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INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY VISION FOR HAMILTON:

RECONCILIATION THRU RECLAMATION

Across all of our conversations with community, the message has been clear: To heal and thrive in Hamilton we must prioritize the reclamation of land, culture, and community.

The Indigenous community vision for Hamilton builds on Indigenous grassroots movements in our community and across these lands to create needed spaces and resources to help Indigenous Peoples heal from the legacies of colonization and to advance the capacities of Indigenous Peoples to determine our own futures.

The Indigenous community vision presented here are the collective voices of Indigenous Peoples in Hamilton determining our shared future. The Indigenous community vision for Hamilton weaves together of our conversations with Indigenous youth, Indigenous Elders, Indigenous families, Indigenous community members experiencing homelessness, Two-Spirit community members, Indigenous leaders, and many more. While our community priorities are the reclamation of land, culture, and community, each area of the Indigenous community vision is interrelated and interdependent.

At times, realizing the Indigenous community vision for Hamilton will not be easy. The visions of our community are not "special projects" and will require new and sustainable investments from multiple partners. However, our community believes that with meaningful long-term commitments and investments, each area of the vision is achievable. Within one generation, we can build a city that intentionally redresses the legacies of colonization to ensure Hamilton is the best place for Indigenous Peoples and non-Indigenous peoples to raise a child and age successfully.

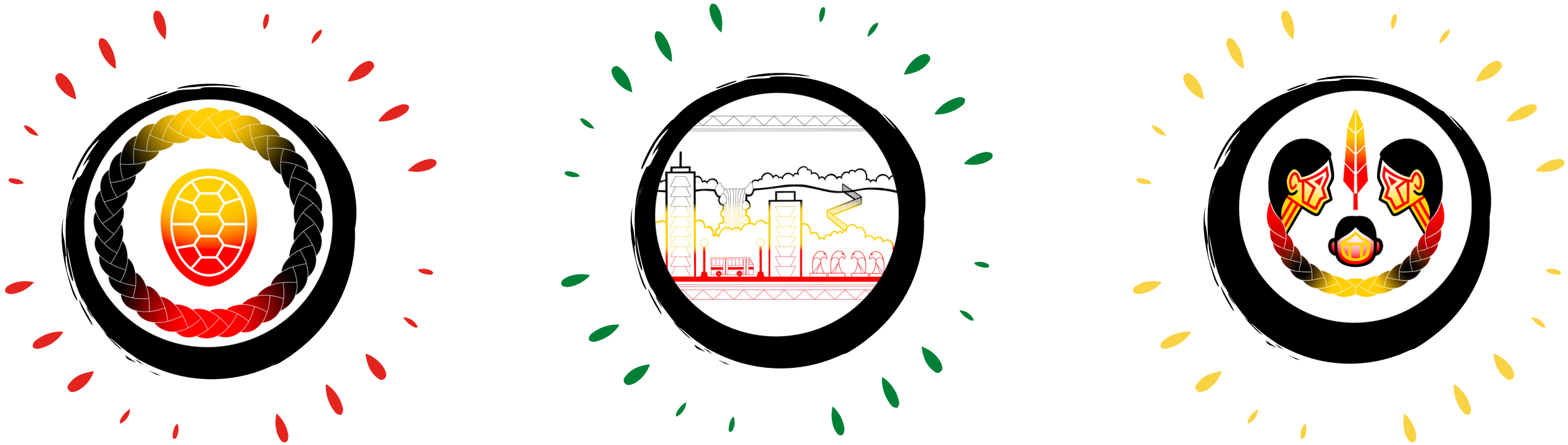
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NIA:WEN - MIIGWECH - THANK YOU

Our gratitude to community for trusting CHIL with this work. Nia:wen for sharing your experiences, hopes, and dreams for community. We look forward to advancing the vision and continuing to check in with community to ensure we are on the right path. Nia:wen to Brent Beauchamp for designing the original graphics for the Indigenous community vision for Hamilton.



Reclamation of land, culture, and community must be prioritized for Indigenous Peoples to heal from the legacies of colonization and thrive in Hamilton.

Yethi'nistenha Onhwentsya (Land): Indigenous community members have access to land throughout Hamilton that is stewarded by community and specifically for Indigenous community to gather, put ceremony through, socialize, learn, and practice traditional activities.

Tsi Niyonkwariho:tens (Culture): Indigenous cultures, Knowledges, and ways of being are valued as fundamental to reconciliation in Hamilton and prioritized in community planning and investments.

Onkwe'shon:'a (People - Community): The relationships within and between Indigenous individuals and families are strengthened through diverse and accessible opportunities to connect and engage in healthy activities.

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