

# HIP Established to Inspire the Building of Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Relationships

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**The Honouring Indigenous Peoples (HIP) Rotary Program**, first instituted in Eastern Canada after an idea brought forward at the Rotary International Conference held in Toronto in 2018, was adopted by the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise back in early 2019, only the second club in British Columbia to do so. Today, the club with over 20 members, partners and consults with the indigenous peoples of the ancestral, traditional, and unceded territory of the Syilx/Okanagan Nation as it focuses on educating and creating awareness of their efforts and in becoming much more aware of their issues, history and culture. Furthermore, through this focus, the committee of the Rotary Club anticipates that by partnering with the local Indigenous Peoples, as a Rotary club it can develop meaningful relationships.



The object of HIP is to provide the means to "Understand the Past" and to "Move forward together."

Our local HIP circle is about educating and creating awareness within ourselves and our club and to connect and partner with local Indigenous Peoples.