

University College of the North Minutes of the Council of Elders

Wednesday, February 23, 2022
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Zoom: 699.627.8649
Teleconference: 1.866.279.1594
Participant code: 668739



PRESENT	REGRETS	ABSENT	Guests/Resources
M. Bignell - Opaskwayak N. Halcrow - Cross Lake M. Jonasson - Wabowden S. Neff - Grand Rapids B. Schaffer - Swan River M. Spence - Split Lake R. Nabess - Governing Council G. Guiboche - Learning Council	J. Hunter-Spence - Nelson House M. Head-Steppan - Flin Flon N. Leahy - Thompson		T. Pidskalny - Tri-Council Exec. Officer D. Lauvstad - President & Vice-Chancellor E. Samatte - UCN Campus Elder Advisor A. Assuah - Assistant Professor, Aboriginal & Northern Studies R. Neckoway - Director, CALC M. Rad-Spice - Language Specialist, CALC A. Barbour-Stevenson - Manager of Academic Development N. Lagace - Indigenous Curriculum Specialist M. Belmore - Indigenous Projects Manager/Community-based Indigenous Curriculum Specialist

1.0 Opening Prayer
Opening Prayer was offered by Elder Stella Neff.

2.0 Presentation

- 2.1 Sustainability Committee Engagement**
Received for information, including the following outcomes:
- Currently working on developing a strategic plan and want to engage the Council of Elders in the development.
- 2.2 Centre for Aboriginal Languages & Culture**
Received for information, including the following:
- Overview of some of the research and some of the language specific resources being built.
 - Received a grant from Canadian Heritage to produce language and cultural resources for UCN.
 - Two Council of Elders members will sit on the Advisory Committee, and will work with the Council of Elders to review potential themes.
 - Canada Foundation for Innovation, provides funds to colleges for infrastructure. There may be an opportunity for UCN and currently looking at areas that UCN may want to focus on with an Indigenous Innovation lab. Areas would include health and environment; Indigenous workforce and professional development; language and culture revitalization.
 - Proposal is due in April. R. Neckoway will reach out to M. Jonasson.
- 2.3 Strategic Research Plan**
Received for information, including the following:
- Council of Elders invited to review and offer feedback to A. Barbour-Stevenson and N. Lagace via email or phone.
- 2.4 Truth and Reconciliation at UCN**
Received for information, including the following:
- The committee is developing a Truth and Reconciliation Strategy at UCN. A face-to-face Sharing Circle will be scheduled with the Council of Elders.

- 3.0 Call to Order**
Meeting Called to Order by Chair, Elder Martha Jonasson at 10:14 a.m.
Freda Albert from Norway House was introduced as a guest and potential member of the Council of Elders.
- 4.0 Adoption of Agenda**
It was duly moved and seconded by B. Schaffer / N. Halcrow
THAT the agenda for February 23, 2022 be adopted as presented.
This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED
- COE-02/23/22-4.0
Adoption of Agenda
- 5.0 Acceptance of Minutes**
- 5.1 November 24, 2021 – Meeting Minutes**
It was duly moved and seconded by S. Neff / N. Halcrow
THAT the COE accept the Minutes of November 24, 2021 as presented.
This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED
- COE-02/23/22-5.1
November 24, 2021
Meeting Minutes
- 6.0 New Business**
- 6.1 President Update**
President's update received for information.
- 6.2 Elders Protocol Pamphlet Update**
T. Pidskalny advised that J. Mayer is organizing a committee that will draft this pamphlet. It will come back to the COE for review and approval. Two Council of Elders members are requested to sit on this committee.
- 6.3 TRC Conference April 20-21, 2022**
The TRC Conference is being held virtually. The TRC Committee has the boardrooms booked in both The Pas and Thompson and rooms have been booked at the Kikiwak Inr in The Pas. Elders will advise if they prefer to attend in Thompson, and arrangements will be made.
- 7.0 COE Activity Reports**
- 7.1 S. Neff – Governing Council**
Verbal report received for information.
Governing Council on met January 27/22. The next meeting is on March 24/22.
- 7.2 B. Schaffer – Learning Council**
Verbal report received for information.
Learning Council met on February 22/22. The next meeting is on April 19/22.
- 8.0 COE Self-Monitoring**
- 8.1 2020/2021 Attendance**
Received for information.
- 9.0 Roundtable**
Received for information.
- M. Jonasson would like to invite Brenda Firman to an upcoming Council of Elders

meeting to request/receive feedback on the history of the Council of Elders..

10.0

Adjournment/Closing Prayer

Closing Prayer was offered by Elder Martha Spence.
The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m. by M. Spence.
Next meeting: April 20/22 at 9:00 am.

COE-02/23/22-10.0
Adjournment/Closing
Prayer



T. Pidskalny, Tri-Council Executive Officer

May 18, 2022

Dated



Elder M. Jonasson, Chair

May 18/2022.

Dated