
TO: Mayor Kogon and Members of Council

SUBMITTED BY: Kimberlee Jones, Municipal Clerk

DATE: January 21, 2019

SUBJECT: Territorial Acknowledgement / Amend Proceedings of Council Policy

ORIGIN: Direction to staff from the April 2018 Council meeting.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY: Policy #10350-24 Proceedings of Council.

RECOMMENDATION: That the amendment to the Proceedings of Council Policy be forwarded to Council for consideration and approval at the January 28, 2019 regular meeting.

BACKGROUND: This is an important protocol that we see being adopted and practiced by many municipalities across the country. In acknowledging treaty and traditional territory, municipalities are responding to TRC recommendation ' 45iii: *Renew or establish Treaty relationships based on principles of mutual recognition, mutual respect and shared responsibility for maintaining those relationships into the future*'

DISCUSSION: I would propose that we add the following statement to our Council meeting agenda, and it would be read aloud by the Chair immediately following the Call to Order.

The Statement will read:

"We [I] would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Mi'kmaw Peoples. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" first signed with the British Crown in 1725.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no financial implications

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: There has been no community engagement

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no environmental implications

SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPLICATIONS: Supports inclusion and recognition of our history and heritage and the indigenous peoples from our area.



ALTERNATIVES:

- 1- Approve the policy with the territorial acknowledgement as presented
- 2- Approve the policy amendment with alternative language
- 3- Do not amend the policy

ATTACHMENTS: Proceedings of Council Policy

Report prepared by: Kimberlee Jones

Report and Financial approved by: