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Collaborates with the CCA in its land acknowledgment efforts to foster positive relationships with Indigenous communities in Tiohtià:ke/Mooniyang/Montréal

Mandate identification

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| Mandate title: | Consultant in land acknowledgement processes |
| Status: | External consultant mandate, over a period of 4 months, between June and October 2022 |
| Posting period: | 28 April to 3 June 2022 |
| Beginning of mandate: | As soon as possible |

About the CCA

Strengthened by its extensive Collection (archives, prints & drawings, photography and new media, library holdings) and based on its exhibitions, programs, and research opportunities, the Canadian Centre for Architecture (CCA) is a leading voice in advancing knowledge, promoting public understanding, and widening the debate on architecture, its history, theory, practice, and role in society today.

The Canadian Centre for Architecture is an international research institution and museum premised on the belief that architecture is a public concern. With this in mind, we strive to become aware of our colonial legacy, initiate conversations about decolonization, and engage in transformation, both in our organizational structures and in our programming and activities.

The CCA is currently working on a living land acknowledgement project to foster positive relationships with Indigenous communities across Tiohtià:ke/Mooniyang/Montreal and to implement a series of initiatives that will provide support and resources to Indigenous architects, designers, curators, artists and researchers.

Mandate Summary

The consultant will work with CCA teams to facilitate the development of a land acknowledgement as a first step in the CCA's long journey to foster positive relationships with Indigenous communities across Tiohtià:ke/Mooniyang/Montréal.

The responsibilities of this mandate include meeting with the CCA teams to discuss the appropriate methodology for developing a land acknowledgement based on a collaborative approach, implementing the necessary steps to carry out this process and accompanying the CCA teams in this effort, as well as organizing a consultation workshop with all CCA staff members to ensure a concerted action. The successful candidate could also be encouraged to support the CCA teams in exploring new avenues to foster future collaborations with various Indigenous Nations.

Collaborating on this project with the CCA will allow the candidate to participate in the reflection and development of practices related to land acknowledgement processes in cultural institutions, to contribute to the establishment of a dialogue between the CCA and the Indigenous communities present on the territory of Tiohtià:ke/Mooniyang/Montreal, and to get to know better the teams working within an institution dedicated to the study of architecture and the built environment from a social perspective.



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In recognition of the importance of the local communities' point of view in the development of a land acknowledgement project, preference will be given to candidates who self-identify as Indigenous, although candidates who can demonstrate strong ties to and long term experience working with Indigenous communities across the Tiohtià:ke/Mooniyang/Montréal area may also be considered.

Key Responsibilities

Supporting CCA teams in the development of land acknowledgement statement through a collaborative approach:

- Meets with CCA teams and a working group to discuss the appropriate methodology for developing a land acknowledgment for the CCA;
- Implements the necessary steps to complete this process, including facilitating a meeting between the CCA teams and the Kanien'kehá:ka Nation from Kahnawà:ke, amongst other Nations across what is now Montréal and/or Québec;
- Organizes a consultation workshop with all CCA staff members to ensure good internal communication and the development of a meaningful land acknowledgement statement;
- Helps foster a process of listening and reflection at all stages of the development of the CCA's land acknowledgement.

Competencies Sought

- Commitment to the Indigenous communities present on the territory of Tiohtià:ke/Mooniyang/Montréal, especially the Kanien'kehá:ka Nation from Kahnawake
- Collaborative approach and good verbal communication skills to facilitate dialogue
- Experience or interest in architecture and urban development is an asset

Consultation fee and mandate duration

- Aggregate amount paid as a consultant: 5000\$ CAN
- Duration of approximately 45 hours spread over 4 months; the schedule and precise hours will be discussed with the consultant and may be modified as the project progresses.

Please submit your application (resume and cover letter, in English or French) by email to lawg@cca.qc.ca, by **3 June 2022**, to the attention of the Land Acknowledgement Working Group of the Canadian Centre for Architecture, 1920, rue Baile, Montréal (Québec) H3H 2S6.