

## Item No. 12.3.1

Request for Consideration		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Agenda Item</b> (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon at least 5 working days prior to the meeting)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Added Item</b> (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon at least one day prior to meeting)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Request from the Floor</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Notice of Motion</b>
<b>Council or Committee: Executive Standing Committee</b>		<b>Date of Meeting: October 25, 2021</b>
<b>Subject: Amend AO1 to include Land Acknowledgement</b>		
<b>Motion:</b> Executive Committee requests a staff report regarding amending Administrative Order 1 to include a land acknowledgement on the agenda of HRM councils and committees.		
<b>Reason:</b> On December 8th, 2015 the Halifax Regional Council passed a Statement of Reconciliation to support the municipality's work with Mi'kmaq and Urban Indigenous communities.  The municipality is committed to the recommendations outlined in the report put forth by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) and to working with the community to address issues that impact access to municipal services.  HRCE provides the following explainer to grade school children - Why should we acknowledge Mi'kmaw traditional territory? <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We are all Treaty people, and our relationship is based on peace and friendship.</li><li>• Acknowledging Mi'kmaw traditional or ancestral territory is a way of showing respect for and honouring our shared Treaty relationship. It is one of many important steps we can take toward reconciliation.</li><li>• Mi'kma'ki is the traditional territory of the Mi'kmaq, and includes seven districts which are found in what is now known as Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Newfoundland &amp; Labrador, and the Gaspé region in Quebec.</li><li>• In the 18th century, Mi'kmaq people and the British Crown entered historic Peace and Friendship Treaties, that created treaty relationships within Mi'kma'ki.</li><li>• An acknowledgment is not intended to create any legally binding obligations or recognition of asserted claims.</li></ul>		
<b>Outcome Sought:</b> Staff report outlining amendments to AO1 and language for land acknowledgement		
<i>Moved Councillor Waye Mason</i>  (original signed)		<i>District 7</i>