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Mayor's Statement – Treaties Recognition Week

Treaties Recognition Week is recognized annually throughout the province of Ontario during the first full week of November, this year falling between November 5 and 11. During this week we are reminded of the importance of acknowledging and honouring the treaties that form the foundation of our province, including the Williams Treaties, which are the treaties that Oshawa is situated within. This week serves as a meaningful opportunity for our community to reflect on the significance of these agreements, to deepen our understanding of the historical and contemporary impacts of these treaties on Indigenous communities, and to renew our commitment to reconciliation, reciprocal relations and partnership.

The Williams Treaties were signed between the Crown and the Chippewa and Mississauga Anishinaabeg in 1923 and represent the enduring commitment to cooperation, mutual respect and the sharing of resources.

It is important to continue our journey toward meaningful reconciliation by actively engaging in initiatives that promote the preservation of Indigenous culture, language, and traditions. This can be done by working collaboratively to build strong, positive, and respectful relationships with Indigenous Peoples based on the spirit and intent of these agreements.

Throughout this week, let us engage in meaningful conversations, educate ourselves, and actively support initiatives that promote awareness, understanding, and respect for Indigenous rights and culture.

Together, we can move forward on the path of reconciliation, fostering a more inclusive and equitable society for all.

Sincerely,

Mayor Dan Carter, City of Oshawa