



TREATY ONE YOUTH COUNCIL

Terms of Reference

Background

In August 2019, the Treaty One First Nations signed a Comprehensive Settlement Agreement with Canada for the transfer of Kapyong Lands to the Treaty One Nation. As part of the Agreement, the Treaty One Nation established a governance structure that will form the foundation for the Treaty One Nation Government, led by the Governing Council. The Governing Council is made up of the respective Chiefs from each of the seven First Nations.

Further to the implementation of the Agreement, the Governing Council is working towards Treaty One Nation Rebuilding. These efforts will focus on the establishment of a governance secretariat and collective renewal of Treaty One governance systems.

First Nations Youth are a critical component to the development, implementation, and sustainability of the Treaty One Nation Government. Therefore, it is the direction of the Treaty One Nation Governing Council to establish a Treaty One Youth Council:

1. To ensure equitable youth engagement to capture their diverse perspectives, expertise, and experiences.
2. To connect with the youth in their respective communities and urban areas to bring forth youth priorities, needs, and strengths.
3. To capture and integrate feedback into the renewal of Treaty One Nation collective governance.

Membership

The Treaty One Youth Council is comprised of two representatives from each of the Treaty One Nations; 1 on-reserve and 1 off-reserve:

1. Brokenhead Ojibway Nation
2. Long Plain First Nation
3. Peguis First Nation
4. Roseau River Anishinabe First Nation
5. Sagkeeng First Nation
6. Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation, and
7. Swan Lake First Nation

Roles and Responsibilities:

Members of the Treaty One Youth Council have the responsibility to:

- Participate in deliberations as a learning tool for engaging in a respectful conversation and intergenerational learning;
- Promote and design youth engagement that demonstrates respect for and inclusion of young people in governance renewal and decisions that affect their lives;
- Provide input into proposals for specific project funding for youth engagement, inclusion, and participation; and
- Be committed to operating on a consensus basis when making a recommendation.

Meetings:

Meetings will be held bi-weekly for the first 3 months and monthly thereafter unless the agenda warrants more or less frequent meetings. As much as possible, draft agendas and background documents will be circulated electronically to members in advance of meetings.

