SAGKEENG
ANICINABE GOVERNMENT

FOUR COUNCILS AND DELEGATES COUNCIL

REGULATIONS

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Whereas Onakonigawin states:

2. Laws made pursuant to this Law may modify, limit, expand and describe the customary processes and oral law of the Anicinabek, which arise out of the inherent rights of the Anicinabek.

h) "Law" means a written or oral law of the Nation, passed pursuant to the process set out in this Law or recognized as an oral law of the Anicinabek in the manner set out for that purpose in the Oral Law Regulations and includes regulations made in accordance with this or any other Law;

1.0 General

1.1 Section XV.1.a. of *Sagkeeng Onakonigawin* requires regulations:

a) governing the operation of the Four Councils; and
b) the selection and operation of the Delegates Council.

1.2 As per XV.1 of *Sagkeeng Onakonigawin*, regulations require the adoption by the Lawmakers Assembly.

1.3 "Four Councils" is defined as:

> d)"The Four Councils" means the Elders' Council, the Womens' (sic) Council, the Men's Council, and the Youth Council, or such of them as may be constituted or assembled from time to time.

1.4 The Delegates Council membership is set out in V. Delegates Council of *Sagkeeng Onakonigawin*.

> 2. The Delegates Council shall be made up of one delegate chosen by each of the Four Councils (as defined in 1(d)), as well as one representative of the Executive Council, except as otherwise set out in this law.
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> a. The Youth Council shall appoint two representatives, one of whom shall be male, one of whom shall be female.
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> i. The two representatives from the Youth Council shall share a single vote.

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b. The Elders Council shall appoint two representatives, one of whom shall be male, one of whom shall be female.
    i. The two representatives from the Elders Council shall share a single vote.

1.5 "Alternates" means the Council member chosen by each Council to the Delegates Council to assist the Delegates Council representative.

1.6 Terms used in this regulation 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) A member may request a vote by a show of hands or secret ballot to determine the Council's position.

3.0 Four Councils Requirements

3.1 All Councils shall consist of respected members of the Nation; living mino pimatiziwin; and adhering to the Seven Teachings. (Change to: All Council shall consist of members of the Nation)

3.2 The Youth Council consists of members from the age of 16 to 30 years.

3.3 Two-spirited members (change to 2SLGBTQI+[1]?) shall self-determine their Council.

a) Members who select as per section 3.3 cannot change their selection.

3.4 Members can only be a member of one Council.

a) There is no limit as to the membership of each Council.

3.5 The Councils will adhere to their duties as set out in *Sagkeeng Onakonigawin*, (see Appendix), including any other duty requested by the Delegates Council and as provided herein.

3.6 The Four Councils may determine further roles and responsibilities of their Council.

[1] Two-spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and additional sexually and gender diverse people.

4.0 Four Councils Meetings

4.1 When constituted the Councils shall[2] meet once every four months in preparation for a Lawmakers Assembly, or as requested by Delegate Council representative or Alternate.

4.2 Council meetings will be chaired by the Delegates Council representative or Alternate.

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 Council 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 Except as otherwise noted in Sagkeeng Onakonigawin, Council meetings may be held in person and/or virtually (online).

a) Members attending online must be identifiable prior to being admitted into the meeting.

5.0 Term

5.1 Delegates Council representatives shall serve up to four-year terms as set out in section 4 of Part V of *Sagkeeng Onakonigawin*.

a) For greater certainty Alternate's term will also be up to 4 years.

b) Members chosen for the Delegates Council may serve multiple terms.

c) The Four Councils shall determine the terms of their Delegate Council representative and Alternate.

6.0 Election

6.1 An Executive Council member is not eligible to serve as Delegates Council representative nor as an Alternate.

[2] Should this be discretionary? When constituted, the Councils, at the discretion of the Delegate Council representative, may meet prior to a Lawmakers Assembly.

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6.2 Each Council shall elect a Delegates Council representative and Alternate from those members who self-identify as a candidate.

a) The Alternate will fulfill the duties of an absent Delegates Council representative.

b) The Executive Council shall identify an Alternate to the Delegates Council.

6.3 Each candidate must provide a current criminal check and address the Council and express reasons for their interest in the position.

6.4 Prior to the election, Council members may question the candidates.

6.5 If requested by a Council member the election will be conducted by private ballot with the Council members in attendance. Council members attending virtually will privately inform the Chairperson of their selection.

a) In the event of a tie between candidates, the Sagkeeng Election Law sections 155-158 shall be utilized.

b) In the event of a tie among 3 or more candidates, another private ballot shall be held.

6.6 Any successful candidate who has not provided a current criminal check will be considered conditionally elected to the position of the Delegates Council representative or Alternate, subject to submitting a current criminal record check at the next Council meeting.

a) Upon receipt of the criminal record check, Council members may question the conditionally elected and raise any concerns arising from the criminal record checks. The conditionally elected will address questions and concerns.

b) After the questioning period, the Chairperson will request a motion from Council members to either:

i) accept the conditionally elected as elected or

ii) for a new election.

c) The failure to provide a criminal check will void the election and require another election at the next Council meeting.

