	<b>Land Acknowledgement Policy</b>
	<b>Council Approved</b>
	<b>Council (CL) #1110</b>
	<b>Approved</b> September 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
	<b>Next Review Date</b> September 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2025

## 1.0 POLICY STATEMENT

- 1.1 The Town of Hinton (the “Town”) is committed to recognizing, respecting, and affirming the ongoing relationships between peoples and the land, as well as fostering a spirit of welcomeness and honour for tradition through the implementation of a Land Acknowledgement Statement.

## 2.0 PURPOSE

- 2.1 This Policy provides parameters for the Town on the use of the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

## 3.0 SCOPE

- 3.1 The Land Acknowledgement Statement will be stated verbally at the start of each of the following:
- 3.1.1 Regular Meetings of Council;
  - 3.1.2 Special Meetings of Council;
  - 3.1.3 Committee of the Whole Meetings; and
  - 3.1.4 Organizational Meetings of Council.
- 3.2 The Land Acknowledgement Statement will exist in print on each of the following:
- 3.2.1 Agendas;
  - 3.2.2 The Town website; and
  - 3.2.3 Town Social Media as applicable.

## 4.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

- 4.1 The Meeting Chair or their designate will be responsible for:
- 4.1.1 Reading the Land Acknowledgement Statement at the start of the occasions outlined under Section 3.1.
- 4.2 The Communications Coordinator or their designate will be responsible for:

4.2.1 Ensuring the accuracy of the Land Acknowledgement Statement on any Town Social Media or print material where it may appear.

**5.0 RELATED MATTERS AND REFERENCES**

5.1 Council Procedure Bylaw

5.2 Culture Policy

5.3 Public Communications Policy

5.4 Social Media Policy

**6.0 DEFINITIONS**

6.1 **Land Acknowledgement Statement:** a statement used to recognize, respect, and affirm the ongoing relationships between peoples and the land, as well as foster a spirit of welcomeness and honour for tradition.


**7.0 APPENDICES, PROCEDURES, & FORMS**

7.1 Land Acknowledgement Statement

**8.0 REVISION CONTROL**

8.1 This Policy must be reviewed every three (3) years out of consideration for the feedback garnered by the community regarding the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

8.2 Upon Council approval, all former versions of this Policy are hereby rescinded.

Date	Revision
SEPT 6, 2022	

Land Acknowledgement Statement

“The Town of Hinton respectfully acknowledges that it is located on the First People’s traditional lands. We recognize this traditional territory to show respect and understanding to those who walked this land since time immemorial. Today, we uphold our ongoing responsibility to work together in the spirit of the intent of the Treaties with all the First Peoples and Nations that call this place home. The Town expresses gratitude for the opportunity to build a better community on these sacred lands for generations to come.”