

## Land Acknowledgement Policy

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### Policy Statement

A land acknowledgement statement recognizes First Nations Peoples on whose traditional territories 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 Grey County is committed.

### Purpose

The purpose of a land acknowledgement is to demonstrate the recognition and respect for Indigenous peoples, both in the past and the present and the contributions they have made to our communities and nation.

### Scope

This policy will provide a corporate Land Acknowledgement and an overview of when Land Acknowledgements should be used relative to Grey County meetings, corporate documents and other special events.

## 1.0 Definitions

- 1.1 First Nation Peoples original inhabitants of the land that is now Canada, and were the first to encounter sustained European contact, settlement, and trade.
- 1.2 Inuit means a member of an indigenous people from Northern Canada and parts of Greenland and Alaska.
- 1.3 Metis means people of mixed European and Indigenous ancestry, and one of the three recognized Aboriginal People in Canada.
- 1.4 Saugeen Ojibway Nations means the First Nations People of the Chippewas of Nawash, Unceded First Nation and the Saugeen First Nation

## 2.0 Financial Matters

There are no financial matters related to this Policy

## 3.0 Internal Governance

### Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge with respect, the history, spirituality, and culture of the Anishinaabek, Six Nations of the Grand River, Haudenosaunee, and Wendat-Wyandot-Wyandotte peoples on whose traditional territories we gather and whose ancestors signed Treaties with our ancestors. We recognize also, 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:

- 3.1 Council/Committee of the Whole Agendas
  - a) the Inaugural Session of Grey County Council following the municipal election,
  - b) Council Meeting where there is a Committee Report related to land matters including but not limited to: planning matters or sale or acquisition of land
- 3.2 Corporate Documents including but not limited to Corporate Strategic Plan, Official Plan or Official Plan Amendments, Forest Management Plan, Annual Budget and others as directed by the Chief Administrative Officer in consultation with the Warden and Clerk.
- 3.3 Grey County Special Events including but not limited to opening of new exhibits at Grey Roots, naming or dedication ceremonies related to Grey County assets (roads, forests etc.), opening of new County facilities etc. Other Special Events as directed by the Warden in consultation with the Chief Administrative Officer and Clerk.

### Forms

None