

INSPIRING INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE

PLACE-MAKING AT UTSC

Campus Council | May 2023

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Objectives for today's meeting:

1. Share Progress Regarding 2021-23 Indigenous Place-making Priorities
2. Discuss Communications Strategy and Implementation

NAMING AND RENAMING CAMPUS SPACES

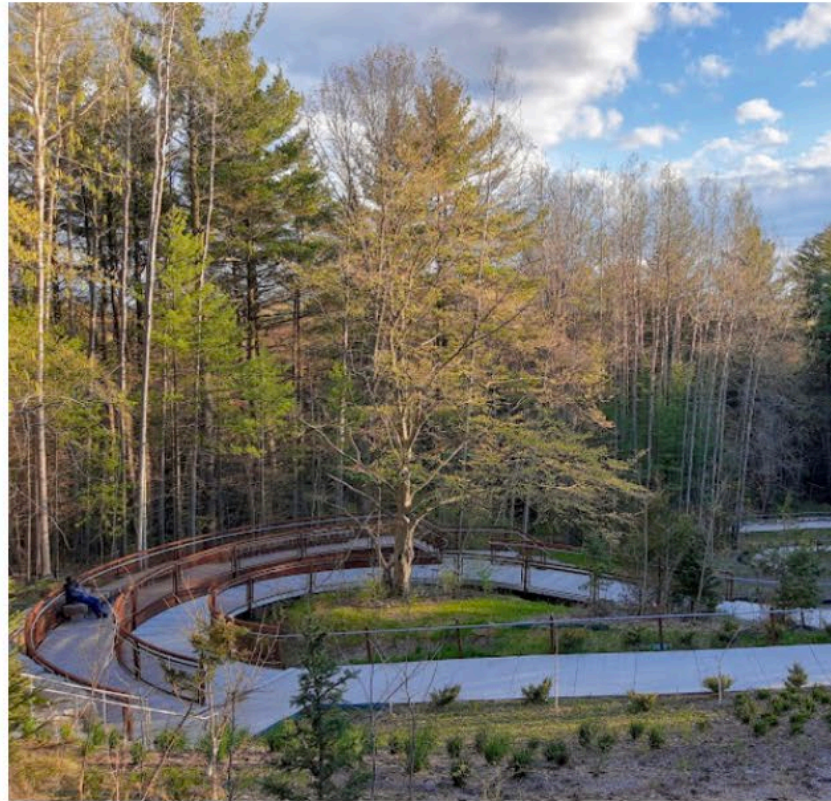
Process launched November 2021 by co-chairs of TRIIAC announcing the renaming of MW and the Indigenous language translation for three pathways as priority



Rock Walk



Scholar's Walk



Valley Land Trail



MW Building

INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE APPLICATION

Working in partnership with Shannon Simpson, Tri-Campus Director of Indigenous Initiatives, the Place-making Sub-committee:

- Recommended that four Indigenous languages be prioritized (Anishinaabemowin, Cree, Mohawk, Wendat)
- Recommended that other spaces and pathways (to be identified) will include additional languages including Inuktitut, Michif
- Recommended that we engage Elders, Knowledge Keepers and language speakers individually and not as a group
 - Be flexible in terms of format (i.e., via email if that is the preference or in-person/virtual)
- Reached out to Elders, Knowledge Keepers and language speakers to invite participation into the renaming/naming process

STATUS OF NAMING THE MW BUILDING

Fall 2021 to Spring 2022:

- campus-wide consultation and planning including:
Virtual sessions, TRIIAC, Campus Council, UTSC Daily Update, Tea with Tettey, Social Media, Targeted email, Town Hall, Building Occupants
- TRIIAC supported recommendation of “The Gift of Multiple Perspectives” as ethos for the renaming of the MW Building
- TRIIAC decision to use Anishinaabe for translation

Fall 2022:

- Elder Josh Eshkawkogan proposed language translation for MW building based on the agreed upon ethos

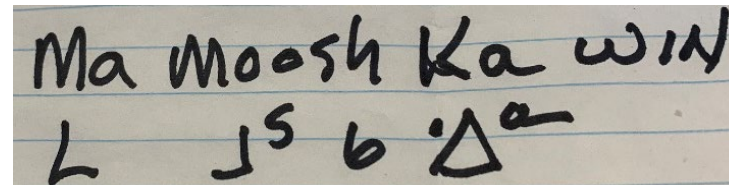
Kina Wiiya Enadong

“Everyone Spirit Mind”

STATUS OF NAMING THE VALLEY LAND TRAIL

- **Spring 2022:**
 - campus-wide consultation and planning, including consultation with Elder Josh Eshkawkogan and his family resulting in the ethos of the name for the trail to focus on the themes of *healing, restoration, harmony, whispering trees*.
 - Feedback from consultation (names/themes) brought to June 15, 2022 TRIIAC meeting
 - TRIIAC decision to use Cree for translation
- **Fall 2022:**
 - Placemaking Sub-Committee meeting with Andrew Wesley, Elder, Council of Aboriginal Initiatives, to walk the trail and reflect on selected themes for the name.
 - Elder Andrew proposed the following Cree name:

Ma Moosh Ka Win Valley Trail



“people coming together with the land for healing restoration/to enjoy the environment/peace/water for healing”

STATUS OF LANGUAGE TRANSLATION OF WALKWAYS

Fall 2022:

Scholar's Walk

Translation to Inuktitut by Naulaq LeDrew and Translator

ilinniaqtiup aqquinga

“Scholar’s Walk”

Rock Walk

Translation to Mohawk by Tahohtharátýe Joe Brant

Tsi Yonnenyakéhtó:ten

“The place where rocks stick out”

NEXT STEPS

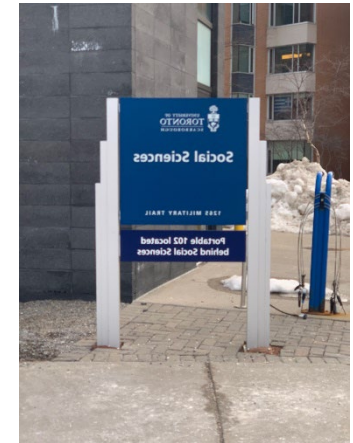
- Communicate to campus community and key stakeholders the names including the narrative of the journey
- Key Dates:
 - June – National Indigenous History Month
 - June 21 – National Indigenous Peoples Day
 - September 30 – National Day of Truth and Reconciliation/Orange Shirt Day
 - First week of November – Treaties Recognition Week
- Objectives:
 - Align with Strategic Plan’s commitments to “give pride of place to Indigenous initiatives that reflect our values and are intrinsically embedded in those practices and systems”
- Awareness
 - Social: Video, Daily Updates, Media News Stories
 - Awareness/Education: Indigenous Web Pages for each Campus Space Name
 - Video: Speaker of each Indigenous Language
 - Digital: QR codes directing to Audio clips of names
 - Events/Ceremony
- Signage to be designed and implemented at all locations



NEXT STEPS

Signage to be designed and implemented at all locations including:

- Directional signs
- Building address sign
- Building scale sign
- Informational signs
- Trailhead sign



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