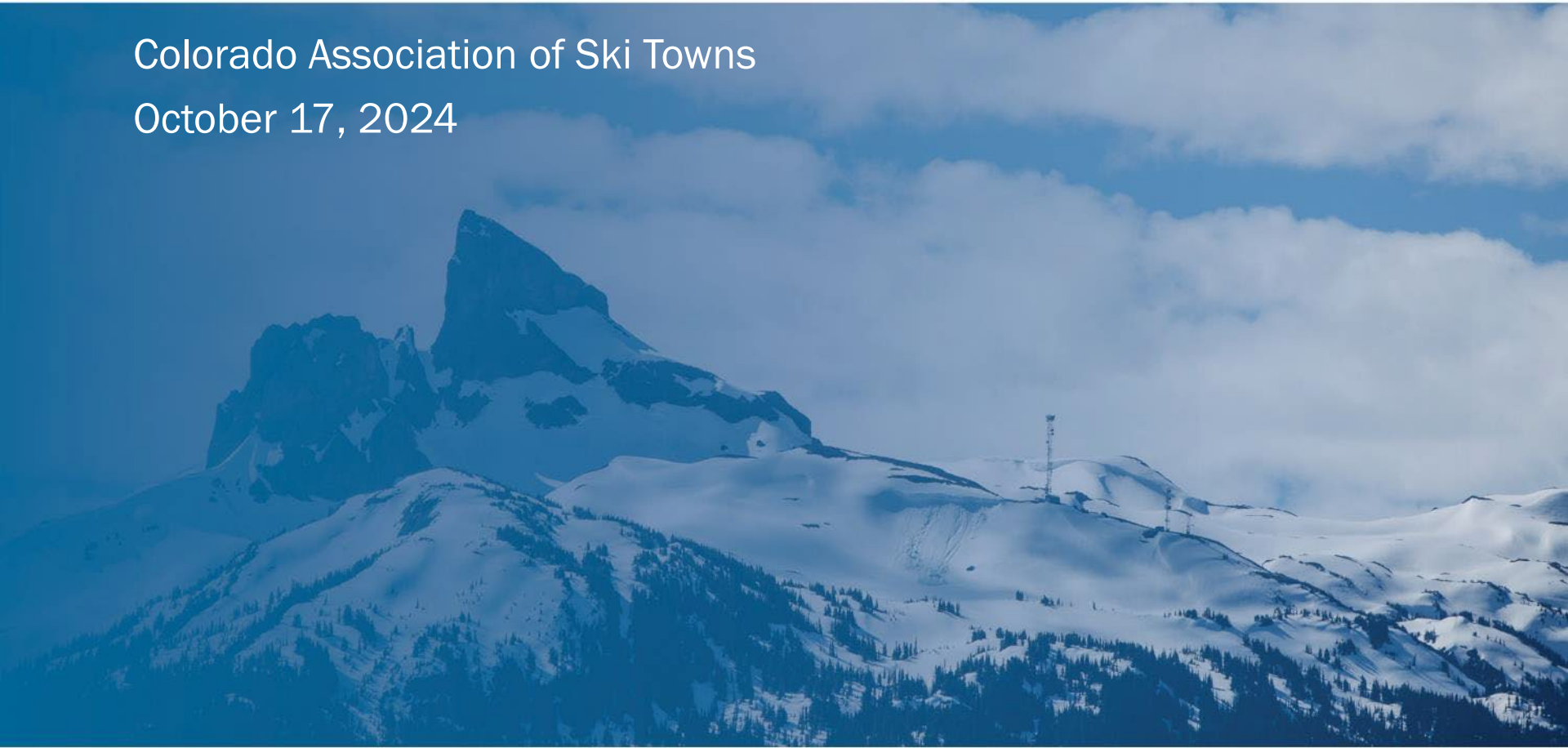


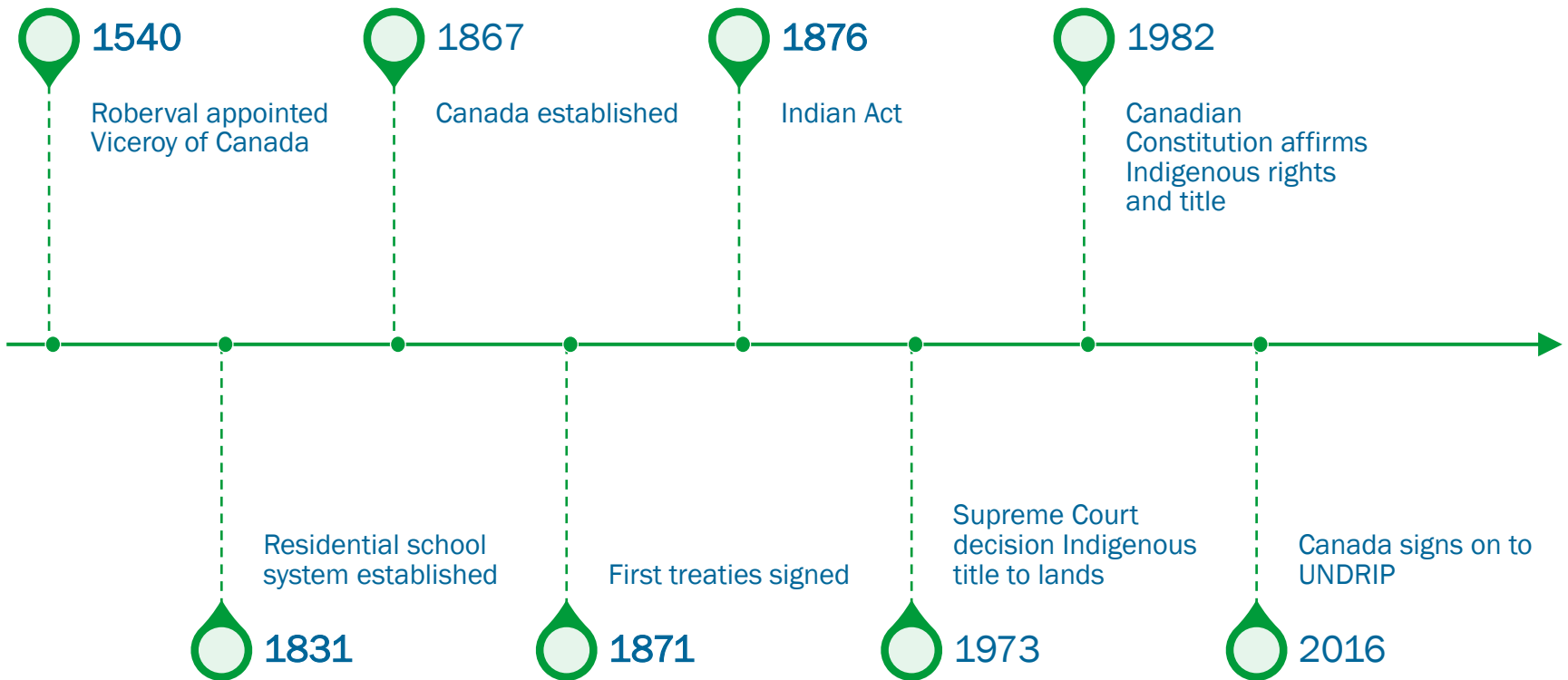
Partnerships and UNDRIP - Whistler

Colorado Association of Ski Towns
October 17, 2024



Whistler: A place where community thrives, nature is protected and guests are inspired.





