

Regular Council Meeting – July 7, 2025

Agenda Item # 14.2

Proposed Motion: Councillor Dunfield – June National Indigenous History Month

Moved By: Councillor Dunfield

Seconded By: _____

WHEREAS the Township of Rideau Lakes publishes an annual calendar to celebrate the beauty and spirit of our community;

AND WHEREAS the 2025 calendar has identified the photo for the month of July as “Squaw Bay by the Rocky Narrows – Tania Weiland”;

AND WHEREAS the month of June is federally recognized as National Indigenous History Month, a time dedicated to honouring the history, heritage, and diversity of Indigenous peoples in Canada;

AND WHEREAS the Township recognizes that respect for Indigenous peoples, cultures, and place names is not confined to one month, but is a commitment upheld throughout the year;

AND WHEREAS the name referenced in the July calendar photo may be colloquially known by some residents but is not an officially recognized or appropriate geographic designation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Rideau Lakes offers a sincere and humble apology for any harm, discomfort, or misunderstanding this naming may have caused to members of our community, especially Indigenous residents;

AND FURTHER THAT the Township commits to a thorough review process for all future publications and printed communications to ensure cultural sensitivity, accuracy, and respect for all members of our community and shared heritage.