

Acknowledgment:

We [I] will begin this event (*Name the Event*) by acknowledging that we are meeting on aboriginal land that has been inhabited by Indigenous peoples. Since time immemorial, this area has been the homeland of the Anishinaabek (Ojibwe, Pottowattami, and Odawa) people, namely, what has come to be referred to by the English as Muskoka-Parry Sound. Today, with their enduring presence, the Anishinaabek still regard Muskoka-Parry Sound and parts of the surrounding area as their traditional territory. Families know these lands as the hunting grounds, medicine areas, and gathering places, related to them through oral history passed down for generations. Other Indigenous Nations have come to occupy this land such as the Haudenosaunee and the Metis Nation. We are grateful for the opportunity to meet here and we thank all the generations of people who have taken care of this land for thousands of years. This recognition must also be clearly and overtly connected to our collective commitment to make the promise and the challenge of Truth and Reconciliation real in our communities.