

Pathways to Prosperity 2025 National Conference

# Exploring Truth and Reconciliation in Newcomer Serving Practice with the National Newcomer Collective for Truth & Reconciliation (NNCTR)

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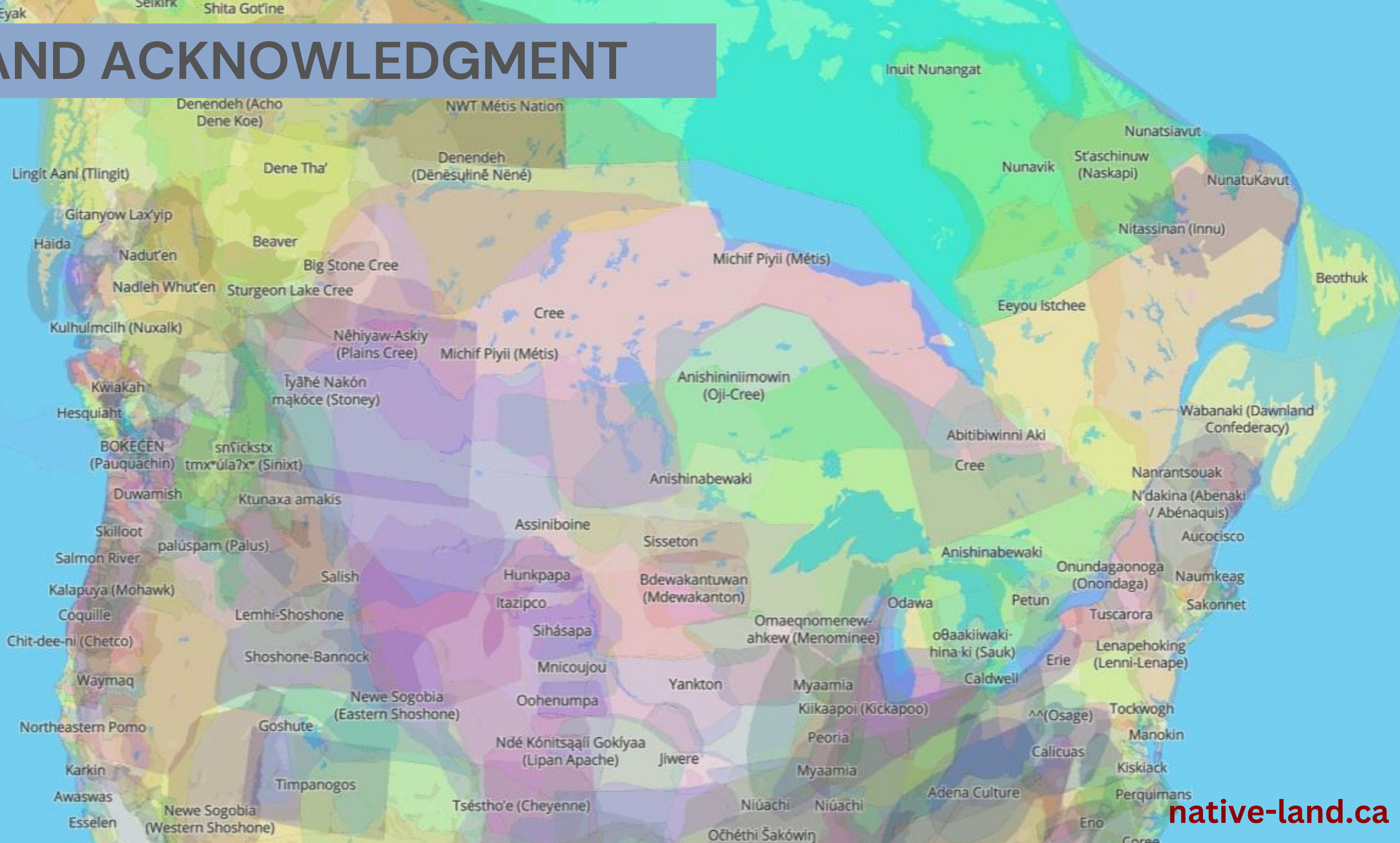
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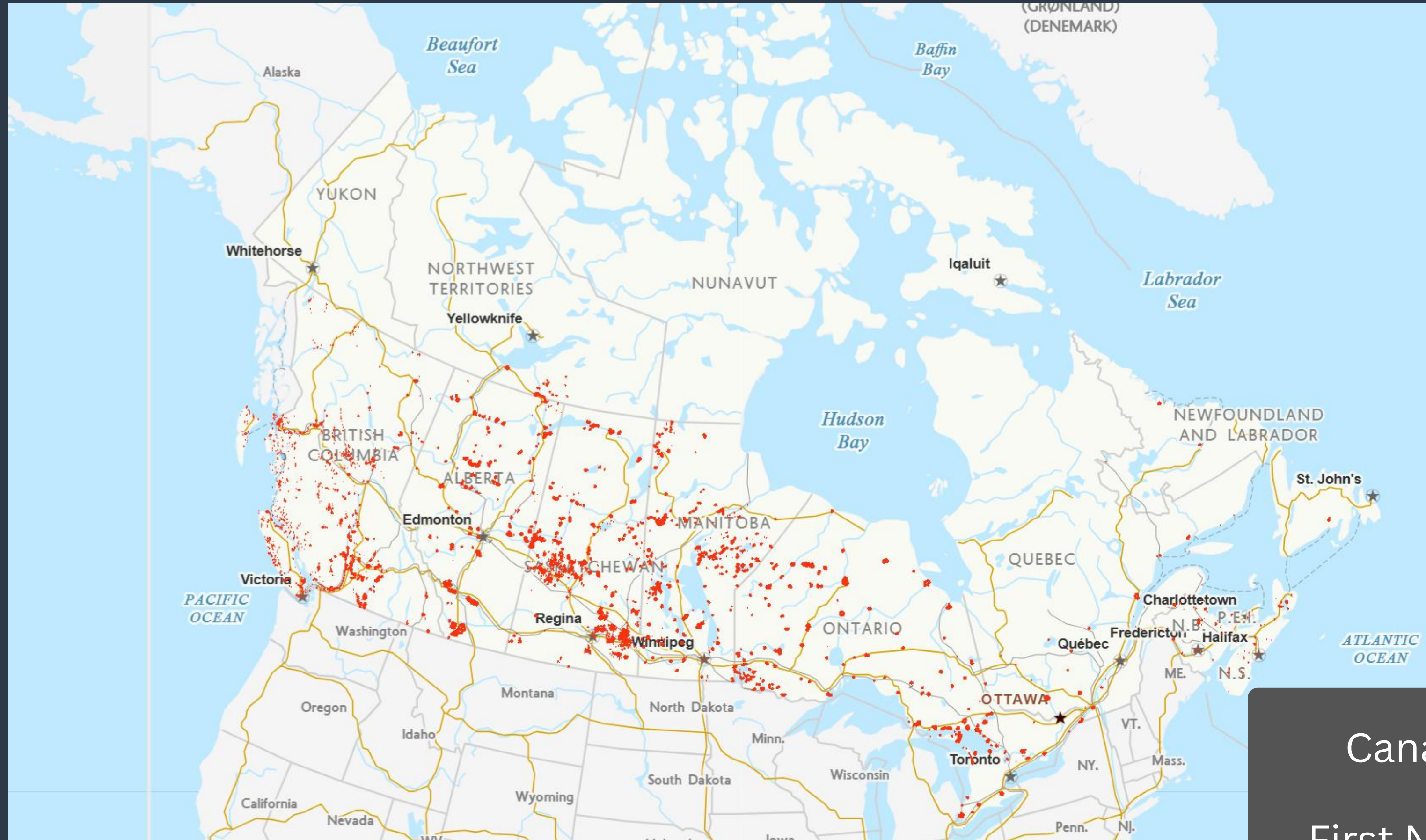


