

## TRADITIONAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT POLICY GP-D-2.5

### **Issue**

Traditional Land Acknowledgement Policy GP-D-2.5 is provided to Council for review and approval.

### **Motion Proposed by Administration**

That Traditional Land Acknowledgement Policy GP-D-2.5 be approved as presented.

### **Report, Analysis and Financial Implications**

Okotoks' relations with our Indigenous partners has evolved, resulting in a deeper understanding of the meaning of a land acknowledgment. Draft Land Acknowledgement Policy GP-D-2.5 embraces the oral culture of the Indigenous with an accompanying video of land acknowledgement and a written policy guiding its use moving forward.

### **Strategic Plan Goals**

<input type="checkbox"/> Responsibly Managed Growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrated Environmental Leadership
<input type="checkbox"/> Strong Local Economy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhanced Culture & Community Health
<input type="checkbox"/> Organizational Excellence	

### **Equity/Diversity/Inclusivity Impacts and Strategy**

This Policy supports the Town's commitment to reconciliation with Indigenous community members, communities and organizations as well as the continued nurturing of these relationships and the fostering of new ones.

### **Environmental Impacts**

n/a

### **Governing Policies/Bylaws/Legislation or Agreements**

n/a

### **Public Participation Strategy**

n/a

### **Alternatives for Consideration**

n/a

### **CAO Comments**

I strongly support this Policy. The combination of both oral and written guidance is essential to advancing reconciliation. The video will be shared for the first time at the Council meeting.

**Attachment(s)****1. Draft Policy GP D 2.5 Land Acknowledgement**

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