

Land Acknowledgement

Short Version

The current statement used at Coalition meetings is:

The Child Youth and Family Services Coalition of Simcoe County acknowledges that we are situated on the traditional land of the Anishinaabe people. The Anishinaabe include the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi nations, collectively known as the Three Fires Confederacy. In times of great change, we recognize more than ever the importance to honour Indigenous history and culture and are committed to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation, respect and good health with all Indigenous people and our community as a whole.

Inclusion Version

As we gather today at the Council meeting of the Child, Youth and Family Service Coalition of Simcoe County, it is important to acknowledge that we are part of an ongoing story of immigration and reconciliation with the First Peoples of this land. The regions we serve are home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we recognize that we must do more to learn about the rich history of this land so that we can better understand our roles as immigrants, residents, neighbours, partners and caretakers.

Teaching Version

The Child Youth and Family Services Coalition of Simcoe County acknowledges that we are situated on the traditional land of many First Peoples. I would like to acknowledge that the land which we are gathered on today is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabek Nation.

I would also like to acknowledge the enduring presence of the Indigenous Peoples of this region, specifically, the Chippewa Tri – Council First Nations comprised of the Beausoleil First Nation, the Chippewas of Rama, and the Chippewas of Georgina Island.

I also acknowledge the Moose Deer Point First Nation, the Wahta Mohawks, the Georgian Bay and Moon River Métis Councils in this region. It should be noted that the Wendat and the Haudenosaunee Nations have also walked on this territory over time.

In acknowledging that we occupy colonized Indigenous territories, and out of respect for the rights of Indigenous people, we accept our collective responsibility to recognize histories as well as their present-day manifestations in order to honour, protect and sustain this land.