

DMSS Land Acknowledgement Statement

The Dalhousie Medical Students' Society recognizes that the land we gather on is the traditional, ancestral, unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik people. The Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) people signed the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" with the British in 1725, creating rules surrounding the relationship between the two nations. These treaties were, in fact, not about ceding claims to land, but rather about rights and obligations, providing a framework for respectful coexistence. This is why, at Dalhousie, we talk about unceded lands and how we are all treaty people.