



# Land Acknowledgements

Presented to BOMA BC

# What are they and why are they important?

- Historic Context
- Best Practices
- Where to find information
- How BOMA members can celebrate culture

# Historical Context

- Practiced for millennium by Indigenous People
- Recognition of place, history, authority
- Still practiced today amongst Indigenous people
- Dispels the narrative that Canada is founded on French and English
- Recognition of diversity of Indigenous people, not a homogenous group
- Some areas have more than one Indigenous group who share the area

# Best Practices

- Reconcili-action
- Reverses Erasure
- Mature as a society to not marginalize Indigenous people
- Celebrate our collective history
- Recognition of Canada's attempt to eradicate Indigenous languages and cultures
- Gratitude for where we work, live, and play
- Begin all occasions with formal recognition

# Where to find information

- Web sites:
- First Nations in BC Knowledge Network,  
[www.fnbc.info/communities](http://www.fnbc.info/communities)
- First Peoples Cultural Council,  
[www.fpcc.ca](http://www.fpcc.ca)
- BC Assembly of First Nations,  
[www.bcafn.ca](http://www.bcafn.ca)
- First Nations A-Z Listing-Province of BC, [www2.gov.bc.ca/first-nations-a-z-listing](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/first-nations-a-z-listing)

## Ways to Celebrate Culture

- Acknowledge all First Nations who have a stated interest in the area
- Ie) the City of Vancouver is within the shared territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleilwaututh Nations
- Authenticity in visible presence
- Ie) showcase the local artforms, language, and place names

# Ways to acknowledge

- All literature can have an acknowledgement of place
- Plaques in entranceways, or high visibility locations
- Monumental art such as welcome figures
- Use traditional names for geographic locations
- Embrace principles of the United Nations Declaration of Indigenous People
- Implement the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action

# Reconcili-action

- BOMA BC can demonstrate they are progressive in actualizing reconciliation
- Tangible actions that embrace a sense of belonging
- Many organizations are implementing Land Acknowledgements to correct injustices imposed upon Indigenous Peoples
- A deep sense of justice in revitalizing ancient cultures connected to these lands
- For centuries, Indigenous people have been alienated and marginalized from their homelands





Huychexwa (Thank You)!