



- I. Whereas the Government of Canada has encouraged Canadians to enact the Truth & Reconciliation Commission recommendations;
- II. Whereas Canada is recognizing 150 years of incorporation during 2017 and is recognizing First Peoples as the original inhabitants;
- III. Whereas the City of Vancouver has formally acknowledged their existence on the unceded traditional territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations;
- IV. Whereas the District of North Vancouver Public Library and North Vancouver School District have both acknowledged their existence on unceded lands, and encouraged North Vancouver residents to become active participants in this work;
- V. Whereas WBT is not the owners of the land, and we have no authority to speak on behalf of the land owners;
- VI. Whereas WBT is prohibited by its Constitution from political advocacy but it is not prohibited from stating facts about the land it manages;
- VII. Whereas the Supreme Court of Canada in various decisions leading up to *Haida Gwaii vs. BC (Minister of Forests)* [2004] 3 SCR 511 have recognized indigenous rights over unceded lands in British Columbia;
- VIII. Be it resolved that, WBT recognizes the traditional and continued use of the lands on and around the Maplewood Flats by Tsleil-Waututh and Coast Salish Peoples;
- IX. BIFRT WBT recognize this fact through members' education, and work with our landlords and partners regarding appropriate acknowledgment through public signage.
- X. BIFRT this work be guided by the WBT Board of Directors with regular engagement with membership.

July 10, 2017, Board of Directors, WBT Wild Bird Trust of BC
The Conservation Area at Maplewood Flats
2649 Dollarton Highway, North Vancouver, BC

Osprey artwork by Jordan Gallie (Tsleil-Waututh).