

Identification of Traditional Territories for Speaking Engagements

Purpose

The Ontario government is increasingly acknowledging traditional territories and providing a greeting or a “thank you” in an Aboriginal language. It is good practice to provide such acknowledgements as a sign of good will and respect for First Nation and Métis Peoples in Ontario, given their historical and present-day connection and relationship with the lands.

This document is a guide to identifying the traditional territory of Aboriginal Peoples for the purposes of speaking engagements. It is anticipated that requestors may require assistance using the guide or if more detailed acknowledgements are desirable for a specific location. The contact is MAA Communications Branch (Lianne.Spencer@ontario.ca or 416-314-9378).

Preferred Broad-Use Language

As a general rule, acknowledgements should be as broad as possible by referencing specific Peoples (e.g., Anishinaabe), Treaty area, and/or neighbouring communities. Given the complexities of each area in the province, preferred language use is provided for each major city. For example:

- “We acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional territory of the [insert specific Peoples].”
- “We acknowledge we are in [insert Treaty name] area, and wish to recognize the neighbouring communities of [insert community names].”
- "I wish to recognize the long history of First Nations Peoples in this area. I acknowledge and wish to show respect to these communities today."

Aboriginal languages in Ontario are very diverse and involve many regional/community-specific variations. The “Aboriginal Languages Primer” (in Appendix B) can assist with simplified and standardized greetings and thanks. Opening greetings and closings for a speech will differ by city. For example, in Hamilton a speech could open with “Hello, bonjour, boozhoo, shé:kon, bonjou benvnu” and close with “Thank you, merci, miigwetch, nyá:wen.”

Limitations

The process of identifying who, or who not, to include in an acknowledgement can have significant relationship, and potentially legal, implications. There will always be a political risk attached to efforts to acknowledge traditional territory for several reasons:

- Assertions made by First Nation and Métis Peoples respecting the identification of traditional territory, harvesting areas, land claims, etc. From the government of Ontario's perspective, many of these assertions have yet to be established, and as such, public acknowledgement could be politically problematic.
- First Nation and Métis Peoples may have knowledge they have not shared with the Crown/MAA on such questions.
- The ability of the Crown to recognize or give the perception of recognizing said assertions.
- Variations in how Aboriginal Peoples prefer to refer to themselves and their traditional territory. For example: by Nation, Treaty (e.g., Treaty #3, Robinson-Huron, Robinson-Superior, etc.), Territory (e.g., NAN Territory), etc.

The identification of traditional territories is not definitive. This is due to:

- The movement of Aboriginal Peoples across the lands that are now known as Ontario.
- The differing interpretations of oral and written histories and existing Treaties.
- The present-day location of a community is not necessarily indicative of traditional territory.
- Acknowledgement of traditional territory varies depending on where, within a given municipality, an event is held.

In light of complexities involved in assertions and movement of Aboriginal Peoples over time across Ontario, references to "traditional lands" related to Métis communities and out-of-province First Nation communities have been removed from preferred language use. Broad acknowledgment of Métis is encouraged as the identification and representation of Métis groups in Ontario is an area of ongoing research. An exception for the acknowledgement of Métis Peoples in Ontario would occur in the Far North (generally north of Red Lake, Pickle Lake, Marten Falls, and Attawapiskat) as there are currently no known Métis groups or rights assertions in these areas. More information on the scope of Métis rights assertions in Ontario can be found on the websites of Métis organizations, including:

<http://www.metisnation.org/harvesting/harvesting-map>

<http://rsmin.ca/about-us>

It is understood that for the purposes of referencing traditional territory for a speaking engagement, this is a general guide, not necessarily reflecting legal precision regarding the scope of the traditional territory of any given Aboriginal Peoples. An "Additional Descriptor on Limitations" is available in Appendix A.

List of Locations

The following is a tip sheet for fielding requests in who to acknowledge for the purposes of speaking engagements.

