



FOUR COUNCIL AND DELEGATES COUNCIL REGULATIONS

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1.0 General

- 1.1 This regulation is pursuant to Section XV.1.a. of *Sagkeeng Onakonigawin*, which requires regulations:
 - a) governing the operation of the Four Councils; and
 - b) the selection and operation of the Delegates Council selection.
- 1.2 As per XV.1 of *Sagkeeng Onakonigawin*, these regulations require adoption by the Lawmakers Assembly.
- 1.3 “Council” or “Councils” refers to one or more of the Elders’ Council, Women’s Council, Men’s Council and Youth Council, and the “Four Councils” means all of them.
- 1.4 The Delegates Council membership is set out in section 2 in Part V. of *Sagkeeng Onakonigawin*
- 1.5 Terms used in this document have the same meanings as those defined in *Sagkeeng Onakonigawin*.

2.0 Decision Making

- 2.1 The Four Councils and Delegates Council will strive to make decisions through consensus. Each member will have an opportunity to express their views, and the Council will adopt the position supported by the greatest number of members.
 - a) If the Chair decides a vote is needed to determine the Council’s position, it may be conducted by a show of hands, or secret ballot.

3.0 Four Councils Requirements

- 3.1 Elders Council shall consist of Anicinabek who possess traditional knowledge and practice traditional ways of being.
- 3.2 Youth Council shall consist of Anicinabek up to the age of 29 years.
- 3.3 Two-spirited Anicinabek shall self-determine their Council.
- 3.4 For greater certainty Anicinabek can only be a current member of one Council.
- 3.5 There is no limit as to the membership of each Council.
- 3.6 Each Council member must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- a) Be a member of the Anicinabek;
- b) Practice the Seven Teachings; and
- c) Be a positive role model.

3.7 The Councils will adhere to their duties as set out in *Sagkeeng Onakonigawin*. (See [Appendix](#)).

4.0 Four Council Meetings

- 4.1 The Councils shall meet once every four months, and as needed, in preparation for a Lawmakers Assembly.
- 4.2 Councils meetings will be chaired by their Delegates Council representative.
- 4.3 At the discretion of the Councils, the Councils may meet jointly.
- 4.4 Council members may attend the Council meetings of the other three Councils as observers.
- 4.5 Council members shall review, modify, and adopt the meeting agenda.
- 4.6 Council members shall review and ratify meeting minutes for public online posting on the Sagkeeng and *Onakonigawin* websites.
- 4.7 At each Council meeting, the Council shall pre-determine date, location, and time of the next Council meeting.
- 4.8 Council meetings may be held in person and online.

5.0 Delegates Council Representative and Alternate

- 5.1 The term of the Delegates Council representatives shall be 4 years as set out in section 4 of Part V of *Sagkeeng Onakonigawin*.
 - a) For greater certainty the Alternates' term will also be 4 years.
- 5.2 An Executive Council member is not eligible to serve as Delegates Council member nor as an Alternate.
- 5.3 Each Council shall select a Delegates Council representative and Alternate from their members.
- 5.4 Each candidate must address the Council members and express reasons of their interest in the position.

- 5.5 Prior to the selection, Council members may question the candidates.
- 5.6 If requested by Council members the selection will be determined by private ballot with those in attendance.
- 5.7 Within 30 days after the selection, the Delegates Council representative and Alternate must post a criminal check indicating no indictable offence convictions within the last ten years on the Sagkeeng and *Onakonigawin* websites.
 - a) Criminal checks are required every 12 months.
 - b) The failure to provide a criminal check will void the selection and require further selection at the next Council meeting.
- 5.8 The Alternate will fulfill the duties of an absent Delegates Council representative.
- 5.9 Council members may serve multiple terms as a Delegates Council representative or as an Alternate.

6.0 Replacement and Removal of a Delegates Council Representative and Alternate

- 6.1 A Council shall replace a Delegates Council representative or Alternate where that person:
 - a) has been elected to the Executive Council, or
 - b) has been convicted of an indictable offence.
- 6.2 Council members may remove a Delegates Council representative or Alternate where it is believed that that person is unable or unwilling to fulfill their duties, or 3.6 eligibility criteria are no longer applicable.
 - a) The person who is subject to 6.2 will have the opportunity to address the Council.
 - b) If requested by Council members the removal vote will be determined by private ballot with those in attendance.