6.7 Updated criminal checks will be provided to the Council every year on the anniversary election date.

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7.0 Removal and Replacement

7.1 A Council shall replace a Delegates Council representative or Alternate where that person:

a) has been elected to the Executive Council,

b) has been subsequently convicted of an indictable offence, or

c) resigns.

7.2 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 it is alleged the Delegates Council representative or Alternate no longer meets the standards set out in 3.1.

a) The person who is subject to removal proceedings 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.

c) After the vote, the Council may place conditions on the Delegates Council representative or Alternate to ensure the fulfillment of duties and ensure compliance with the standards set in out in 3.1.

8.0 Duties of Delegates Council Representatives and Alternates

8.1 Delegates Council representative and Alternates duties include:

a) consult with their Council members about proposed new laws or law amendments and other decisions of the Delegates Council or Lawmakers Assembly,

b) prepare the draft agenda for all Council meetings,

c) ensure that a 5-day Council meeting notice is publicly posted on the Sagkeeng and *Onakonigawin* websites,

d) chair their respective Council meetings,

e) remove any person from a Council meeting not adhering to the Seven Teachings,

f) call emergency Council meetings,

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g) appoint a note taker for Council meetings,

h) post Council meeting minutes on the Sagkeeng and *Onakonigawin* website, and

i) attend all Delegates Council and Lawmakers Assembly meetings.

9.0 Duties of Delegates Council

9.1 The Delegates Council duties include:

a) to be knowledgeable in all Sagkeeng laws.

b) to promote law awareness.

c) adhere 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. (V1.5)
iv. Prepare agenda for Special Lawmakers Assemblies. (VI.6)[3]
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)

d) collaborate with the Executive Council's Delegates Council representative on all matters related to the planning of Lawmakers Assembly meetings.

e) provide direction to the Government Secretary, and any administrative and technical support in the implementation of Sagkeeng laws and regulations.

[3] There is no reference in the Law that the Delegates Council prepare the agenda for Lawmakers Assemblies.

f) create working groups, comprised of members with the expertise in the area of any law development or amendment, and contract with external experts as required.

i. Working groups shall provide ways to obtain community input.

10.0 Delegates Council Meetings

10.1 The Delegates Council shall meet 30 days prior to a Lawmakers Assembly and three weeks prior to a Special Lawmakers Assembly.

10.2 Delegates Council members

a) shall alternate chairing Delegates Council meetings,
b) may submit agenda items to the Government Secretary,
c) are entitled to travel costs for meetings held in Winnipeg at Sagkeeng Government rates, and
d) will confirm next meeting date prior to the end of each meeting.

10.3 Alternates shall only vote at a Delegates Council meeting where the Delegate Council representative is absent.

10.4 The Government Secretary shall secure the Delegates Council meeting locations.

10.5 A Delegates Council member may request an emergency meeting by providing written notice and issues to the Government Secretary.

10.6 Within 7 working days, the Delegates Council meeting minutes shall be provided by the Government Secretary for review and approval at the next Delegates Council meeting.

10.7 All approved Delegates Council meeting minutes shall be posted on the Sagkeeng and *Onakonigawin* websites.

10.8 Delegates or Alternates who miss three consecutive meetings are subject to removal from the Delegates Council by their Council as set out in section 7.2.

11.0 Administrative Support

11.1 The Executive Council shall appoint an administrative staff member from its office to support the Government Secretary. The appointee shall provide logistical and technical support for scheduling meetings of the Four Councils and the Delegates Council.

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12.0 Conditional Regulation Approval

12.1 The Four Councils may, through the signature of the Delegates Council representatives, provide conditional approval of this regulation subject to the review, and adoption by the Lawmakers Assembly. [see XV. Making Regulations section 3.]

13.0 Adoption of Regulations

13.1 The Lawmakers Assembly may amend this regulation prior to their adoption of the regulations as per XV.1. Making Regulations.

14.0 Annual Review

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

a) Any member may propose amendments to these regulations at a Lawmakers Assembly.

14.2 Any proposed amendments by the Four Councils or members require approval at a Lawmakers Assembly.

DELEGATES COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Signed this day of _____, _____ _____,2026.

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Elders' **Women's**

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Men's **Youth**

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Executive Council

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Appendix – Four Council Duties Referenced in Onakonigawin (Excerpts)

V. Delegates Council (page 5)

2. The Delegates Council shall be made up of one delegate chosen by each of the **Four Councils** (as defined in 1(d)), as well as one representative of the Executive Council, except as otherwise set out in this law.

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VII. Process (page 8)

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.

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X. Additional Consultations (page 13)

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.

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XV. Making Regulations (page 14)

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 Delegate's Council;

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