

## **Tłıchq Government**

# **Terms of Reference: Tłıchq Odaʔa Advisory Council**

## **1. Delegation of Authority:**

The *Tłıchq Odaʔa Advisory Council* (TOAC) is a group of Tłıchq Elders appointed by the community Chiefs of Behchokò, Whatì, Gamètì and Wekweètì and including the Grand Chief.

## **2. Purpose/Mandate**

Elders are custodians of our language, culture, history and way of life.

As stated in the Tłıchq Constitution... “We follow in the footsteps of our ancestors and acknowledge our Elders as the keepers of our living memory, self-determination, values and way of life. We honor and respect the truth of our traditional knowledge and oral history.” The purpose of the *Tłıchq Odaʔa Advisory Council* is to share their skills and knowledge, and provide guidance.

## **3. Membership**

The *Tłıchq Odaʔa Advisory Council* will consist of ten Tłıchq elders appointed on a rotational basis as per the following: Grand Chief – 2 Elders; Behchokò Chief – 2 Elders; Whatì Chief – 2 Elders; Gamètì Chief – 2 Elders; Wekweètì Chief – 2 Elders.

Remuneration: Elders will be paid honorarium and travel allowances as per the Tłıchq Government Policy and Procedures Manual.

## **4. Meetings**

*Tłıchq Odaʔa Advisory Council* members will attend Assembly Proceedings and any other meetings as requested or called upon by their community Chief, or Grand Chief to provide specific skills, knowledge, direction and guidance for specific projects.

## **5. Support**

The Senior Community Director will provide logistical support for the operation of the *Tłıchq Odaʔa Advisory Council*.