



Town of Penetanguishene
Framework
To Truth & Reconciliation

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Land Acknowledgement

Penetanguishene respectfully acknowledges that we are on the traditional and Treaty territory of the Anishinabek people and their ancestors, now known as the Williams Treaties First Nations territory. This includes Chippewa Tri-Council comprised of Beausoleil First Nation, Rama First Nation, and the Georgina Island First Nation, Alderville, Curve Lake, Hiawatha and Mississauga's of Scugog Island First Nations. Also, once the home of the Huron-Wendat and more recently the historic settlement of the Métis, Penetanguishene is now home to many Indigenous peoples.

Penetanguishene is proud of its Indigenous name (Penetanguishene is an Algonquin name devised by the Abenaki tribe meaning "place of the white rolling sands") and more importantly, that for thousands of years it has been and will continue to be an important homeland and gathering place for Indigenous people. We recognize that we are the stewards and caretakers of these lands and waters, and are responsible to ensure that our Mother, the earth, is here for future generations.



Introduction

The Framework to Truth & Reconciliation will guide the Town of Penetanguishene in strengthening relationships with Indigenous Peoples and acknowledging its responsibilities as a municipality located on the traditional lands of the Anishinabek people and their ancestors.

This Framework affirms the Town's commitment to reconciliation in a way that reflects local history, community values, and shared aspirations for the future. Its direction is grounded in the principles and guidance of:

- the [United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples \(UNDRIP\)](#) *
- the [Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action](#)
- the [Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Indigenous Reconciliation Action Plan \(IRAP\)](#)

The Framework also draws on the Town of Penetanguishene's [20-Year Community-Based Strategic Plan](#) to ensure that reconciliatory actions are meaningfully integrated into ongoing municipal goals and decision-making.

*As per Call to Action 43: We call upon federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal governments to fully adopt and implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as the framework for reconciliation.



Vision, Mission and Pillars

» Vision

Penetanguishene is a community where Indigenous and nonindigenous peoples live together in respect, understanding, and shared responsibility for the land and waters. Guided by the Town's values, we envision a community rooted in truth and reconciliation, where every person feels valued, connected, and able to thrive.

» Mission

The Town of Penetanguishene is committed to meaningful reconciliation through listening, learning, and acting in partnership with Indigenous Organizations. We work to honour Indigenous rights, histories, and cultures; support community well-being and building a safe, inclusive, and sustainable future for all residents.

» Pillars

- Self Determination, Participation & Partnership
- Cultural Revitalization, Language Rights & Heritage Protection
- Education, Awareness & Public Understanding
- Economic Participation, Tourism & Community Development
- Respect for Land, Place & Environmental Relationships



Truth & Reconciliation Action in Recent Years

Since 2021 the Town of Penetanguishene has taken steps towards reconciliation, honouring the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation yearly on and around September 30. Each year the Town honours Orange Shirt Day, staff are encouraged to wear orange and Every Child Matters flags are lowered to half mast at Townhall. The following is an overview of additional initiatives the Town has engaged in yearly.

- Staff were offered free registration to an online course, 4 Seasons of Reconciliation, offered by RBC in partnership with First Nations University of Canada and Reconciliation Education.

2021

2022

- Beausoleil First Nation and the Georgian Bay Métis Council were invited to participate in the inaugural meeting of Council.
- Terms of Reference for the Community Wellbeing and Accessibility Advisory Committee membership inclusive of a member of the public representing the Indigenous community.
- Public art piece “Sans Souci” added to Poyntz Street and Main Street intersection. Descriptive plaque includes English, French & Michif with space for additional indigenous translations.



Truth & Reconciliation Action in Recent Years

- Participation in Community events:
 - The Culture Alliance in the Heart of Georgian Bay's Indigenous Art & Culture Week
 - Metis 101 presentation by the Georgian Bay Metis Council
 - Saint Marie Among the Hurons Truth and Reconciliation Programming
- The Town of Penetanguishene offered guided walking tours for staff through Rotary Champlain Wendat Park, learning about indigenous history in Penetanguishene.
- The Town of Penetanguishene formally released its Official Land Acknowledgement.
- Representation from the Georgian Bay Métis Council included on the Town Dock Technical Advisory Committee.

2023

2024

- Walking tours were again offered to staff, with an emphasis on new staff participation.
- Town staff were offered 2 options to participate in:
 - Virtual – Woodland Cultural Centre Presentation "Truth and Reconciliation", examining the tragic history of the residential school system.
 - In Person – Ceremonial Smudging and Prayer, in partnership with the Town of Midland, this event took place in person at Little Lake Park Pavillion.

