

# Truth, Reconciliation and Decolonization

Presentation to the Co-operative Housing Federation of BC  
AGM held November 21, 2021  
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# Territory Acknowledgement

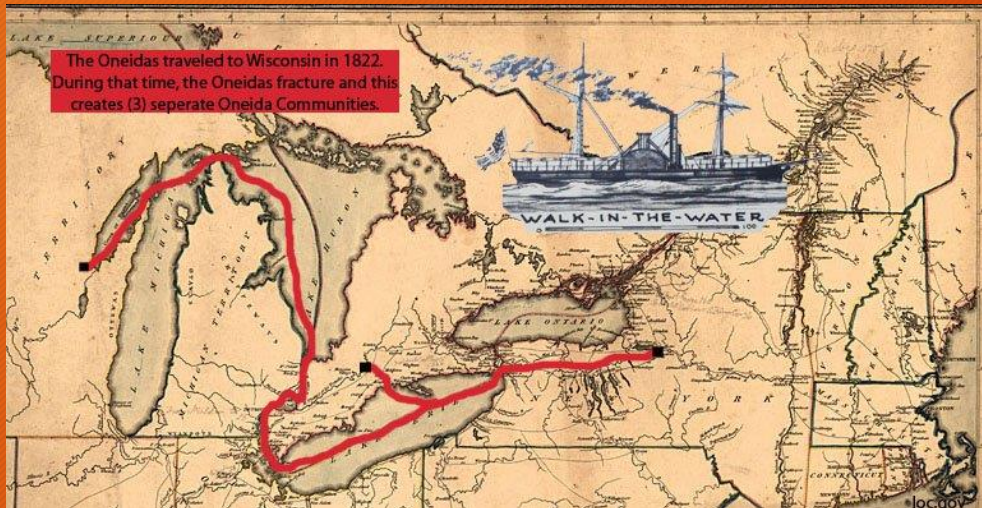
Squamish, Musqueam and Tsleil-Waututh Peoples unceded territory

So much of BC is unceded territory, it is important to recognize the First Nations people whose land we occupy.

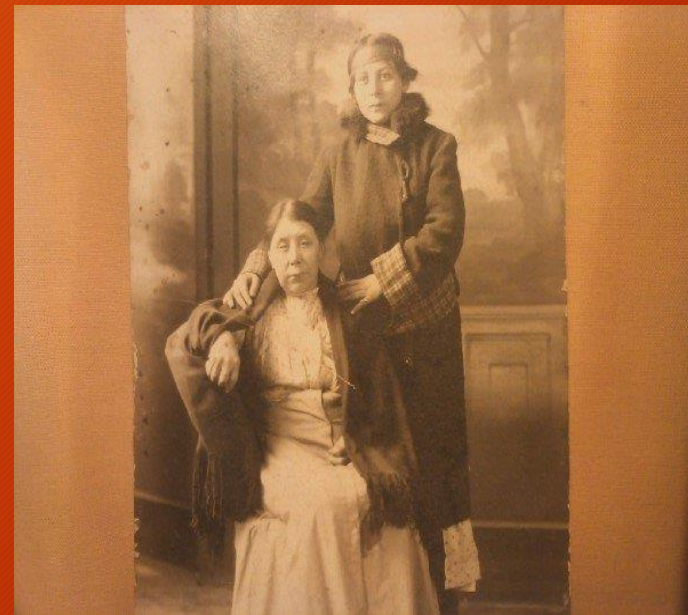
1791 First time BC First Nations lands were being surveyed and on the East Coast it was much earlier times.

