



Walking Together: Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation in Brantford

Moving at the speed of trust. Co-creating solutions with Indigenous organizations and community members.

The City of Brantford is seeking input from community members to inform the City's ongoing Indigenous relations and reconciliation efforts. This work will outline concrete steps the City can take to respond to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action and acknowledge the City's unique history, including the legacy of the Mohawk Institute Indian Residential School.

This is the beginning of a listening and relationship-building process so the plan reflects Indigenous priorities, voices, and definitions of reconciliation.

WHO IS LEADING THE PROJECT?

Fluid Consulting (Indigenous-Owned, Six Nations of the Grand River) and KLB Consulting are working together with key City staff to design and lead this process. The work is majority Indigenous-led, with guidance from Elders, Knowledge Keepers, Survivors, youth, and community advisors.

HOW WILL WE WORK?

- Indigenous Thought Leadership
- Cultural Safety & Trauma-Informed Practice
- Moving at the Speed of Trust
- Data Sovereignty & Privacy

WHO WILL BE INVITED TO THE TABLE?

We will engage Indigenous rights-holders, Indigenous-serving organizations, and Indigenous residents connected to Brantford, Six Nations of the Grand River, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, including:

- Survivors of the Mohawk Institute, their families, and the Survivors' Secretariat
- Indigenous organizations and service providers in the Brantford-Brant region
- Urban Indigenous residents, youth, 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, and Knowledge Keepers
- Brantford City Council, City of Brantford Senior Leadership Team and staff

Additional partners will be invited based on guidance from Nations and community advisors.

HIGH-LEVEL TIMELINE

- Phase 1: Relationship-Building (fall 2025)
- Phase 2: Community & Partner Engagement (winter-spring 2026)
- Phase 3: "What We Heard" & Validation (spring 2026)
- Phase 4: Draft Recommendations (summer 2026)
- Phase 5: Final Recommendations & Sharing (fall 2026)

WHAT HAPPENS + SAFETY & DATA

What is shared through this process will shape concrete municipal actions (governance, training, timelines, and indicators the City can use) without replacing Nation-to-Nation relationships. Sessions will be Indigenous-led and trauma-informed, with clear consent and the option to step away, and data will be managed under an Indigenous-informed governance approach that respects data sovereignty, privacy, and confidentiality.



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