- Walking tours were once again offered.
- The Town of Penetanguishene, in collaboration with the Town of Midland and the Georgian Bay Native Women's Association (GBNWA), hosted a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation ceremony at the Amphitheatre and collected hygiene products and toiletries for the GBNWA.

2025

High Level Summary

This high-level summary outlines the truth and reconciliation objectives that correspond with each of the five pillars, furthered described in no particular order within the Framework. Some objectives are encompassed by multiple pillars, and as such appear multiple times below.



Consultation, Participation & Partnership

- Meaningful Engagement and Consultation
- Cultural Tourism Initiatives: Town Passport, ½ Day, Full Day Trip Itineraries
- Enhance Existing Land Acknowledgement



Cultural Revitalization, Language Rights & Heritage Protection

- Cultural Languages in Marketing and Communications
- Penetanguishene Day/Event
- Place-naming initiatives using Indigenous names
- Commemorative Crosswalk



Education, Awareness & Public Understanding

- Staff Training
- Indigenous Athlete Highlight – Sports Hall of Fame
- Cultural Languages and in Marketing and Communications
- Penetanguishene Day/Event
- Cultural Public Art and Displays



Economic Participation, Tourism & Community Development

- Cultural Tourism Initiatives: Town Passport, ½ Day, Full Day Trip Itineraries
- Tourist Information Centre: Indigenous Creator Spotlight



Respect for Land, Place & Environmental Relationships

- Place-naming initiatives using Indigenous names
- Enhance Existing Land Acknowledgement

Truth & Reconciliation Objective 1: Meaningful Engagement and Consultation

The Town of Penetanguishene can strengthen meaningful, ongoing relationships with Indigenous partners by hosting annual consultation and engagement sessions with Beausoleil First Nation, the Georgian Bay Métis Council, and the Georgian Bay Native Women’s Association, and by continuing dialogue on relevant items between meetings.

These sessions can be held in the partner communities, with key staff members attending based on agenda items, to help reduce barriers to engaging and to demonstrate the Town’s commitment to listening and consultation. This approach supports Truth and Reconciliation by creating consistent space for Indigenous voices to inform municipal priorities, improving transparency and accountability, and helping educate the broader community about Town initiatives in a way that is guided by Indigenous perspectives and lived experience.

Action

- Engage in annual consultation and engagement sessions with Indigenous Partners.
- Continue to consult Indigenous Partners on relevant items outside of the bi-annual meetings.

Objective Alignment

| Town of Penetanguishene 20 Year Community-Based Strategic Plan | Association of Municipalities of Ontario’s Indigenous Reconciliation Action Plan | Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action | United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples |
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| Theme 6, Objective 4 | 1. Respectful Relations & Engagement 3. Indigenous Inclusion in Municipal Decision-Making | #43 | Articles 18, 19 |

Truth & Reconciliation Objective 2: Enhance Existing Land Acknowledgement

In January 2023, the Town of Penetanguishene formally released the Official Land Acknowledgement. This was an important step in the process of reconciliation, with the Town proudly displaying it on large wall plaques in all Town facilities, reading it aloud to begin all Council meetings, as well as making it available on the Town website. The goal of Truth & Reconciliation Objective 2, is to enhance the existing Land Acknowledgement, making it accessible in other formats for the community.

Action

- Enhance the existing Official Land Acknowledgement, with the creation of a video version of the Official Land Acknowledgement. This video should showcase Penetanguishene’s Indigenous peoples, Indigenous heritage locations and other aspects of the local Indigenous culture (ex. Language).

Objective Alignment

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| Theme 3 – Objective 1 Theme 3 – Objective 2 | 1. Respectful Relations & Engagement 3. Indigenous Inclusion in Municipal Decision Making 5. Land Stewardship & Environmental Collaboration | #43 #79 | Articles 8, 11, 12, 25 |

Truth & Reconciliation Objective 3: Staff Training

In 2015, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission published the 94 Calls to Action document. Call to Action 57 specifically called upon all levels of government to “provide education to public servants on the history of Aboriginal peoples, including the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, Indigenous law, and Aboriginal–Crown relations...” The Canadian Government has created a learning resource guide which offers information on all topics outlined in the Call to Action.

In 2021, Penetanguishene offered Town Staff access to Reconciliation Education: 4 Seasons of Reconciliation. This e-learning course covers 10 modules related to Reconciliation and offers a certificate of completion to add to employee files. This course could be utilized in the expansion of mandatory staff training in Reconciliation.

