



**SGA/AGÉ POLICY - LAND
ACKNOWLEDGMENT POLICY**



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Title:		Land Acknowledgement Policy	
Category:		General	
Ratified:	N/A	Effective:	N/A

REASON

The SGA/AGÉ has established this land acknowledgment policy recognizing the *Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action* (#10-vii). As the SGA/AGÉ is located and operates on Robinson-Huron Treaty territory, and the traditional territory of the Atikameksheng Anishnawbek and Wahnapiatae First Nation people, we adopt the principle of acknowledging the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples as traditional stewards of the land, along with the Treaties of our province at internal and external SGA/AGÉ events.¹

DEFINITIONS

Anishnawbek: This name covers Ojibway, Odawa, Algonquin, Potawatomi, Nipissing, Mississaugas, Saulteau, etc.... all the Algonkian/Ojibwa Nations.²

Event: Within the scope of this policy an event refers to any organized gathering with a set start and finish time where there is an intent for guests to attend from start to finish including but not limited to the following: Board of Directors meetings, committee meetings, concerts, presentations, organized activities, etc.

Robinson-Huron Treaty: An agreement between William Benjamin Robinson, on behalf of her Majesty the Queen and the Ojibwa First Nations inhabiting and claiming the Eastern and Northern Shores of Lake Huron, from Penetanguishine to Sault Ste. Maire, and thence to Batchewanaung Bay, on the Northern Shore of Lake Superior; together with the Islands in the said Lakes, opposite to the Shores thereof, and inland to the Height of land which separates the Territory covered by the charter of the Honorable Hudson Bay Company from Canada; as

¹ NorQuest College. *NorQuest College Treaty 6 Territory Acknowledgment Procedure*. PDF. December 2017. Edmonton, AB.

² Ontario Federation of Labour. *Traditional Territory Acknowledgements in Ontario*. PDF. December 04, 2017. Toronto, ON.

well as all unceded lands within the limits of Canada West to which they have any just claim. The treaty was signed in 1850.³

Treaty: A formal concluded and ratified agreement between countries.

DETAILS

1. At the beginning of any SGA/AGÉ event, internal or external to the Laurentian University campus, an SGA/AGÉ team member or representative of the SGA/AGÉ will perform a land acknowledgement of the Robinson-Huron Treaty and any other treaty lands which they may be occupying.
2. The Robinson-Huron Treaty acknowledgment should be spoken as follows:

"[We/I] would like to begin this (name of event) by acknowledging that we are on First Nations, Métis, and Inuit land and it has been inhabited by First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples from the beginning.

As settlers, we're grateful for the opportunity to meet here and we thank all the peoples who have come before us and taken care of this land.

In particular, we acknowledge that we are on Robinson-Huron Treaty territory, and the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Atikameksheng Anishnawbek and Wahnapiatae First Nations.

We recognize and deeply appreciate their historic connection to this place. We also recognize the contributions of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples have made both in shaping and strengthening the Laurentian community, Sudbury, and our province and country as a whole.

Not only that but we would like to recognize the contributions of two-spirited individuals and other marginalized groups to the constant growth and improvement of our community."

Or

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³ Northern Affairs Canada. "Treaty Texts - Ojibewa Indians of Lake Huron." Government of Canada; Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada. March 03, 2016. Accessed July 10, 2018. <http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100028984/1100100028994>.

