



Land, Water, and People Acknowledgement Statement: Recommendations for Use

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Background



American Indian Advisory Council

- Met throughout 2024 to learn about the Council and develop recommendations for Council action
- Presented Recommendations for Land, Water, and People Commitments at September 4th Committee of the Whole
- Presented Land, Water, and People Acknowledgement Statement at October 16th Committee of the Whole

RDG Work Group Discussion



November 6th Meeting

- Work Group members discussed the recommendations from the Advisory Council for use of short and long statements
- Decided to bring a recommendation from the RGD Work Group to Committee of the Whole for further discussion

Work Group Recommendations for Use

Short Statement

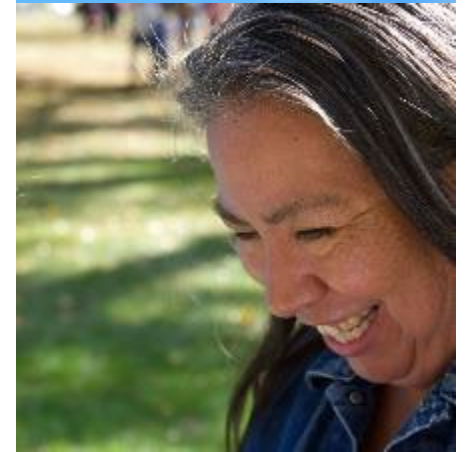
- Read at the beginning of all Met Council business meetings and Committee of the Whole meetings.
 - Chairs of the standing committees, including Community Development, Environment, Management, and Transportation, can choose to read the short Acknowledgement at the beginning of meetings.
 - Chairs of other Met Council Committees and leaders of public meetings can choose if they would like to read the short Acknowledgement at the beginning of meetings.
- Include in written form on webpages that post agendas for Met Council and Met Council Committee meetings.
- Include in public facing planning documents.
- Include in new employee onboarding/orientation and all employee continuing education.
- Adapt for use at Met Council buildings and facilities including Robert Street, Heywood, and the Metro Plant.



Work Group Recommendations for Use

Long Statement

- Include on a new Met Council webpage about American Indian and Tribal relations.
- Use where recognition or moments of reflection are appropriate and needed, and in organizational education.
- Include as part of educational resources for employees, residents, and local governments.



Next Steps

The outcome of today's discussion will inform a business item that will be brought to a future Council meeting to adopt the Acknowledgements Statement and protocols for use.





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