



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As the Executive Director of Ey ʔSq̓'lewen, I am proud of our work delivering award-winning, nationally-recognized Indigenous programs and support services to students. We carry forward the vision of trailblazers like Janice Simcoe, former Director of our Centre, as we advocate for Indigenous leadership and strong relationships between the college, students and local Indigenous communities.

Today, we have the responsibility of moving Indigenous education forward and being the place of choice for Indigenous students, as they begin their post-secondary education journey. As Songhees Elder Dr. Skip Dick often emphasizes, it used to be that our people would run away from school; now, they are running to school—underscoring a significant change in how our Indigenous communities view and engage with post-secondary education.

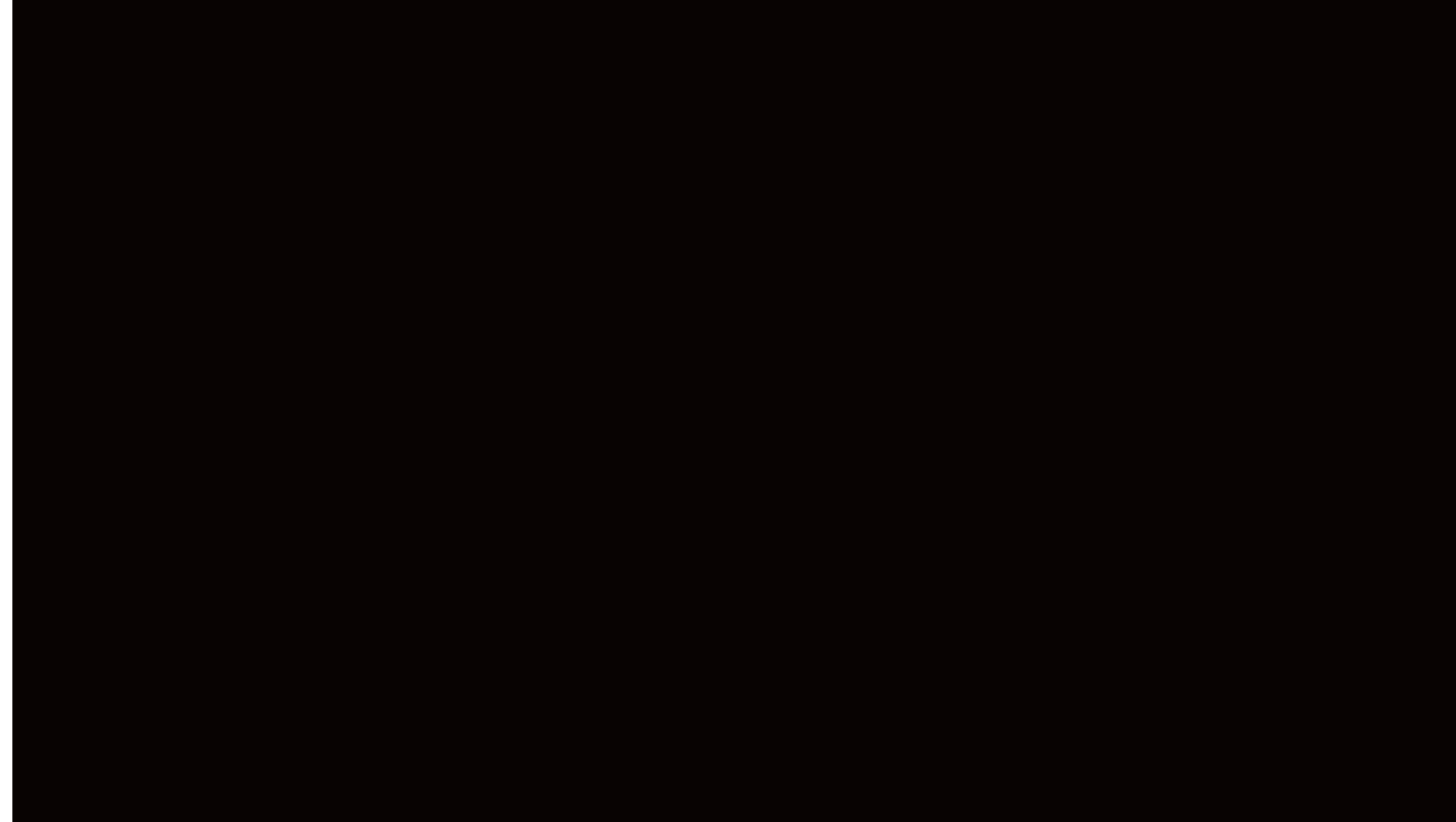
We have been able to live and share Ey ʔSq̓'lewen—a l̓ k'w̓ n̓ term o ʔered to us by Songhees Elder Elmer

OUR WAYS OF BEING

We walk together.

We believe that Indigenous learners, including us, reach our fullest potential and greatest joy when our connections with land and water, identity, and tradition are integrated into the ways we learn and teach.

Our Ways of Being honours Kirkness and Barnardt's 4 R's and reflects the principles of the *7 R's* by Dr. Martin Brokenleg: We seek and hold values of generosity, belonging, mastery, relationality, responsibility, and respect. Through this, we bloom a Camas concept map to represent the values that guide our work alongside students to encourage in them—and in ourselves—Ey ʔ Sqâ'lewen, good heart, good mind, good spirit.



CAPACITY

We will ensure Camosun College's commitment to Indigenization through leadership, education, and collaboration. Together, we will expand the capacity within our Centre and across the college to honour and integrate Indigenous knowledge, supports, and perspectives.

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