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To: Clerks Richmondhill
Subject: Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

Dear Clerks

I am emailing to provide my input for the upcoming March 25 Council Meeting; in particular re: Councillor West's motion for Indigenous Land Acknowledgement at Council Meetings.

First, I am glad that Councillor Beros' motion to defer passed, for two reasons: it enables residents such as myself to voice our opinions and I agree that having this item discussed at the same meeting as the Singing of O Canada are both important to us as Canadians.

I'm not going to repeat the case for Land Acknowledgement; the case has already been clearly stated.

Here's my opinion: hopefully, most sentient beings have a moral compass, an understanding of what is right and what is wrong. The Indigenous Land Acknowledgement is clearly the right thing to do, for all the reasons spoken by those before me.

Any **attempt to equate the culture** of our First Nations people who were here way before the Europeans **with the cultures of our Immigrant Predecessors** who came here and flourished in the New World to the disadvantage of our Aboriginals is not only **ridiculous**, it is **unconscionable**.

Let's do the right thing. Let's walk the not-so-secret path of reconciliation and pass the Indigenous Land Acknowledgement.

Thank You,
Flo McLellan
Ward 4 Resident and descendant of Scottish immigrants

ps: I wanted to sign up as a delegate, but am not 100% sure (due to family reasons) if I can be there in person. If I do come, may I read this at the meeting??