

## Shekoli/Aanii/ Koolamalsi/Greetings

I would like to start our meeting in a good way by acknowledging the Indigenous peoples whose traditional territory we have gathered on today.

We/I acknowledge that this land is located on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabek (Ah-nish-in-a-bek), Haudenosaunee (Ho-den-no-show-nee), Lūnaapéewak (Len-ahpay- wuk) and Attawandaron (Add-a-won-da-run) peoples, on lands connected with the London Township and Sombra Treaties of 1796 and the Dish with One Spoon Covenant Wampum. This land continues to be home to diverse Indigenous peoples (First Nations, Métis and Inuit) whom we recognize as contemporary stewards of the land and vital contributors of our society.

The three longstanding Indigenous groups of this region are:

- The Anishinaabe Three Fires Nations including the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Pottawatami Nations;
- The Haudenosaunee Confederacy Nations including: the Mohawk, Oneida, Cayuga, Onondaga, Seneca, and Tuscarora Nations; AND,
- The Leni-Lunaape (Lenay Lenappe) peoples (also referred to as the Delaware or Munsee).

I'd also like to recognize the three First Nations communities neighboring the City of London:

- Chippewas of the Thames First Nation;
- Oneida Nation of the Thames; AND,
- Munsee-Delaware Nation.

I would also like to acknowledge the many longstanding treaty relationships between Indigenous Nations and Canada. We recognize that all levels of government in Canada have a responsibility to honour the Nation-to-Nation relationship, and that individually, we all have a role to play in honouring the treaties and contributing to reconciliation.

Miigwetch, Yaw^ko, Anishiik, (Ana-Shik).