

Madawaska Valley Public Library Policy Manual

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Policy Title: Respect and Acknowledgement
Declaration

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Objective

The Township of Madawaska Valley Public Library (the 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*.

Section 1: Declaration

With this understanding, the Library acknowledges the First Peoples on whose traditional territories we live and work. We believe that acknowledging territory shows recognition of and respect for Indigenous Peoples, both in the past and the present. We believe that the territorial acknowledgements is not simply a pro forma statement made before a meeting; but a vital part of the business. We believe that recognition and respect are essential elements of establishing healthy, reciprocal relations and are key to reconciliation.

The Library will use this Respect and Acknowledgement Declaration at the beginning of all meetings held at the Library:

“We [I] would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg and Huron-Wendat People.”

Related Documents:

Policy Number OP-05 **Collection Development**