

# NAHEYAWIN



## Spirit and Intent

The stories of our ancestors guide us through everything that we do today. They are constantly whispering into our ears, leading us towards peace, friendship and understanding.

## Cree Words

**Naheyawin** is a shortened version of the word "nehiyawewin" that means the cree language.

**Tatawaw** means "welcome, there is room".

**Wichitowin** is a Cree word meaning "they help each other."

**Wahkohtowin**, is a Cree word meaning kinship or the state of being related

## Governance Structure

This image represents the fundamental concept for understanding Indigenous culture and traditional beliefs. "The Elders and knowledge keepers were united in their message: we need to work together. The essential relationship between cultures, nations, communities requires renewal and repair if we are to move forward." Dr. Patti LaBoucane-Benson wrote about this concept, building off of Harold Cardinal's work: [http://www.asrsq.ca/fr/salle/porte-ouverte/1202/salle\\_por\\_120206.php](http://www.asrsq.ca/fr/salle/porte-ouverte/1202/salle_por_120206.php)

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