Location	Recommended Acknowledgement	Recommended Extended Acknowledgement	Aboriginal Language(s) In the Region
Aurora	Anishinaabe Peoples	“We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Peoples, in the Williams Treaties and Treaty 13 area. I wish to recognize the long history of First Nations and Métis Peoples in Ontario, and show respect to them today.” (Optional acknowledgement to the neighbouring communities of Chippewas of Georgina Island and Mississaugas of Scugog Island)	<p>ANISHINAABE greetings (personal): ahnee (aw-NEE) formal greetings (speech): boozhoo (boh-ZHO) when shaking hands: boozhoo (boh-ZHO) acknowledgement: ayhow (AWW-how) thank you: miigwetch (MEE-gwetch)</p> <p>MICHIF hello, welcome: bonjou benvnu (bon-jou ben-vnu) good morning: bon matin (bon ma-tan) <i>*same as in French</i></p>
Barrie	Anishinaabe Peoples	“We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Peoples. I wish to recognize the long history of First Nations and Métis Peoples in Ontario, and show respect to them today.” (Optional acknowledgement to the neighbouring communities of Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island)	<p>ANISHINAABE greetings (personal): ahnee (aw-NEE) formal greetings (speech): boozhoo (boh-ZHO) when shaking hands: boozhoo (boh-ZHO) acknowledgement: ayhow (AWW-how) thank you: miigwetch (MEE-gwetch)</p> <p>MICHIF hello, welcome: bonjou benvnu (bon-jou ben-vnu) good morning: bon matin (bon ma-tan) <i>*same as in French</i></p>
Brantford	Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Peoples	“I wish to recognize the long history of First Nations and Métis Peoples in Ontario, and show respect today to the communities of the Six Nations of the Grand River Territory and the Mississaugas of New Credit.”	<p>ANISHINAABE greetings (personal): ahnee (aw-NEE) formal greetings (speech): boozhoo (boh-ZHO) when shaking hands: boozhoo (boh-ZHO) acknowledgement: ayhow (AWW-how) thank you: miigwetch (MEE-gwetch)</p> <p>MOHAWK greetings (personal): shé:kon (SAY-go) greetings (speech): shé:kon (SAY-go) thank you: nyá:wen (NYA-wuh) goodbye: ó:nen (O-nuh)</p>

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			MICHIF hello, welcome: good morning: <i>*same as in French</i>	bonjou benvnu bon matin	(bon-jou ben-vnu) (bon ma-tan)
Cornwall	Haudenosaunee Peoples	"I wish to recognize the long history of First Nations and Métis Peoples in Ontario, and show respect today to the Mohawks of Akwesasne."	MOHAWK greetings (personal): greetings (speech): thank you: goodbye: <i>in eastern communities:</i> greetings (informal): MICHIF hello, welcome: good morning: <i>*same as in French</i>	shé:kon shé:kon nyá:wen ó:nen kwe bonjou benvnu bon matin	(SAY-go) (SAY-go) (NYA-wuh) (O-nuh) (gway) (bon-jou ben-vnu) (bon ma-tan)
Hamilton	Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Peoples	"I wish to recognize the long history of First Nations and Métis Peoples in Ontario, and show respect today to the communities of the Six Nations of the Grand River Territory and the Mississaugas of New Credit."	ANISHINAABE greetings (personal): formal greetings (speech): when shaking hands: acknowledgement: thank you: MOHAWK greetings (personal): greetings (speech): thank you: goodbye: MICHIF hello, welcome: good morning: <i>*same as in French</i>	ahnee boozhoo boozhoo ayhow miigwetch shé:kon shé:kon nyá:wen ó:nen bonjou benvnu bon matin	(aw-NEE) (boh-ZHO) (boh-ZHO) (AWW-how) (MEE-gwetch) (SAY-go) (SAY-go) (NYA-wuh) (O-nuh) (bon-jou ben-vnu) (bon ma-tan)
Kenora	Anishinaabe Peoples	"We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Peoples, in the Treaty 3 area. I wish to recognize the long history of First Nations and Métis Peoples in Ontario, and show respect to them today." (Optional acknowledgement to the neighbouring communities of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Obashkaandagaang, and	ANISHINAABE greetings (personal): formal greetings (speech): when shaking hands: acknowledgement: thank you:	ahnee boozhoo boozhoo ayhow miigwetch	(aw-NEE) (boh-ZHO) (boh-ZHO) (AWW-how) (MEE-gwetch)