In 2021 & 2022 Town Staff were offered the opportunity to participate in “Foundations of Indigenous Cultural Competency” with (Wabunnoongakekwe) Kelly Brownbill. The training offered an introductory foundation to an examination of First Nation/Aboriginal Issues in Canada with a purpose of providing participants with tools to establish healthy and viable relationships with First Nation/Aboriginal communities and customers.

Action

- Continue to implement and operationalize the service excellence strategy (internal and external).
 - Priority of the strategy: Active Listening & Empath Training, directly correlates to reconciliation education and training.
- Engage all Town staff in mandatory training in Truth and Reconciliation, in alignment with Call to Action 57.
- Incorporate Truth and Reconciliation education and training into new hire orientation.
- Continue to engage all Town staff in education specific to Penetanguishene’s Indigenous history with initiatives like the walking tours for National Truth and Reconciliation Day.

Truth & Reconciliation Objective 3: Staff Training

Objective Alignment

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| Theme 6 – Objective 1, Action 3 | 2. Indigenous Cultural Awareness & Understanding | #57 | Articles 15, 21, 22 |



Truth & Reconciliation Objective 4: Indigenous Athlete Highlight – Sports Hall of Fame

In the Calls to Action, #87 calls for all levels of government “in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, sports halls of fame, and other relevant organizations, to provide public education that tells the national story of Aboriginal athletes in history.”

The Penetanguishene Sports Hall of Fame has inducted 91 athletes since 1987, with no clear indication that any of these athletes are Indigenous. The Penetanguishene Sports Hall of Fame agrees to the following action items.

Action

- Induct local Indigenous athletes into the Sports Hall of Fame.
- Review previous inductees for indigenous relations to be honoured in their representation in the Sports Hall of Fame, when able.
- For future inductees, include space on the application form to indicate if the athlete is Indigenous.
- Create exhibits in the Sports Hall of Fame that share the history of Indigenous sport and recreation in Penetanguishene.

Objective Alignment

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| Theme 4 – Objective 1 | 2. Indigenous Cultural Awareness & Understanding | #87 | Articles 15, 31 |

Truth & Reconciliation Objective 5: Place naming initiatives using Indigenous Language

The Town of Penetanguishene Heritage Street Naming Policy provides appropriate names which recognize the history of the community and include a variety of significant persons and geographic locations, to be used in the street naming process. The current street name inventory is quite lengthy, with limited representation of indigenous peoples, language, and locations. There is opportunity to provide Indigenous partners with the opportunity to add to the street name inventory. There is also opportunity to utilize the names endorsed by Indigenous partners for other developments, such as parks and trails.

Action

- Protect and promote the unique culture of Penetanguishene through heritage designation landmarks, buildings, and sites across Penetanguishene to further tell the story of the Town and its history.
- Propose a list of indigenous names (to be added to the Town’s street name inventory), to the Town’s Indigenous partners for feedback, prioritizing the use of indigenous names in upcoming developments.
- Prioritize the use of indigenous names in the naming of new parks and trails.

Objective Alignment

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| Theme 3 – Objective 1, Action 1 | 1. Respectful Relations & Engagement 3. Indigenous Inclusion in Municipal Decision Making 5. Land Stewardship & Environmental Collaboration | #79 | Articles 13, 15 |

Truth & Reconciliation Objective 6: Cultural Tourism Initiatives: Town Passport, ½ Day, Full Day Trip Itineraries

Cultural Tourism Initiatives, like Town Passports, ½ and Full day itineraries are tools that guide people to different places in a community, encouraging them to explore local history, businesses, and cultural sites. When designed with Indigenous partners, they can support Truth and Reconciliation by sharing accurate Indigenous history, highlighting Indigenous landmarks and artists, and supporting Indigenous owned- businesses. They also help people learn about the land and its stories in a simple, engaging way, creating opportunities for reflection, understanding, and stronger community connections.

The Town of Penetanguishene Community-Based Strategic Plan has outlined a need for the creation of these initiatives. By including Indigenous items in these initiatives, provides a Reconciliatory lens on an existing goal of the Town.

Action

- Develop marketing initiatives that would encourage people to discover different areas of Penetanguishene (e.g., a Town passport).
 - Incorporate indigenous heritage locations as points of interest within the Town.
- Develop single day and multi-day opportunities here, from “start to finish”, providing visitors with clear itinerary options.
 - An example could be a “History Half Day” including locations from the Town’s existing walking tour.



