



## Brant County Council - Special Meeting Minutes

**Date:** November 28, 2023  
**Time:** 3:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Council Chambers  
7 Broadway Street West  
Paris, ON

**Present:** Mayor Bailey, Councillors Kyle, MacAlpine, Howes, Oakley, Bell, Peirce, Chambers, Coleman, and Garneau

**Regrets:** Councillor Miller

**Staff:** Newton, Watlon, Crozier, Duesling, Mete, Connon, Cicman, and Dyjach

Mayor Bailey in the Chair

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### 1. Attendance

Attendance was taken.

### 2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Peirce  
Seconded by Councillor Oakley

That the County of Brant Special Council agenda for Tuesday November 28, 2023 be approved.

**Carried**

### 3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

None

### 4. Delegations/ Petitions/ Presentations

- 4.1 Darin P. Wybenga- Traditional Knowledge and Land Use Coordinator- Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation- Land Use Acknowledgment Training

Kayla Cicman, Arts, Culture, and Heritage Officer, introduced the speaker, Darin Wybenga, noting his history as a teacher, vice-principal, curriculum coordinator, the Traditional Knowledge and Land Use Coordinator for the Mississaugas of the

Credit's Dept. of Consultation and Accommodation. D. Wybenga delivered a presentation entitled "We Are Still Here: The Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation." He outlined the history of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation noting their migration route from the St. Laurent basin to the great lakes area, discussed the Invasion Routes of the Allied Great Lakes First Nations during the Beaver Wars of the late 1600's and noted that following the wars the Mississaugas claimed approximately 4 million acres of land in Southwestern Ontario. He discussed the impact of the British defeat of the French in North America and their interest in North American land for farming which led to the rise of treaty making with the British. He discussed the proclamation of 1763, noting that only the British Crown could acquire first nations land, described the 8 treaties with the crown, and noted the Mississauga's history of the transition to farming.

Moved by Councillor Coleman  
Seconded by Councillor Peirce

That the presentation of Darin P. Wybenga be received as information with much thanks.

**Carried**

## **5. Next Meeting and Adjournment**

Council adjourned at 4:57 p.m. to meet again at 6:00 p.m. at the County of Brant Council Chambers.

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Secretary