



SHSC Land Acknowledgement

This statement is read aloud at SHSC Steering Committee meetings and open, public meetings such as General Meetings and events like our Candidates' Forum or Awards Reception.

SHSC acknowledges that we are a coalition of coalitions who support people living on the unceded, traditional lands of the Coast Salish peoples, whose ancestors have lived here since Time Immemorial. We recognize that we and our members are part of a colonialist system that continues to oppress Indigenous peoples and that we serve communities on lands governed by the 1855 Treaty of Point Elliott, a treaty that has not been wholly honored.

This acknowledgement does not take the place of authentic relationships with Indigenous communities but serves as one step in honoring the peoples and long history of the land we are on. SHSC is committed to advancing public policy for Indigenous rights and supporting Indigenous peoples who live in this place today from near and far- alive and strong- to reach their full potential.

In addition, in lieu of rent for the land we operate on, SHSC offers human services agencies or programs which are Indigenous-led or focused exemption from the requirement to pay SHSC annual membership dues in order to be a member. SHSC also actively seeks public policy changes supported by our Indigenous members that will help people reach their full potential, to which SHSC could add our support.

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