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		Ochiichagwe’Babigo’ining) Phonetically: WAZ-hush-K Oh-NEE-gum , Oh-BASH-CAN-dah-gang, and Oh-CHI-chag-way Bah-BI-GO-ining	MICHIF hello, welcome: bonjou benvnu (bon-jou ben-vnu) good morning: bon matin (bon ma-tan) <i>*same as in French</i>
Kingston	Haudenosaunee Peoples	“I wish to recognize the long history of First Nations and Métis Peoples in Ontario, and show respect today to the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte.”	MOHAWK greetings (personal): shé:kon (SAY-go) greetings (speech): shé:kon (SAY-go) thank you: nyá:wen (NYA-wuh) goodbye: ó:nen (O-nuh) greetings (informal): kwe (gway) <i>* in eastern communities</i> MICHIF hello, welcome: bonjou benvnu (bon-jou ben-vnu) good morning: bon matin (bon ma-tan) <i>*same as in French</i>
Kitchener	Haudenosaunee Peoples	“I wish to recognize the long history of First Nations and Métis Peoples in Ontario, and show respect today to the Six Nations of the Grand River Territory.”	MOHAWK greetings (personal): shé:kon (SAY-go) greetings (speech): shé:kon (SAY-go) thank you: nyá:wen (NYA-wuh) goodbye: ó:nen (O-nuh) MICHIF hello, welcome: bonjou benvnu (bon-jou ben-vnu) good morning: bon matin (bon ma-tan) <i>*same as in French</i>
Little Current	Anishinaabe Peoples	“We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Peoples. I wish to recognize the long history of First Nations and Métis Peoples in Ontario, and show respect to them today.” (Optional acknowledgment to the neighbouring community of Aundeck Omni Kaning, and other First Nations here on Manitoulin Island)	ANISHINAABE greetings (personal): ahnee (aw-NEE) formal greetings (speech): boozhoo (boh-ZHO) when shaking hands: boozhoo (boh-ZHO) acknowledgement: ayhow (AWW-how) thank you: miigwetch (MEE-gwetch) MICHIF hello, welcome: bonjou benvnu (bon-jou ben-vnu) good morning: bon matin (bon ma-tan) <i>*same as in French</i>
London	Anishinaabe Haudeonsaunee Delaware	“I wish to recognize the long history of First Nations and Métis Peoples in Ontario, and show respect to them today.” (Optional acknowledgement to the neighbouring	ANISHINAABE greetings (personal): ahnee (aw-NEE) formal greetings (speech): boozhoo (boh-ZHO) when shaking hands: boozhoo (boh-ZHO)

