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Martina,  
As discussed, my comments.

" Submitting to a Land Acknowledgement in the draft Douro-Dummer Strategic Plan means the Township willfully and truly believes in what is being stated and is ready to answer all questions when someone becomes critical about the Acknowledgement. In order to fulfill this obligation, this means taking the time to research oral and historical documentation of the Townships rather than stating wide-ranging generalizations that continue the idea that First Nations are from the past. Land Acknowledgements must be written in collaboration by including First Nation people and especially those residing within Douro-Dummer Township, in a meaningful way. The Acknowledgement within this plan, in my opinion, certainly lacks these qualities and the qualities outlined within the Spirit of truth and Reconciliation (2015). It should be noted that Douro-Dummer Township was only formed on January 1, 1998 by the amalgamation of Dummer Township (1821) and Douro Township (1821). Much prior to this timeline, the Ojibwe people through warfare against the Haudenosaune at the request of the Hurons became the sole occupiers of this land, in which Douro-Dummer is situated. On November 05, 1818 in a location called Smith's Creek in the Township of Hope, Treaty 20 was signed between the British Crown and specific Ojibwe Anishinaabe Chiefs. This is the only Treaty signed between the Ojibwe and the British Crown in this area for use of the land. Water was not included in the negotiations. Moving forward, I suggest that the Douro-Dummer council recommend that further work must be initiated on the Draft Douro-Dummer Strategic Plan Land Acknowledgement. This must be done acknowledging the spirit of respect. The Council must remove the current draft Acknowledgement, which appears on its face value as merely a hodgepodge of Google searches of information."

Examples of required further work:

- a) Build real and genuine relationships by consulting with First Nation Families in Douro-Dummer about this Acknowledgement and plan.
- b) Do your homework, Correctly identify what First Nations have Treaty Rights within Douro-Dummer Township and who Douro-Dummer Township must consult with.
- c) Use past, present and future tenses when identifying Rights holders of the identified First Nations.
- d) Correctly use and correctly spell the Anishinaabe language when citing it.

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