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# First Nation Reserve Land



Canada = 99.8%

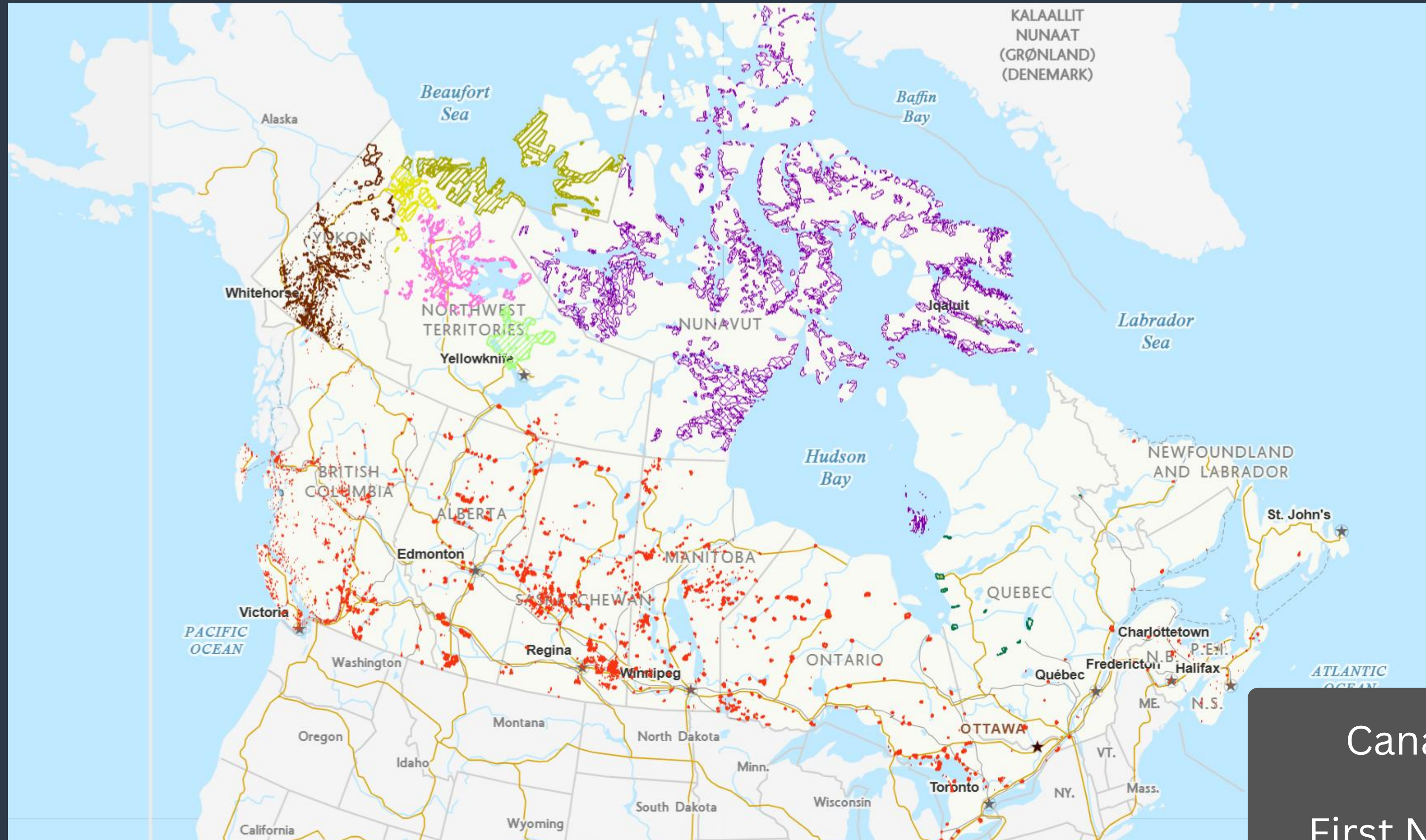
First Nations = 0.2%

Aboriginal Lands of Canada Legislative Boundaries

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# + Self-Government & Land Claims Settlement Lands



