

TITLE: Territorial Land Acknowledgement Policy
SECTION: Executive Office
POLICY NO: 10530-33

APPROVAL DATE: June 23, 2025

CAO Signature: 

PURPOSE

This policy will provide a corporate Territorial Acknowledgement and an overview of when it should be used relative to Town of Amherst committee meetings and events.

POLICY

The Territorial Acknowledgement will be placed on the agenda following the Call to Order of all Town of Amherst Council and Committee meetings agendas.

The Territorial Acknowledgement will also be read at Town of Amherst events where the public is being formally addressed.

The Town of Amherst Territorial Acknowledgement will read as follows:

"I would like to acknowledge that our gathering today is taking place in Mi'kma'ki (MEEG-MA-GEE), the traditional, unceded and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaw people. I would also like to acknowledge that Nova Scotia has another unique people, the people of African descent whose legacy and contributions date back over 400 years predating confederation of this land. We are all treaty people."

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Title/Role	Responsibilities
Clerk	Ensure policy is kept up to date and added to all Committee meeting agenda templates.
All Staff	Ensure the Territorial Acknowledgement is made at any events where the public is formally addressed.

For Administrative Use Only:

VERSION LOG

Amendment Description	Policy Owner	Approved By	Approval Date
New Policy	Clerk, LeBlanc	Council	May 23, 2023
Remove Indigenous Blacks of Nova Scotia and replace with the people of African descent	Clerk, LeBlanc	Council	June 23, 2025

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