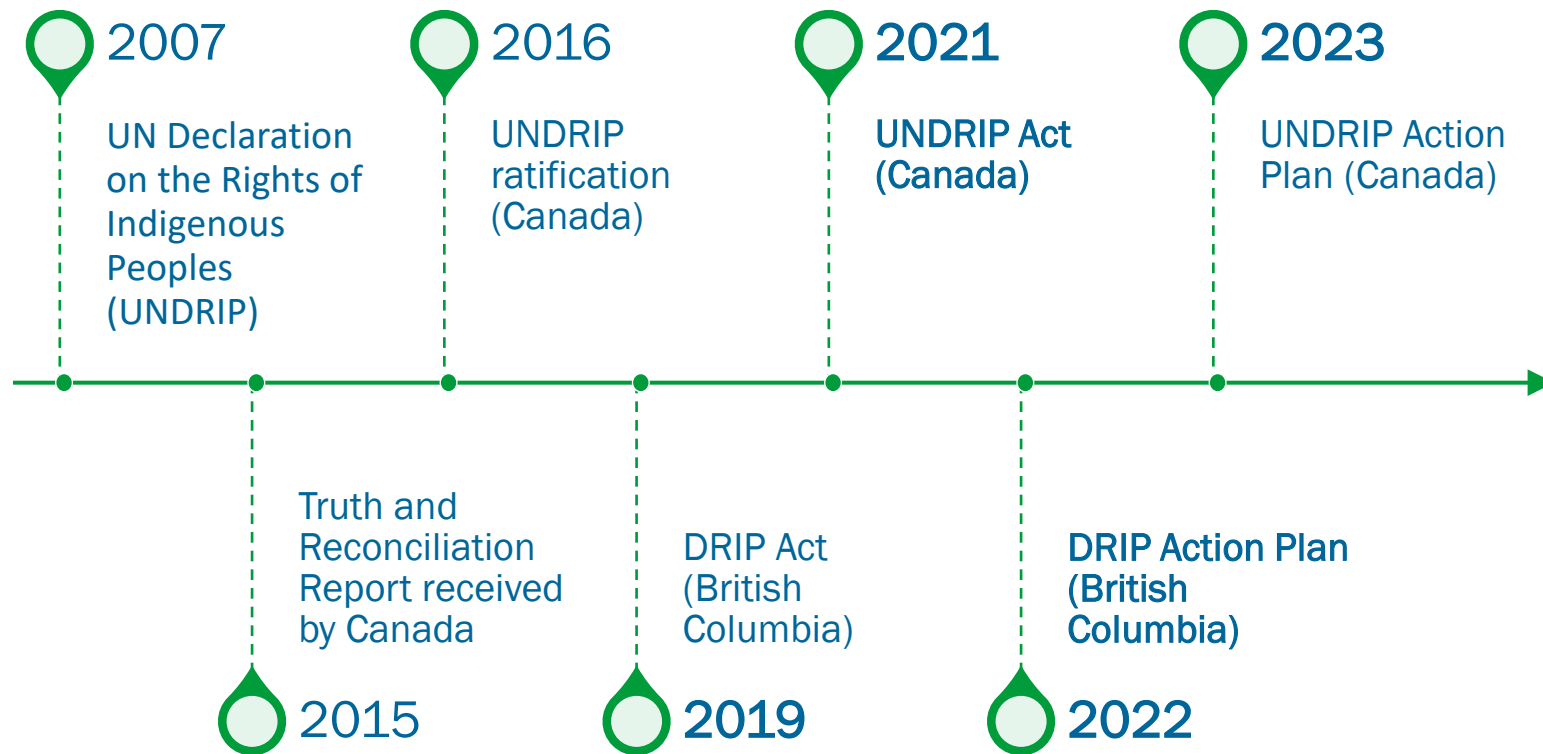


“Canada’s Aboriginal peoples were here when Europeans came, and were never conquered.”

– Supreme Court of Canada, *Haida Nation v. B.C.*



ADOPT & IMPLEMENT
The UN Declaration
on the Rights of
Indigenous Peoples



- ✓ Substantial consultation with First Nations
- ✓ Dedicated departments and staff, First Nations staff
- ✓ Advice, tools and training across government
- ✓ Integrated across government
- ✓ Integration across all laws



Vancouver UNRIP Implementation



July 25, 2023

Resort Municipality of Whistler
Mayor Jack Crompton
4325 Blackcomb Way
Whistler BC V8E 0X5
VIA EMAIL: jcrompton@whistler.ca

Dear Mayor Crompton,

The Lil'wat Nation, on our unceded lands, do declare ourselves the rightful owners of our lands since time immemorial. The Lil'wat Nation finds it necessary to establish a proper relationship with any and all groups accessing Lil'wat territory in industry, recreation, and private enterprising.

On June 21, 2021, [the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act](#) received Royal Assent and came into force. This Act provides a roadmap for the Government of Canada and First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples to work together to implement the UN Declaration based on lasting reconciliation, healing, and cooperative relations.

On June 21, 2023 the UN Declaration Act Action Plan, developed in consultation and cooperation with First Nations, Inuit and Métis from across Canada was released. The implementation of the Action Plan and of the UN Declaration will contribute to the Government of Canada's continued efforts to break down barriers, combat systemic racism and discrimination, close socio-economic gaps, and promote greater equality and prosperity for Indigenous peoples.

We speak frequently on meaningful relationships and partnerships with governments, neighbouring communities and all who frequent the Lil'wat lands. We call upon all who are dedicated to meaningful relations to recognize and adopt the Act on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People.

