

APPENDIX B

Susan Schappert

From:
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Subject:

Hi Susan,

I hope this email finds you well. I have reviewed the attached report, please find my comments below.

From pg. 19:

Sixteen Mile Creek and the surrounding area is part of the traditional territories of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee peoples. The Anishinaabe people known to the settlers as ‘Mississaugas’ called the river Nanzuhzaugewazog meaning ‘having two outlets’, a reference to the shallow, gravelly mouth dividing the river in two. The Mississauga ceded their lands on the Sixteen Mile Creek under Treaty 22 on February 8, 1820, to the British Crown as part ongoing European colonization and settlement of Indigenous territories. The confluence at the mouth of Sixteen Mile Creek and Lake Ontario continues to hold significance for the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

I would revise the above paragraph as:

Sixteen Mile Creek and the surrounding area is part of the treaty land and territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation as well as the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat and the Haudenosaunee peoples. The Mississaugas called the river Nanzuhzaugewazog meaning ‘having two outlets’, a reference to the shallow, gravelly mouth dividing the river in two. The Mississaugas of the Credit ceded their lands on the Sixteen Mile Creek under Treaty 22 on February 8, 1820, to the British Crown as part ongoing European colonization and settlement of Indigenous territories. The confluence at the mouth of Sixteen Mile Creek and Lake Ontario continues to hold significance for the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

Rationale:

1. the initial draft of the paragraph did not indicate that the land on which the study district is located did not fully indicate the First Nations that historically occupied, controlled, and exercised stewardship over the land.
2. Specifying the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation reflects the actual First Nation that placed the land under treaty with the Crown in 1820. In the initial draft paragraph, the term “Mississauga” is used implying that all Mississauga Nations had a part in Treaty 22.

Sections 5.2.1-5.2.5 all contain an opening sentence akin to “... Area is layered over the traditional territories of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee peoples.” I would suggest a more accurate rendering would be “... Area is layered over the treaty lands and territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the traditional territories of the Huron Wendat and the Haudenosaunee.

Rationale:

1. The term “Anishinaabe” is often a broad term used to include culturally related First Nation groups such as the Odawa, Pottawatomie, Ojibway, Mississaugas, etc., including some that have not had any relationship with the Oakville lands in question. Mentioning specific First Nations is more accurate, and less confusing, when the former Indigenous inhabitants are well known to an area- as is the case for Oakville.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

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I choose to work flexibly and am sending this message now because it works for me. Feel free to read, act on or respond at a time that works for you.

Disclaimer

The Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) asserts the right to maintain stewardship on our ancestral homelands which includes the right to protect the lands and waters that sustain and support the life and health of all. Historically, and without our consent, MCFN homelands have been industrialized to the point where cumulative effects have already surpassed the point of a questionable future for coming generations. In this era of reconciliation, building a renewed relationship with First Nation peoples based on recognition of rights, respect and partnership, MCFN fully expect legal obligations with the body of the politic to adhere to National interests and engage MCFN in all future development taking place within our ancestral lands.