Truth & Reconciliation Objective 6: Cultural Tourism Initiatives: Town Passport, ½ Day, Full Day Trip Itineraries

Objective Alignment

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| Theme 3 – Objective 1, Action 2 Theme 5 – Objective 1, Action 4 | 3. Indigenous Inclusion in Municipal Decision Making 4. Economic Reconciliation & Community Development | #92 | Articles 20, 21, 23, 32 |



Truth & Reconciliation Objective 7: Commemorative Crosswalk

Commemorative crosswalks are created to honour local history and culture, in a public way. These crosswalks make public spaces feel more welcoming and meaningful. They also help educate residents and visitors by integrating storytelling into everyday spaces.

The Town can choose a relevant location to commemorate Truth and Reconciliation with a crosswalk, as part of the ongoing Crosswalk Plan, engaging with Indigenous organizations in the design and creation process. The images below are examples of two crosswalks created in (left) Kamloops BC and (right) Edmonton AB.



Action

- Create a commemorative crosswalk to honour Truth and Reconciliation as part of the ongoing Crosswalk Plan.

Objective Alignment

| Town of Penetanguishene 20 Year Community-Based Strategic Plan | Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Indigenous Reconciliation Action Plan | Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action | United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples |
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| Theme 3 – Objective 2 | 2. Indigenous Cultural Awareness & Understanding | #80 | Articles 7, 8, 15 |

Truth & Reconciliation Objective 8: Cultural Languages in Marketing and Communications

Penetanguishene’s cultural languages are French, Ojibwe/Anishinaabemowin, and Metis (Michif), each representative of a key cultural group in the Town’s history. The Francophone community in Penetanguishene is one of the highest in population in Central and Southwestern Ontario. The Town’s name Penetanguishene comes from Ojibwe/Abenaki roots, meaning “place of the white rolling sands”. The Town is also home to one of the oldest Metis communities, formed largely after 1828 Drummond Island migration.

Highlighting Penetanguishene’s cultural languages helps the town celebrate its diverse roots and make everyone feel included. It shows pride in the community’s identity and helps visitors understand its unique heritage. It also supports reconciliation by giving proper visibility to Indigenous and other cultural languages and stories in public messaging.

Action

- Implement targeted marketing and communications to highlight Penetanguishene’s cultural languages.
 - Stories and interviews with community members
 - Language Spotlight (e.g., “Word of the Week” in French and Michif)
 - Video Features on cultural traditions and history
 - Interactive Maps highlighting cultural landmarks

Objective Alignment

| Town of Penetanguishene 20 Year Community-Based Strategic Plan | Association of Municipalities of Ontario’s Indigenous Reconciliation Action Plan | Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action | United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples |
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| Theme 3 – Objective 2, Action 1 | 2. Indigenous Cultural Awareness & Understanding | #13 #14 | Articles 13, 14, 15 |

Truth & Reconciliation Objective 9: Penetanguishene Day/Event

Penetanguishene, as evidence throughout the Framework, has a rich history, bringing together many cultures into one community. Creating a yearly Penetanguishene inspired event would honour all parts of the Town’s identity, uplift the cultures represented in the town today, and ensure Indigenous voices and traditions are included in future celebrations.

Action

- Celebrate the Town’s heritage, languages, and cultures by establishing an annual Penetanguishene inspired ‘Day’ and/or event.

Objective Alignment

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| Theme 3 – Objective 2, Action 4 | 1. Respectful Relations & Engagement 4. Economic Reconciliation & Community Development | #79 #83 | Articles 11, 15 |



Truth & Reconciliation Objective 10: Tourist Information Centre: Indigenous Creator Spotlight

The Tourist Information Centre (TIC) is a hub in the Town of Penetanguishene. The TIC should be representative of the Town’s history and culture, including that of our Indigenous Peoples. Currently some souvenir items are available for sale in the TIC, currently limited to Penetanguishene and “Living the Dream” branded items.

The Town can engage with local Indigenous creators and artists to offer a space where Indigenous souvenirs that are representative of the area can be sold in addition to what is currently available.

Action

- Engage local indigenous creators and artists to sell local made souvenirs representative of Penetanguishene’s Indigenous roots in the Tourist Information Centre.



