

# DCHC Land Acknowledgement

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## **PRONOUNCATION GUIDE**

Alderville	All-Der-Ville
Anishinaabe	Awe-Nish-In-Awe-Bay
Anishinaabeg	Awe-Nish-In-Awe-Bag
Beausoleil	Bow-So-Lay
Chippewa	Chip-Awe-Wa
Haudenosaunee	ho-den-O-shoo-nee
Hiawatha	High-Uh-Woth-Uh
Inuit	Ih-New-Eat
Métis	May-Tee

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I am a \_\_\_\_\_ generation settler of \_\_\_\_\_ descent. I want to begin by acknowledging the land we live, work, and gather on.

To begin, we would like to acknowledge that DCHC operates within the shared ancestral homelands of the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, and Huron-Wendat Peoples. This area is located within the Dish With One Spoon treaty lands, a living agreement between the Anishinabek and Haudenosaunee Peoples that bound them together to share and protect these lands, based on the values of harmony, respect, and reciprocity.

We also respectfully acknowledge that the work of DCHC takes place on the treaty lands of the Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, the Mississauga's of Scugog Island First Nation, and Rama First Nation, which are covered by the Williams Treaty of 1923. However, it wasn't until 2018 that inherent rights to hunt, fish, and harvest were recognized under the Williams Treaty, rights that had been wrongfully denied and had a direct impact on the health of the communities.

At Durham Community Health Centre, we recognize the profound impact of colonization, and we identify it is our responsibility to take the necessary steps to support healing, uphold Indigenous cultural values, and help create an equitable health system where Indigenous communities feel safe, valued, and cared for.

Durham Region continues to be home for many First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples.

We are all Treaty people. Many of us have come here as settlers, immigrants, or newcomers in this generation and generations past.

We encourage you to reflect on your connection to this land, the privileges it offers, and your role in reconciliation, including the 94 Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Thank you. Migwetch/Nia:wen.