OLG Land Acknowledgement



00:00	MUSIC	Light music plays throughout.
00:00	SUPER	OLG Land Acknowledgement
00:00	Roiana:kens	Hi, my name is Roiana:kens, and I'm the director of Indigenous Relations at OLG.
00:02	SUPER	Roiana:kens Director of Indigenous Relations
05:00	Roiana:kens	As settler beings come into the territory of Indigenous people, they use the land acknowledgement to acknowledge the land, or to acknowledge the people or nations of which are their homelands, as guests, as a way to respect and honor for being visitors to those lands.
00:21	Roiana:kens	And usually those land acknowledgments generally speak to the treaty relationship.
00:27	Roiana:kens	And so they'll mention the treaty lands or the treaty that that land is developed by as a way to begin a relationship with that community or that nation.
00:36	Roiana:kens	We placed the land acknowledgment on the back of a turtle because the turtle is one of the fundamental aspects of the creation story for a lot of indigenous cultures.
00:44	Roiana:kens	And so we considered the turtle, Turtle Island, a.k.a. Mother Earth, and so we thought it would make the most sense to connect those words back with that story and those original teachings.
00:57	Roiana:kens	The four circles connect back to the Reconcili-ACTION strategy and to the sustainability plan.
01:03	Roiana:kens	And what they demonstrate is that the inner core, that inner circle represents the individual.
01:07	SUPER	Individual Family Community Nation
01:08	Roiana:kens	The next circle represents family, the next circle after that represents community, the next circleafter that represents the nation.
01:19	Roiana:kens	And so we developed those strategies and informed them they are based on that model and we wantedit here to reinforce that perspective.
01:24	Roiana:kens	You may wonder why it looks like the turtle was cropped, and so what that turtle is actually showing us is that there's a connection to the underworldand there's a connection to the sky world.

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01:35	Roiana:kens	And so when we extended it beyond the limitations, or the perceptual limitations of the floor of the ceiling, is to get you to consider that there's a 360° existence.
01:48	Roiana:kens	The font in the turtle and the land acknowledgment is unique to that turtle because it kept with the form of the artwork.
01:53	Roiana:kens	And so in a sense, we're Indigenizing that land acknowledgement by keeping the font different than the corporate font, just to show that our unique identities can be celebrated and expressed, and our collective energies to do something that speaks to everyone.
02:08		The significance of the land acknowledgment is to help you remember, is to help inform you, is to help invite you to understand you have responsibilities to the land as a visitor to the homelands of someone else or other peoples.
02:23	Roiana:kens	Some of the words that you'll see highlighted on the land acknowledgement like gratitude, like peace, like wisdom, like love, are the words that were harvestedfrom the word cloud exercise that we did.
02:34	Roiana:kens	And the reason we did that is we want you to see that the words you suggested to us got her, got received and were used and were built upon in developing the land acknowledgment.
02:48	Roiana:kens	So the question I have for you is: how do you make this your personal commitment?
02:51	Roiana:kens	What is the personal commitment that you have as an OLGer, as a human being, as a member of society, as a citizen, to advance Truth & Reconciliation, to act, and to encapsulate our thinking.
03:05	Roiana:kens	This land acknowledgment is another positive step.
03:09	Roiana:kens	However, I'm going to remind you, is still the beginning of the journey.
03:16	SUPER	OLG pledges to foster the principles of Truth and Reconciliation
03:15	SUPER	(OLG LOGO) OLG pledges to foster the principles of Truth and Reconciliation