



## RESPECT ON TREATY LANDS

One of the best ways to show respect to the Indigenous communities you are working with, is through following protocol.

Part of proper protocol is acknowledging the host community, its peoples and First Nation treaty lands at the beginning of a presentation, meeting or event.

## WHAT IS A TREATY?

Treaties in Canada were signed through the Royal Proclamation of 1763 and were agreements between the Canadian Government and Indigenous peoples. Treaties are viewed as being sacred and it is important to acknowledge them. In Alberta, we have three treaties- Treaty 6, 7 and 8.

## TREATY ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Treaty acknowledgements can become personalized, but generally acknowledge the treaty which you stand on and the groups that were here traditionally and still reside in the area. The following are some examples of treaty acknowledgements for the different areas of Alberta.

## KEEP IN MIND

Be aware of the differences between the Nations that reside on Treaties. If you are visiting a Nation, be sure to acknowledge that hosting nation, as well as the treaty acknowledgement and other residing nations on that treaty. Remember that sincerity and relationship is more powerful than words. Please take, alter and personalize the acknowledgements. Treaty acknowledgements are a case by case acknowledgement, differing depending on the Nation you are visiting and area.

### TREATY 6

We [I] respectfully acknowledge that we are located within Treaty 6 territory, and Métis Nation of Alberta Region 4. We acknowledge this land as the traditional home for many Indigenous Peoples including the Cree, Blackfoot, Métis, Nakota Sioux, Dene, Saulteaux, Anishinaabe, Inuit and many others whose histories, languages, and cultures continue to influence our vibrant community.