

**COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIP MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
(the "Accord")**

between

THE MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
AS REPRESENTED BY ITS CHIEF AND COUNCIL ("MCFN")

and

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF CALEDON ("CALEDON")

This Accord is made this 28 day of October, 2022 (the "Effective Date"), between MCFN and Caledon (the "Parties").

WHEREAS,

1. MCFN is an Indigenous community within the meaning of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples ("UNDRIP"), and an Aboriginal people within the meaning of section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.
2. MCFN directly descends from the Mississaugas of the Credit River—an Anishinabek people—who entered into a number of treaties with the Crown between 1781 and 1820 with respect to large parts of MCFN's traditional territory.
3. MCFN's treaties are solemn agreements establishing a constitutional relationship, obligations and duties between MCFN and the Crown, in right of both Canada and Ontario. These treaties cover much of what is today considered the Greater Golden Horseshoe of southern Ontario, including the lands on which the Town of Caledon now sits. A map of MCFN's Territory ("Territory") is attached as Schedule A.
4. The treaties between MCFN and the Crown are the only treaties that exist within this Territory. While the area is now home to many people, including other Indigenous communities and governments, MCFN are the only treaty rights holders in the Territory.
5. MCFN's relationship to its Territory is central to its identity as an Anishinaabe people. For countless generations, this Territory has sustained MCFN—from the fish in the rivers and lakes, the animals in the forests, and the plants in the fields.
6. MCFN has a responsibility, bestowed by the Creator, to care for the lands and waters of its Territory so that the current and future generations of MCFN's community can continue to sustain and be sustained by it.
7. The objective of this Accord is to establish a constructive, collaborative and mutually beneficial and respectful relationship between the Parties
8. The Town of Caledon is a municipality in the southeastern part of MCFN's Territory in the Greater Toronto Area whose inhabitants are incorporated as a body corporate pursuant to the Ontario *Municipal Act, 2001*.
9. Caledon's Council intends to make Caledon one of the most livable and sustainable mixed urban and rural communities in Canada, and is guided by the principles of sustainability, connectivity, and good governance.

10. Caledon is empowered to pass by-laws respecting the economic, social and environmental well-being of the municipality, including respecting climate change; as well as the health, safety and well-being of persons.
11. Caledon recognizes MCFN as the treaty holder in MCFN's Territory, which is now home to the town and its residents, as well as others, including other Indigenous groups who may assert interests in the area.
12. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission ("TRC") calls for the adoption of UNDRIP and its principles, norms, and standards in development decisions that involve Indigenous peoples and their lands and resources, including meaningful consultation, building respectful relationships, and obtaining the free, prior, and informed consent of Indigenous peoples before proceeding with projects, as well as ensuring that Indigenous people have equitable access to jobs, training, and education opportunities, and that Indigenous communities gain long-term sustainable benefits from economic development projects.
13. The Parties recognize that they share common goals and interests for such things as sustainability and sustainable growth, community enrichment, the preservation of heritage and natural areas, and the promotion of culture and tourism and to ensure that voices and interests of all users of the Territory are heard and considered in a fair and inclusive way.
14. The Parties intend to build a respectful and collaborative relationship in the spirit of reconciliation—and consistent with the TRC's call for the adoption of UNDRIP in development decisions—that will enable them to pursue opportunities to support their common goals and interests in a manner that honours the treaty history and MCFN's special role in the Territory flowing from its treaties.

THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

1. The Parties will work collaboratively to pursue opportunities that support their mutual goals and interests.
2. The Parties will work to address issues and concerns of mutual interest in a manner that is respectful, in the spirit of partnership, and that promotes reconciliation.
3. The Parties will establish a protocol for open and clear lines of communication and information sharing, and a process for regular meetings of their leadership to promote the continued growth of the Parties' respectful and collaborative relationship.
4. The Parties agree to meet at least twice a year to review projects, including community projects, plans and initiatives that require consultation or otherwise present engagement opportunities.
5. In the course of their collaborative work, the Parties will consider the interests of other users of the Territory, including other Indigenous groups. This collaborative work will be guided by MCFN as the treaty holders of the Territory and consistent with their duty to ensure other Indigenous voices are heard and respected.
6. The Parties may appoint technical teams to identify, discuss, and develop opportunities that support their mutual interests, including with respect to the promotion of culture and tourism, training and employment, or other economic opportunities to ensure that MCFN

continue to sustain and be sustained by our Territory.

7. The Parties agree to be guided by the following guiding principles in their collaborative work relating to areas of mutual interest:
 - a. Advancing reconciliation and the importance of building, strengthening and maintaining a constructive, collaborative and mutually beneficial and respectful relationship between MCFN and the Town;
 - b. Ensuring respect for MCFN's rights, including the recognition of MCFN as the host Indigenous community and the treaty holder over the area that is now the Town of Caledon and the need to minimize impacts on and facilitate the ongoing exercise of MCFN's rights;
 - c. Open-mindedness and a willingness to pursue creative, flexible, and innovative approaches and solutions to concerns;
 - d. Recognition of the shared responsibility for stewardship;
 - e. Prioritizing approaches that foster co-creation/co-development processes and mutual benefit to MCFN and the Town, including through Indigenous place-making and the meaningful participation of Indigenous people in economic opportunities;
8. The Parties may enter into further agreements or memoranda of understanding to provide a more detailed framework for collaboration through the Town's Indigenous Engagement Protocol with respect to specific opportunities or projects.
9. Nothing in this Accord is intended to, or should be interpreted so as to define, create, recognize, deny, affect, or amend any rights, duties, or obligations of either of the Parties.
10. Either of the Parties may withdraw from this Accord at any time upon written notice.

IN WITNESS **WHEREOF**, the Parties have duly executed this Accord on the dates indicated below.

MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
as represented by its **CHIEF and COUNCIL**

Per:




R. Stacey Laforme, Chief, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation

Oct 28/22
Date

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF
CALEDON, as represented by its **COUNCIL**

Per:



Allan Thompson, Mayor, Town of Caledon

October 28 2022
Date

Schedule A: MCFN Territory Map

