

# TRADITIONAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The goal of this Land Acknowledgement is to acknowledge the First Peoples on whose traditional lands we work and live since time immemorial.

In an effort to respect and recognize the First Peoples of the lands upon which we sit, Traditional land acknowledgments often take place at the beginning of social gatherings, conferences or meetings, or at the commencement of assemblies and presentations.

At St. Clair College, we acknowledge that respect and recognition are essential elements to establishing and maintaining respectful relationships. These relationships are key toward reconciliation, a process to which St. Clair College is committed.

For further understanding, we have prepared this guide to foster reciprocal relations and to ease our affiliates of any uncertainty when presenting this Land Acknowledgement.



# THE LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

St. Clair College's Land Acknowledgement can be used in either spoken or in a written matter. Included below are phonetic spellings to support the proper pronunciation of the words. When used in written format, please remove the phonetic spellings.

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## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – WITH PRONUNCIATION

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## What are Traditional Land Acknowledgements?

Traditional Land Acknowledgments are Indigenous protocols used to show respect and recognition of the First Peoples presence both historically and presently, and to their traditional territories.

## Why Do We Acknowledge The Land?

Land Acknowledgments are meant to express appreciation and gratitude to the First Peoples and to recognize the traditional territories of a place.

## When do we Acknowledge The Land?

Land Acknowledgements are often spoken at the beginning of an event or gathering, or written at the beginning of a publication.

## How can I make the Land Acknowledgement meaningful?

Land Acknowledgements are not scripts but rather a reflection process. You are encouraged to go off script and reflect on what the words mean to you.