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## BOARD OF GOVERNORS POLICY

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The Board recognizes the need, as an act of good faith in government-to-government consultation and strengthened relationships, in the spirit of reconciliation and observance of protocol, to acknowledge First Nations traditional territory at relevant events and activities. The Board recognizes that as a regional college with locations in a large geographic area that public acknowledgements of First Nations traditional and ancestral territory needs to be inclusive and respectful of each nation's definitions of their specific territories where they include all or part of the Selkirk College region.

The general statement for the Board and employees for territorial acknowledgement follows the basic wording of:

*Selkirk College acknowledges the traditional territories of the First Nations of the West Kootenay and Boundary regions: the Sinixt (Lakes), the Syilx (Okanagan), the Ktunaxa, and the Secwépemc (Shuswap) peoples. The mountains, rivers, lakes, and lands of these territories have sustained life and human communities since time immemorial. Learning and education have been part of this land for millennia. Selkirk College is grateful to the keepers of these territories where we live and learn, and the wisdom and beauty that surrounds us.*