



First Nations Land Acknowledgement Policy

Policy No.: 1.16

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Strategic Goals and Priorities:

- Enhance safety and provide a welcoming community with a strong social fabric
- Foster strong communication at all levels (locally, regionally, provincially)

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to affirm the municipality's commitment to recognizing and respecting the unique and enduring relationship that exists between Indigenous People and their traditional territories.

This policy establishes a consistent, meaningful practice that aligns municipal governance with principles of respect, inclusion, and reconciliation.

Scope:

Formal land acknowledgements, as prescribed by this policy, shall be delivered at the commencement of all open meetings of Council and Committee of the Whole.

To preserve the integrity, intent, and ceremonial significance of the practice, land acknowledgements shall not be delivered at closed (in camera) meetings, internal staff meetings, or public events beyond the established meeting types, except where deemed appropriate by members of Council.

This provision ensures that land acknowledgements are undertaken in a consistent, deliberate, and respectful manner within the municipality's formal governance proceedings.

Responsibilities:

Council

- The Mayor or acting Mayor of each open meeting of Committee or Council shall deliver the District of Taylor's First Nations Land Acknowledgment where indicated on the meeting agenda during open Council and Committee meetings.

Policy:

Department Responsible: Corporate Services

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By including a formal land acknowledgement at the opening of all committee and council meetings, the municipality seeks to:

- Honour the enduring presence, rights, and contributions of Indigenous Nations within our community.
- Support reconciliation by fostering respectful relationships between the municipality and Indigenous Peoples.
- Ensure that municipal decision-making begins with a moment of reflection on the land, its history, and our collective responsibilities.

This policy will be reviewed every two (2) years or as needed in consultation with Indigenous partners to ensure continued respect and relevance.