

**Anishinabek Nation  
(Union of Ontario Indians)**

**Anishinabe Kwe Wuk Advisory Council**

**Requires a representative for Southeast Region**

On **November 16, 2015** the Chiefs of Southeast Region will be meeting in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. One agenda item is to fill the vacancy for the women's council.

Chiefs will select interests from women member citizens to meet periodically. The Terms of Reference are attached. \*

The Women's Council has representation from each of the 4 regions, plus Wikwemkong and is viewed as an advisory and guidance body to support and make recommendations. Women's Council representatives must be active and report to the SE Chiefs and attend various assemblies as required.

**~ Deadline for submitting interest is Friday, November 13, 2015 ~**

**Please provide your letter of interest to Chief Phyllis Williams**

**Attention: Tiffany Taylor-Anderson [TiffanyTA@curvelake.ca](mailto:TiffanyTA@curvelake.ca)**

**Curve Lake Government Services 705-657-8045**

(Your name/letter will then be provided to the Regional Chief Jim Bob Marsden)



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#### **Mission Statement:**

The Anishinabe Kwe Wuk Advisory Council will support the restoration of Anishinabek Nation governance and jurisdiction through advocacy and coordination.

To advise, represent, encourage and help strengthen to build safe and healthy families, safe and healthy communities and safe and healthy nation.

#### **Objectives:**

- To facilitate the collaboration, coordinated efforts to work collectively with Leadership, Youth and Elders' Councils;
- To assist in the identification of needs and priorities facing Anishinabe Kwe Wuk and incorporate into an annual workplan;
- To participate in the development and establishment of strategic directions for Anishinabe Kwe Wuk;
- To promote equal partnership for all Anishinabe Kwe Wuk in society;
- To make recommendations to the Anishinabek Councils to promote the interests and well being of the Anishinabe Kwe Wuk;
- To provide a process to increase local awareness, support and advocacy on women's issues by the Anishinabek leadership;
- To provide a forum where Anishinabe Kwe Wuk can discuss issues that affect them, including, but not limited to: violence, discrimination against women; decision making; social; housing and wellness.
- To communicate and promote to the Anishinabek Nation on the development and operations of the Anishinabe Kwe Wuk Council and its initiatives by:

- Lobbying BCR from First Nations to support Women's Council
  - Having regional meetings and an Annual General Assembly for Anishinabe Kwe Wuk;
  - Providing reports at regional meetings and at annual general assemblies
  - Booth Displays
  - Utilizing the Anishinabek Newspaper for news and providing monthly updates, as well as profiles of the Anishinabe Kwe Wuk Advisory Council
  - Booth Displays
  - Having community visits to receive feedback from Anishinabe Kwe Wuk within the communities on specific issues and concerns;
  - Maintaining direct contact within the First Nations of each region on specific issues and concerns with lobby efforts.
- To promote Anishinabek Language and Culture through:
    - To encourage and promote the use of Anishinabemowin in First Nation communities and councils to build pride and identity as Anishinabek.
    - To encourage the use of holistic approaches like talking and healing circles, feasts and ceremonies at gatherings and training sessions with Anishinabek Nation members;

### **Composition of Council:**

The Council shall consist of two Anishinabe Kwe Wuk representatives from each of the four regions of the Anishinabek Territory: Southwest, Southeast, Robinson-Huron and Robinson-Superior.

Each respective region shall appoint two Anishinabe Kwe Wuk to the council.

The Council shall appoint one chairperson for each meeting (to be rotated).

### **Roles and Responsibilities of the Anishinabe Kwe Wuk Advisory Council:**

- Anishinabe Kwe Wuk Advisory Council will represent the women's voice and issues at the Leadership level and will advocate on their behalf. The Council will be the collective voice of the Anishinabe Kwe Wuk to the overall development of the Nation Building/Wedokdodwin Workplan.
- Regional representatives will ensure communication is maintained within their region, and that community members will be informed of various initiatives.
- Regional representatives to promote initiatives in their region through the use of media, such as local newsletters and Anishinabek News.
- Regional representatives to represent Anishinabe Kwe Wuk within their region (issues, needs, initiatives) and to ensure that they are presented and addressed.

- Visit communities within their region as part of the communication and representation.
- Plan functions in their region to assist with implementing women's initiatives/programs.

### **Meetings:**

- Having regional meetings and an Annual General Assembly for Anishinabe Kwe Wuk
- The Council will hold meetings in conjunction with Union of Ontario Indians scheduled meetings;
- Special meetings will be called when necessary through teleconferencing
- Quorum will be greater than 50%
- Decision making will be done through consensus, should there be a tie then the chairperson will have the deciding vote
- Conflict of Interest: Council members will abstain from voting should there be conflict of interest.
- A new chairperson shall be appointed for each meeting.
- Meetings will be conducted in the following way:
  - Roll Call – Chairperson
  - Determination of Quorum
  - Opening Prayer
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Reading of minutes from previous meeting
  - Reading of Reports
  - Old Business
  - New Business
  - Special Presentations
  - Announcements
  - Adjournment

### **Code of Conduct and Ethics:**

The Council members will conduct themselves in a professional manner remembering that they are representing the Anishinabe Kwe Wuk in their region. Council members to follow the seven grandfather teachings (respect, honesty, humility, truth, bravery, love, wisdom).

It is understood that the Council will act responsibly to her role as outlined in the Roles and Responsibilities.

**Communication:**

- Development and operations of the Council will be communicated through:
  - Having regional meetings and an Annual General Assembly for Anishinabe Kwe Wuk;
  - Providing reports at regional meetings and at annual general assemblies
  - Utilizing the Anishinabek Newspaper for news and providing up-dates, as well as profiles of the Anishinabe Kwe Wuk Advisory Council
  - Having community visits to receive feedback from Anishinabe Kwe Wuk within the communities on specific issues and concerns;
  - Maintaining direct contact within the First Nations of each region on specific issues and concerns.

**Changes/Amendments to these Terms of Reference:**

Review and amendments to the terms of reference will be on-going.

Review of the workplan of the Anishinabe Kwe Wuk Advisory Council will be done annually.