

Procedure Title: LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PROCEDURE

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1. SCOPE

This policy applies to Council Policy A-106 Land Acknowledgement Policy.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to outline a collaboratively developed and approved statement of territorial acknowledgement.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES

The CAO and Senior Leadership Team are responsible for ensuring that all employees and representatives of the Municipality of Jasper are familiar with the Land Acknowledgement Policy and Administrative Procedures so that they can incorporate the territorial acknowledgement into practice.

4. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Version A:

"I would like to begin by acknowledging that the Municipality of Jasper is on Treaty 6 and 8 Territories as well as The Jasper House Métis District. This land is the Traditional Territory, meeting ground, gathering place, travelling route and home for the Dane-zaa, Aseniwuche Winewak, As'in'î'wa'chî Ni'yaw, Nêhiyawak, Anishinaabe, Secwépemc, Stoney Nakoda, Mountain Métis and Métis. The Municipality of Jasper acknowledges the land:

- to honour the relationship Indigenous Peoples have with this land;
- to remind us of our responsibility and obligations to this place and to Indigenous peoples; and,
- to affirm our accountability to address the ongoing impacts of colonization that continue to affect Indigenous Peoples."

Version B:

The Municipality of Jasper respectfully acknowledges that the Municipality of Jasper is on Treaty 6 and 8 Territories as well as The Jasper House Métis District. This land is the Traditional Territory, meeting ground, gathering place, travelling route and home for the Dane-zaa, Aseniwuche Winewak As'in'î'wa'chî Ni'yaw, Nêhiyawak, Anishinaabe, Secwépemc, Stoney Nakoda, Mountain Métis and Métis.

5. STYLE GUIDE AND PRONUNCIATION

When in written form, capitalize Indigenous Peoples, Traditional Territory(ies) and Treaty. Indigenous Peoples is plural to reflect an understanding of the diversity of Indigenous Peoples.

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Indigenous name	Pronunciation	English name
Dane-zaa	<u>dane</u> -zah	Beaver
As'in'î'wa'chî Ni'yaw	ah-se-neh-wa-chee nee-yaw	Rocky Mountain Cree
Aseniwuche Winewak	ah-se-neh-wu-chee win-eh-walk	Rocky Mountain People
Nêhiyawak	nee- <u>hay</u> -ah-wuk	Cree
Anishinaabe	ah-nish- <u>nah</u> -bay	Ojibway
Secwépemc	Say- <u>kwep</u> -emk	Shuswap
Stoney Nakoda	stow-nee-na- <u>koh</u> - da	Stoney Nakoda
Mountain Métis	Mountain may-tee	Mountain Métis
Métis	may- <u>tee</u>	Métis

Pronunciation: Empower yourself to ask questions for clarity on how to pronounce local nation names. When you ask questions, you create space for dialogue and relationship building. <https://www.firstvoices.com/> is an online space for Indigenous communities to share and promote language, oral culture and linguistic history.

7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The wording for this Land Acknowledgement has been developed in consultation with community and Indigenous partners including: Parks Canada – Indigenous Relations, Indigenous Tourism Alberta, members of the Indigenous Peoples' Circle of Jasper, local Indigenous entrepreneurs and those who identify a historical and ongoing connection to this area. The Municipality of Jasper is thankful for their willingness to share their knowledge.