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Niagara Escarpment Biosphere Network

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You are cordially invited to join us for the formal introduction of the Niagara Escarpment Biosphere Network and to celebrate Earth Day & the United Nations Decade of Indigenous Languages.

Friday, April 22, 2022, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

The Brown Homestead, 1317 Pelham Rd., St. Catharines, ON L2R 6P7
*Parking is available on site and at Short Hills Provincial Park.

The Niagara Escarpment Biosphere (NEB) is a place where biological and cultural diversities should be celebrated and supported. The relationship with the land, sky, and waters by peoples who have lived and continue to live in this region is very important for the wellbeing of all life.

In the fall of 2019, the Niagara Escarpment Transition Leadership Committee was put together to rethink the NEB and reengage with partners, including, importantly, Indigenous peoples whose territories host the Niagara Escarpment Biosphere.

Through an agreement between the Transition Leadership Committee and the Indigenous organization Plenty Canada, with support from Environment and Climate Change Canada, work is underway to engage in a process consistent with recommendations from Pathway to Canada Target 1, including the reports *One With Nature, Canada's Conservation Vision*, and *We Rise Together*.

At this event, we will celebrate the incorporation of the Niagara Escarpment Biosphere Network, Earth Day, and the launch of the United Nations Decade of Indigenous Languages. Founded upon truth and reconciliation, we invite you to join us for this important gathering and conversation.



We were told that there would come a time when Mother Earth would become sick, and the *Onkwehonwe* would need to share the wisdom of the natural world. That time has come and we must now work together with the settlers to restore the Earth back to a natural state of balance."

— KAHEHTI:IO JAN LONGBOAT



In Mississauga culture our traditional teachings value the preservation of the natural world."

— GARY PRITCHARD



When the past no longer illuminates the future, the spirit walks in darkness."

— ALEXIS DE TOCQUEVILLE



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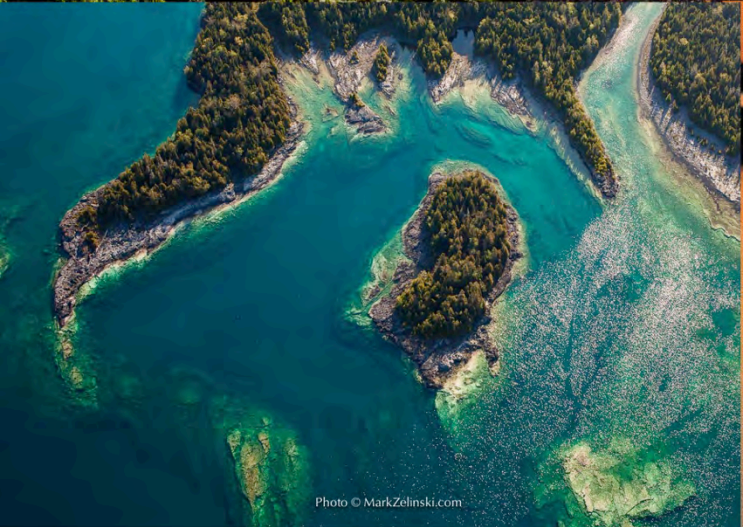


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A woman with short blonde hair, wearing a white top and a grey cardigan, is standing and speaking. She is gesturing with her hands. Behind her is a large screen displaying text. In the background, there is a green door and yellow walls with decorative patterns. Another person in a blue shirt is visible in the upper left. The foreground shows the back of a person's head and glasses.

The Niagara Escarpment Commission transferred its role and responsibilities related to the Niagara Escarpment Biosphere to the Transition Leadership Committee in 2019. Since that time, the Committee has been active conducting the work necessary to meet UNESCO criteria and obligations regarding the stewardship of biosphere reserves.

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