



02/ LACF RESEARCH - HONOURING INDIGENOUS CULTURES AND TRADITIONS

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FOR MANY YEARS, the Landscape Architecture Canada Foundation (LACF) has been funding research and communication projects with a focus on Reconciliation and First Nations through its Annual Grants Program (lacf.ca/research/lacf-fapc-annual-grants-program). Some of these works have centred on Canada's north while others have examined our early colonial history. Yet another initiative explores First Nations culture and collaboration on the design of healing gardens for today. Regardless of the project, there always has been a reverence for the land and honouring of Indigenous traditions and cultures.

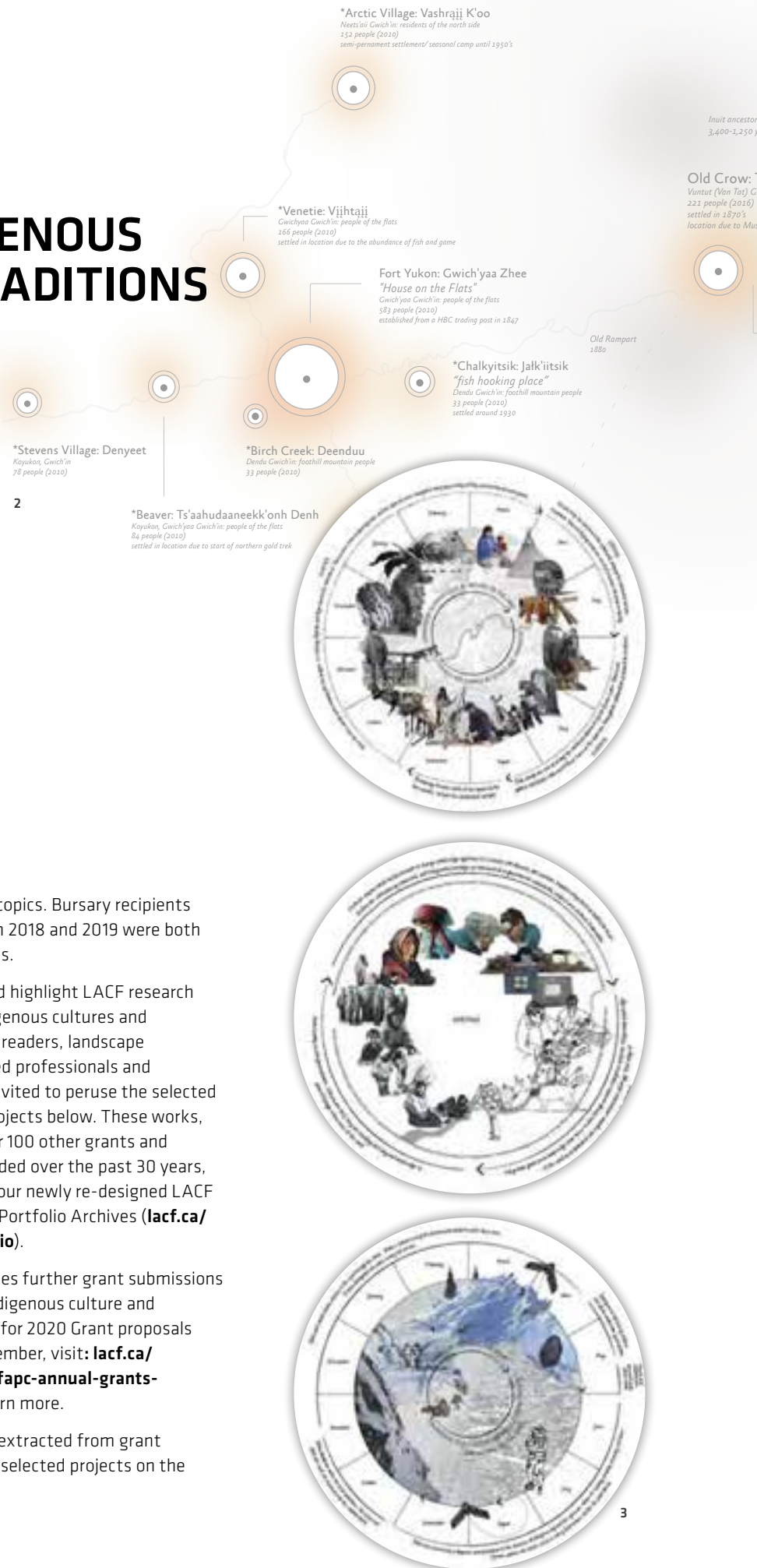
The LACF Northern Research Bursary (NRB; lacf.ca/research/lacf-fapc-northern-research-bursary), initiated in 2015 by NWTALA, focuses on promoting interest in and the advancement of research in northern Canada, defined as all regions of Canada north of the 55th parallel. This bursary award is administered through the Grants adjudication process and provides additional financial resources for research

on Indigenous topics. Bursary recipients of this award in 2018 and 2019 were both MLA candidates.

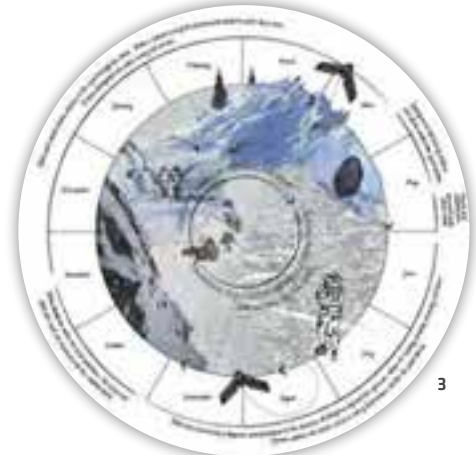
To promote and highlight LACF research related to Indigenous cultures and traditions, L/P readers, landscape architects, allied professionals and students are invited to peruse the selected short-list of projects below. These works, along with over 100 other grants and bursaries awarded over the past 30 years, are housed on our newly re-designed LACF website in the Portfolio Archives (lacf.ca/grants-portfolio).

