



Keeping Current: Indigenous Relations and Auditing

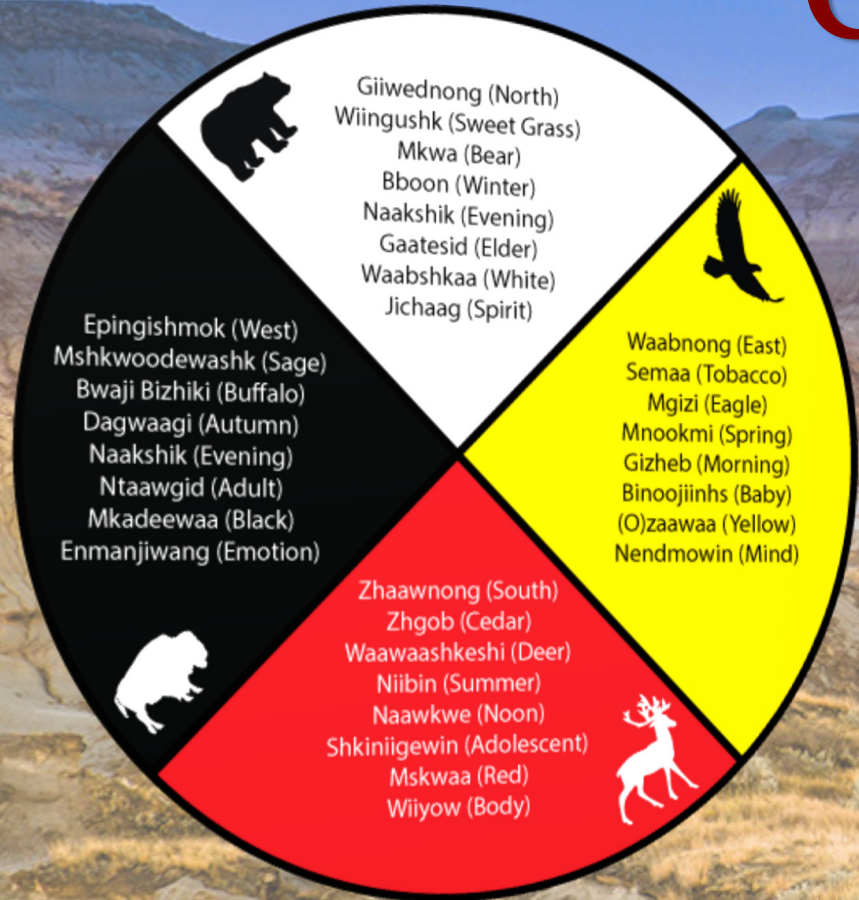
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The Canadian-Indigenous Context



- ❖ Over 600 Indigenous governments and bands within Canada
 - ❖ 1/3 in British Columbia
- ❖ 1.7 million, 5% of Canada's population
- ❖ First Nations, Inuit, and Métis
- ❖ Immense diversity in language, culture, art, and social structures
- ❖ Holistic-minded



Colonization's Impact

- ❖ Disease, land theft, forced assimilation, and cultural genocide
- ❖ Residential schools
- ❖ Socioeconomic gaps
 - ❖ Income, education, health, justice





Indigenous Worldviews & Auditing

- ❖ Our mandate: serving all British Columbians
- ❖ Our experiences
- ❖ Tripartite complexities
- ❖ Worldviews, self-determination, and nation-to-nation relations





Our Steps

- ❖ Embracing the social and political landscape
 - ❖ *The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples & The Truth & Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action*
- ❖ Indigenous Relations Strategy
 - ❖ Guidance
 - ❖ Training
 - ❖ Communications
 - ❖ Events
- ❖ Aboriginal Youth Intern
- ❖ Cultural Awareness → Cultural Agility → Cultural Safety



The background of the slide is a photograph of a vast field of tall grasses under a dramatic sunset sky. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the scene. A small hummingbird is captured in flight on the right side of the image. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and blue. On the right side of the slide, there are several overlapping, semi-transparent geometric shapes in shades of yellow, orange, and red, creating a modern, abstract design element.

Indigenous Auditor General: A Way Forward

- ❖ Auditing autonomy
- ❖ Auditing through an Indigenous lens
- ❖ Indigenous perspectives fully valued and embraced



Territorial Acknowledgments

- ❖ **What** are they?
 - ❖ Recognition + Commitment
- ❖ **Why** are they important?
 - ❖ Historical & Legal Context + Reconciliation
- ❖ **How** do I say them?
 - ❖ 5 Do's (Genuine, Specific, Researched, Initiation, Recognition)
 - ❖ 5 Don't's (Formulaic, Vague, Repetitive, TA ≠ TW, Perfection)
- ❖ **Where** do I say them?
- ❖ **When** do I say them?





Thank-you.



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