

## Land Acknowledgement

### Purpose

This Land Acknowledgement may be used by member organizations of the HPA OHT as one of the actions to support Canada's Truth and Reconciliation commitments. It is encouraged that member organizations add a specific action when the Land Acknowledgement is spoken. HPA OHT will provide recommendations for action work in the Week In Review email blasts for member organizations.

### Process

The HPA OHT land acknowledgement was drafted during the summer of 2021 with insight from HPA OHT member organizations and Huron and Perth municipalities that shared their organization land acknowledgements. Some organizations included the processes implemented for developing the acknowledgements.

To honour the previous work of HPA OHT members and in awareness that Truth & Reconciliation is the work of those who do not identify as Indigenous and First Nations, this Land Acknowledgement is offered. As HPA OHT relationships evolve, and with the anticipation of collaboration with an Elder for OHT regional work, we acknowledge this Land Acknowledgement will mature with new iterations. The Land Acknowledgement is more than a statement to be spoken; it is a step in a call to action.

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We understand the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Ojibwa and Wendat. Treaty 29 and Treaty 45 ½ are the established agreements to peacefully share and be stewards of the land.

We recognize the long history of Indigenous and First Nations Peoples of Turtle Island and show our respect to them today. We commit to the following action: <insert action>

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## Pronunciations

Follow the links to learn the pronunciation of the nations;

[Anishinaabeg](#) Awe – Nish – Nah - Beck

[Haudenosaunee](#) Hoe – De – Nah – Show – Nee

[Ojibwa](#) Oh – Jib – Ba – Way

[Wendat](#) When - Dat

## Truth & Reconciliation Actions

The Land Acknowledgement encourages action as it relates to Truth & Reconciliation. Member organizations are encouraged to explore, discuss and identify actions. In addition, the following actions may be considered for use with the Land Acknowledgement;

[READ](#) A Knock on the Door: The Essential History of Residential Schools from TRC.

[READ](#) Seven Fallen Feathers by Tanya Talaga

[READ](#) The Advocate online magazine at the Chiefs of Ontario web site.

[BUY](#) the 2021 Orange Shirt and WEAR it often.

[LISTEN](#) to All Our Relations: 2018 Massey Lectures by Tanya Talaga

[LISTEN / WATCH / READ](#) The Secret Path by Gord Downie & Jeff Lemire

[DONATE](#) to Downie & Wenjack Fund

[EXPLORE](#) a map of territories, languages and treaties