Land Acknowledgment: Rotary District 7040

“It is important to understand the longstanding history that has brought you to reside on the land and to seek to understand your place within that history. Land acknowledgements do not exist in a past tense or historical context: colonialism is a current ongoing process, and we need to build our mindfulness of our present participation.” [Northwestern University](https://www.northwestern.edu/native-american-and-indigenous-peoples/about/Land%20Acknowledgement.html).

 We [I] will begin this event/meeting (Name the Event/Meeting) by acknowledging that we are meeting on aboriginal land that has been inhabited by Indigenous peoples from the beginning. As settlers, we're grateful for the opportunity to meet here and we thank all the generations of people who have taken care of this land - for thousands of years. Long before today, as we gather here, there have been aboriginal peoples who have been the stewards of this place In particular, we acknowledge:

* Ottawa – the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg people.
* Kingston – the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat and Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) peoples. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties.
* Montreal: The Kanien’kehá:ka Nation is recognized as the custodians of the lands and waters on which we gather today. Tiohtiá:ke commonly known as Montreal is historically known as a gathering place for many First Nations. Today, it is home to a diverse population of Indigenous and other peoples. We respect the continued connections with the past, present, and future in our ongoing relationships with Indigenous and other peoples within the Montreal community.
* Cornwall New York: territory of the Munsee Lenape peoples

We recognize and deeply appreciate their historic connection to this place. We also recognize the contributions of Métis, Inuit, and other Indigenous peoples have made, both in shaping and strengthening this community in particular, and our province and country as a whole. As settlers, this recognition of the contributions and historic importance of Indigenous peoples must also be clearly and overtly connected to our collective commitment to make the promise and the challenge of Truth and Reconciliation real in our communities, and in particular to bring justice for murdered and missing indigenous women and girls across our country.

Sources:

<https://native-land.ca/> (this source lead to the following source)

<https://native-land.ca/maps/territories/munsee-lenape/>

<https://www.concordia.ca/content/dam/concordia/images/indigenous/Territorial%20Acknowledgement%20Resource%20July%202017.pdf>

<https://rotary7040.com/clubdirectory>

* Another source attached as document titled: Traditional Territory Acknowledgements in Ontario