# Oneidas originated from New York state

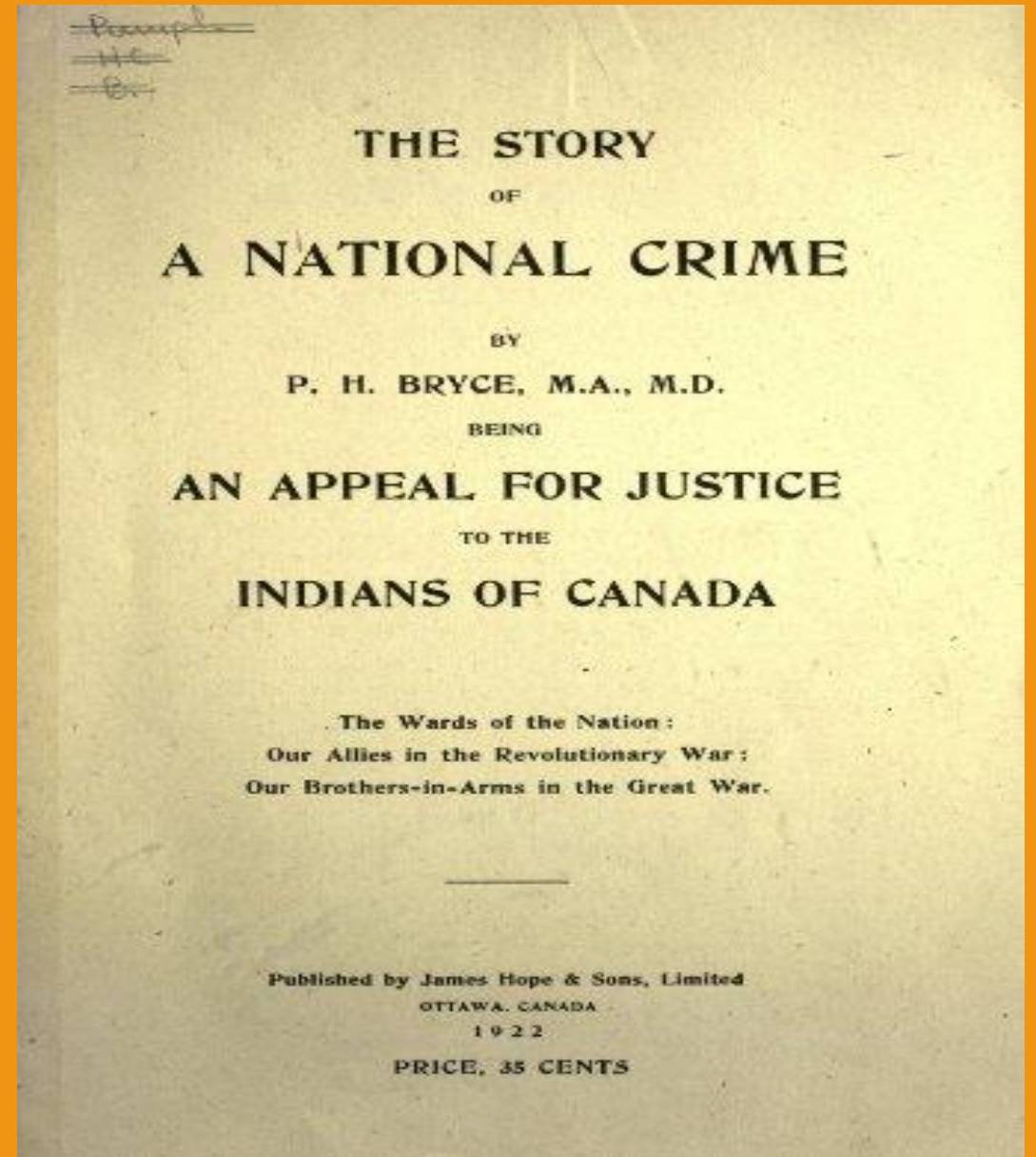
Oneida Nation relocated in 1822 to Wisconsin, and in 1840 to Ontario



Oneidas are a Matriarchal community



In 50 years we went  
from Allies on the  
Battlefield to  
becoming wards of  
the Crown



“We cannot  
reconcile a  
relationship that is  
in active harm”