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		communities of the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation, Oneida Nation of the Thames, the Munsee-Delaware Nation, and the Chippewas of Kettle and Stoney Point)	acknowledgement: thank you:	ayhow miigwetch	(AWW-how) (MEE-gwetch)
			ONEIDA greetings: thank you:	shekóli yawA'	(seh-KO-lee) (YAH-one)
			MICHIF hello, welcome: good morning: <i>*same as in French</i>	bonjou benvnu bon matin	(bon-jou ben-vnu) (bon ma-tan)
Muskoka	Anishinaabe Peoples	“We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Peoples, in the Williams Treaties area. I wish to recognize the long history of First Nations and Métis Peoples in Ontario, and show respect to them today. (Optional acknowledgement to the neighbouring communities of the Wahta Mohawks, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, and Moose Deer Point First Nation)	ANISHINAABE greetings (personal): formal greetings (speech): when shaking hands: acknowledgement: thank you:	ahnee boozhoo boozhoo ayhow miigwetch	(aw-NEE) (boh-ZHO) (boh-ZHO) (AWW-how) (MEE-gwetch)
			MICHIF hello, welcome: good morning: <i>*same as in French</i>	bonjou benvnu bon matin	(bon-jou ben-vnu) (bon ma-tan)
Niagara Falls	Anishinaabe Haudeonsaunee	“We wish to acknowledge Niagara Falls as a sacred gathering place for many Aboriginal Peoples of Turtle Island. I wish to recognize the long history of First Nations and Métis Peoples in Ontario, and show respect to them today.” (Optional acknowledgement to the communities of the Six Nations of the Grand River Territory and the Mississaugas of New Credit)	ANISHINAABE greetings (personal): formal greetings (speech): when shaking hands: acknowledgement: greetings in Algonquin: thank you:	ahnee boozhoo boozhoo ayhow kwe-kwe miigwetch	(aw-NEE) (boh-ZHO) (boh-ZHO) (AWW-how) (kway-kway) (MEE-gwetch)
			MOHAWK greetings (personal): greetings (speech): thank you: goodbye:	shé:kon shé:kon nyá:wen ó:nen	(SAY-go) (SAY-go) (NYA-wuh) (O-nuh)
			MICHIF hello, welcome: good morning: <i>*same as in French</i>	bonjou benvnu bon matin	(bon-jou ben-vnu) (bon ma-tan)

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North Bay	Anishinaabe Peoples	“We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Peoples, in the Robinson Huron and Williams Treaties areas. I wish to recognize the long history of First Nations and Métis Peoples in Ontario, and show respect to them today.” (Optional acknowledgement to the neighbouring communities of Nipissing First Nation and Dokis First Nation)	ANISHINAABE greetings (personal): formal greetings (speech): when shaking hands: acknowledgement:	ahnee boozhoo boozhoo ayhow	(aw-NEE) (boh-ZHO) (boh-ZHO) (AWW-how)
Orillia	Anishinaabe Peoples	“We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Peoples. I wish to recognize the long history of First Nations and Métis Peoples in Ontario, and show respect to them today.” (Optional acknowledgement to the neighbouring communities of Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Beausoleil First Nation)	ANISHINAABE greetings (personal): formal greetings (speech): when shaking hands: acknowledgement: thank you:	ahnee boozhoo boozhoo ayhow miigwetch	(aw-NEE) (boh-ZHO) (boh-ZHO) (AWW-how) (MEE-gwetch)
Ottawa	Algonquin/ Anishinaabe Peoples	“We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Algonquin and Anishinaabe Peoples. I wish to recognize the long history of First Nations and Métis Peoples in Ontario, and show respect to them today.”	ANISHINAABE greetings (personal): formal greetings (speech): when shaking hands: acknowledgement:	ahnee boozhoo boozhoo ayhow	(aw-NEE) (boh-ZHO) (boh-ZHO) (AWW-how)