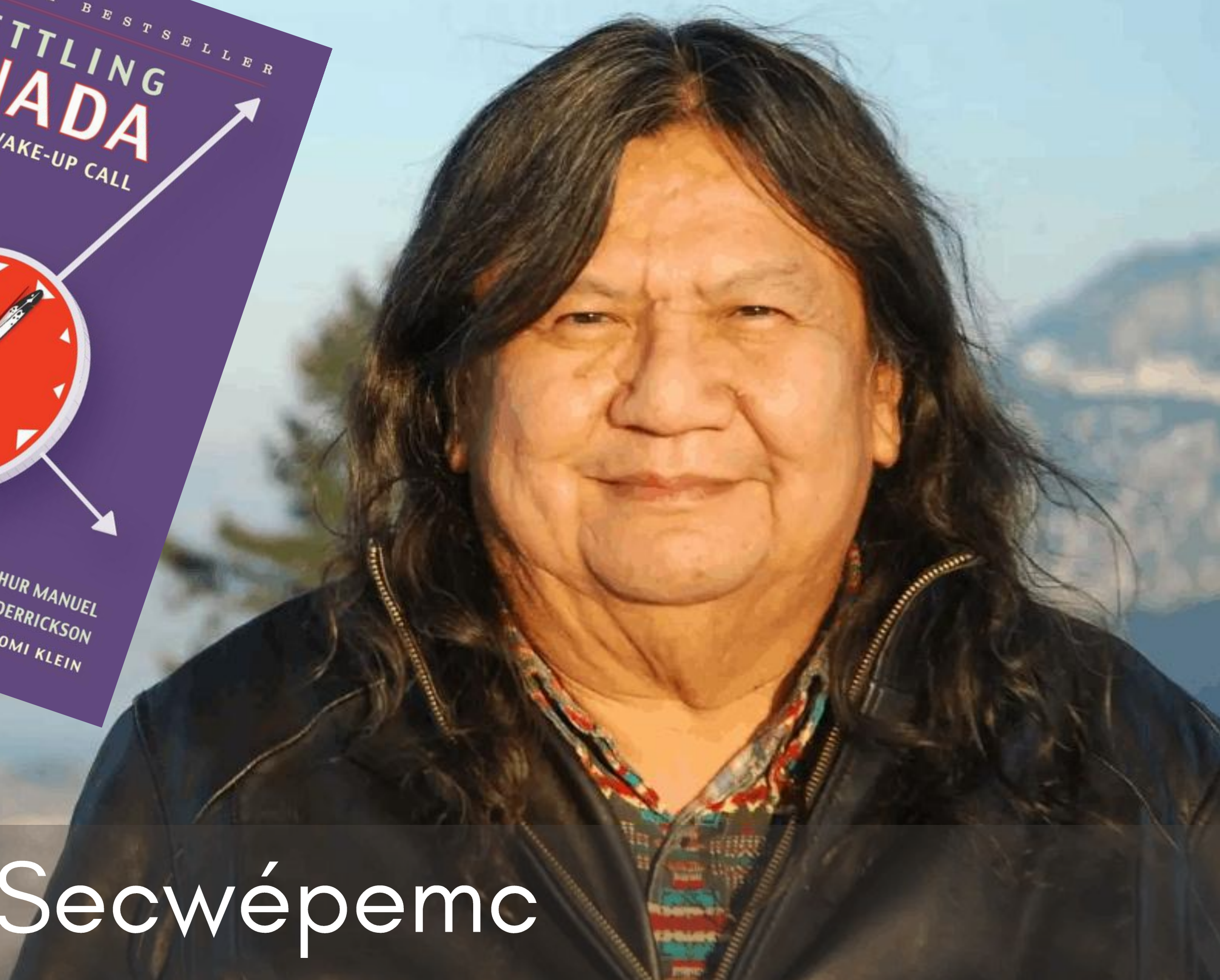
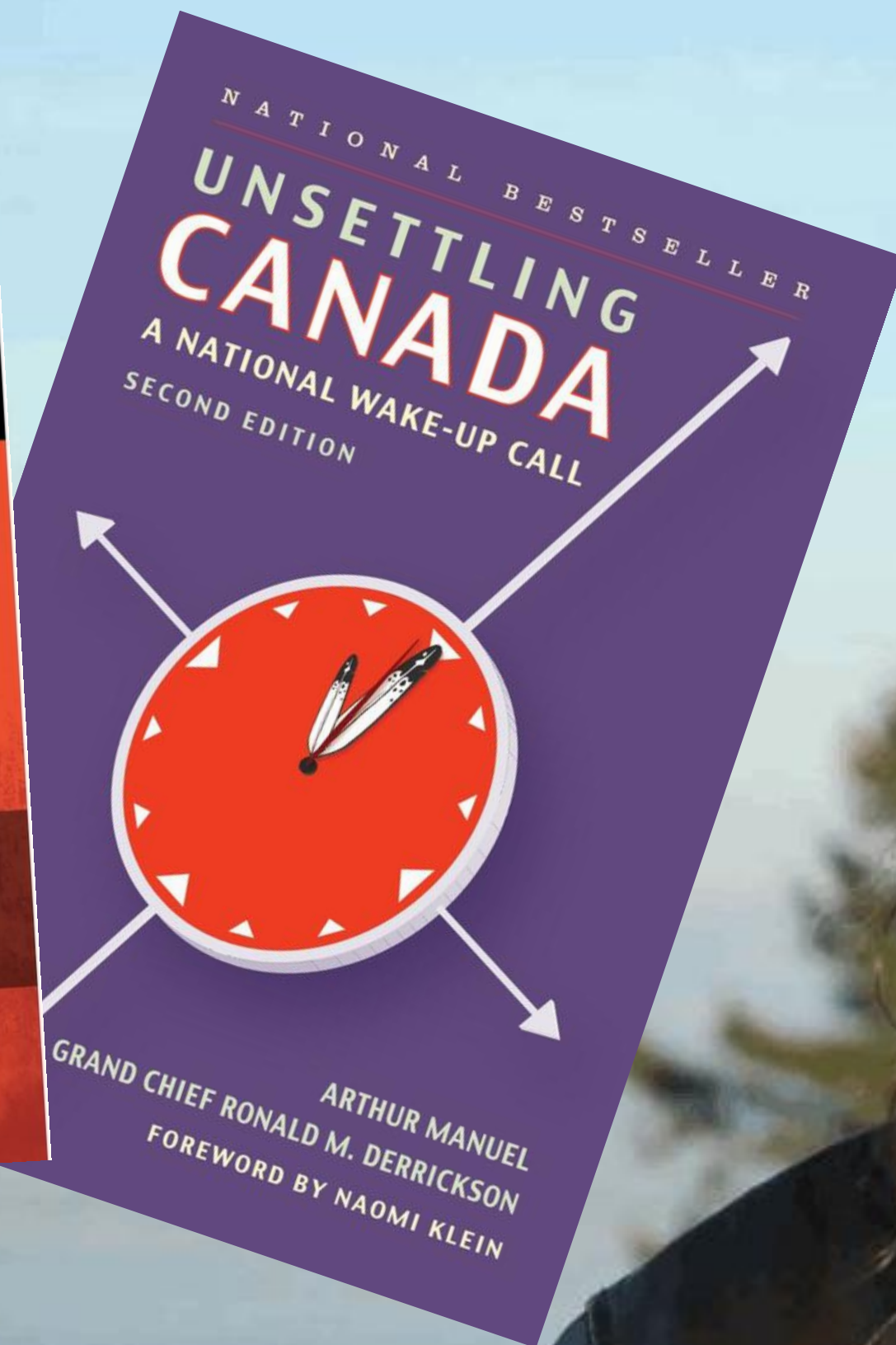
