

**Acknowledgement of Treaty Six- Amendment 1**

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Administrative Responsibility: Director of Planning and Legislative Services	

**Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for acknowledging the traditional lands of First Peoples, and to authentically honour Indigenous Partners by actively promoting education and a more precise representation of Indigenous Peoples. We seek to recognize the travesty from the past to dismantle any current forms of oppression.

**Policy Statement**

The Town of Bruderheim recognizes that it is located within Treaty Six territory and the homeland of the Metis Nation of Alberta, Region Two, and it acknowledges the contributions of Treaty Six First Nations and the Metis Nation in the Town’s founding and growth.

The Town of Bruderheim honours the past, present and future First Peoples of this land. We acknowledge that this land has embraced and nourished the Cree, Métis, Blackfoot, amongst many others, for generations.

The Town of Bruderheim has an inherent responsibility to foster healthier relationships with Indigenous Partners. We will strive to respond to the Calls to Action as outlined by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

The Town of Bruderheim is close in proximity to Enoch Cree Nation (maskêkosihk), Ermineskin Cree Nation (neyaskweyahk), Louis Bull Tribe (kisipatinahk), Michel First Nation, Montana First Nation (akamihk), Papaschase First Nation, Samson Cree Nation (nipsisikopahk), and Saddle Lake Cree Nation (onihcikiskwapiwinihk) and Whitefish Lake First Nation No. 128.

Furthermore, the geographic boundaries of The Town of Bruderheim is in Region Two of the Métis Nation of Alberta, and are near the Elizabeth Métis Settlement, Fishing Lake Métis Settlement, Buffalo Lake Métis Settlement and Kikino Métis Settlement.

We recognize the importance of allying with First Peoples and taking steps to foster a healthier relationship. As such, we will demonstrate manacitôwin, the Cree word meaning respect for each other

## **Definitions**

First Peoples are the original inhabitants of this territory who have an interconnected relationship with the land.

Indigenous Partners are Indigenous Nations, organizations, and people with whom the Town of Bruderheim will collaborate.

Treaty Six recognizes a shared agreement between Indigenous Peoples and settlers to cooperate on this land.

Confederacy of Treaty Six is the political body that represents and advocates for Indigenous Nations within Treaty Six.

Métis Nation of Alberta is the political organization representing the interests of the Métis people in Alberta.

Métis Settlement General Council represents the Métis Settlements in Alberta that are closely tied to the land.

Civic Event means government related events which are for the benefit of the public, such as, special government assemblies, County-sponsored sports events, educational or training sessions, and major public events, such as those taking place for National Indigenous History Month, Indigenous Peoples' Day, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Remembrance Day, Canada Day, and New Year's Eve.

We and our when used in this Policy refer to, and create obligations on, the municipal corporation of the Town of Bruderheim and its elected officials, employees, and contractors, and this Policy is intended to provide guidance for every person who resides in or is working in or visiting the Town of Bruderheim.

## **Guidelines**

Council will seek opportunities to develop positive relationships with and increase their understanding of the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations.

Each Council meeting will include an acknowledgement that the meeting is being held on Treaty Six territory.

Civic events opened by members of Council will include an acknowledgement that the occasion is taking place on Treaty Six territory.

Following each municipal election, the Council orientation will include information on the historical significance of Indigenous people in the Town of Bruderheim.

We will begin each Council meeting with an acknowledgement of the ancestral, traditional, and contemporary lands of First Peoples on which the Town of Bruderheim is located, in a manner similar to that found in Schedule A.

We will invite Chiefs and Representatives from the Confederacy of Treaty Six, the Métis Nation of Alberta and the Metis Settlements General Council to the Town of Bruderheim Council meetings and other vital gatherings.

We will include an acknowledgement of the ancestral, traditional, and contemporary lands of Indigenous Peoples on which the Town of Bruderheim is located, in a manner similar to that found in Schedule A, at Civic Events within the Town of Bruderheim, regardless of whether an elected official is present.

Following each municipal election, the Town of Bruderheim Council orientation will include relationship building with Indigenous partners, sharing success stories of Indigenous Peoples in the area, and specific obstacles that Indigenous Peoples face.

At the beginning of each municipal term, the Town of Bruderheim Council will take part in a ceremony to begin the term in a way that honours Indigenous Peoples, such as a Pipe Ceremony, Smudge, or other ceremony to assist in building relationships with Indigenous Peoples.

We will recognize the importance of the relationships, and relationship-building, with First Peoples in documentation by taking steps such as capitalizing the words Indigenous Peoples along with other vital words.

This Policy is intended to be a living document and will be reviewed yearly.

Dated this 15th day of September 2021.

**THE TOWN OF BRUDERHEIM**

Per:   
PATTY PODOBOROZNY,  
Chief Administrative Officer

## **Schedule A: Acknowledgement of Treaty Six- GOV-86 Amendment 1**

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Today, I acknowledge that the Town of Bruderheim is located on Treaty Six Territory and the homeland of the Métis Nation of Alberta. The Town of Bruderheim honours the First Peoples of this land. We recognize that we stand upon land that carries the footsteps of Cree, Métis, and Blackfoot amongst many other Nations, who have been here for thousands of years. Therefore, the Town of Bruderheim has an inherent responsibility to foster healthier relationships with First Peoples and further the Calls to Action as outlined by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.