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			INUKTITUT - <i>If speaking to an Inuit audience</i> thank you: nakurmiik (Nak-o-MEEK)
Owen Sound	Anishinaabe Peoples	"We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Peoples. I wish to recognize the long history of First Nations and Métis Peoples in Ontario, and show respect to them today." (Optional acknowledgement to the neighbouring communities of the Chippewas of Saugeen First Nation and Chippewas of Nawash First Nation)	ANISHINAABE greetings (personal): ahnee (aw-NEE) formal greetings (speech): boozhoo (boh-ZHO) when shaking hands: boozhoo (boh-ZHO) acknowledgement: ayhow (AWW-how) thank you: miigwetch (MEE-gwetch) MICHIF hello, welcome: bonjou benvnu (bon-jou ben-vnu) good morning: bon matin (bon ma-tan) <i>*same as in French</i>
Parry Sound	Anishinaabe Peoples	"We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Peoples, in the Williams Treaties area. I wish to recognize the long history of First Nations and Métis Peoples in Ontario, and show respect to them today." (Optional acknowledgement to the neighbouring communities of Moose Deer Point First Nation, Shawanaga First Nation, Wasauksing First Nation, Magnetawan First Nation, and Henvey Inlet)	ANISHINAABE greetings (personal): ahnee (aw-NEE) formal greetings (speech): boozhoo (boh-ZHO) when shaking hands: boozhoo (boh-ZHO) acknowledgement: ayhow (AWW-how) thank you: miigwetch (MEE-gwetch) MICHIF hello, welcome: bonjou benvnu (bon-jou ben-vnu) good morning: bon matin (bon ma-tan) <i>*same as in French</i>
Pembroke	Anishinaabe/ Algonquin Peoples	"We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Algonquin and Anishinaabe Peoples. I wish to recognize the long history of First Nations and Métis Peoples in Ontario and show respect to them today." (Optional acknowledgement to the neighbouring community of the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan)	ANISHINAABE greetings (personal): ahnee (aw-NEE) formal greetings (speech): boozhoo (boh-ZHO) when shaking hands: boozhoo (boh-ZHO) acknowledgement: ayhow (AWW-how) ALGONQUIN greetings: kwe-kwe (kway-kway) thank you: miigwetch (MEE-gwetch) MICHIF hello, welcome: bonjou benvnu (bon-jou ben-vnu) good morning: bon matin (bon ma-tan) <i>*same as in French</i>
Peterborough	Anishinaabe Peoples	"We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Peoples. I wish to recognize the long history	ANISHINAABE greetings (personal): ahnee (aw-NEE) formal greetings (speech): boozhoo (boh-ZHO)

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		of First Nations and Métis Peoples in Ontario, and show respect to them today.” (Optional acknowledgement to the neighbouring communities of Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, and Hiawatha First Nation)	when shaking hands: acknowledgement: thank you:	boozhoo ayhow miigwetch	(boh-ZHO) (AWW-how) (MEE-gwetch)
Red Lake	Anishinaabe Peoples	“We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Peoples, in lands of importance to Treaty 3, Treaty 5, and Treaty 9. I wish to recognize the long history of First Nations and Métis Peoples in Ontario, and show respect to them today.”	MICHIF hello, welcome: good morning: <i>*same as in French</i>	bonjou benvnu bon matin	(bon-jou ben-vnu) (bon ma-tan)
Sarnia	Anishinaabe Peoples	“We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Peoples. I wish to recognize the long history of First Nations and Métis Peoples in Ontario, and show respect to them today.” (Optional acknowledgment to the neighbouring communities of Aamjiwnaang First Nation, Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point, and Walpole Island First Nation)	ANISHINAABE greetings (personal): formal greetings (speech): when shaking hands: acknowledgement: thank you:	ahnee boozhoo boozhoo ayhow miigwetch	(aw-NEE) (boh-ZHO) (boh-ZHO) (AWW-how) (MEE-gwetch)
Sault Ste Marie	Anishinaabe Peoples	“We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Peoples, in the Robinson Huron Treaty area. I wish to recognize the long history of First Nations and Métis Peoples in Ontario, and show respect to them today.” (Optional acknowledgement to the neighbouring communities of the Ojibways of Batchewana and Ojibways of Garden River)	MICHIF hello, welcome: good morning: <i>*same as in French</i>	bonjou benvnu bon matin	(bon-jou ben-vnu) (bon ma-tan)

