



Land Acknowledgment

Community Development Council Durham (CDCD) is located on the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Mississauga (Anishinaabe), on land ceded in the Williams Treaty of 1923 by the governments of Canada and Ontario and by seven First Nations of the Chippewa of Lake Simcoe (Beausoleil, Georgina Island, and Rama) and of the Mississauga of the north shore of Lake Ontario (Scugog Island, Alderville, Curve Lake, and Hiawatha). In Durham, we live and work on the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation. As settlers, we are grateful for the opportunity to meet here, and we thank all the generations of people who have been stewards of this sacred land.

The importance and contributions of Indigenous Peoples must be central, clear and overtly connected to the collective commitment we make to integrate Truth and Reconciliation in our communities. At CDCD, as we continue to better understand Indigenous Peoples, acknowledge their realities and foster stronger relationships, we also encourage you to join us in reflecting on the history of this land on which we carry out our work and our presence on it today.