

Motion following Notice of Motion

Treaty No. 6 Acknowledgement

THAT Administration provide a report that includes:

- information on the historical significance of indigenous people in Strathcona County;
- an overview of the calls to action from the Truth and Reconciliation Committee report and information on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Persons;
- recommended options for meaningful and significant acknowledgement of Treaty No. 6 including ways in which our regional partners undertake such acknowledgement (e.g. presentations from First Nations representatives);

and that the report be brought to Council for consideration by the end of the second quarter of 2017.

Background

On February 7th, 2017 Council began discussions on the acknowledgement of Treaty No. 6.

As a result of comprehensive Council discussions and the request made by multiple Council members to have further research done, it was agreed that a new motion would return for Council's consideration to request further research from Administration to assist Council in determining the best options to move forward.

Since the February 7, 2017 Council meeting we have been contacted by Strathcona County community members and regional leaders with offers of assistance with our education and awareness process. We appreciate the support from these positive individuals.

We have had preliminary meetings that included our administration with local elders and persons working with Elk Island Public Schools on educational initiatives for Council and our residents. Together we will achieve a successful balance to highlight our local culture and heritage.

It was also recommended in a meeting with the elders that Council and key administration meet with Treaty 6 representatives and local elders to build understanding and work together to develop an action plan.

With Council's approval of this motion, these meetings will continue to broaden our knowledge and determine next steps.