

Defining Pathways to Reconciliation

EAST

- 1763 Royal Proclamation and 1764 Treaty of Niagara (confirming the Proclamation) – sharing the land and wealth
- 1867 Confederation – beginning of loss of land and wealth

SOUTH

- 1876 Indian Act – colonial legislation that continues to control First Nation lives
- 1983 Penner Report – first major study that advocates for “land back”

WEST

- 1996 Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples (RCAP) – landmark six-year study
- 1996 Sharing the Harvest: The Road to Self-Reliance, Report of the National Round Table on Aboriginal Economic Development and Resources
- 2007 Ipperwash Commission – Ontario’s version of RCAP

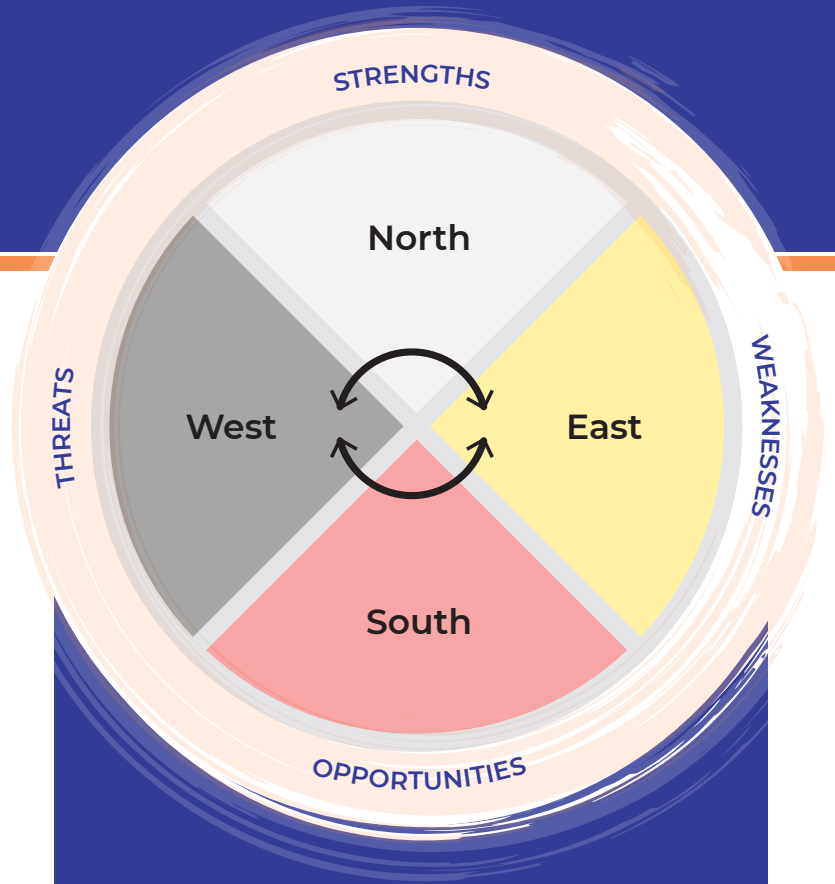
NORTH

- 2015 Truth and Reconciliation Commission – 94 Calls to Action mostly unfulfilled
- 2018 Urban Indigenous Action Plan
- 2019 Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Inquiry – no federal response to date

Red = Federal Green = Provincial

Things You Need to Know

- Overall an astonishing 256 years has passed between the ‘birth’ of Canada/Relationship with Indigenous Peoples, to the current dates/issues
- 44 cycles of government have passed with no resolution to Indigenous issues in Canada
- Most Treaties based on sharing of land and resources, but the government has mainly adhered to the original amounts in Treaties without taking into account GDP for Indigenous Peoples
- Ongoing sidestepping of Indigenous issues has created mistrust
- Currently misinformation is the basis for bias/ racism in Canada when it comes to monetary obligations of the Crown
- Most programs on reserve are not funded appropriately as compared to off-reserve



As you participate in OMSSA’s Forum, please refer back to the SWOT analysis and questions. A summary report will be created and shared with members that can be used as a tool for municipalities to enhance their relationships with Indigenous communities.

Strengths: What are the strengths you feel your department or organization possesses that could strengthen and set a strong direction for Reconciliation in the next 10 years?

Weaknesses: What are the weaknesses you feel your department or organization must address for Reconciliation to continue in the next 10 years?

Opportunities: What are the opportunities you feel your department or organization can take advantage of to ensure success?

Threats: What are some of the threats faced by your department or organization that can disrupt this work?



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