LACF encourages further grant submissions that honour Indigenous culture and traditions. Call for 2020 Grant proposals begins in September, visit: lacf.ca/research/lacf-fapc-annual-grants-program to learn more.

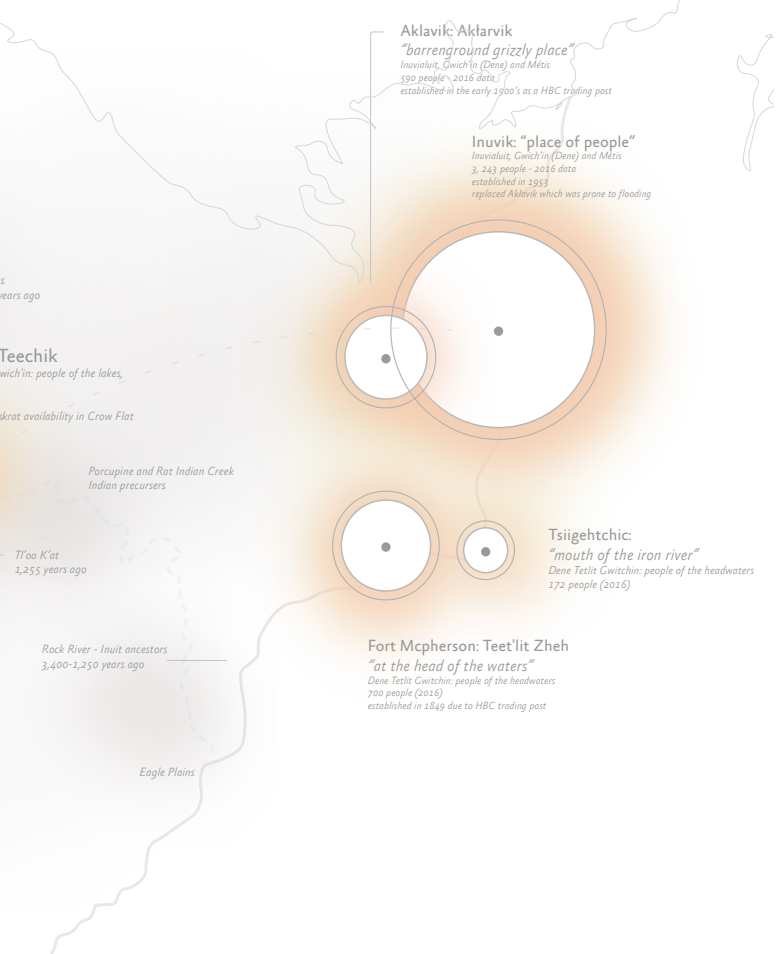
All images are extracted from grant proposals. See selected projects on the next page.



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03/ AN INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIP IN THE MAKING!

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DURING THE OPENING session of CSLA-BCSLA annual Congress in Vancouver focusing on the theme of Truth and Reconciliation, CSLA Fellow Chris Grosset challenged the audience to create a Legacy project by establishing an Indigenous Scholarship in Canada.

It was a challenge that was taken seriously by the Chair of the College of Fellows, Peter Briggs, when he later animated the LACF Fundraising ASK at the Gala Banquet. After emphasizing the importance of creating and sustaining a culture of giving, he reminded the attending guests of the *need to collectively continue to support the advancement of the values of the profession of landscape architecture for the betterment of our environment and humanity.*

The wonderful result of this call to action was to collect over \$75,000 in donation pledges to LACF from the CSLA community! Of this amount, over \$35,000 was directed to the newly created **Indigenous Scholarship Fund**, which represents a sustainable scholarship of \$1,000 annually. LACF is pleased to report that Chris's initial challenge was met, and that this Legacy project is now established. A special task force has been created to work out the specifics and criteria for the Scholarship. LACF will keep you updated!

Landscape Architecture Canada Foundation (LACF) is a charitable organization that promotes the advancement of the values of the profession of landscape architecture through Research, Communication and Scholarship. Donate today, visit lacf.ca/membership-support/donate-today.

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SELECTED PROJECTS

Grant #133 / **Kateri Healing Gardens, Kahnawake, QC** / Rick Moore, FCSLA

Beyond the boundaries of everyday practice, this project explores First Nations culture and collaborates with a recognized Kahnawake Medicine Helper and Faith Keeper on healing garden design (Image 4).

Grant #137 / **Including The Voice of Indigenous Youth In Green Infrastructure** / Sheila Boudreau, Fred Martin, Liat Margolis

This project examines the gap in our understanding of how to collaborate effectively across disciplines and in particular to co-produce solutions with First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples (See story on pages 44-47).

Grant #141 / **Visualizing Climate Implications on Food Sources in the Canadian Arctic** / NRB / Jessica MacDaniel, MLA Candidate, UBC

A Masters thesis explores how landscape architects can collaborate with communities in finding solutions to adapt to food sources changing in the Canadian Arctic's Tundra landscape (Images 1 & 2).

Grant #146 / **Developing a manual and framework for iterative place-making in Canada's North** / NRB / Thevishka Kanishkan, MLA Candidate, UofT

Development of an easy-to-read manual for iterative place-making for everyday northerners to use and a framework for landscape architects to build upon within the profession are two-fold goals of this thesis (Image 3).

