



City of Tualatin

CITY OF TUALATIN Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
THROUGH: Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager
FROM: Megan George, Deputy City Manager
DATE: March 22, 2021

SUBJECT:
Land Acknowledgement

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On January 26, 2021, the Tualatin City Council and City staff received an email correspondence from Tualatin Parks Advisory Committee (TPARK) Chair Beth Dittman encouraging the council to consider adopting a land acknowledgement.

Staff has prepared a presentation that will briefly cover the history and current status of Tualatin's Indigenous peoples, land acknowledgements, examples of land acknowledgements from other organizations, and a summary of the ways in which Indigenous peoples are currently recognized by the City.

Attached to this staff report is the *Honor Native Lands: A Guide and Call to Acknowledgement* developed by the U.S. Department of Arts and Culture. In that document, they provide a definition for land acknowledgements developed by the Laurier Students' Public Interest Research Group in Ontario, Canada.

"A land acknowledgement is a formal statement that recognizes the unique and enduring relationship that exists between Indigenous Peoples and their traditional territories."

ATTACHMENTS:

- PowerPoint Presentation
- U.S. Department of Arts and Culture's Honor Native Lands: A Guide and Call to Acknowledgement