

Overview:

Territorial or Land Acknowledgement to the Indigenous lands that we stand on have become more common in non-indigenous spaces and during civic events. This declaration acts as a way to recognize the traditional territory of the Indigenous people who called these lands home before the arrival of settlers.

Conclusion:

In order to add a Land Acknowledgement to the Council agenda for regular meetings, Section 6.1 Order of Agenda in the Procedural By-law will need to be amended. If Council would like to add a Land Acknowledgement to the agenda, a sample Land Acknowledgement could be:

"We respectfully acknowledge that we are on the treaty and traditional territory of the Michi Saagiig Anishinaabeg. We offer our gratitude to the First Peoples for their care for, and teachings about, our earth and our relations. May we honour those teachings."

A draft by-law is included on the agenda today to amend Section 6.1 to add a Land Acknowledgement as well as to add Public Meetings to Item 6 and change Item 14 "New Business" to "Announcements".

Recommendation:

That the Clerk/Planning-2020-16 report, dated April 7, 2020 regarding Amendment to Procedural By-Law be received and that Section 6.1 of the Procedural By-law be amended to add a Land Acknowledgement, add Public Meetings to Item 6 and change Item 14 to Announcements.

Financial Impact: None.

Strategic Plan Applicability: N/A

Sustainability Plan Applicability: N/A

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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