

From: Brigitte Zwarych  
Sent: Friday, February 22, 2019 12:11 PM  
To: Clerks Richmondhill; Stephen Huycke  
Subject: Land Acknowledgement

Good Morning,

Please note my email addressed to the Mayor and Councillors West and Cilevitz and have it included in the public record for the March 25<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

Thank you.

Brigitte Zwarych

Good Morning Mayor Barrow, Councillor West and Councillor Cilevitz,

I read with dismay in the Liberal yesterday that the majority of our Councillors voted to defer the motion to start Council Meetings with a Land Acknowledgement. As such, I just want to share with you the Land Acknowledgment which York University has embraced.

*York University acknowledges its presence on the traditional territory of many Indigenous Nations. The area known as Tkaronto has been care taken by the Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Huron-Wendat, and the Métis. It is now home to many Indigenous Peoples. We acknowledge the current treaty holders, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory is subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement to peaceably share and care for the Great Lakes region.*

Regards,  
Brigitte Zwarych

From: Brigitte Zwarych  
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2019 3:05 PM  
To: Clerks Richmondhill; Stephen Huycke  
Cc: David West; Karen Cilevitz; Office-Mayor Richmondhill  
Subject: Addendum to previous email sent February 22, 2019

To all for info:

The note below is read to provide context to the Land Acknowledgement which York University has endorsed.

**Land Acknowledgement  
(to be read at the start of every event)**

**To be read prior to the Land Acknowledgement to provide context:**

The significance of giving land acknowledgements is essentially showing recognition of and respect to Indigenous Peoples and their traditional or ancestral territories, which are essential elements of establishing healthy, reciprocal relations. It is also the way forward in the steps toward reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

Regards,  
Brigitte Zwarych