

# FIRST PEOPLES' CULTURAL COUNCIL - ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHARTER

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## 1. ROLE AND PURPOSE

The First Peoples' Cultural Council Advisory Committee ("Advisory Committee") members are appointed by the Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation on the recommendation of the Board of the First Peoples' Cultural Council ("FPCC").

The Advisory Committee provides feedback to the FPCC Board on matters related to FPCC programs and services and issues related to Aboriginal arts, language and culture revitalization in British Columbia.

The Advisory Committee operates as the "peoples voice", acting as a bridge to First Nations communities and bringing community-based ideas and issues to the FPCC Board.

## 2. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

- a) Pursuant to the *First Peoples' Heritage, Language and Culture Act*, the Minister, on the advice of the FPCC Board, appoints one representative to the Advisory Committee from each First Nations language group.
- b) Any B.C. First Nations person can submit an application to the FPCC to represent their language group on the Advisory Committee. All First Nations organizations are encouraged to recommend suitable individuals within their language group to apply.
- c) When Advisory Committee members' terms expire, there will be an open call process. FPCC will keep all submitted applications on file for two years. Incumbent Advisory Committee members and people who applied within the previous two years will be automatically considered and are not required to reapply.

Applications can be accepted at any time, to be considered for future openings on the Advisory Committee. Applications on file will also be utilized to fill positions that may become vacant due to an Advisory member resigning or becoming unable to complete their term.

- d) The FPCC Governance Committee will evaluate all applications, and make its Advisory appointment recommendations to the FPCC Board.
- e) Ministerial Orders are required every two years to renew the appointment of an Advisory Committee member at the end of a term, or to appoint a new member. Appointment information is provided by FPCC staff to the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation for action.
- f) A member of the Advisory Committee may designate another member of their First Nations language group, with similar experience and expertise, to attend **one**

Advisory Committee meeting in his or her place. This must be done in consultation with FPCC staff.

### **3. RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Advisory Committee is expected to:

- g) bring to the attention of FPCC issues reflective of the language groups;
- h) provide feedback on FPCC programs;
- i) provide advice to FPCC on approaches to arts, heritage, language and cultural revitalization in BC;
- j) update FPCC on language, arts and cultural programs in the community/language groups, and
- k) make regular reports back to their language groups and communities regarding the work and activities of the FPCC.

### **4. MEETING SCHEDULE**

The Advisory Committee meets once a year at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

### **5. REMUNERATION**

Members of the Advisory Committee serve without remuneration other than the reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred in carrying out their duties under the *First Peoples' Heritage, Language and Culture Act*.