



COLONIAL AUDIT:

Interim Progress Report

Regular Park Board Meeting
Monday, November 29, 2021



Introduction: Spencer Lindsay



- **Define** colonial audit
- **Update** on work to date
- **Map** out next phase of work





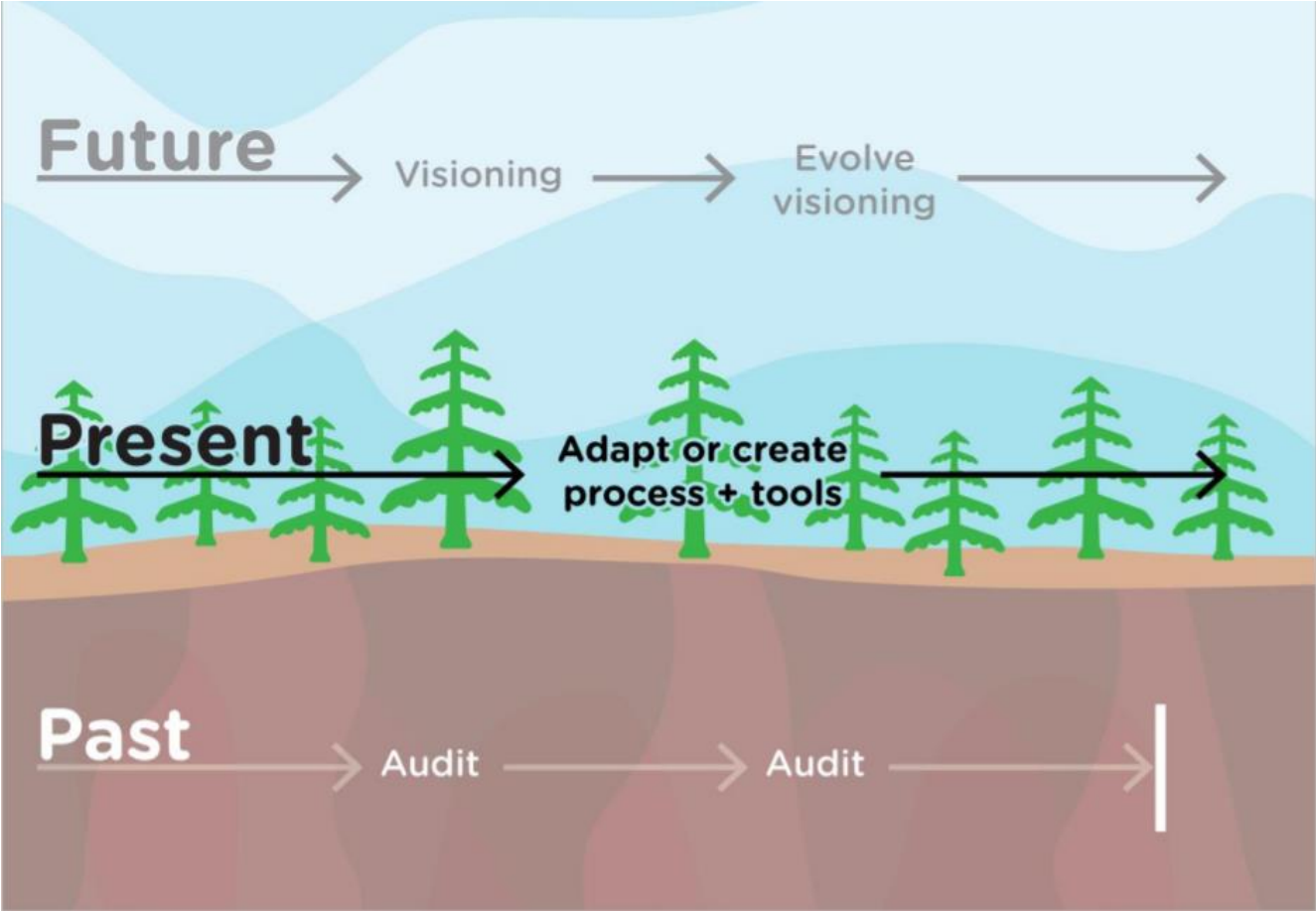
- Colonial
- Conditioning
- Reconciliation
- Decolonization



Background



Three Work Flows



Five Work Types





Truth and Reconciliation

Commission of Canada



What is a Colonial Audit?

