

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHGATE

## BY-LAW NUMBER 2021-141

being a By-law to adopt a "First Nations Land Acknowledgement Policy"  
known as Policy Number 89

**Whereas** the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, as amended, Section 5 (3), states that municipal power, including a municipality's capacity, rights, powers and privileges, shall be exercised by by-law unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise; and

**Whereas** the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, as amended, Section 9, provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act; and

**Whereas** the Council of The Township of Southgate has deemed it desirable to adopt a policy with respect to the Township of Southgate First Nations Land Acknowledgement,

**Now therefore be it resolved that** the Corporation of the Township of Southgate hereby enacts as follows:

1. **That** the "First Nations Land Acknowledgement Policy" known as Policy No. 89, attached hereto as Schedule A is hereby adopted; and
2. **That** this by-law shall come into force and effect on the date of its passing.

**Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.**

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John Woodbury – Mayor

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Lindsey Green – Clerk



## **First Nations Land Acknowledgement Policy**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of a land acknowledgement is to demonstrate the recognition and respect for Indigenous peoples, both in the past and the present and the contributions they have made to our communities and the nation.

### **Scope**

This policy will provide a Land Acknowledgement for the Township of Southgate and an overview of when Land Acknowledgements should be used relative to Township of Southgate Council meetings.

### **1. Definitions**

- 1.1 **First Nation Peoples** means original inhabitants of the land that is now Canada, and whom were the first to encounter sustained European contact, settlement, and trade.
- 1.2 **Inuit** means a member of an indigenous people from Northern Canada and parts of Greenland and Alaska.
- 1.3 **Metis** means people of mixed European and Indigenous ancestry, and one of the three recognized Aboriginal People in Canada.
- 1.4 **Saugeen Ojibway Nations** means the First Nations People of the Chippewas of Nawash, Unceded First Nation and the Saugeen First Nation.

### **2. Land Acknowledgement**

"As we gather, we are reminded that the Township of Southgate is situated on the Traditional Territory of the Anishinabek Nation being the People of the Three Fires known as Ojibway, Odawa, and Pottawatomie Nations and also acknowledge the Saugeen Ojibway Nation, as the traditional keepers of this land whom we share with today."

The Land Acknowledgement will be used in the following circumstances:

- Regular scheduled Township of Southgate Council Meetings
- The Inaugural Session of the Township of Southgate Council following an Election

### **3. Monitoring and Review of the Policy**

The Clerk's Department is responsible for the administration, maintenance, and review of this policy.