



Policy ADMIN-04-2021

Land Acknowledgement Statement

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Policy Statement

A land acknowledgement statement recognizes First Nations peoples, and the traditional territories, upon which we work and live. Recognition and respect are essential elements of establishing healthy, reciprocal relations. These relationships are key to reconciliation, a process to which the Township of Georgian Bluffs is committed.

Purpose and Scope

This policy will provide context to use of Land Acknowledgements, respective to Township meetings and other special events.

Definitions

Not applicable.

Policy Requirements

Land Acknowledgement Statement

We acknowledge with respect, the history, spirituality, and culture of the Anishinaabek: The People of the Three Fires known as Ojibway, Odawa, and Pottawatomi Nation, who have inhabited this land from time immemorial. And further give thanks to the Chippewas of Saugeen, and the Chippewas of Nawash, now known as the Saugeen Ojibway Nation, as the traditional keepers of this land. We also recognize, the Metis and Inuit whose ancestors shared this land and these waters. May we all, as Treaty People, live with respect on this land, and live-in peace and friendship with all its diverse peoples.

Land Acknowledgements will be used in the following circumstances:

1. Prior to commencing business at meetings of Council and Committees of Council,
2. Special events, and
3. Any other circumstance as directed by Council in consultation with the Chief Administrative Officer and Clerk.

Monitoring and Review

The Clerk's Department is responsible for the administration and maintenance of this policy, including a detailed review every 2 years.