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- Who are we?
- What are we for?
- Who are we for?
- How did we get here?



Parks are a certain kind of property, and thus creations of law, and they are subject to all kinds of presumptions about what parks are for, and what kinds of people should be doing what kinds of things in them. Parks — as they are currently constituted — are colonial enterprises.

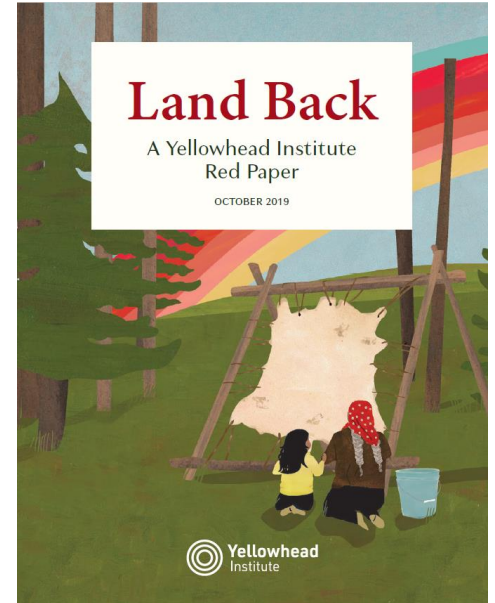
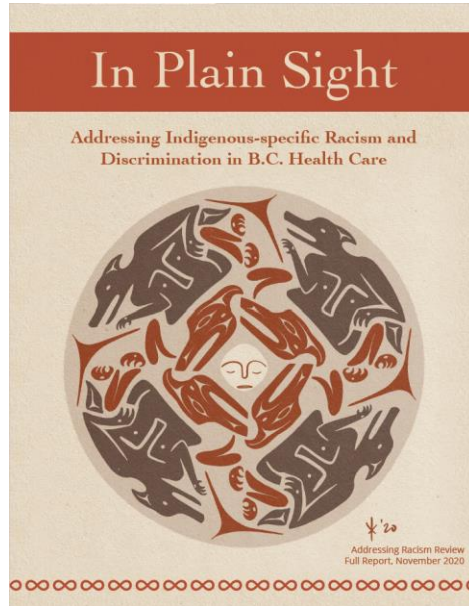
- On This Patch of Grass (Matt Hern)



