

**Dechįta Nezo Gots'udį
(Living on the Land in a Good Way):
Decolonization, Indigenous Knowledges,
and Risk Management Planning**

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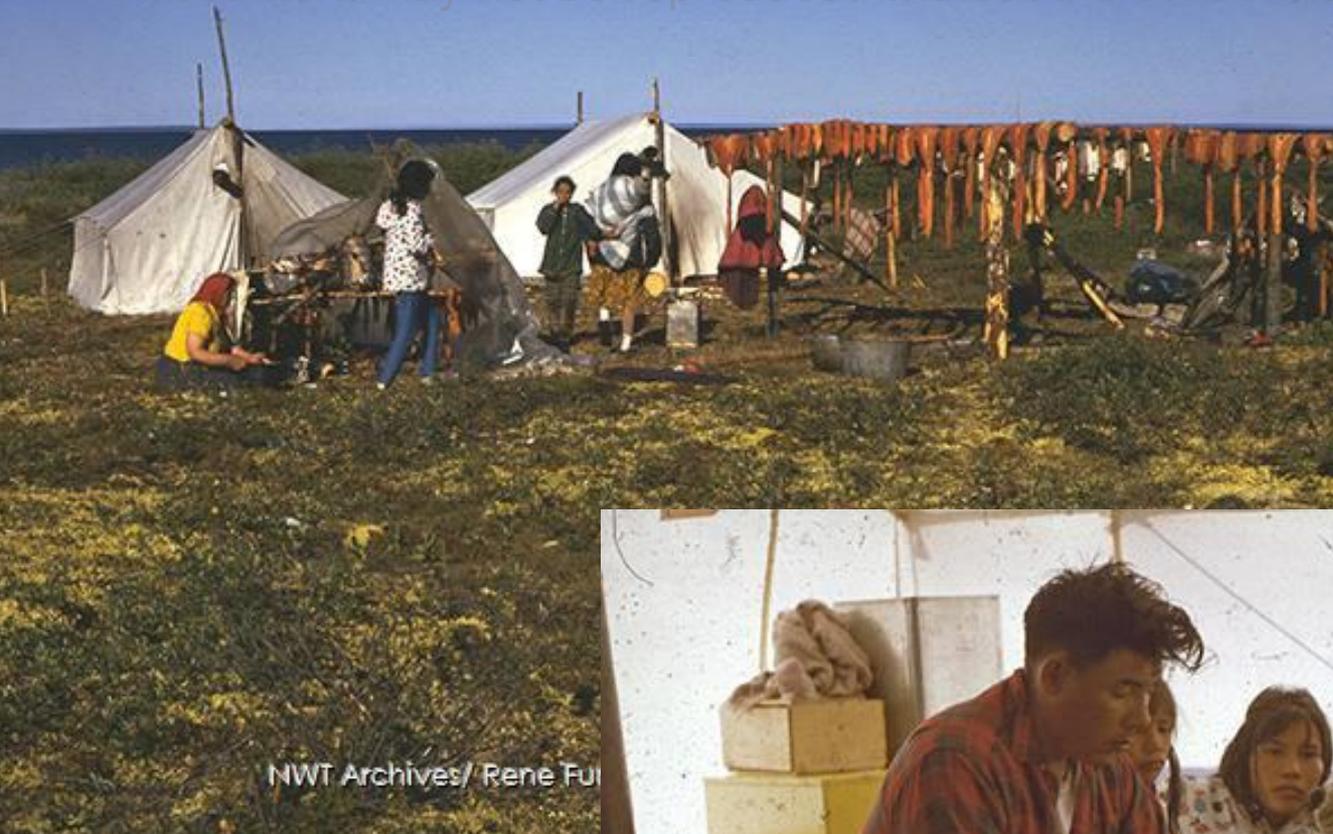








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Settler Colonialism

“destroying to replace”
(Patrick Wolfe)

Dene Ts'ı̄ School



Questions

Effective way
language?
moment

or write?

