

Acknowledgement

At CN, we respectfully acknowledge that our railway was built and continues to operate across many traditional territories and Treaty areas of Indigenous Peoples throughout Canada.

In Canada, CN's network operates within or adjacent to more than 220 reserve lands of nearly 130 First Nations and Metis communities.

We are grateful for the privilege of working and residing on these lands and recognize and honour their original people who have served as the traditional stewards of the land and the water that runs through it.

As noted in Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission final report: "[...] reconciliation is about establishing and maintaining a mutually respectful relationship between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples in this country. In order for that to happen, there has to be awareness of the past, acknowledgement of the harm that has been inflicted, atonement for the causes, and action to change behaviour."

CN acknowledges the past and present-day injustices that Indigenous Peoples have faced and continue to face. We also acknowledge the complex history of railways and the role they played as instruments of colonial policies, as well as the intergenerational economic, cultural, and social effects that these policies have had on Indigenous communities. The construction and operation of the railways in Canada have affected the land and its original people, their cultures, traditions, and ways of life.

That reality inspires and grounds our commitment to reconciliation. Today, we offer this acknowledgment to affirm our commitment to engage and foster strong, respectful, and mutually beneficial relationships and to improve our own understanding of local Indigenous Peoples and their unique cultures.