



INDIGENOUS HEALING SPACE AT HSC CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

On December 20, 2022, the eve of Winter Solstice, a ceremonial gathering was held with Elders, Knowledge Keepers and other Indigenous community members to build a framework for the development of the Indigenous Healing Space at HSC Children's Hospital.

The Winter Solstice is traditionally a time to reflect on the past, rest and renew strength, and a time to hope, dream and set goals for future. In that spirit, these community members gathered, took time to reflect, think, share and plan the groundwork for moving forward on the Indigenous Healing Space with intention and consideration.

As a result of these discussions, two broader engagement sessions were planned in 2023, to include:

- Children and families who have needed care and services at HSC Children's
- Staff and leadership of the hospital
- Representatives of Indigenous communities and organizations

Terms of reference for governance structure are also being developed and working groups will be identified. Request for Proposals (RFPs) were developed earlier in the year to support the rollout of the engagement sessions and the subsequent renovation of the space. This added consultation process with Indigenous community members is essential to the creation and future impact of the Indigenous Healing Space. It demonstrates the value of voices and the spirit of community that are the heart of the space and the source of its ability to help in healing. Through this consultation an RFP has been completed and contract awarded, allowing the project to move to the next phases of schematic and design development, with a construction start anticipated in spring 2024.

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