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Sioux Lookout	Anishinaabe Peoples	“We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Peoples, in lands of importance to Treaty 3, Treaty 5, and Treaty 9. I wish to recognize the long history of First Nations and Métis Peoples in Ontario, and show respect to them today.”	ANISHINAABE greetings (personal): formal greetings (speech): when shaking hands: acknowledgement: thank you:	ahnee boozhoo boozhoo ayhow miigwetch	(aw-NEE) (boh-ZHO) (boh-ZHO) (AWW-how) (MEE-gwetch)
Sudbury	Anishinaabe Peoples	“We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Peoples, in the Robinson Huron Treaty area. I wish to recognize the long history of First Nations and Métis Peoples in Ontario, and show respect to them today.” (Optional acknowledgement to the neighbouring communities of Atikameksheng Anishnawbek and Wahnapitae First Nation)	ANISHINAABE greetings (personal): formal greetings (speech): when shaking hands: acknowledgement: thank you:	ahnee boozhoo boozhoo ayhow miigwetch	(aw-NEE) (boh-ZHO) (boh-ZHO) (AWW-how) (MEE-gwetch)
Thunder Bay	Anishinaabe Peoples	“We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Peoples, in the Robinson Superior Treaty area. I wish to recognize the long history of First Nations and Métis Peoples in Ontario, and show respect to them today.” (Optional acknowledgement to the neighbouring community of Fort William First Nation)	ANISHINAABE greetings (personal): formal greetings (speech): when shaking hands: acknowledgement: thank you:	ahnee boozhoo boozhoo ayhow miigwetch	(aw-NEE) (boh-ZHO) (boh-ZHO) (AWW-how) (MEE-gwetch)
Timmins	Anishinaabe, Ininiwug, and Mushkegowuk Peoples	“We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Ininiwug, and Mushkegowuk Peoples, in the area of Treaty 9 and Nishnawbe Aski Nation. I wish to recognize the long history of First Nations and Métis Peoples in Ontario, and show respect to them today.”	MUSHKEGOWUK Greetings: thank you:	watchaye miigwetch	(WATCH-ay) (MEE-gwetch)
			ANISHINAABE greetings (personal): formal greetings (speech): when shaking hands:	ahnee boozhoo boozhoo	(aw-NEE) (boh-ZHO) (boh-ZHO)

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			acknowledgement: thank you:	ayhow miigwetch	(AWW-how) (MEE-gwetch)
			MICHIF hello, welcome: good morning: <i>*same as in French</i>	bonjou benvnu bon matin	(bon-jou ben-vnu) (bon ma-tan)
Toronto	Anishinaabe Peoples	"We wish to acknowledge Toronto as a sacred gathering place for many Aboriginal Peoples of Turtle Island. I wish to recognize the long history of First Nations and Métis Peoples in Ontario, and show respect today to the Mississaugas of New Credit."	ANISHINAABE greetings (personal): formal greetings (speech): when shaking hands: acknowledgement: thank you:	ahnee boozhoo boozhoo ayhow miigwetch	(aw-NEE) (boh-ZHO) (boh-ZHO) (AWW-how) (MEE-gwetch)
			MICHIF hello, welcome: good morning: <i>*same as in French</i>	bonjou benvnu bon matin	(bon-jou ben-vnu) (bon ma-tan)
Waterloo	Haudenosaunee Peoples	"I wish to recognize the long history of First Nations and Métis Peoples in Ontario, and show respect today to the Six Nations of the Grand River Territory."	MOHAWK greetings (personal): greetings (speech): thank you: goodbye:	shé:kon shé:kon nyá:wen ó:nen	(SAY-go) (SAY-go) (NYA-wuh) (O-nuh)
			MICHIF hello, welcome: good morning: <i>*same as in French</i>	bonjou benvnu bon matin	(bon-jou ben-vnu) (bon ma-tan)
Windsor	Anishinaabe Peoples	"We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Peoples. I wish to recognize the long history of First Nations and Métis Peoples in Ontario, and show respect to them today ." (Optional acknowledgement to the neighbouring community of Walpole Island First Nation)	ANISHINAABE greetings (personal): formal greetings (speech): when shaking hands: acknowledgement: thank you:	ahnee boozhoo boozhoo ayhow miigwetch	(aw-NEE) (boh-ZHO) (boh-ZHO) (AWW-how) (MEE-gwetch)
			MICHIF hello, welcome: good morning: <i>*same as in French</i>	bonjou benvnu bon matin	(bon-jou ben-vnu) (bon ma-tan)

