

October 6, 2021

Memo

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Re: Resolution of Council - Land Acknowledgement Statement

Essex County Council, at its Wednesday, October 6, 2021 meeting, adopted the following resolution:

204-2021 Moved By Marc Bondy Seconded By Nelson Santos

That the Essex County Council adopt the following Land Acknowledgement Statement, as a living document, open for revisions for one year to allow for feedback and advice regarding its ongoing use:

We (I) begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations, comprised of the Ojibway, Odawa and Potawatomie Peoples. To recognize the land is an expression of gratitude to those whose territory you reside on, and a way of honouring the Indigenous people who have been living and working on the land from time immemorial. We value the significant historical and contemporary contributions of local and regional First Nations and all the Original Peoples of Turtle Island.

Carried

The Procedure By-law 41-2018 sticky note has been updated to reflect this addition in the next revision. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards,

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