

Negahneewin Council

10 Year Vision (2012 – 2022)

Preamble

Confederation College is situated on the shores of Lake Superior which is the traditional land of Indigenous peoples. This historical meeting place called Anemki Wahjewd is home to the Anishinaabe. Traditionally, the Great Lakes enabled Indigenous peoples to gather for trade, alliance building and decision making. Upon the arrival of European settlers these waterways supported the intercultural exchange that occurred. Today, Indigenous peoples and Canadians are coming to terms with the legacy of colonialism. The prospect of renewed relationships and reconciliation processes are ongoing. It is against this backdrop that Confederation College acknowledges that it is on Indigenous land. In recognition of this colonial history Confederation College is embarking on renewed relationships with Indigenous peoples as partners for change in education.

Outcomes for Indigenous Students:

1. Indigenous Students will be self determining in achieving educational success.
2. Indigenous Students will be affirmed in an inclusive and engaging learning environment.
3. Indigenous Students will graduate with a vision for meno bimadizewin.*

Outcomes for All Students:

1. All Students of Confederation College will leave as global citizens with an understanding of Indigenous world views.
2. All Students will respect and celebrate diversity towards social justice.

Building Common Ground:

We believe that these outcomes will be realized when Indigenous Peoples and Canadian citizens build common ground through a mutual understanding of history, a shared vocabulary and a rich dialogue. Confederation College will reflect this reality when:

1. There is recognition that the history of Indigenous education through the Negahneewin vision is foundational to Confederation College.
2. Indigenous centred space is created and reflected across Confederation College.
3. Indigenous Knowledge infuses all curricula.
4. Indigenous world views and principles are adopted by Confederation College towards a healthy and sustainable Northwestern Ontario.

*The meaning of meno bimadizewin is “a good life” in the Anishinaabe language.