

Land Acknowledgment Reference Sheet

The Municipality of Clarington's Current Land Acknowledgment Statement:

The Municipality of Clarington is situated within the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississaugas and Chippewas of the Anishinabeg, known today as the Williams Treaties First Nations. Our work on these lands acknowledges their resilience and their longstanding contributions to the area now known as the Municipality of Clarington.

Pronunciation	<p>It is essential to use correct pronunciation when delivering the statement as it shows the effort being made and respectfully acknowledges Indigenous communities</p> <p>Chippewas – chip-uh-WUHS</p> <p>Anishinabeg – uh-NISH-in-NAH-bek</p>
Reason	<p>Delivering the land acknowledgment statement raises awareness about Indigenous presence and their land rights. It recognizes the history and effects of colonialism while taking steps towards reconciliation. The statement is delivered at the beginning of meetings or events.</p>
Education	<p>Learning about the land one resides on is key to understanding the magnitude of the statement and the power it holds in reconciliation and relationship building. Clarington's land acknowledgment statement was prepared with the consultation and expertise of Alderville First Nation Chief Dave Mowat.</p>
Meaningful and Personal Commitment	<p>When delivering the statement, one must truly reflect on the weight the land acknowledgment holds. This results in the statement being spoken with understanding as opposed to a mandatory practice. This can be done by sharing personal stories and compassion. Empathy, effort, understanding, and sincerity are positive steps towards reconciliation and relationship building.</p>

References for Extra Information:

- [Clarington to Acknowledge Indigenous Land](#)
- [Reading Clarington's Land Acknowledgment Statement](#)
- [Ontario Treaties and Reserves](#)
- [Past, Present & Future of Scugog First Nations](#)
- [Reasons for Delivering the Land Acknowledgment Statement](#)
- [Pronunciations of Various Indigenous Lands](#)