

**The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton - Council Meeting**

**Agenda Number:** 7.1.  
**Number:** 23-12-  
**Title:** Town of Fort Erie Resolution - Municipal Oath of Office  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 23, 2023

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**Moved By:** Gregory J. McLean  
**Seconded By:** \_\_\_\_\_

Whereas most municipalities in Ontario have a native land acknowledgement in their opening ceremony;

And Whereas a clear reference to the rights of Indigenous people is the aim of advancing Truth and Reconciliation;

And Whereas Call to Action 94 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada called upon the Government of Canada to replace the wording of the Oath of Citizenship to include the recognition of the laws of Canada including Treaties with Indigenous Peoples;

And Whereas on June 21, 2021 an Act to amend the Citizenship Act received royal assent to include clear reference to the rights of Indigenous peoples aimed at advancing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Calls to Action within the broader reconciliation framework;

And Whereas the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada outlines specific calls to action for municipal governments in Canada to act on, including education and collaboration;

And Whereas the Council of the Municipality of Brockton supports the resolution passed by the Town of Fort Erie on April 24, 2023 regarding a change to the Municipal Oath of Office;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton request the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing that the following changes be made to the municipal oath of office:

"I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles III and that I will faithfully observe the laws of Canada including the Constitution, which recognizes and affirms the Indigenous and treaty rights of First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples";

And Further that this resolution be forwarded to the The Honourable Steve Clerk, Minister, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), MPP's Lisa Thompson and Rick Byers, and the Town of Fort Erie.

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