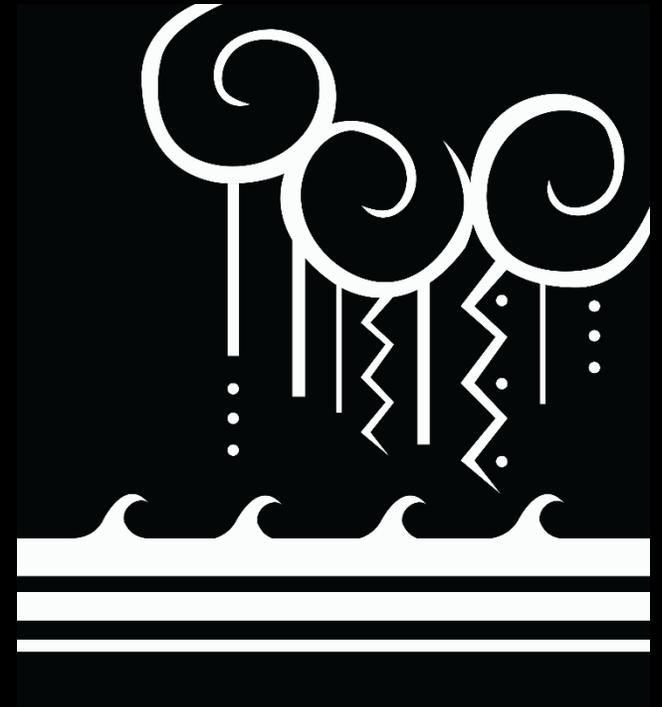


A Park is More Than its Name

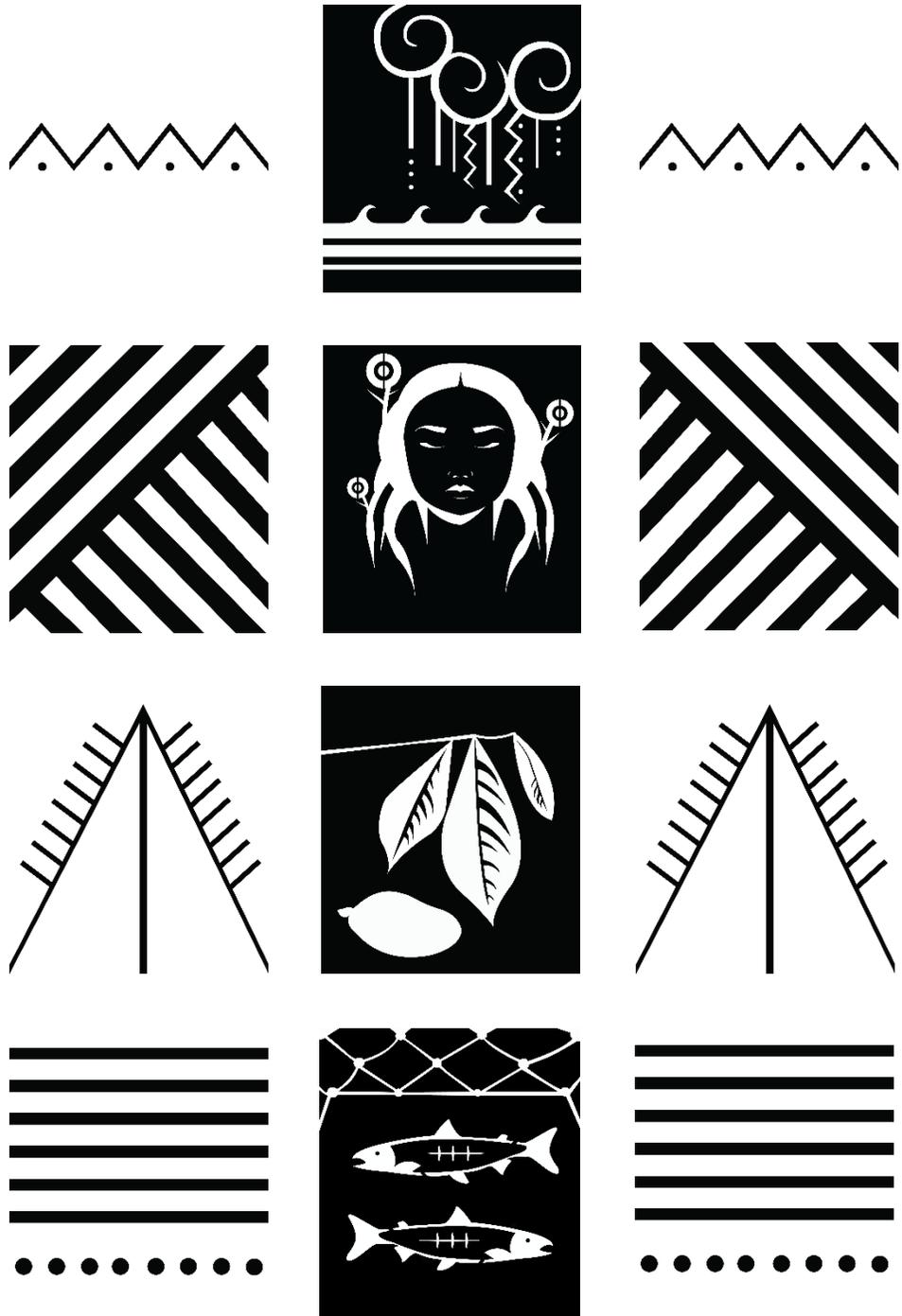
The Proposed Renaming of Jordan Hollow Park



