Okanagan lands upon which we live, work, and play.”

nsyilcxən greetings

- way' – hello or goodbye
- isk^wist – my name is
- swit ask^wist – what is your name?
- lim ləmt - thank you
- way' ha? tɪ' ? k^w x̣ast? – Hello, how are you?

“way' isk^wist Lisa. swit ask^wist?”

(Hello, my name is Lisa. What is your name?)

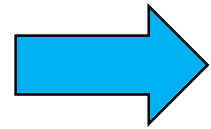


Next steps

- Start consultation on the Reconciliation framework
- Cultural safety and awareness training opportunities for elected officials
- Look to facilitate a Community to Community Forum
- Continue research on UNDRIP and how to effectively implement
- Updating and creating new protocols and policies



Reconciliation framework timeline



Nov & Dec 2022

Project scope and UNDRIP research



Jan & Feb 2023

Engagement and survey design



Jan – March 2023

Engagements



Spring 2022

Report, recommendations, presentation



Spring – Late fall 2023

Develop framework





Questions?