APPENDIX A

Additional Descriptor on Limitations

There are a multitude of criteria that can be considered when identifying traditional territory, including, but not limited to:

- Pre-and-post Confederation Treaties made by Indigenous Nations (e.g., Nanfan Treaty, Dish with One Spoon)
- Assertions made by out-of-province Nations with historical connections to lands in Ontario (e.g., Huron-Wendat)
- Historic and present-day harvesting areas
- Land claims and assertions
- Mapping of historic Aboriginal language groupings

London can be used as an example of the complexities that can arise in acknowledging traditional territories. Present-day communities in the area consist of the Oneida (Haudenosaunee), Delaware (Lenape), and Anishinaabe Peoples. Some of the lands now in the state of New York are the Oneida's traditional territory, but they had purchased land in London. The Delaware requested to settle in the same area under Oneida's protection as allies. The London area is also covered under the Nanfan and Dish with One Spoon Treaties, which create varying understandings around harvesting areas. However, while communities belonging to the Delaware and Oneida Nations reside near London, it is historically the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe and the Neutrals.

APPENDIX B

Aboriginal Languages Primer

For speeches, thanks and greetings

Numerous languages are spoken by Aboriginal Peoples within the province of Ontario. The three main linguistic groups in Ontario are:

- **Anishinaabe** (ah-nish-NAW-bay) which include the Ojibway, Odawa, Potowotomi, Mississauga, Chippewa, Algonquin, and Oji-cree.
- **Mushkegowuk** (mush-KAY-go-wuk) include Omushkego Cree.
- **Haudenosaunee** (HOE-den-ah-SHOW-nee) include the Mohawk, Oneida, Seneca, Onondaga, Cayuga and Tuscarora.

Note: Aboriginal languages in Ontario are very diverse and involve many regional/community specific variations. The language terms provided in this document are simplified and standardized for ease of use, but may not always reflect the wide range of sounds, pronunciations, spellings, and usage of Aboriginal communities in Ontario.

ANISHINAABE

greetings (personal):	ahnee	(aw-NEE)
formal greetings (speech):	boozhoo	(boh-ZHO)
when shaking hands:	boozhoo	(boh-ZHO)
acknowledgement:	ayhow	(AWW-how)
greetings in Algonquin:	kwe-kwe	(kway-kway)
thank you:	miigwetch	(MEE-gwetch)

* Anishinaabe Peoples speak the Anishinaabemowin language with varying regional preferences.

MUSHKEGOWUK

greetings:	watchaye	(WATCH-ay)
thank you:	miigwetch	(MEE-gwetch)

* Mushkegowuk Peoples speak the Cree language.

MICHIF

hello, welcome:	bonjou benvnu	(bon-jou ben-vnu)
good morning:	bon matin	(bon ma-tan)
		<i>*same as in French</i>

* Métis Peoples speak the Michif language.

HAUDENOSAUNEE

Mohawk

greetings (personal):	shé:kon	(SAY-go)
greetings (speech):	shé:kon	(SAY-go)
greetings (informal):	kwe	(gway) <i>* eastern communities</i>
thank you:	nyá:wen	(NYA-wuh)
goodbye:	ó:nen	(O-nuh)

Oneida

greetings:	shekóli	(seh-KO-lee)
thank you:	yaw/ʌ'	(YAH-one)

Seneca

greetings:	sgěno'	(SKAY-no)
thank you:	niyawë	(NEE-ah-wen)

Cayuga

greetings (are you well?):	sgę:nq	(sgen no)
thank you:	nya:węh	(NYA wen)
you're welcome:	nyoh	(nyoh)
so long for now:	o:nęh gihya:	(ONA Gee hya)

* Haudenosaunee Peoples speak six languages: Mohawk, Oneida, Tuscarora, Seneca, Cayuga, and Onondaga. Cayuga, Mohawk and Oneida are more frequently spoken today.

INUKTITUT

thank you:	nakurmiik	(nak-o-MEEK)
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* Inuit speak the Inuktitut language.