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Title:	Treaty 6 & Indigenous Acknowledgement
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Legislation Reference:	Alberta Provincial Statutes
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Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for acknowledging Treaty Six and Indigenous peoples.

1. STATEMENT

- 1.1 The Town of Smoky Lake acknowledges that we are located in Treaty 6 territory and Zone 2 of the Métis Nation of Alberta, and that we benefit from calling this place home. We acknowledge the contributions of Treaty Six First Nations, the Métis Nation, and settlers from around the world in the Town's founding and growth, and we respect these histories, languages, and cultures which continue to enrich our vibrant community.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 **"Treaty Six Territory"** means the traditional lands and gathering places for diverse Indigenous peoples including the Cree, Blackfoot, Nakota Sioux, Iroquois, Dene, Ojibway/Saulteaux/Anishinaabe, Inuit, and others.
- 2.2 **"Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations"** means the "united political voice" of the Treaty Six First Nations created in 1993 by 17 Treaty Six band governments.
- 2.3 **"Métis Nation of Alberta" or "MNA"** means the Métis Government for Métis Albertans with its geographical and legal boundaries being the province of Alberta, having been founded in 1928.

3. GUIDELINES

- 3.1 Town Council will seek to develop constructive relationships and increased understanding with Treaty Six First Nations and the Métis Nation of Alberta.
- 3.2 *The Treaty 6 (left) and Métis Nation (right) flags shall be permanently displayed alongside the flags of the Town of Smoky Lake, the Province of Alberta, and the Canadian Flag, in the Council Chambers.*



- 3.3 Following each municipal election, the Council Orientation will include information about the significance of Treaty 6 and Indigenous peoples.
- 3.4 The Town will maintain a page on its municipal website, acknowledging Treaty 6.
- 3.5 Town of Smoky Lake Council will present a land acknowledgement for Treaty 6 Territory and Zone 2 of the Métis Nation of Alberta, at the beginning of each Regular and Special Council Meeting, Public Meeting, and Town Hall Meeting.

4. PLACE NAME

- 4.1 Harrison, Tracey., Place names of Alberta, Volume II, Central Alberta (1996). offers the following entry for Smoky Lake (the lake, proper):

“Approximately 10 km west of Smoky Lake. The name for this lake is a translation of the Cree name kaskapatau sakahigan. According to legend, Smoky Lake was named by the [First Nations] for a smoke-like vapour which rose from the lake, obscuring the opposite shore. Alexander Henry the younger, in his journal date 10 July 1810, mentions this feature as “Lac qui Fume,” or “the lake who smokes.””

- 4.2 Translations:

Cree	ᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭ ᓂᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭ (kaskapatau sakahigan)
Ukrainian	Озеро Димне (Ozero Dymne)
French	Lac qui Fume
English	Smoky Lake

- 4.3. Place Name Statement:

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 Located on Treaty 6 Territory, and Homeland of the Métis Nation**

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