7.0 Delegates Council Duties

- 7.1 The Delegates Council duties include:
 - a) to be knowledgeable in all Sagkeeng laws and inform Sagkeeng members about the *Sagkeeng Onakonigawin*.

b) adhering to responsibilities as set out in *Sagkeeng Onakonigawin*, including:

- i. Determine dates for Lawmakers Assemblies. (VI.1)
- ii. Provide oral reports at Lawmakers Assemblies. (VI.3)
- iii. Notify all members of Lawmakers Assemblies. (VI.5)
- iv. Prepare agendas for Lawmakers Assemblies. (VI.6)
- v. Select a chairperson for Lawmakers Assemblies. (VI.7)
- vi. Prepare draft laws. (VII.7)
- vii. Explain draft laws at Lawmakers Assemblies. (VII.8)
- viii. Collect feedback and proposed recommendations. (VII.9)
- ix. Provide Four Councils with directing resolutions, draft laws and legal opinions. (VII.10)
- x. Deposit Council recommendations at the Band Office. (VII.12)
- xi. Revise draft laws after readings, if required. (VII.13 and 15)
- xii. Revise rejected laws and resubmit to Lawmakers Assemblies (XI.1)
- xiii. Conduct public consultations as required. (XI.2)
- xiv. Adopt regulations for Lawmakers ratification. (XV.3)
- xv. Approve the appointment of the Government Secretary. (XVI.5)

c) collaborate with the Executive Council Delegates Council representative on all matters related to the planning of Lawmaker Assembly meetings.

d) attending all Delegates Council and Lawmakers Assembly meetings.

7.2 Delegates Council Representatives' additional duties include:

- a) consult with their Council members about proposed new laws of the Anicinabek and other decisions being made by the Delegates Council or Lawmakers Assembly,
- b) preparing the draft agenda for all Council meetings,
- e) ensuring that a 5-day Council meeting notice is publicly posted on the Sagkeeng and *Onakonigawin* websites,
- f) chairing Council meetings,
- g) removing any person from a Council meeting not adhering to the Seven Teachings,
- h) calling emergency Council meetings,
- i) appointing a note taker for Council meetings, and

- j) posting Council meeting minutes on the Sagkeeng and *Onakonigawin* website.

8.0 Delegates Council Meetings

- 8.1 The Delegates Council shall meet one month prior to each quarterly Lawmakers Assembly and three weeks prior to a Special Lawmakers Assembly.
 - a) The next meeting date shall be determined prior to the end of each meeting.
- 8.2 The Executive Council's Delegates Council member shall secure the location of meetings.
- 8.3 The Delegates Council meetings require the attendance of three members representing the Four Councils and the Executive Council.
 - a) Meetings that do not have the required number of Delegates will be rescheduled by those Delegates in attendance.
- 8.4 A Delegate may request an emergency meeting related to Sagkeeng laws by providing written notice and issues to be discussed with the Delegates Council. A quorum of the Delegates Council is required for the meeting to proceed.
 - a) Where the meeting in 5.4 does not occur, the proposed issues shall be added to the agenda at the preceding Delegates Council meeting.
- 8.5 Delegates Council members
 - a) shall alternate chairing meetings,
 - b) may submit agenda items,
 - c) shall assign an administrative person to record meeting minutes,
 - d) are entitled to travel costs for meetings held in Winnipeg at Sagkeeng Government rates, and
 - e) are entitled to one vote per issue.
 - i) where there is one Youth Delegate or one Elders Delegate present at a Delegates Council meeting, that Delegate shall be entitled to cast the vote for their Council.
- 8.6 Within 5 working days, the Delegates Council meeting minutes shall be provided to its members for review and approval at the next meeting. All approved meeting minutes shall be posted on the Sagkeeng and *Onakonigawin* websites.
- 8.7 Delegates who miss three consecutive meetings are subject to removal from the Delegates Council by their Council.

9.0 Administrative Support

- 9.1 The Executive Council shall appoint an administrative support person within their office to provide logistics and technical assistance in the scheduling of Council meetings.

10.0 Conditional Regulation Approval

- 10.1 The Councils may, through the signature of the Delegates Council representatives, provide conditional approval of this regulation subject the review by, and approval of the Lawmakers Assembly.

- 10.2 The Lawmakers Assembly may amend this regulation prior to approval.

11.0 Annual Review

- 11.1 These regulations are subject to annual review by the Four Councils.

- 11.2 Any amendments require the approval of the Lawmakers Assembly.

DELEGATES COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Signed this day of _____, _____, 2026.

Elders'

Women's

Men's

Youth

Executive Council

Appendix – Onakonigawin Excerpts

VII. Process

11. During public consultation, the Delegates Council shall submit copies of the Directing Resolution, the draft law and the opinion of legal counsel to the Four Councils and the Four Councils may provide recommendations concerning the draft law to the Delegates Council.

- a. Each of the Four Councils must convene a full in-person meeting of their Council in accordance with their customary procedures and consider the proposed law during the Public Consultation stage between the first and second readings.
- b. At the second reading of the proposed law at the Lawmakers Assembly, each Council must report to the Lawmakers Assembly on their discussion and recommendations.
- c. Any of the Four Councils or the Executive Council may engage in further consultations, in addition to those set out here, including but not limited to online consultations and further in-person consultations.

X. Additional Consultations

1. The Executive Council and the Four Councils may arrange for such further public consultation as they may deem appropriate to inform and obtain the views of persons who may be affected by a law.

XV. Making Regulations

1. The Lawmaker's Assembly shall, after consultation with the Four Councils and public consultation as described in this Law, adopt regulations for effectively administering this law, including but not limited to;

- a. The operation of the Four Councils and the selection of Delegates to the Delegates Council;