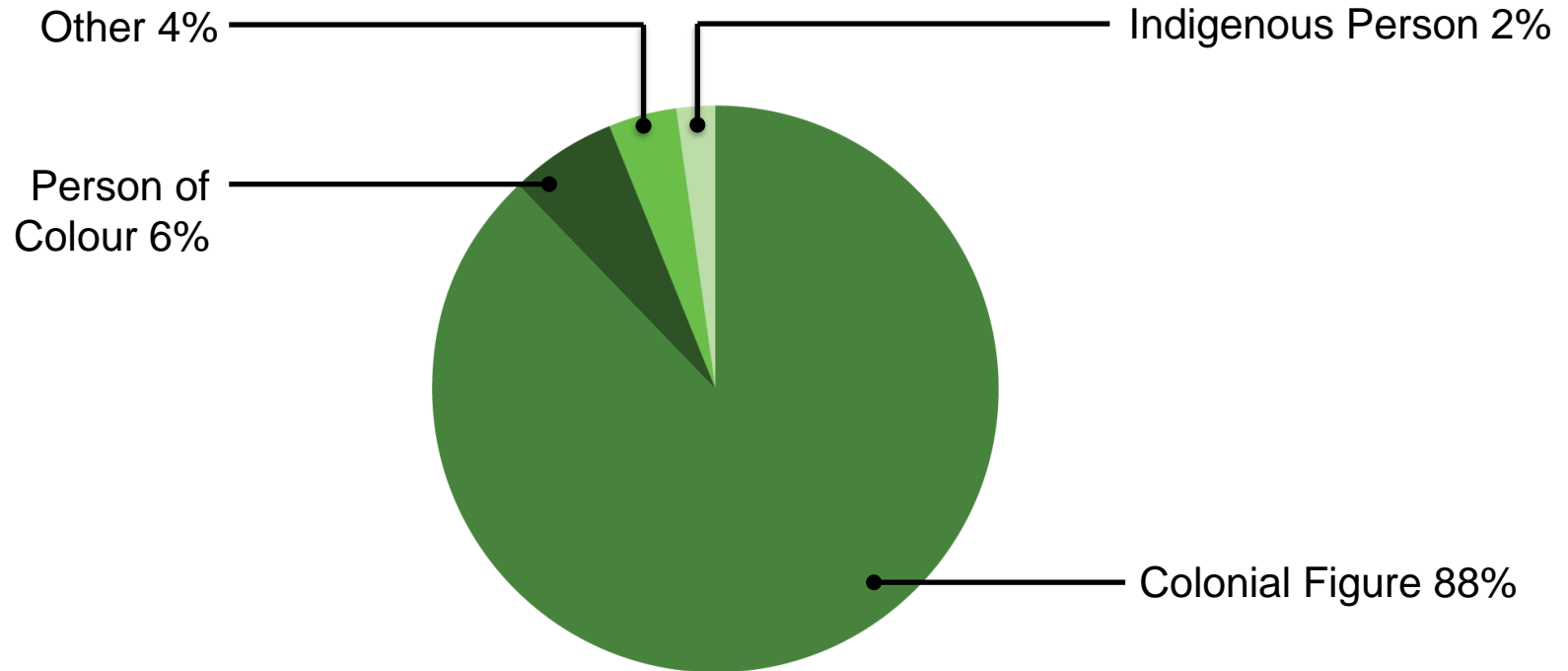
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What will the report contain?

