

Southport's Proposed Statement for Saugeen Ojibway Nation's Territorial Acknowledgement for Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation and Chippewas of Saugeen First Nation

What:

"We are meeting on the traditional lands, waters and territories of the Anishinabek Nation: The People of the Three Fires known as Ojibway, Odawa, and Pottawatomie Nations, whose boundaries include Goderich in the south, the tip of the Bruce Peninsula in the north and the Nottawasaga River in the east. We do this as part of our work toward reconciliation with the Chippewas of Saugeen First Nation and the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation now known collectively as the Saugeen Ojibway Nation. We do this as we move forward with them to put into action the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee."

When: It should be read at the beginning of membership meetings, ceremonies, lectures and public events. It should also be added to our website and to formal correspondence from Southport.

How: The statement came about because of a series of meetings in 2019/2020 with Saugeen First Nations' Counsellors and community women that brought to light Southport members' desire to learn more about Indigenous history and culture especially as it pertains to the Saugeen Ojibway Nation. At the same time, CFUW's National Indigenous Peoples' Sub-Committee identified Territorial Acknowledgments as key resources leading towards reconciliation. And finally, at the Annual General Meeting, June 2020, a proposed resolution to support the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission was voted into policy.

Why: Land acknowledgements are statements that assert awareness of Indigenous peoples' presence and historical connection to their traditional territories.

They are a way to spark further reflection on the rights and culture of Indigenous peoples and our own settler heritage. They are also an opportunity to recognise and move forward on Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (from CFUW National)



Traditional territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Territory taken from Saugeen Ojibway Nation website, April 2020

<https://www.saugeenojibwaynation.ca/about/>