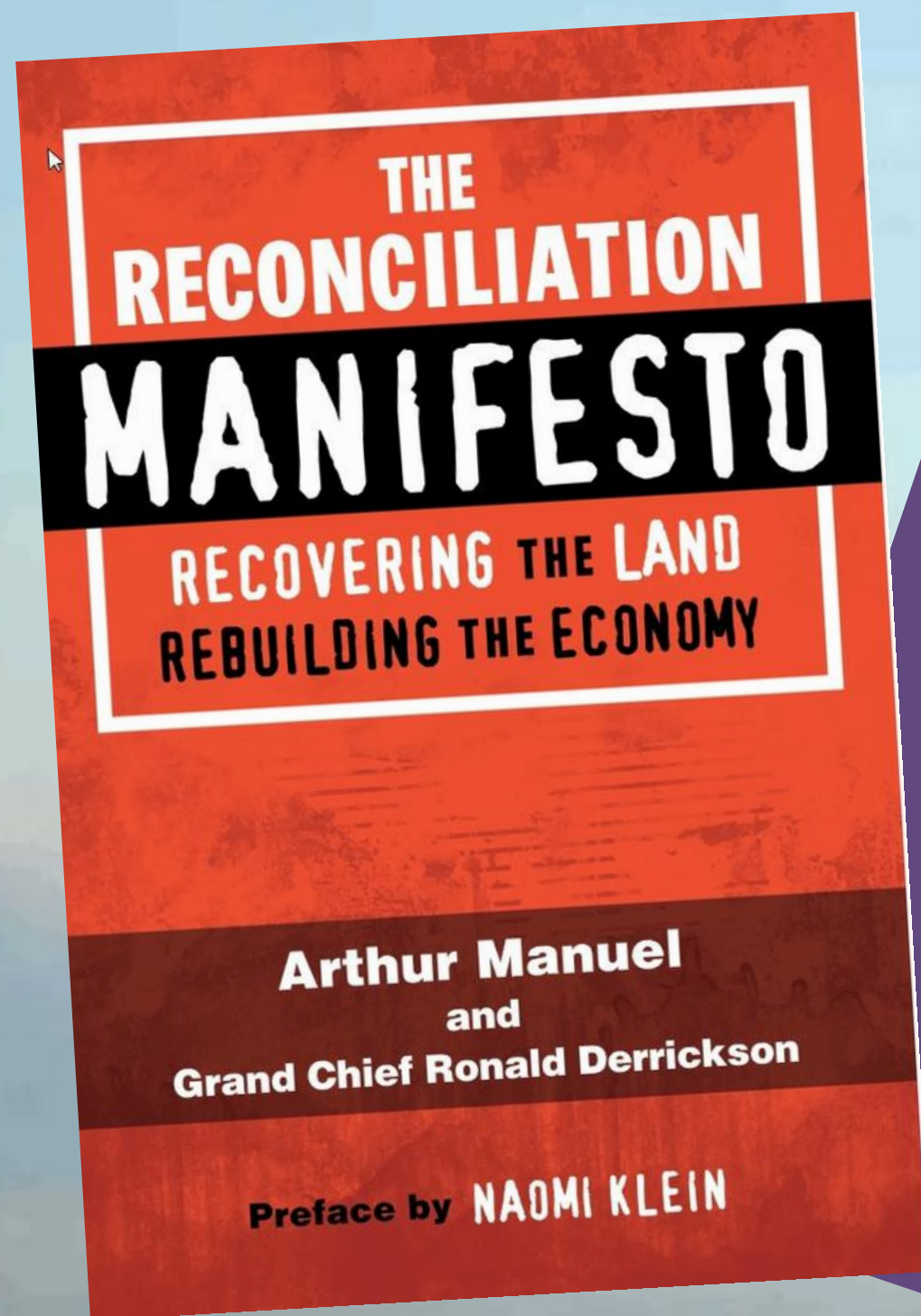
