



Dryden Public Library Board

POLICY

SECTION: FOUNDATIONAL		NO: FN-04
TITLE: Respect and Acknowledgement Declaration		Date: January 2024
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1.0 Policy Statement

The Dryden Public Library understands the need to recognize and embrace the principles of Truth and Reconciliation with Ontario's Indigenous population, as outlined in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report.

2.0 Acknowledgement of Truth and Reconciliation Commission

- 2.1 The Dryden Public Library acknowledges the 94 Calls to Action of the Truth and the Reconciliation Commission and will endeavor to provide welcoming spaces and library services to Indigenous peoples, and facilitate opportunities for sharing Indigenous culture.

3.0 Declaration

- 3.1 The Dryden Public Library acknowledges the First Peoples on whose traditional territories we live and work.
- 3.2 We believe that acknowledging territory shows recognition of, and respect for Indigenous Peoples, both in the past and the present.
- 3.3 We believe that the territorial acknowledgement is not simply a pro forma statement made before a meeting but a vital part of the business.
- 3.4 We believe that recognition and respect are essential elements of establishing healthy, reciprocal relations and are key to reconciliation.
- 3.5 The following Respect and Acknowledgement Declarations will be used by the Dryden Public Library:

For use during normal Library business:

"I [we] would like to begin by acknowledging with respect, that we are in Treaty Three territory and that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe and Métis People."

For use at large events or special ceremonies:

"I [we] would like to acknowledge we are meeting on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe and Métis people of Treaty Three. The Anishinaabe are the original caretakers of this land and called this place Paawidigong, meaning place of the rapids which is now known as Dryden. This land is important to the people of Migisi Sahgaigan (Eagle Lake First Nation), Waabigonii Zaaga'igan (Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation) as well as the Métis people of the area and the residents of Dryden."

Related Documents:

Truth and Reconciliation Commission – Calls to Action (2015).

History			
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