



Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Open House Monday June 17th, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. – Puslinch Community Centre

The Township of Puslinch, in partnership with Archaeological Services Inc (A.S.I.) is hosting an Indigenous Land Acknowledgment Open House on Monday June 17th at 1:30 p.m. at the Puslinch Community Centre, 23 Brock Rd S. This Open House will begin with a formal presentation from A.S.I. at 1:30 p.m. followed by a question and answer period. The Wellington County Museum and Archives will also be in attendance with maps and historical objects on display.

A.S.I. was retained by the Chief Administrative Officers of six of the local municipalities in Wellington County, including Puslinch, to assist in the development of Indigenous land acknowledgements. A territorial or land acknowledgement involves making a statement acknowledging the presence of Indigenous peoples past and present and recognizing Indigenous lands and treaties. Land acknowledgements honour, respect, and recognize the First Nations that live within a given territory.

In 2023, Township of Puslinch Council adopted the following Land Acknowledgement. This statement is made at the beginning of each Heritage Advisory Committee meeting, at each inaugural meeting of Council, and is included in significant Township of Puslinch documents:

The lands we know today as the Township of Puslinch have been home to Indigenous peoples since time immemorial. We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Hatiwendaronk, as well as the treaty lands and traditional territory of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee.

With increasing encroachment by non-Indigenous settlers in the Township of Puslinch, the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee could not continue their traditional lifestyle and settled in their villages along the Credit River and in the Grand River Valley. These Indigenous nations uphold their Treaty Rights within our jurisdiction.

Today, the Township of Puslinch remains home to Indigenous peoples from across Turtle Island. We are grateful to have the opportunity to share and respect Mother Earth and are committed to building constructive and cooperative relationships with Indigenous nations.

This Open House is a great opportunity to learn about Puslinch's Indigenous history, learn about how the land was used before the arrival of Europeans, how Indigenous peoples were displaced from their lands because of colonization, and to learn about the Indigenous peoples who still call Puslinch home.

If you have any questions about this event please contact staff at admin@puslinch.ca.