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Ogimaakaan Naagadobigan

Z'Gamok Ogimaakaan Wenamjigewin Naaknigewin

Z'Gamok Anishnawbek Ogimaakaan will be chosen through wenamjigewin by the Z'Gamok Anishnawbek. Z'Gamok Anishnawbek Ogimaakaan will fulfill their leadership responsibilities with honour and will maintain trust in leadership by the Z'Gamok Anishnawbek who have the right and responsibility to ensure that Ogimaakaan are upholding their responsibilities. Z'Gamok Anishnawbek Ogimaakaan will make decisions that consider the quality of life for current and future generations.

Z'Gamok Anishnawbek Ogimaakaan shall conduct themselves in accordance with the Seven Grandfather teachings and are governed by the Z'Gamok Ogimaakaan Wenamjigewin Naaknigewin Naagadoobigan(un), which set out provisions for decision-making, composition, term of office, honour and responsibilities, and code of conduct.

1. Composition of Ogimaakaan

- 1.1. Sagamok Anishnawbek shall be represented by one (1) Ogimaa and and **twelve (12) or thirteen (13)** Enaagamegejik, elected by Sagamok Anishnawbek for a term of **three (3) to four (4)** years.
- 1.2. The Enaagameget receiving the highest number of votes shall be the Onke Ogimaa.
- 1.3. In the absence of the Ogimaa, the Onke Ogimaa shall be responsible to deal with day-to-day Band Administration activities.
- 1.4. Should the Ogimaa resign or die, or the position becomes vacant as a result of the Ogimaa being lawfully removed from office, Sagamok Anishnawbek may elect an Ogimaa for the balance of the term through a special election as outlined in the Wenamijigaazit Naagadoobigan.

2. Decision-Making

- 2.1. Ogimaakaan shall strive to make all decisions by consensus.
- 2.2. The quorum of any Ogimaakaan shall be fifty percent plus one of all elected Enaagamegejik. For clarity, the Ogimaa is not counted for the purposes of establishing quorum.
- 2.3. Where the Ogimaa has determined that a reasonable effort to reach consensus on any given matter has been made without success, the Ogimaa may call for a recorded vote on the matter, and upon a motion duly made by an Enaagameget and seconded by another Enaagameget, the motion shall be deemed to have been adopted upon a majority of votes in favour of support by Enaagameget sitting in quorum. Where any Naaknigewin sets a higher threshold of support for Ogimaakaan action or decision, then that specific Naaknigewin shall prevail.

- 2.4. Only in the event of a tie on a recorded vote, subject to 2.3, shall the Ogimaa cast a vote to break the tie.

3. Honourable Responsibility of Ogimaakaan

- 3.1. The honourably responsibility of Ogimaakaan are as set out in this Naagadoobigan and any other Sagamok Anishnawbek Naaknigewin duly ratified by a community referendum, and without limiting the foregoing, include a fiduciary duty to the Sagamok Anishnawbek.
- 3.2. Ogimaa shall preside at all meetings or in their absence, the Onke Ogimaa shall preside. Additional meetings may be called by Ogimaa or by of a majority of Enaagamegejik. In the event both Ogimaa and Onke Ogimaa are absent, the Enaagameget with the highest number of votes of the election will assume the responsibility of presiding over that meeting.
- 3.3. Ogimaakaan will acknowledge the appointment of an elder and a youth from those respective councils who will serve as non-voting members of Sagamok Anishnawbek Ogimaakaan to assist in the deliberations of Ogimaakaan. These members will be expected to maintain the confidentiality and meet the fiduciary duties of other members of the Ogimaakaan
- 3.4. The responsibilities of Ogimaakaan are as follows:
- 3.4.1. To ensure that the Ogimaakaan follows this Naagadoobigan;
 - 3.4.2. To exercise all duties, responsibilities and powers of the Ogimaakaan for the best interests of the Sagamok Anishnawbek, including those contained in the Council Manual, and to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest;
 - 3.4.3. To administer, enforce and comply with all Z'Gamok Anishnawbek Naaknigewin;
 - 3.4.4. To hold at least monthly meetings of Ogimaakaan;
 - 3.4.5. To call a general election or special election in accordance with Z'Gamok Ogimaakaan Wenamjigewin Naaknigewin;
 - 3.4.6. Convene a community meeting (general meeting of Sagamok Anishnawbek Ewenamjigejik), community referendum or ratification votes as required by Z'Gamok Ogimaakaan Wenamjigewin Naaknigewin or other applicable Naaknigewin and at such other times as Ogimaakaan consider necessary for the well-being of Sagamok Anishnawbek;

- 3.4.7. May propose such naaknigewinun to serve the well-being, development and prosperity of Sagamok Anishnawbek, to protect and preserve our inherent right, jurisdiction and sovereignty and better governance of the affairs of Sagamok Anishnawbek; and,
- 3.4.8. May pass Naagadoobigan(un) for the administration of Naaknigewin(un).

4. Honourable Responsibility of Ogimaa

- 4.1. Ogimaa shall act as Chair at meetings of Ogimaakaan and shall maintain order and decide all questions of procedure. Any member of Ogimaakaan may appeal the procedural decision of the Ogimaa to the Ogimaakaan and all appeals shall be decided by a majority vote of Ogimaakaan.
- 4.2. Ogimaa has the honorable responsibility of representing matters related to Ogimaakaan and shall be the principle Enaagameget for Sagamok Anishnawbek with respect to all external matters and negotiations of a political or inter-governmental nature.

5. Honourable Responsibility of Enaagameget

- 5.1. Enaagameget may be assigned, by Resolution of Ogimaakaan, to one or more areas of responsibility, and where possible these assignments shall be made where the Enaagameget has knowledge and/or experience. All such assignments shall be at the will of the Ogimaakaan.
- 5.2. Enaagameget will report to Ogimaakaan on the areas of responsibility and assignment at each monthly Ogimaakaan meeting, or upon request from Ogimaakaan.

6. Code of Conduct for Ogimaakaan

- 6.1. The Ogimaakaan of Sagamok Anishnawbek are expected to adhere to the following Code of Conduct:
 - 6.1.1. Ogimaa and Enaagameget shall conduct themselves, individually as office holders and when acting collectively as Ogimaakaan, in a manner that promotes the well-being and interests of Sagamok Anishnawbek as a whole and in a fiscally responsible manner;
 - 6.1.2. No member of Ogimaakaan may take part in any decision where there is a real or perceived conflict of interest. A conflict of interest, without limiting the content of that phrase, is where the Ogimaa or Enaagameget have a personal interest which may conflict with their duties and obligations to Ogimaakaan and the Community;

- 6.1.3. Ogimaakaan are to conduct themselves at all times in accordance with the Seven Grandfather teachings in honor and trust and faith of Sagamok Anishnawbek; and,
- 6.1.4. Ogimaakaan will make decisions that consider the quality of life for both current and future generations.

7. Naagadoobigan Amendment

- 7.1. Amendments to this Naagadoobigan, unless expressly stated otherwise in the *Naagadoobigan Ratification and Amendment Naagadoobigan* must follow the process outlined in in Section 1.1 of the *Naaknigewin and Naagadoobigan Ratification and Amendment Naagadoobigan*.