

Truth and Reconciliation forum set for Feb. 13

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The Oakville Community Foundation (OCF) is getting out the word on a community discussion on Truth and Reconciliation.

The forum is being convened by Stephen Paquette, chair, Indigenous Education Advisory Committee; R. Stacey LaForme, Chief, Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation; Sherry Saevil, Indigenous Education Advisory, Halton Catholic District School Board; and, Tammy Hardwick, Instructional Program Lead, First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education.

The public is invited to attend a community discussion on Truth and Reconciliation on Monday, Feb. 13, from 6 to 8:30 p.m., at MacLachlan College, 337 Trafalgar Rd.

Registration begins at 6 p.m. followed by a traditional smudging ceremony at 6:30 p.m.

An indigenous perspective presented

There will be a presentation, to introduce some traditional indigenous teachings and local leaders, and community discussion to hear an indigenous perspective of what Truth and Reconciliation



Wendy Rinella

means in Oakville, from 7-8:30 p.m.

The Indigenous Education Advisory Committee of the Halton Catholic and District School Boards, YMCA of Oakville, Oakville Community Foundation, Town of Oakville, and a number of local independent schools and businesses have been collaborating on local projects, as well as the challenge of incorporating the values of reconciliation in everyday activities.

Mississaugas of the New Credit

Oakville is on the traditional lands of

the Mississaugas of the New Credit, part of the Anishinaabe Nation that extends from the Niagara peninsula across Hamilton and Toronto to the Rouge River Valley.

"It is fitting in Canada's 150th year that we as a community come together to build a stronger and more inclusive Town and country for future generations," said Wendy Rinella, OCF CEO.

This event is free, but pre-registration is required and seating is limited. To register, visit www.theocf.org. Print or download the ticket to present at the event.

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