

The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill

By-Law 143-21

A By-Law to amend Procedure By-law 74-12, as amended,
in respect to Land Acknowledgements

Whereas subsection 238(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, (the “Act” or “Municipal Act, 2001”) requires every municipality to pass a procedure by-law for the governing the calling, place and proceedings of meetings;

And Whereas Council has adopted City’s Procedure By-law 74-12, as amended (the “Procedure By-law”) pursuant to Subsection 238(2) of the Act;

And Whereas Council at its meeting on October 27 2021, adopted the recommendations in staff report SRCM.21.10 to include a land acknowledgment at the start of every Council and Committee meeting.

Now Therefore The Council Of The Corporation Of The City Of Richmond Hill Enacts As Follows:

1. That the Procedure By-law 74-12, as amended, be further amended as follows:
 - a) Article 1, Section 1.1 – Definitions, be amended to add the following new definition:

““Indigenous Land Acknowledgement” means the Indigenous Land Acknowledgment Statement approved by Council, and as may be amended, to be recited as an order of business at the start of all Council and Committee meetings.”
 - b) Article 5, Section 5.4.1 – Agenda, be amended to insert “Indigenous Land Acknowledgement” as a new order of business after the “Call to Order/National Anthem” and prior to “Public Forum (not exceeding fifteen minutes)”.
 - c) Article 6, Section 6.1.9 – Agenda, be amended to insert “Call to Order” and “Indigenous Land Acknowledgement” as a new orders of business prior to “Adoption of Agenda”.
 - d) Article 7, Section 7.3 – Agenda, be amended to insert “Indigenous Land Acknowledgement” as a new order of business after the “Call to Order” and prior to “Council Announcements”.
 - e) Article 8, Section 8.5.1 – Council Public Meeting Agenda, be amended to insert “Call to Order” and “Indigenous Land Acknowledgement” as a new orders of business prior to “Adoption of Agenda”
 - f) Article 9, Section 9.4.1 – Budget Committee of the Whole Agenda, be amended to insert “Call to Order” and “Indigenous Land Acknowledgement” as a new orders of business prior to “Adoption of Agenda”.
 - g) Article 10, Section 10.4.1 – Audit Committee Agenda, be amended to insert “Call to Order” and “Indigenous Land Acknowledgement” as a new orders of business prior to “Adoption of Agenda”.
2. This By-law shall come into force and effect on the day it is passed.

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Passed this 10th day of November, 2021.

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Acting Mayor

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City Clerk