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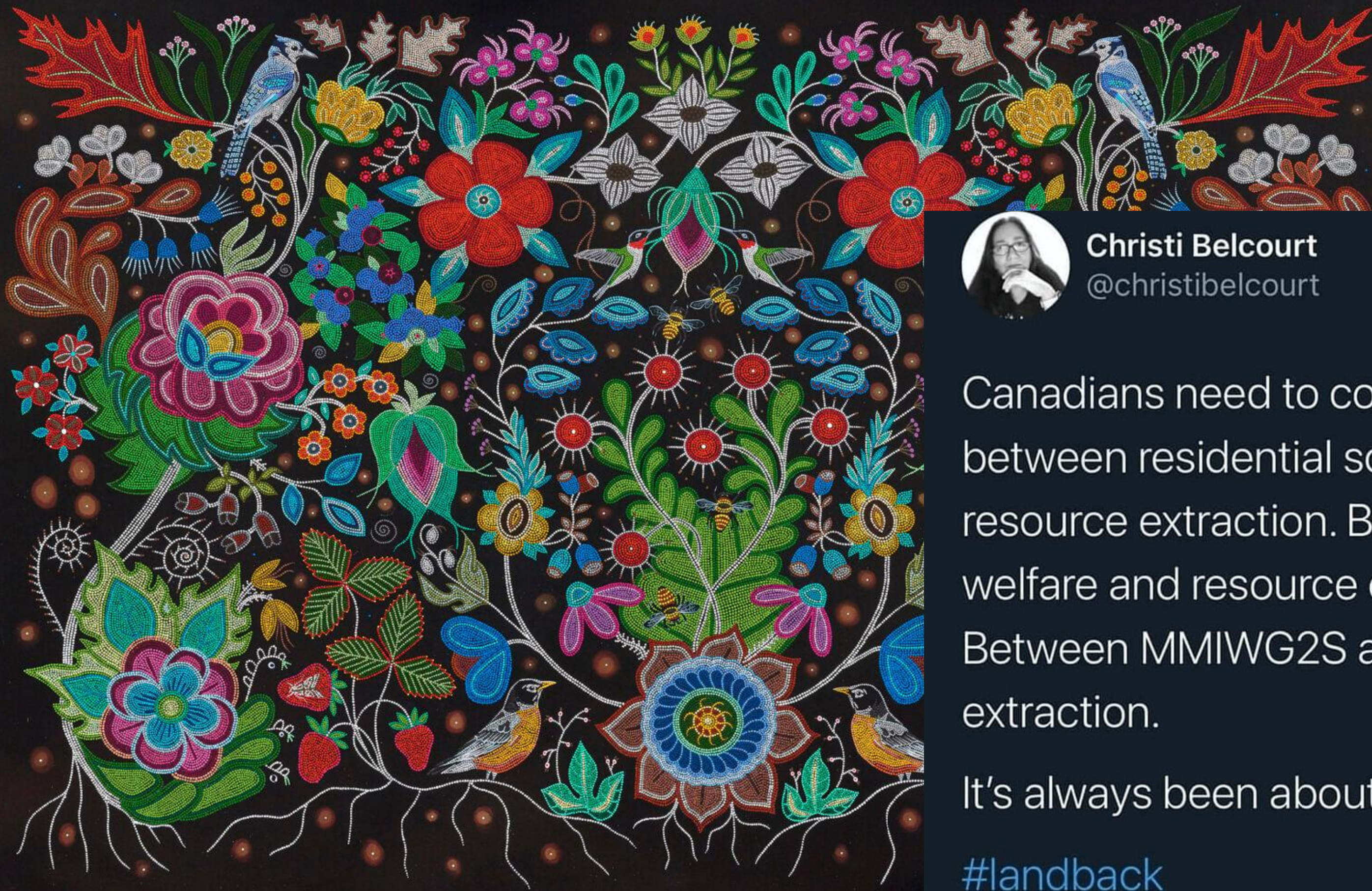
First Nations/Inuit =  
0.5%





