
Board Governance Policy Cross Reference:

Administrative Procedures Cross Reference:

Form Cross Reference:

Legal/Regulatory Reference:

Background:

The land and treaty acknowledgment protocol was written by Interlake School Division Staff; the acknowledgment statement was written in consultation with the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba as well as the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation.

Interlake School Division recognizes the historical significance and contributions of Indigenous peoples and their cultures and understands the important role of Indigenous peoples and communities today and in the future. The division also recognizes the importance of honoring the broader Canadian and International context:

- United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC)
- National Statement of Apology to former students of Indian Residential Schools
- National Indigenous Peoples Day
- Report on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women

Protocol:

- A member of the ISD community will read the land and treaty acknowledgment statement at all board meetings and hosted public and/or community events and gatherings including but not limited to public consultation meetings, graduation, and divisional professional development days.
- A member of the ISD community will read the land and treaty acknowledgment statement at significant school and/or community special events, celebrations and gatherings including but not limited to, awards ceremonies, concerts and tournaments.
- The ISD Community is comprised of members of the Board of Trustees, employees of the Interlake School Division, Interlake School Division students, and families of Interlake School

Division students. It is the intention of this protocol that a wide range of community members be given the opportunity to voice and give respect to the land and treaty acknowledgment.

- The acknowledgment shall be made during opening remarks.
- A formal land and treaty acknowledgment will be placed in Interlake School Division buildings.

Land & Treaty Acknowledgment Statement:

We acknowledge with respect the history, culture and language of the peoples with whom Treaty One was signed and the land upon which the Interlake School Division resides. We acknowledge our responsibility as Treaty members and honour the heritage and gifts of Métis people. We acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past and commit to moving forward in partnership with Indigenous peoples and communities in a spirit of collaboration and reconciliation.