

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF CORNWALLIS

POLICY & PROCEDURES MANUAL Land Acknowledgement

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1. PURPOSE

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis enact a Land Acknowledgement Policy. The Rural Municipality of Cornwallis is recognizing First Nations Peoples on whose traditional lands we work and live. Recognition and respect are essential elements of establishing healthy, reciprocal relations. These relationships are key to reconciliation, a process to which the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis is committed.

2. PREAMBLE

A member of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis brought forth a proposed First Nations Territorial Acknowledgement statement, which would be read at the start of each Council Meeting.

This land acknowledgement statement has been created to demonstrate recognition and respect for Indigenous peoples, both in the past and the present, and the contributions they have made and continue to make to our community and nation. The statement will be read aloud at official meetings of Council to demonstrate respect, and promote a deeper understanding of unceded lands and our local history.

3. POLICY

Following the adoption of the policy, Council Meetings and Special Meetings (does not include Committee Meetings) will commence with the following statement to be read by the Chair of the Meeting:

“We acknowledge we are gathered on Treaty 1 & Treaty 2 Territories and that Manitoba is located on the Treaty Territories and ancestral lands of the Anishinaabeg, Anishinewuk, Cree, Oji- Cree, Dakota Oyate, Denesuline, Ojibeway, and Nehethowuk.

We acknowledge Manitoba is located on the Homeland of the Red River Metis.

We respect the spirit and intent of Treaties and Treaty Making, and remain committed to working in partnership with First Nations, Inuit and Metis people in the spirit of truth, reconciliation and collaboration.”