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## Indigenous Acknowledgement

### 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to inform Brampton Library staff and customers about the traditional territory the Library branches are built on and the history, ceremonies, and cultures of the original inhabitants of this area. This policy also acknowledges Brampton Library's support of the Canadian Federation of Library Association's (CFLA) [Truth and Reconciliation Report and Recommendations](#).

The Brampton Library promotes awareness of Indigenous history and culture as a practice of inclusiveness, as well as in support of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's (TRC) Calls to Action through its collections, services and programs.

### 2. SCOPE

This policy applies to all Brampton Library staff and customers at all Brampton Library locations.

### 3. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Territorial acknowledgements may be made as appropriate and outlined in the Territorial Acknowledgement Procedures.

#### 3.1.1. Building Signage/Plaques

3.1.2. Library branches may have a sign acknowledging that the building is located on the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit. The following statement will be used:

3.1.2.1. *"This (building/name of organization) is located on the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit."*

### 4. SMUDGING

Requests for smudging ceremonies will be considered based on the City of Brampton's guidelines and Brampton Library procedures.

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## 5. PROGRAMMING

Brampton Library will endeavour to provide programs that are offered to customers to learn more about the history, culture and traditions of Indigenous people in Canada.

## 6. COLLECTIONS

Brampton Library will endeavour to provide resources regarding the traditions, culture, and history of Indigenous people to Canada in its collections as referenced in the Brampton Library [BRD – 13 Collection Management Policy](#). The Library will make effort to ensure that information about Residential Schools is also available to the public as addressed by Call to Action 69 in the TRC.