

INSPIRING INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE

PLACE MAKING AT UTSC

Campus Council
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Placemaking is the restoration of an Indigenous presence through art and design that is rooted in Indigenous Knowledge including Indigenous participation and collaboration

We are dedicated to implementing the calls to action in [Wecheehetowin](#), the University of Toronto's response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Living the intent of reconciliation is a fundamental value of our campus community. UTSC Strategic Plan, Inspiring Inclusive Excellence



UTSC SUB-COMMITTEE ON PLACE MAKING MANDATE:

Under the direction of the UTSC Truth, Reconciliation & Indigenous Initiatives Advisory Committee, in reference to place making efforts the sub-committee will:

- plan awareness, education and communication around named spaces;
- develop protocols and processes for identifying and naming spaces that present naming opportunities, including consultations, languages to be used, and project selection framework;
- explore, identify, prioritize, and recommend implementation plans for place-making and wayfinding on campus, including timelines, renaming of existing plaques, walkways or spaces

PLACE MAKING COMMITTEE 2022 OBJECTIVES

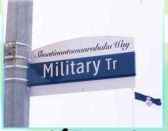
- **Develop place making guidelines for use across campus**
 - *integrated approach to Indigenizing the campus*
 - *work in concert with the UTSC Strategic Plan & UofT TRC report*
 - *signals our intentions re. place making to communities and our partners*

- **Translate names of identified spaces into Metis, First Nations and Inuit languages**
 - *Rock Walk, Scholars Way & Valley Trail identified by former TRC Coordinating Group for renaming*

- **Rename MW building**
 - *Visible sign of our commitment to creating welcoming spaces*
 - *Inclusive and participatory process for campus community*



Indigenous House



Shontinontowannhaka Way



MW: Social Sciences Building

TIMELINE

Spring/Fall 2021:

- committee held inaugural meeting
- received endorsement from TRIAC to pursue priorities for 2021/22
- hosted first virtual place making and MW renaming consultation session for campus community

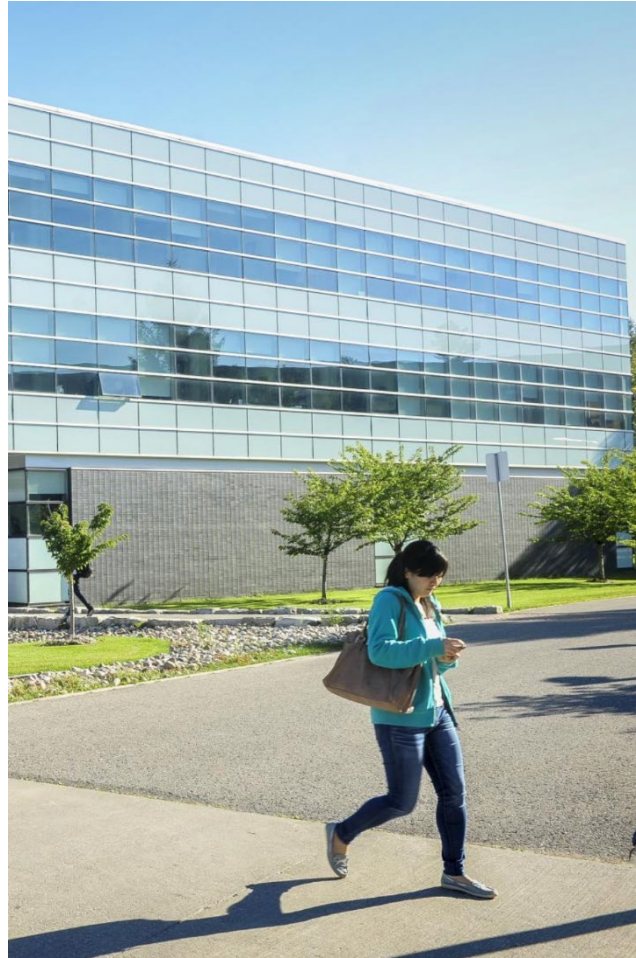
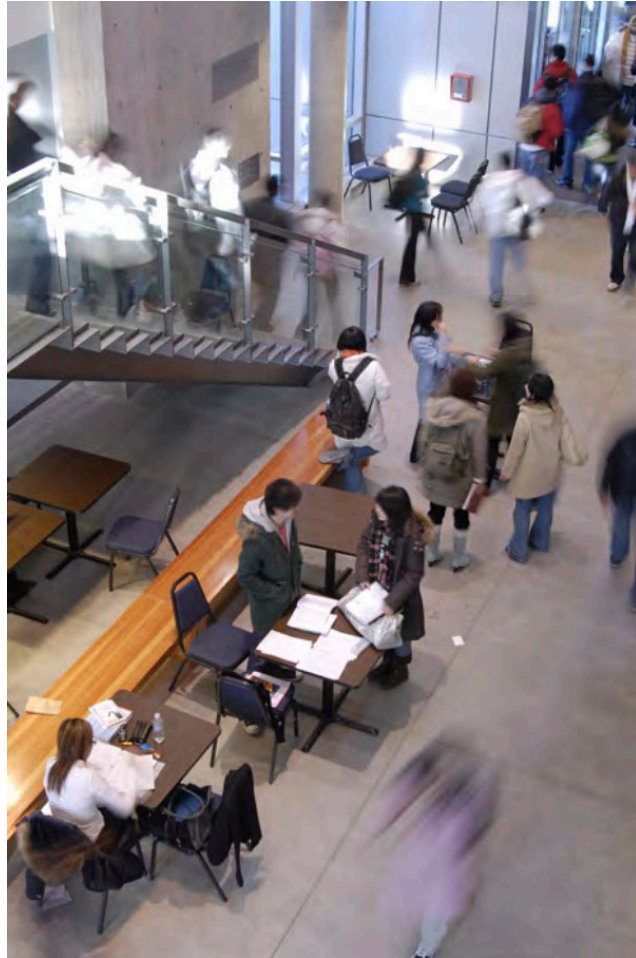
Winter/Spring 2022

- draft place making guidelines for use across campus
- develop strategy for renaming and naming of spaces including pathways across campus
- rename MW building

A VIBRANT CAMPUS



THE MW BUILDING



TIMELINE FOR RENAMING OF MW BUILDING

November – February: consultation and planning

- develop communications strategy
- solicit input on name (ethos of building in English) from campus community via consultation
 - *November 18th, 2021, virtual session open to all students, staff and faculty*
 - *In process of scheduling additional session for campus community*
- bring themes/concepts forward to Place Making Sub-committee for distillation
- consult Elders, Knowledge Keepers and language speakers re. the application of languages

March: recommendation and approval

- bring name(s) forward on behalf of Place Making Sub-committee to the TRIIAC for input and recommendation to the Executive Team
- Executive Team will bring forward to the Vice-President & Principal for approval
- inform campus community and key stakeholders

MW BUILDING: FEEDBACK FROM CAMPUS COMMUNITY SO FAR...

The name should reflect/take into consideration:

- synergies between the land and space (building) and meaningful spaces
- flora and fauna including geese, bees and cherry blossoms
- relational accountability
- honouring the original inhabitants of the land
- community and pride in place

Suggested names:

- beauty of the land
- mother earth home (Akif?)
- teaching place (Kelomageh?)
- the gift of multiple perspectives (ewoktowa?)

We welcome your input into the MW naming process!
Email: Michael.zee@utoronto.ca with your thoughts and
comments