

**PROGRAMMING VISION & COSTS**

The Teaching, Learning, Sharing and Healing (TLSH) space provides Toronto Council Fire Native Cultural Centre, the City of Toronto, project partners and like-minded organizations with an opportunity to curate and program the 19,203.8 square feet of space. Recognizing that the TLSH space is part of Nathan Phillips Square, the programming vision is inclusive to all peoples that make up the diversity of Toronto. The primary vision for the TLSH space is to become a “teaching, learning, sharing and healing” space, whereby Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples come together to learn about residential schools, reflect on their legacy and work towards restitution. The secondary vision of the space is to showcase the diverse Indigenous cultures and traditions through symbolism, architecture, landscaping, artwork, and community plantings. Lastly, the TLSH space will be a significant site for cultural events and gatherings including full moon ceremonies, National Indigenous Day celebrations and specialized citizenship ceremonies.

**TLSH SPACE POSITIONS**

The space will be curated by three individuals:

- TLSH Site Manager
- TLSH Youth Curators (Two positions)

Position	Description	Salary
TLSH Site Manager	The TLSH Site Manager is responsible for the overall program and operations of the TLSH space. Duties and responsibilities include scheduling, coordinating events with partners & like-minded organizations and raising awareness about the overall space. They will also be responsible for hiring and managing the two youth curators.	\$ 56,000.00
TLSH Youth Curator(s)	The TLSH Youth Curators are responsible for the “teaching” component of the TLSH space. This includes all guided curating and programming associated with the space.	\$47,000.00 (x2)
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$150,000.00</b>	

## TLSH PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

The programming vision for the TLSH space will be central to realizing the “teaching, learning, sharing & healing” on the site. Many programs will be offered at no-cost due to their provision under the duties and responsibilities of the Site Manager & Youth Curators including community plantings & events, experiential learning for post-secondary students, citizenship ceremonies, story-telling & sharing circles, and elementary and secondary school visits. Further programming is offered through partnerships with like-minded organizations like First Story TO and the Ward Museum. Finally, there are a number of programs which require Toronto Council Fire Native Cultural Centre’s support and facilitation, such as Full Moon Ceremonies, Medicine Teachings, Creation & Clan Story Teachings, Three Sisters Teachings, and Cultural Competency Workshops. These last set of programs require a high-level of knowledge on Indigenous culture, history and traditions that a trained staffer at Toronto Council Fire Native Cultural Centre will provide.

Program	Description	Location	Schedule	Cost
Full Moon Ceremonies	Following the Indigenous lunar calendar, there will be 13 Full Moon Ceremonies a time when women can do a ceremony to honour and seek guidance from Grandmother Moon. Women can ask Grandmother Moon for direction in life, for wisdom, and for help for her children and others. Grandmother Moon can give her healing and balancing energy to women.	Entire Space	All Year	\$8,450.00
Community Planting and Harvesting	Each spring and fall Survivors and Indigenous community-members will participate in planting the flora & fauna for the year	Entire Space	Spring and Fall	N/A
Community Events	These are significant events held throughout the calendar year	Entire Space	All Year	N/A
Medicine Teachings	The site will contain a number of significant medicines which have associated teachings to be shared and learned.	Entire Space	All Year	\$13,600.00

Creation & Clan Story	Each Indigenous nation has its own Creation & Clan stories, following TCFNCC's internal workshops, participants will be taken to TLSH space to learn about teachings associated with space (i.e., significance of Turtle)	Amphitheatre	Spring, Summer & Fall	\$20,850.00
First Story Tour	TCFNCC has partnered with First Story TO and offer tour of TLSH space to participants	Entire Space	All Year	N/A
Citizenship Ceremonies	Significant citizenship ceremonies (i.e. TO Newcomer's Day) will take place on space	Gathering Area	Spring, Summer & Fall	N/A
Storytelling & Sharing Circles	Storytelling and Sharing Circles are an important part of Indigenous cultures and traditions, guided and curated circles will be provided	Amphitheatre	Spring, Summer & Fall	N/A
Three Sisters Teachings	The Three-Sisters sculpture offers a unique opportunity to share the teachings behind the Three-Sisters (Beans, Corn & Squash) specifically to learn as human from companion planting and how they provide support to one another to grow together and their interdependence	Three Sisters Mound	Spring, Summer & Fall	9,000.00
School Visits	In partnership with TDSB & First Nations School of Toronto, the space will be available for elementary and secondary school site visits	Entire Space	Spring, Summer & Fall	N/A
Cultural Competency Training	TCFNCC in partnership with like-minded organizations	Indigenous Lodge	Spring, Summer & Fall	\$25,000.00

	will offer an “experiential” Cultural Competency workshop on TLSH space for interested individuals			
History of the Ward	Nathan Phillips Square & City Hall have been built upon the displacement of The Ward – Toronto’s first immigrant neighbourhood. The Ward was also home to the first Indigenous peoples moving to Toronto from communities. In partnership with The Ward Museum, curators will offer a historical overview of The Ward.	Entire Space	Spring, Summer & Fall	N/A