From: Monica Woodley

Sent: Fri 3/22/2019 4:02 PM To: Clerks Richmondhill

Subject: Land Acknowledgement Motion

Dear Clerk of the Richmond Hill Council,

I write to register my support for Councillor David West's Motion to have Council add a Land Acknowledgement to the opening of Council Sessions, recognizing the traditional and treaty territories of Indigenous peoples.

Such an Acknowledgement recognizes and acknowledges historical wrongs towards the Indigenous Peoples of Canada and supports the efforts and intent of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Such an Acknowledgement may yet help in reducing the hurts that Indigenous people have undergone and continue to undergo in Canada. Many Municipalities and Organizations – religious and secular are making this miniscule, yet meaningful effort, towards truth and reconciliation. Richmond Hill Council can do no less in helping to move our community along such a redemptive path.

Thank you for registering my request and support of the Motion. I plan to appear in Council on March 25th with others in support, who trust that the Motion will be adopted.

Kind Regards, Monica Woodley

Richmond Hill