Does
contribute

Finance?

like this
search

Survival

BOAT SAFETY

- Sydney
- Cheyenne
- Shelby
- Cheyenne
- Rob

DENE TSI'LLI AWARD
Presented to
Shelby Lennie
MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT
Fall 2017

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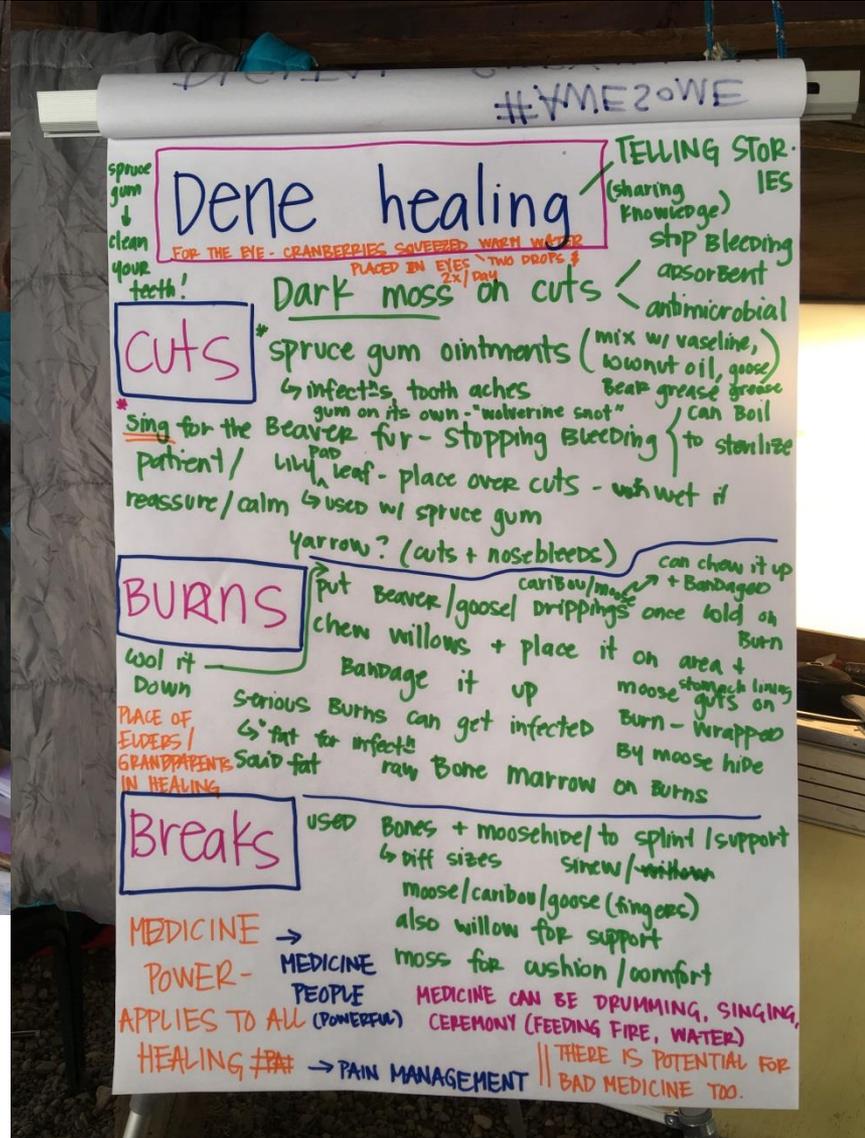
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anti-colonial/decolonizing strategy





Why are we here?

“**Traditionally**, ts’ó daneke and ɬek’ó neke (children and young adults) learned how to be on the land from their grandparents and parents. They learned by observing over time and eventually doing.

Colonization (the different ways in which our lives were taken over by outsiders), but especially the residential school system, has changed life in the Sahtú. It has distanced our people from the land. It has disrupted how ts’ó daneke and ɬek’ó neke learn to be on the land, so that many don’t feel comfortable or confident in the bush.

