

INDIGENOUS PRACTICES

Take Aways and Learnings

Decolonize

We need to decolonize the way we think about the built environment. Indigenous knowing and being sees humans as part of a circle, connected to nature and time. This is called *Seventh Generation Thinking* and is based on the philosophy that the decisions we make today should result in a sustainable world seven generations into the future.

Respect

To create inclusive and equitable environments, we need to speak and listen with a *good mouth and good ears* and to engage not just with the people around us, and the world around us in a respectful way. The Wampum Belt is the traditional way Indigenous people keep their *trees* (information). The belt is made of shells and represents treaties and peace between people.

Truth and Reconciliation

We need to acknowledge that the relationship between Canadians and Indigenous people is broken and more needs to be done to mend the relationship. In particular, there should be a focus in our education system on Indigenous histories, culture and contemporary issues in Canada. Refer to the '94 Calls to Action' on the next page.

Traditions

Traditional dresses are not costumes: they are Regalia and represent a person's nations (Ojibway, in this case). In this way, music and dance play an important part in connecting Indigenous people with their culture.

Systems

The Haudenosaunee Confederacy (aka League of 5 Nations) is one of the oldest participating confederacies (or democracies) in the world and served as inspiration for the system of Government in the United States. The Confederacy is based on peaceful decision-making, and allows for individual groups to govern autonomously while coming together for bigger decisions that benefit all.

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Bob Joseph

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[A Corten-Steel Circle Honours the Dish With One Spoon Territory](#)

Stefan Novakovic, AZURE

[Introducing the Ring](#)

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