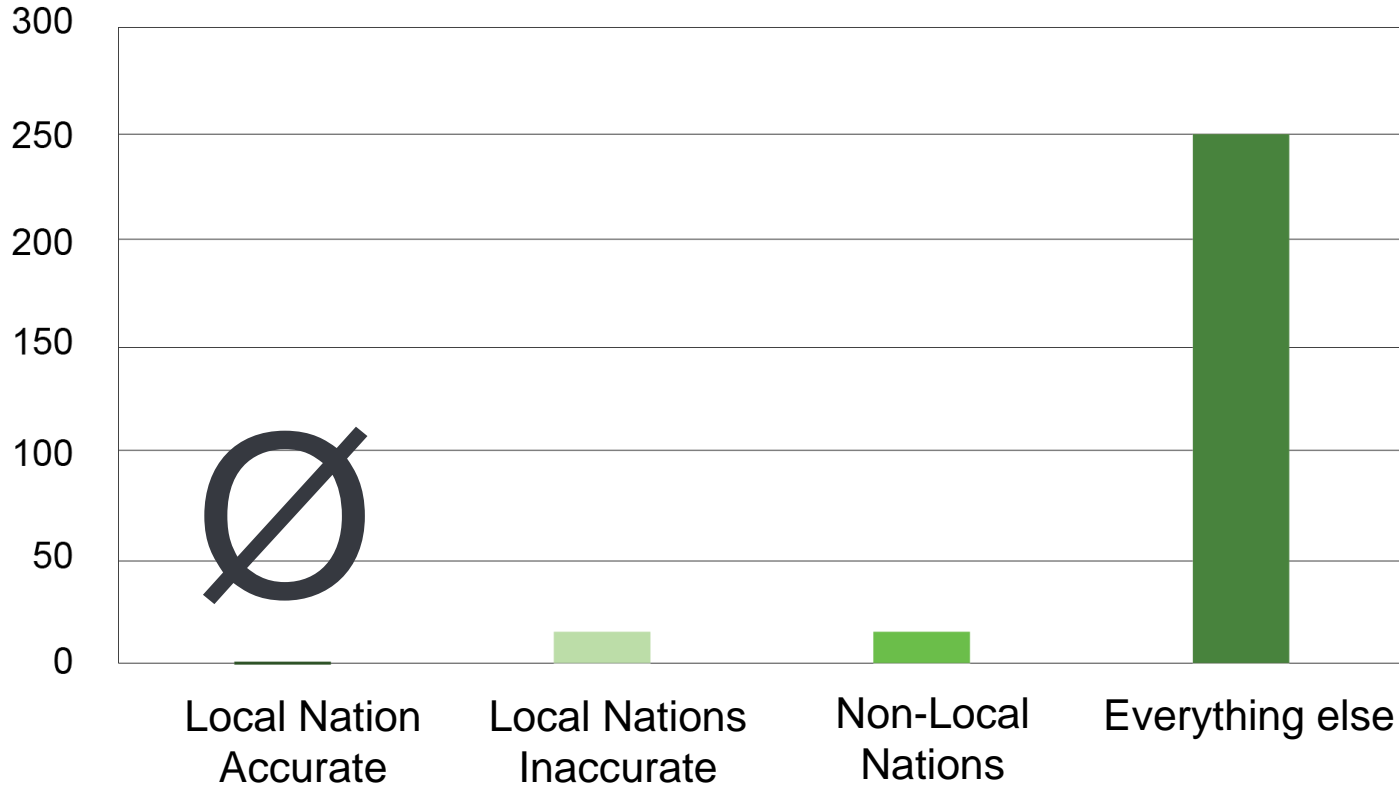
- Data
- Visualizations
- Case Studies



PARKS NAMED AFTER PEOPLE (126)



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Colonial Audit Process



- Audit as 'core sample'
- Collective responsibility
- Quantifiable data
- Case studies
- Build on concurrent work



- Stanley Park
Comprehensive plan
- Van Play
- CoV Equity Framework
- Naming and
Commemoration Policy
- Park Board
Strategic Planning

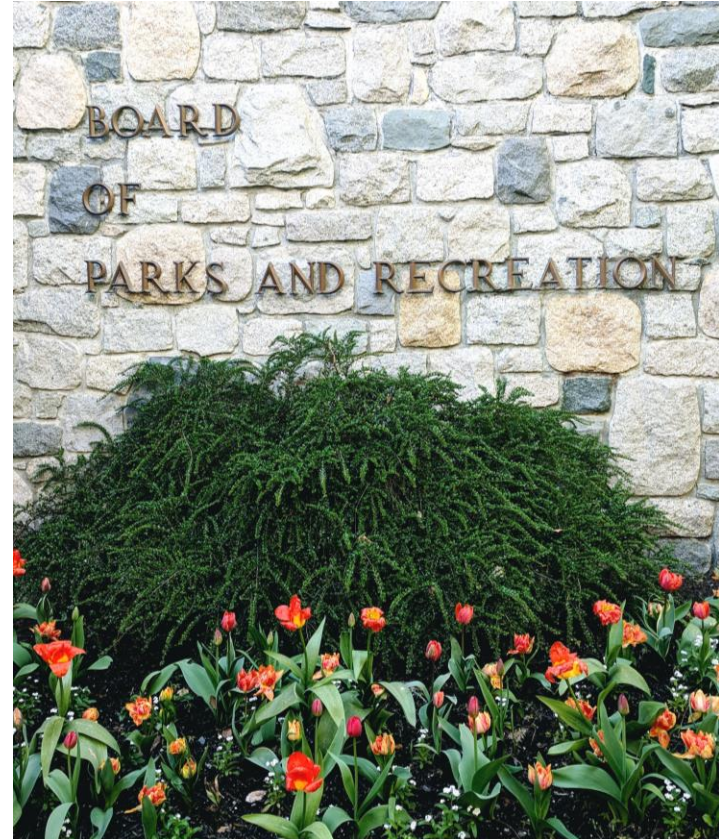


- Staff Engagement & Work Plans
- Continue Data Collection
- Artist in Residence
- Communications Strategy
- Decolonization Strategy Launch



Outcomes

- Clearer picture
- More nuanced narrative
- Foundation for Decolonization Strategy



- Demystification of Decolonization
- Cultural shift
- Healing



The problem's not that the truth is harsh, but that liberation from ignorance is as painful as being born. Run after truth until you're breathless. Accept the pain involved in recreating yourself afresh. These ideas will take a life to comprehend, a hard one interspersed with drunken moments.

-Naguib Mahfouz