Arthur Manuel – Secwépemc





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Canadians need to connect the dots between residential schools and resource extraction. Between child welfare and resource extraction. Between MMIWG2S and resource extraction.

It's always been about the land.

#landback



# TRC

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## 94 Calls to Action



**#93** – Calls for a more inclusive history of diverse Indigenous Peoples of Canada in settlement education and the Canadian citizenship test, including information about Treaties and the history of residential schools.

**#94** – Calls for an update to the citizenship oath to include the acknowledgment of Indigenous presence regarding the existence of Treaties.

**“[W]e are all Treaty people who share  
responsibility for taking action on reconciliation”**

(Truth and Reconciliation Report, 2015, p. 11)

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# NNCTR

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## Who we are

The NNCTR is a national community of practice and knowledge exchange hub providing a collaborative space where diverse members from the newcomer settlement sector come together to advance truth and reconciliation efforts within the sector and support relationship building between Indigenous and newcomers in their local communities.





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## Our Purpose

- Together we learn by sharing resources and opportunities for learning, and by creating spaces for reflection and discussion.
- The NNCTR also exists to promote meaningful action towards reconciliation by encouraging acts of solidarity with Indigenous peoples rooted in the concept of Land Back.
- Together we work to decolonize and re-invent the newcomer settlement sector with Indigenous inclusion, perspectives, and knowledge.





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## Timeline

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**Oct 2022**

What is the Role of the  
Newcomer Serving Sector in  
Truth and Reconciliation

CCVT Presentation

**Nov 2022**

Building Relationships  
with Indigenous  
Communities

Panel Session  
National SAH Conference

**Mar 2023**

First Collective Meeting

**June 2023**  
**Oct 2023**

Advisory Committee  
Recruitment

**Nov 2023**

Renewing Relationships  
with Glocal Lands:  
Exploration of  
Indigenous-Refugee  
Relations with CCVT

Report Launch

**2024**

Grant Applications  
Community Survey  
Website Development  
Advisory Committee  
Meet & Greet

**2025**

3 Years Funding  
Regional Outreach  
Meet & Greet  
National Needs  
Assessment  
Indigenous Advisory  
Council



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## What's Next?

- Establish regionally representative Advisory Committee & Indigenous Advisory Council
  - Conduct National Needs Assessment
  - Online Member Hub – Resource Library, Learning & Training, Event Listings, Calls to Action, Success Stories, Podcast, Indigenous–Migrant stories
  - Webinar Series & Self–Guided Training Modules
  - Social Events & Regional Meetings
  - Conference
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## National Needs Assessment

- **Regional focus groups** with front-line practitioners across Canada to explore lived experiences, cultural perspectives, and community-level challenges related to TRC engagement in settlement and integration work.
- Focus groups complete in BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan/Manitoba, Ontario (2), and Atlantic region with Quebec to come.
- To be followed by **national online survey** and **in-depth interviews with sector leaders and Indigenous people working in the settlement sector**
- **Needs assessment with broader Indigenous community** pending guidance from Indigenous Advisory Council





# Discussion

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# Discussion Questions

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- Who is in the room today?
  - What word comes to mind when you hear the phrase Truth and Reconciliation?
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- How has your organization been involved (if at all) in Truth and Reconciliation work?
  - What challenges/barriers have you encountered when trying to engage in Truth & Reconciliation-related-related work?
  - What kind of training, support, or tools would make you better equipped to undertake to do this work?





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