Sincerely,

Skalúlmecw, Dean Nelson
Political Chief

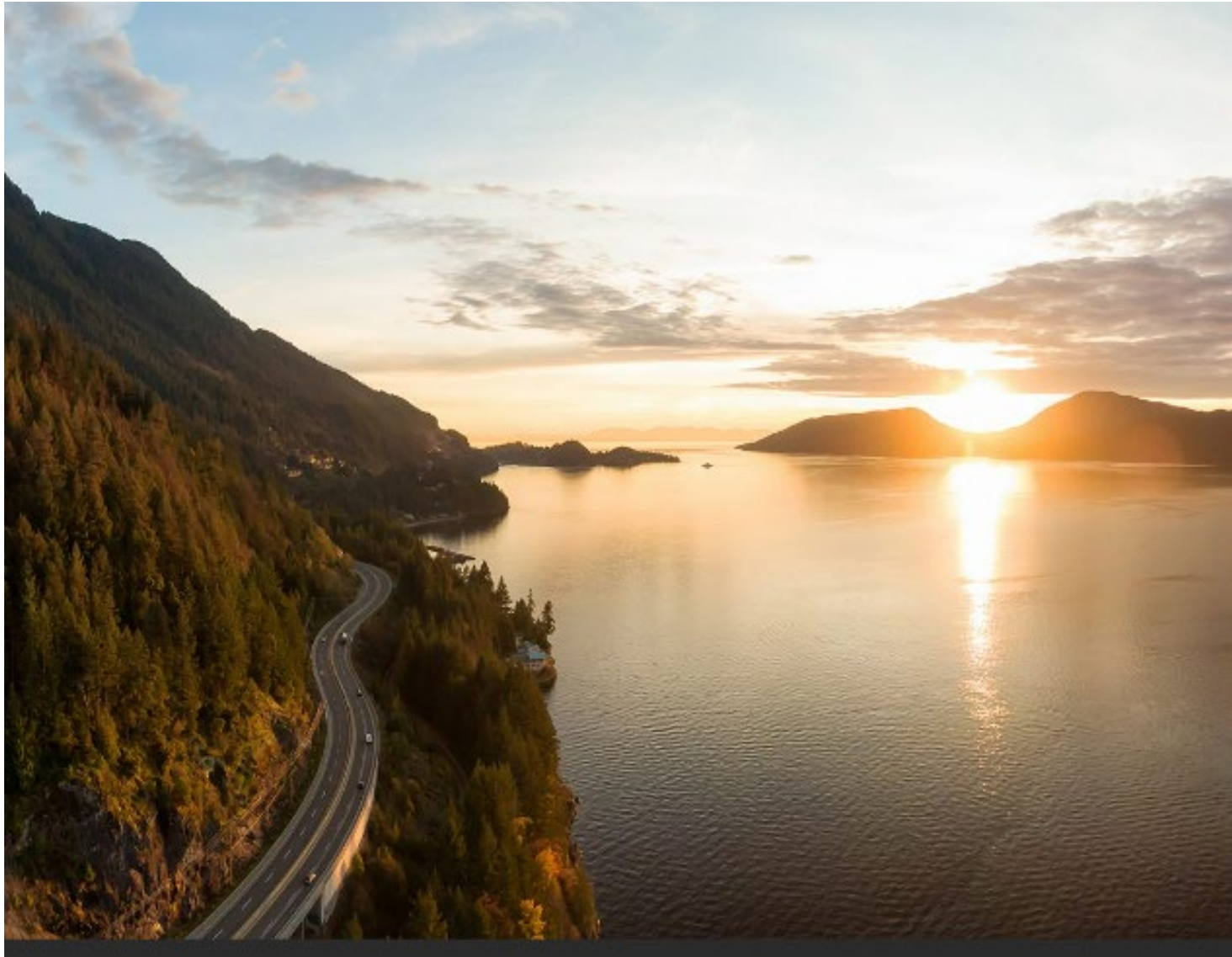
Pre-Olympic



Post Olympic



Where we go from here



Challenges

- Capacity is limited in local government & indigenous government.
- Local governments have short memories.
- Indigenous rights are easily politicized.
- Our shared history is dark and trauma persists.
- We don't realize we are still making the same mistakes.



Lessons Learned

- Relationships matter.
- Collaboration provides better results than litigation (in Canada).
- There is opportunity for "everyone".
- Protocol agreements.
- Bravery is required.

