



Elders Advisory Committee

Background

Elders and Knowledge Keepers have a unique and vital role at KTCEA. They are the historians, teachers, guides, and language experts, cultural transmitters, and advisors. They are experts in Cree ways of Knowing and Being “nîhiyaw sakâw pimâtisiwin ikwa nîhiyaw sakâw pimâcihowin”.

The meaningful involvement and engagement of Elders is strongly promoted. Guidance provided through the Elders Advisory Committee can help realize KTCEA’s vision: nîhiyaw kiskinohamâkîwinihk nâkacîwîn (Excellence in Indigenous Education).

Guidelines

The Elders Advisory Committee can guide and provide advice on a number of matters of importance for KTCEA including instruction programs, curriculum, Cree language, land-based learning, community engagement and recruitment among others.

The Elders Advisory Committee members are selected by the local nation Chief and Council, and can include Elders and Knowledge Keepers. Each Chief and Council is to select two (2) Elders per nation for a one-year term.

#	Procedures	Roles and Responsibilities
1	KTCEA shall ensure that an Elders Advisory Committee is established to guide KTCEA.	Superintendent
2	The Elders Advisory Committee will be guided by a Terms of Reference which will define the purpose of the Elders Advisory Committee.	Superintendent/ Manager of Communications
4	Elders Advisory Committee meetings will be coordinated by the Elders and Community Engagement Coordinator	Elder and Community Engagement Coordinator
5	KTCEA Board of Directors meetings will have a Standing Agenda Item for the Elders Advisory Committee. The Superintendent will provide a report to the KTCEA Board of Directors at KTCEA Board meetings.	Superintendent

Definitions:

Not Applicable

References:

Elders Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

Procedure Amendments and Updates

The responsibility for updating and amending this procedure rests with the Superintendent's Office/Communications Manager.