This document reflects this new reality. We are **having to work in a different way.**”

Dechjta Nezo Gots'udi

“Equally important for this document is **bets’erjchá** (respect): respect for the land, respect for the people we are living and learning with, and respect for ourselves. We believe that if you show respect, you will be rewarded with respect.”

Dene Ts'ı̄ı̄ Skill:

Ts'e ts'ı̄ı̄ (Getting Wood)

Skills: Identifying a location, building trails, identifying dry wood, preparing the site, cutting the trees down safely, transporting the wood back to camp

History/Culture: Wood is important for warmth, cooking, tent frames, and hide tanning. Traditionally, both men and women harvested wood.



“As much as there are accepted ways of doing things, practices are always situational, reflecting the particular time and place in which they occur. For example, there are teachings around men’s and women’s different responsibilities, but in some cases, it makes sense for women to do what is commonly men’s work and vice versa. This reflects an important reality of living on the land: multiple factors need to be considered when we are making decisions in the bush.”

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a. Safety is so much more
than the physical.

a. Legal liabilities versus
Dene ethics of care.

c. Governance.

d. Decolonization is a journey.

1. Educate yourself.

Territories
 Languages
 Treaties

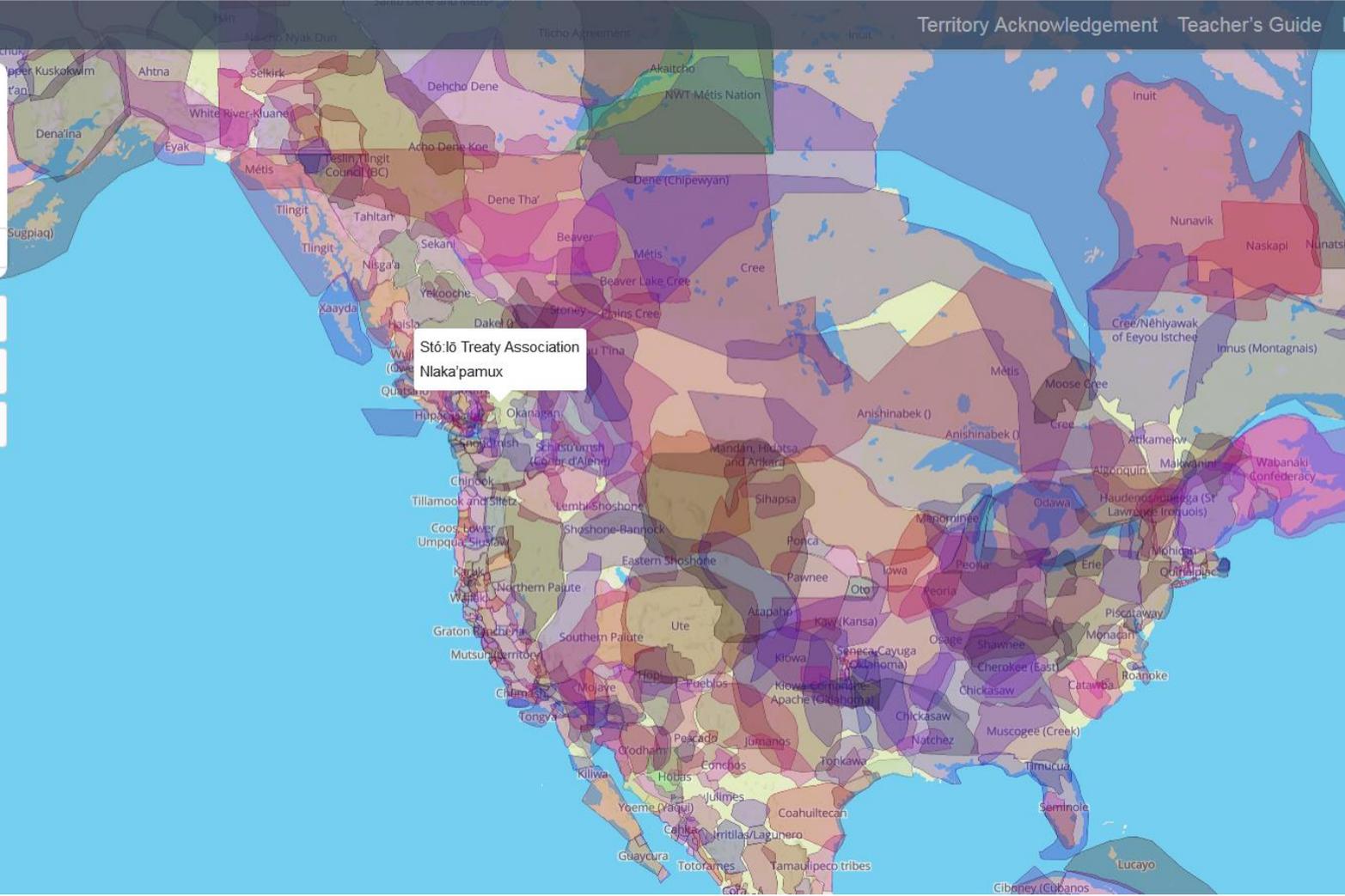
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Territories