Objective Alignment

| Town of Penetanguishene 20 Year Community-Based Strategic Plan | Association of Municipalities of Ontario’s Indigenous Reconciliation Action Plan | Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action | United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples |
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| Theme 3 – Objective 1 | 4. Economic Reconciliation & Community Development | #92 | Article 20, 21 |

Truth & Reconciliation Objective 11: Cultural Public Art and Displays

The Town of Penetanguishene has invested in many culturally significant art installations, including “Kitchikewana” (top left), a statue of a Huron-Wendat warrior giant, “The Meeting” (top right), a statue of Chief Aenon of the Huron Wendat and Samuel de Champlain, “Sans Souci” (bottom left) symbolizing the Town’s Indigenous and Francophone cultures, and “Place of the Rolling Sands” (bottom right) sculpture. Public artwork such as these is a way for the Town to acknowledge history and honour the cultural roots of the area, while prioritizing Indigenous perspectives and stories in shared spaces. The Town of Penetanguishene should continue to engage in prioritizing culturally significant public art and displays.



Truth & Reconciliation Objective 11: Cultural Public Art and Displays

Another way to keep reconciliation visible in the community is by displaying signage that highlights the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada’s Calls to Action. Publicly sharing the Calls to Action reinforces the Town’s commitment to accountability, and learning, while educating residents, visitors, and staff, to understand the responsibilities all levels of government have in reconciliation. This directly responds to multiple Calls to Action, requesting increased public education and awareness.

Action

- Develop and display signage indicating the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action, in municipal facilities.
- Continue to collaborate with Indigenous partners to create culturally relevant public art displays.
- Create Public Art Policy that requires Indigenous consultation and favours Indigenous story telling.

Objective Alignment

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| Theme 3 – Objective 2 | 2. Indigenous Cultural Awareness & Understanding | #79 #83 | Article 11, 15 |

Funding Opportunities

The Framework has identified three potential funding sources for truth and reconciliation Based actions, outlined below.

Trans Canada Trail Catalyst Fund

Indigenous Knowledge and Trails Fund. Eligible projects include indigenous led (or carried out by a non-indigenous group in close partnership with Indigenous community) projects off the Trans Canada Trail, that support Indigenous reconciliation and amplify Indigenous presence, history, knowledge and culture. Will fund 50% of eligible projects, up to a maximum of \$10,000.

Commemorate Canada

Commemorating the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Fund. This federal grant program provides funding (up to a maximum of \$10,000 per organization) to eligible recipients for initiatives that increase awareness and commemorate the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (September 30). Application opens yearly in November, to apply for the following year.

The Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund

The Reconciliation Action grants stream will support reconciliation activities, events, and initiatives in communities that contribute to cultural revitalization, elevate Indigenous culture, languages, and traditions, increase understanding between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples, or other grassroots initiatives that move reconciliation forward. Applications are accepted quarterly.

In Summary

While The Framework has been created to guide future actions of the Town of Penetanguishene towards truth and reconciliation, it is important that the Town continues with existing initiatives, including honouring orange shirt day, lowering flags to half mast, offering Truth and Reconciliation Day events to the community in partnership with neighbouring municipalities and local indigenous organizations, and teaching staff and community members about Penetanguishene's rich indigenous culture and history through walking tours.

Implementation Plan

| Objective | Lead | Timing | Comments |
|--|--|------------------|--|
| 1. Meaningful Engagement and Consultation | Corporate Services | 2027 and ongoing | |
| 2. Enhance Existing Land Acknowledgement | Legislative Services | 2028 | |
| 3. Staff Training | Corporate Services | Ongoing | |
| 4. Indigenous Athlete Highlight - Sports Hall of Fame | Recreation and Community Services | Ongoing | -One inductee's biography to be updated to include Indigenous heritage |
| 5. Place naming initiatives using Indigenous Language | Planning | 2027 and ongoing | -Add to 2027 workplan for the Museum and Heritage Committee |
| 6. Cultural Tourism Initiatives: Town Passport, ½ Day, Full Day Trip Itineraries | Recreation and Community Services | 2028-2032 | |
| 7. Commemorative Crosswalk | Transportation and Environmental Services | 2026 | |

Implementation Plan

| Objective | Lead | Timing | Comments |
|--|---|------------------|--|
| 8. Cultural Languages in Marketing and Communications | Legislative Services | 2028-2033 | |
| 9. Penetanguishene Day/Event | Recreation and Community Services | 2028-2032 | |
| 10. Tourist Information Centre: Indigenous Creator Spotlight | Recreation and Community Services | 2027 | |
| 11. Cultural Public Art and Displays | Planning & Recreation and Community Services | 2028 and ongoing | -Build on existing -subject to funding availability |