May 23, 2023

Committee of the Whole

Town of
Lincoln



Agenda

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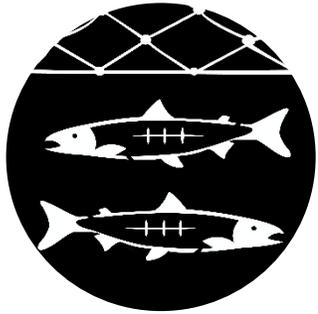
Creating Inclusive & Culturally Responsive Public Spaces

We must consider:

- What the community needs (a community being comprised of diverse individuals from a variety of ethnocultural groups) to feel welcomed and safe in public spaces to reap the physical, mental, and social benefits afforded with access to such public spaces; and
- Ensuring that these needs are realized in public spaces to contribute to health, equity and well-being.

Inclusive design considers the full range of human diversity with respect to ability, language, culture, gender, age and other forms of human difference. Inclusive design *offers everyone a way to participate, feel connection and experience belonging.*

Parks as Educational Spaces



The new Indigenous Cultural Park will fit into Lincoln's existing historical infrastructure.



The park embodies a history of the land that is not told through other sites in Lincoln.



The proximity of the park to the museum creates potential satellite learning opportunities as an embodiment of Lincoln's history.



The park will be a place where all are welcome to engage with contemporary Indigenous culture and the history of the Neutral Nation.

Reconciliation is Everyone's Job



The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's (TRC) 2015 report offers insight and instruction on how to take action toward reconciliation.

5 of the 94 calls to action specifically address the preservation of Indigenous languages.

The use of Indigenous languages in naming public spaces is important for many reasons:

- Acknowledgement
- Reclamation
- Education
- Representation

Land is Language

Language is Land

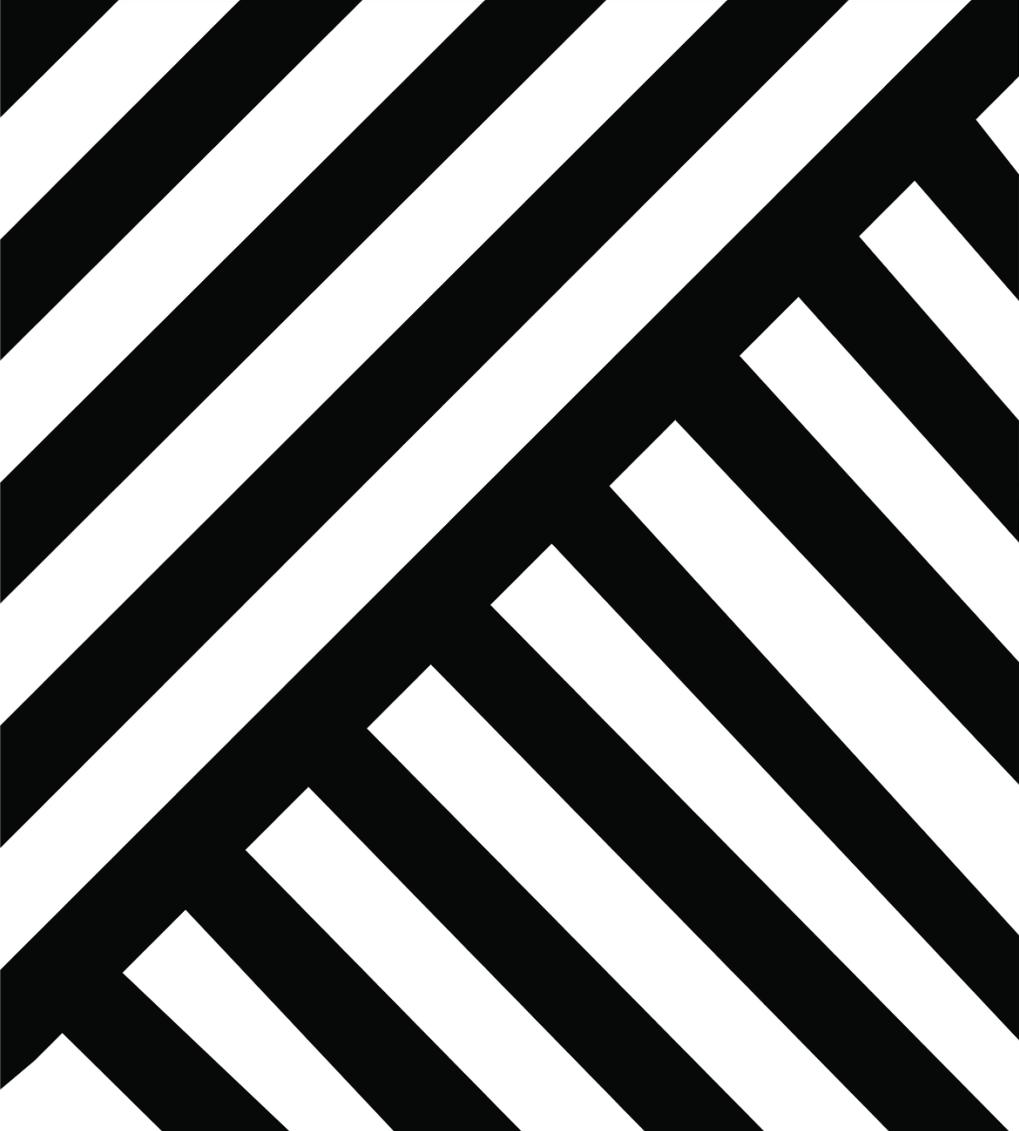
There are many place names that use Indigenous language that has been anglicized.

-  Canada is derived from the Mohawk word *kaná:ta'* meaning *settlement* or *town*.
-  Ontario is derived from the Huron word *onitariio* meaning *beautiful lake*, or *kanadario* meaning *sparkling* or *beautiful water*.
-  Toronto is believed to be derived from the Mohawk word *tkaronto* meaning *trees standing in the water*.

It's common for places to be named after significant leaders, even Indigenous ones.

-  Brantford is named after Joseph Brant, a well-known Mohawk leader.
-  Deseronto is named for Captain John Deserontyon. Captain Deserontyon was a Mohawk leader who was also a captain in the British Military Forces during the American Revolutionary War.

Using Language: Sho'aríshon



Sho'aríshon has specific connections to both the Neutral Nation and the site of the park in the Jordan Hollow.

- Why we are recommending this name.
- The consultation process and centering Indigenous perspectives.
- Community learning opportunities in the park and beyond.

Growing our Understanding

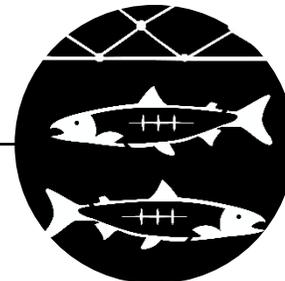
Community Learning Opportunities



Programming partnerships with the Niagara Regional Native Centre.



Guided historical hikes connecting the Lincoln Museum to the new Indigenous Cultural Park.



Expanded K-12 curriculum connected school education programming.

Thank you

For more information visit the project page on Speak Up Lincoln:
speakuplincoln.ca/jordan-hollow-park



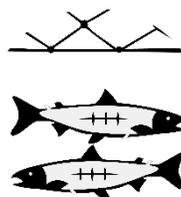
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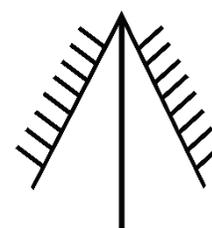
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