



Indigenous Peoples Relationship

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Policy F13

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Policy Purpose

The County recognizes and is committed to collaborating with Indigenous Peoples with the main objective to build long-term, trusting and mutually beneficial relationships.

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

Policy Statement

The County acknowledges and recognizes the contributions of Indigenous Peoples to Canada as we know it today. The County recognizes that it is located within traditional Treaty No. 8 territory.

Definitions

“County” means the municipality of the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 having jurisdiction under the Municipal Government Act and other applicable legislation.

“Council” means the duly elected Council members of the County of Grande Prairie No. 1

“Indigenous Peoples” means First Nations, Inuit, and Metis people.

“Treaty No. 8” means an agreement signed on June 21, 1899, between Queen Victoria and various First Nations of the Lesser Slave Lake area.

“Treaty No. 8 territory” means the traditional lands and gathering places for diverse Indigenous Peoples. Treaty territory covers the areas of Northern Alberta, Northwestern Saskatchewan, Northeastern British Columbia, and the Southwest portion of the Northwest Territories.

Policy Guidelines

1. The County will seek opportunities to develop positive relationships with the Indigenous Peoples.



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2. The County will seek to broaden our understanding of the Treaty No. 8 First Nations and Indigenous history and issues facing Indigenous Peoples in Canada.
3. The County's annual Organizational meeting will include an acknowledgement that the meeting is being held on traditional Treaty No. 8 territory.
4. Civic events opened by members of Council will include an acknowledgement that the occasion is taking place on traditional Treaty No. 8 territory. The acknowledgements may be developed in consultation with Indigenous Peoples as may be appropriate per the occasion.
5. Following each municipal election, Council orientation will include information on the historical significance of Indigenous Peoples and Treaty No. 8.
6. Council proclaims June 21st annually as the National Indigenous Peoples Day in the County to recognize the past and ongoing contributions of Indigenous Peoples, both locally and across the country.
7. Council recognizes and encourages reflection on September 30th annually as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Attachments

N/A

References

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| Legal Authorities | N/A |
| Related Plans, Bylaws, Policies, Etc. | Policy B1 – Policy Development Policy L7 – Personnel Policy Policy L17 – Anti-Racism Policy Procedural Bylaw Code of Conduct Bylaw |
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