

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

As we begin our meeting today in a good way, I would like to recognize that wherever we are today, is on the traditional land of the Anishinaabeg; a land that feeds our minds, hearts, bodies and spirit. I ask our group to take a minute to acknowledge the original custodians of these lands; those who have been the protectors of the earth, the animals, the water, and the people of Turtle Island, since time immemorial. I pay my respect to the elders - past, present and future - for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture, and the hopes of Indigenous peoples.

Today, I join you from the land of the Robinson Superior Treaty of 1850 and the unceded territory of the Ojibwa of Pic River. I wish to express my commitment to reconciliation by continuously building my understanding of the history of Turtle Island, in order to move forward in responding to Calls to Action #62 and #63. We are all reminded today that these Calls to Action urgently require the integration of Indigenous, history, knowledge and teaching methods into all classrooms and schools, and that we continue, as trustees, to champion and support the education of staff to do so. This commitment must be ours, as we move towards authentic reconciliation.

PART I: <i>Special Board Meeting</i>	<i>Section (A): (open to public): 6:30 p.m.</i>
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Trustee Fairservice was initially in attendance of the meeting. However, as per the advice from legal counsel, the Board Chair requested that Trustee Fairservice leave the meeting. Trustee Fairservice left the meeting as requested.

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