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Subject: Land Acknowledgement

My family and I are very supportive of Councillor West's motion to have Richmond Hill Council include a traditional land acknowledgement at the beginning of all Council meetings, etc.

Just to add support, I am enclosing a copy from today's (March 19) City of Markham Council agenda that demonstrates how Markham has adopted this as standard procedure:

CALL TO ORDER

1. INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We begin today by acknowledging that we walk upon the traditional territories of Indigenous Peoples and we recognize their history, spirituality, culture, and stewardship of the land. We are grateful to all Indigenous groups for their commitment to protect the land and its resources and we are committed to reconciliation, partnership and enhanced understanding.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

I am sorry that we will not be able to attend the March 25th Council meeting to voice our support.

Stephen Chait, Tina Cotrupi and family

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