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Stó:lō Treaty Association
Nlaka'pamux

2. Look inward.



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Following



Filmmakers and journalists. Stop saying my homeland is "untouched." My ancestors touched every square foot of it. It's not thriving because it's untouched; it's thriving because it was heavily stewarded for tens of thousands of years AND IT STILL IS, TODAY, BY US.

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If what you mean is "untouched by white people," well, that's not quite true, but at least state that directly in celebration of all the ways we've fought tooth and nail to prevent industrial exploitation.

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PS: Same goes for any other word in your thesaurus that implies an absence of people and thereby contributes to the erasure of MY people. Words matter.

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Stealing Wisdom: Cultural Appropriation and Misrepresentation within Adventure Therapy and Outdoor Education

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Scattered throughout the realm of outdoor education, camping programs and adventure therapy are myriad fragments 'borrowed' from indigenous cultures. In more recent years there has been a deliberate move away from this practice, however indigenous 'borrowings' remain deeply embedded within outdoor programming, particularly in North America. Indigenous culture is woven throughout every facet; logos and artwork, stories around the camp fire, pieces of lore, wisdom and knowledge. It crops up in traditions such as the medicine wheel, sweat lodges, vision quests, the 'talking stick', camp structure and organisation, and circular councils.



YMCA Camp Queen Elizabeth

6 June · 🌐

Dear CQE friends and families,

YMCA Camp Queen Elizabeth strongly believes in creating an inclusive and respectful environment. With that in mind we are taking steps forward in how we incorporate Indigenous culture and history into our community.

Like many overnight summer camp programs, upon its founding in 1953 CQE incorporated a variety of Indigenous elements such as using First Nation names from across Canada and the USA as camp cabin names. While this was done with the intention of paying respect, it does not appear to have been done with input from or participation with Indigenous communities.

In the 1990's questions were raised regarding the spelling of the cabin names and the relevance of some of the names to our region. This was a positive step that led to the renaming of some of the cabins and corrected spelling of others. However, in more recent years camp leadership began to question if the use of First Nation names for our cabins was reflective of the caring, respectful place we take pride in being. In 2016 we began working with a group which includes Indigenous community members called the Cultural Advisory Circle (CAC) facilitated by Georgian Bay Islands National Park to help us examine the question.

After many very positive, open and respectful conversations we have decided that our cabins be renamed to reflect elements of the natural world. Rather than using First Nation names for our cabins, we will develop and incorporate new and expanded ways to respectfully incorporate Indigenous culture and history with active engagement from our local community.

We know that like our leadership team, our alumni, staff, campers, and supporters understand the importance of reconciliation. Through learning, building relationships, and engaging with the local Indigenous communities we will continue to focus on creating an inclusive and respectful environment. Building strong kids and strong communities is at the heart of what we do.

**3. Make connections.
Build relations.**

Questions?