

# **First Nations Reconciliation Panel**

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# Ice Breaker



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# Reconciliation

Oxford Dictionary of English has three definitions:

- 1. the restoration of friendly relations:** *the earl was seeking a reconciliation with his wife.*
- 2. the action of making one view or belief compatible with another:** *any possibility of reconciliation between such clearly opposed position.*
- 3. the action of making financial accounts consistent; harmonization:** *the reconciliation process should be consistent with the business strategy.*

(Coulthard 2014; Oxford dictionary 2014)

# 1. The restoration of friendly relations



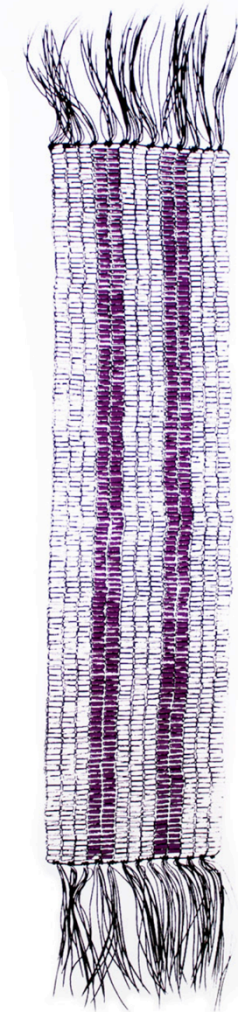
Chief Dr. Robert Joseph, Reconciliation Canada (2019)

- E.g., reconciling past and ongoing injustices
- Everyone needs reconciliation in Canada
- A person needs to be willing to reconcile for it to happen
- Individual responsibility to educate ourselves about history
- Can be unsettling

(Regan & Alfred 2010; Reconciliation Canada 2016)

## **2. The action of making one view or belief compatible with another**

- Mutual respect, making amends, each with something to offer
- Acknowledging Indigenous knowledge and rights & title
- Equity & levelling the playing field
- Moving forward together with a new relationship
- Strive for co-existence



Two Row Wampum Belt  
([tworowwampum.com](http://tworowwampum.com) 2014)



### 3. The action of making financial accounts consistent; harmonization: *the reconciliation process should be consistent with the business strategy*

- Making a payment or an agreement as an end
- Moving forward without change
- Could be an example of what reconciliation shouldn't be – a **platitude** (Joseph, 2019)



(Jefferson, C. 2012 flickr.com)

# **Community-up approach to ethical partnerships:**

- **Doing their homework**
- **Be a familiar face**
- **Be humble, don't flaunt your knowledge**
- **Be cautious**
- **Don't trample on the dignity of another person**
- **Look, listen, then (maybe) speak**

(Harris & Pizzirani 2019; Smith & Cram 2001)



# Summary

- **Everybody has a role to play in reconciliation**
- **A collaboration framework includes levelling the playing field, change, and going past status quo**
- **Reconciliation should be thought of as an ongoing journey, not an end**



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