

## TREATY 6 TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PROCEDURE

This procedure is governed by its parent policy. Questions regarding this procedure are to be directed to the identified Procedure Administrator.

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| <b>Functional Category:</b>     | Operations                           |
| <b>Parent Policy:</b>           | College Communications Policy        |
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| <b>Procedure Administrator:</b> | Senior Manager, Indigenous Relations |

### Overview:

NorQuest College (college) has established the following Treaty 6 Territory acknowledgement procedure, recognizing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action (#10-vii). As the college is located within Treaty 6 Territory, we adopt the principle of acknowledging the Indigenous Peoples as traditional stewards of the land, along with the Treaties of our province at all internal and external college wide events.

Authority to establish this procedure is derived from the [NorQuest College Board of Governors Policy No. 5](#), which delegates authority to the President and CEO to establish policies and procedures for the college's management and operation.

### Procedures:

Organizers of all internal and external college wide events are to ensure that there is an acknowledgement of the Treaty 6 Territory Indigenous Peoples at the beginning of the event.

The Treaty 6 acknowledgment should be spoken as follows:

"I would like to begin by acknowledging that we are on the traditional lands, referred to as Treaty 6 Territory and that the City of Edmonton and all the people here are beneficiaries of this peace and friendship treaty. Treaty 6 encompasses the traditional territories of numerous western Canadian First Nations as well as the Métis people who have called this area home since time immemorial. NorQuest College is dedicated to ensuring that the spirit of Treaty 6 is honoured and respected."

[Please click here for a link to the recording of the acknowledgement.](#)

For guidance at remarks in other Treaty areas of Canada, please contact the Senior Manager, Indigenous Relations

### Definitions:

**Indigenous Peoples:** defined in international or national legislation as having a set of specific rights based on their historical ties to a particular territory, and their cultural or historical distinctiveness from other populations that are often politically dominant. In Canada Indigenous Peoples are First Nations, Métis & Inuit.

**Treaty:** A formal concluded and ratified agreement between countries.

**Treaty 6:** Is an agreement between the Canadian monarch and the Plains and Woods Cree, Assiniboine, and other band governments of First Nations at Fort Carlton, Fort Pitt, and Battle River. The area agreed upon by the Plains and Woods Cree represents most of the central area

of the current provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta. One Manitoba band also signed on to the treaty by adhesion in 1898. The treaty signings began in August 1876, with adhesions added in 1898 in central Saskatchewan in the Montreal Lake area.

**Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada:** There is an emerging and compelling desire to put the events of the past behind us so that we can work towards a stronger and healthier future. The truth telling and reconciliation process as part of an overall holistic and comprehensive response to the Indian Residential School legacy is a sincere indication and acknowledgement of the injustices and harms experienced by Aboriginal people and the need for continued healing. This is a profound commitment to establishing new relationships embedded in mutual recognition and respect that will forge a brighter future. The truth of our common experiences will help set our spirits free and pave the way to reconciliation.

**Related NorQuest College Information:**

- [College Communications Policy](#)
- Indigenous Protocol Document (to be developed)
- [Indigenization Strategy](#)
- [Recording of the acknowledgement](#)

**Related External Information:**

- [Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action](#)

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