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Indigenous Place Names

Place Name	Indigenous Language	Meaning	Pronunciation
Canada	Kanyen'ke:ha	The Village	Ganada
Ottawa	Anishinaabemowin	Named after the Odawa people. Means "to trade"	Odawa
Mississauga	Anishinaabemowin	Named after the Mississauga people	
Katarokwi		"Place of mud and sticks"	
Toronto	Kanyen'ke:ha	Trees reflect in the water	Tkaronto
Winnipeg	Cree	"win"=murky "nipi"=water	Win-nipi
	Anishinaabemowin	Dirty waters	Wiinibig
Oshawa	Anishinaabemowin	The crossing place	Aazhawe
Saskatoon	Cree	Misâskwatômina Fruit of the Tree of Many Branches	Mis-sask-quah- toomina
Quebec	Anishinaabemowin	Where the river narrows	Kebek
Niagara Falls	Kanyen'ke:ha	"Neck" referring to the point of land between lakes	Onigahrah
Kelowna	Syilx	Kiʔláwnaʔ Means grizzly bear, after a big hairy French settler	Kelowna
Gananoque	Onondaga	Water rising over rocks	
Kawartha	Anishinaabemowin	Land of reflections	Kawatha
Manitoba	Anishinaabemowin	Manitou is Spirit Land of the Great Spirit	Manitou-bae
Manitoulin Island	Anishinaabemowin	Cave of the spirit	Manidoowaaling
Saskatchewan River	Cree	Swift-flowing river	Kisiskatchewanisipi
Nunavut	Inuktitut	Our Land	Noo-nuh-vut
Yukon	Loucheux	Great river	LoYu-kun-ah
Ontario	Huron	Beautiful lake	`Onitariio
Etobicoke	Anishinaabemowin	The place where the alders grow	Wah-do-be-kaung
Kapuskasing	Cree	The place where the river bends	
Lake Ontario	Huron	Beautiful lake	Lake Onitariio
Lake Huron	Huron	Named after the Huron people	Lake Huron
Lake Michigan	Anishinaabemowin	Large Lake	Lake Michi-gama
Lake Erie		Named after the Erie People	Lake Erie

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