Rhiannon  
Bennett a  
member of  
Musqueam  
Nation

# KasloCan was developed to help Coops

- Achieve social and environment justice within and beyond our housing co-op, specifically within our Co-op
- To help our co-op to achieve the 7<sup>th</sup> International Co-op Principle of “Concern for Community
- We hope that other co-ops will be inspired to create their own Civic Engagement committees
- We are holding an information session for more information on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm
- Co-ops will be invited to join our committee or develop their own

# Kaslo Gardens Co-operative Action Network



## Gather

Meeting online Zoom meeting monthly  
Email [KasloCAN@gmail.com](mailto:KasloCAN@gmail.com) to register

Next Meeting for the Settler Ally  
Caucus is December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of  
each month

Indigenous Caucus next mtg TBD



## Learn

Civic Engagement on issues such as:  
local history, residential schools, safe  
neighborhoods, climate change,  
poverty, governance issues, supports  
for new comers, co-op movement etc



## Share Our Voices

We have created two Caucuses one  
for Indigenous members and one for  
Settler-Allies both working towards  
truth, reconciliation and  
decolonizing work.

# Settler-Ally and Indigenous Caucus

## Settler-Ally

- Began meeting in October online Zoom
- Members are individuals living within Co-ops located in the lower mainland
- Open to provincial membership
- Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month
- Shari Laliberti facilitates this group

## Indigenous

- Began meeting in October on Zoom
- Members are individuals living within Co-ops located in the lower mainland
- Open to provincial membership
- First meeting put forward a recommendation to CHF BC
- Diana Day facilitate this group



# Indigenous Caucus Recommendation

THAT CHF BC work with Kaslo Gardens Housing Co-op and other interested members to learn more about the lived experience of Indigenous people in housing co-ops in British Columbia.

THAT this work include:

- an examination of the supports (or lack of support) available to Indigenous people experiencing discrimination or racism in co-op communities and the resulting impact on their experience of equity and inclusion in those communities;
- an assessment of the tools, strategies and resources needed to better support Indigenous co-op members as full and equal participants in their co-op communities

We presented this recommendation to CHF BC and were pleased that this recommendation will be addressed by the CHF BC

# Social Justice Issues

- Governance and communication workshops ie) non violent communications and trauma informed community building
- Anti-Racism committee - it affects us all
- Environmental justice issues - piloting an e-cargo bike co-op
- Dedicate 5% of our co-op units to youth aging out of care
- Developing a mutual aid hub to promote neighbourhood based community organizing, aligned with CHF BC Active Community Resilience Initiative
- All of which is grounded in decolonization work

# Kaslo Gardens Mission includes

“Embracing all people regardless of age, culture, disability, gender, lifestyle, sexual orientation, religion/creed or income”

“Living in harmony with each other, our Community, and our Environment”

“Being responsible stewards of the environment and choosing to implement environmentally sound practices in order to contribute to the health of our Community and our planet”

# Kaslo CAN Committee - Mandate

- Coordinate educational events regarding the cooperative economic movement and social and environmental justice issues
- Coordinate educational events to support capacity among Kaslo members in inclusive community decision making processes and community organizing to address social and environmental justice issues within and beyond our co-operative

# Decolonizing our Co-ops

- Implementing territory acknowledgements before meetings
- Actively recruiting First Nations, Metis and Inuit co-op members
- Recruit First Nations, Metis and Inuit members to your board of directors and have First Nations, Metis and Inuit members on each committee.
- Join Kaslo CAN
- Implement education workshops on Truth and Reconciliation
- Allocating a percentage of units to First Nations, Metis and Inuit
- Other Ways???

# Pacific Association of First Nations Women

## Champions Against Racism

to provide training for Settler-Allies and also for Indigenous people

- Register at [www.pafnw.ca](http://www.pafnw.ca) or contact [info@pafnw.ca](mailto:info@pafnw.ca)

## Survey Every Day Discrimination

- Collecting voices of Indigenous Women
- On our website and also on our Facebook Page at PAFNW
- Follow us on Twitter

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Thank you for listening