

CONFEDERACY OF TREATY SIX FIRST NATIONS

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MANDATES/FUNCTIONS

Treaty Research

Determine status of treaty rights.

Advocacy

- Act as a collective voice on behalf of Treaty #6 First Nations through the direction of the Chiefs.
- Assist with the dissemination of information to non-Treaty #6 members.
- · Assert Treaty rights through the direction of the Chiefs.
- · Assist with the protection of Treaty rights through the direction of the Chiefs.
- · Monitor the infringement of Treaty rights through the direction of the Chiefs.
- · Assist with lobbying initiatives.
- The Confederacy is not designed to deliver program and services.

Liaison

Act as a liaison between First Nations.

Policy Development

 Assist with the development of policies regarding specific program areas, i.e.: education, social development, health, etc.

Education

- Act as a clearing house of information regarding Treaties.
- · Assist with the education of Treaty #6 members on their Treaty rights.

NB: The Confederacy shall not encroach on Tribal Councils' powers.

- The Confederacy would act in an advisory capacity and act as a liaison between the First Nations and Tribal Councils.
- First Nations/Tribal Councils shall continue to deliver and administer programs (the Confederacy will not infringe on this right).
- The Confederacy should prove to be a cost effective structure as it should minimize the amount of resources necessary for each Tribal Council or First Nation to perform the same services.

FIRST NATIONS AND/OR TRIBAL COUNCILS WOULD CONTINUE TO DELIVER PROGRAMS IN THIS EXAMPLE OF A CENTRALIZED DELIVERY SYSTEM OF SERVICES.



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TERMS OF CONFEDERATION

1. Description of Organization

- A. The Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations is a <u>collective body politic</u>, created and empowered by the Chiefs of the First Nations to represent and act in the best interests of the First Nations of Treaty Six.
- B. The Mandate of the Confederacy is to:
 - advocate, protect, and enhance treaty rights;
 - re-establish the bilateral nation-to-nation relationship with the Imperial Crown in right of Canada, as confirmed by treaty, and;
 - lobby the international community, the United Nations, and other international fora for:
 - · recognition as nations with the inherent right to self-determination;
 - · respect for the international status of our treaty;
 - the establishment of an international agency to monitor treaty violations, and;
 - · respect for Mother Earth.

2. Participation

- A. All First Nations in Treaty Six shall have the <u>equal right</u> to be represented and participate in the Confederacy.
- B. All First Nations have the right to withdraw and be reinstated in the Confederacy.
- C. Chiefs wishing to <u>withdraw</u> need a BCR, passed by a quorum of the Council of their First Nation. Chiefs whose First Nations having withdrawn, may observe but will not have voting or other rights.
- D. First Nations wishing to be <u>reinstated</u> must support their application to the Assembly by BCR and reinstatement is not formal until it is ratified by 67% of the Assembly.

D. The Chiefs Assembly agree that two(2) Treaty Urban Representatives may participate at all the Chiefs Executive Committee meetings, however shall not have voting rights.

6. Duties of Executive Committee

A. The Spokesperson shall:

1. vote at all meetings and cast his vote in case of a tie

2. preside at all Assembly and Executive Committee meetings

- 3. make reports to the Chiefs and Councils of the member First Nations
- 4. consult with, direct, instruct and advise the Executive Director and staff of the Confederacy as to Assembly and Executive Committee activities and directions,

5. perform other duties as delegated by the Assembly and Executive Committee.

B. Changing the Executive Committee

- (1) A member of the executive committee may resign by submitting a letter to the Executive Committee giving 30 days notice.
- (2) The Executive Committee may suspend a member of the committee for:

a./conduct unbecoming the position b./conviction of an indictable offense c./misappropriation of Confederacy Funds

7. Meetings

- A. An <u>Annual General</u> meeting of the Confederacy shall be held each year on or before June 30th, where the audited financial statements and the election of the Executive Committee shall take place.
- B. A <u>quorum</u> of the Confederacy Annual meeting and all other Confederacy meetings shall be ten (10) Chiefs or their designates.
- C. Written notice of the Annual meeting shall be conspicuously posted in each First Nation Administration office at least fourteen (14) days, prior to the date of the meeting
- D. Annual Meeting will be held in Treaty territory and shall rotate year to year.

12. Amendment

- A. These articles may be changed by extra-ordinary resolution passed by a 70% quorum of both the Executive Committee and the Confederacy Assembly (12 of 17 Chiefs).
- B. Notice of any changes to these articles shall be given to every member of the Confederacy at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the meetings.

13. Termination

- A. The Confederacy may be dissolved by the passing of an extraordinary resolution passed by a special meeting of the Confederacy Assembly specifically called for this purpose.
- B. Upon the termination of the Confederacy, any property, assets or liabilities or obligations whatever shall be paid or distributed among the members of the Confederacy.