

# University College of the North Minutes of the Council of Elders

Wednesday, May 18, 2022  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Thompson Boardroom 409  
Zoom: 699.627.8649  
Teleconference: 1.866.279.1594  
Participant code: 668739



PRESENT	REGRETS	ABSENT	Guests/Resources
M. Bignell - Opaskwayak G. Guiboche - Learning Council N. Halcrow - Cross Lake M. Head-Steppan - Flin Flon M. Jonasson - Wabowden B. Schaffer - Swan River M. Spence - Split Lake R. Nabess - Governing Council	J. Hunter-Spence - Nelson House S. Neff - Grand Rapids	N. Leahy - Thompson	T. Pidskalny - Tri-Council Exec. Officer D. Lauvstad - President & Vice-Chancellor E. Samatte - UCN Campus Elder Advisor  B. Firman - UCN Kenanow Faculty of Education  Freda Albert - Norway House Tommy Weenusk - Oxford House

**1.0 Opening Prayer**  
Opening Prayer was offered by Elder Martha Spence.

**2.0 Presentation**  
**2.1** History of UCN Council of Elders  
Brenda Firman, UCN Kenanow Faculty of Education  
Received for information.

**3.0 Call to Order**  
Meeting Called to Order by Chair, Elder Martha Jonasson at 10:26 a.m.  
The Chair introduced Freda Albert from Norway House and Tommy Weenusk from Oxford House as guests and potential members of the Council of Elders.

**4.0 Adoption of Agenda**  
It was duly moved and seconded by B. Schaffer / M. Spence  
**THAT** the agenda for May 18, 2022, be adopted with the following additions:  
- Item 6.7 Correspondence from Karl Laubmann  
- Item 6.8 Council of Elders Membership  
- Item 6.9 Future Conferences  
**This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED**

COE-05/18/22-4.0  
Adoption of Agenda

**5.0 Acceptance of Minutes**  
**5.1 February 23, 2022 – Meeting Minutes**  
It was duly moved and seconded by N. Halcrow / M. Bignell  
**THAT** the COE accept the Minutes of February 23, 2022, as presented.  
**This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED**

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February 23, 2022  
Meeting Minutes

**6.0 New Business**  
**6.1 President Update**  
President's update received for information.  
  
G. Guiboche departed the meeting.

**6.2 Tri-Council Retreat**

T. Pidskalny advised that the Tri-Council Executive Committee will meet mid-September 2022.

**6.3 COE Membership Terms**

Chair and Vice-Chair selection will take place Fall 2022. Discussion ensued regarding whether terms of the Chair and Vice-Chair should be reviewed. The Terms of Reference will be reviewed as well.

**6.4 Schedule Meeting Locations**

The June meeting will take place in Thompson. Meeting locations will alternate between Thompson and The Pas. Zoom and teleconference will be available as well.

**6.5 UCN Convocation**

Elders will advise Jolene Mayer if they will attend convocation in The Pas or Thompson so that accommodation arrangements can be made.

**6.6 Member Profiles**

The Tri-Council Office is working to complete updates to the Council of Elders' contact information. Also, new headshots and biographies will be updated with the Elders and included on the UCN Website.

**6.7 Correspondence from Karl Laubmann**

Jimmy Hunter-Spence and Martha Jonasson will represent the Council of Elders at the June 18/22 Pow-wow in Thompson.

**6.8 Council of Elders Membership**

Pending provision of the Criminal Records Checks and Child Abuse Registry:  
It was duly moved and seconded by M. Head-Steppan / N. Halcrow  
**THAT** the COE accept Freda Albert as a member to represent the community of Norway House, MB.

**This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED**

It was duly moved and seconded by N. Halcrow / M. Spence

**THAT** the COE accept Tommy Weenusk as a member to represent the community of Oxford House, MB.

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Council of Elders  
Membership

**6.9 Future Conferences**

June 2 Conference; Gathering for Languages.

J. Mayer will put together a list of conferences for review by the Chair.

**7.0****COE Activity Reports****7.1 S. Neff – Governing Council**

No report received.

Governing Council on met May 17/22. The next meeting is on June 16/22.

**7.2 B. Schaffer – Learning Council**

Verbal report received for information.  
Learning Council met on April 19/22. The next meeting is on June 14/22.

**8.0 COE Self-Monitoring**

**8.1 2021/2022 Attendance**

Received for information.

B. Shaffer departed the meeting.  
M. Head-Steppan departed the meeting.  
R. Nabess departed the meeting.

**9.0 Roundtable**

Received for information.

**10.0 Adjournment/Closing Prayer**

Closing Prayer was offered by Elder Nick Halcrow.  
The meeting was adjourned at 12:29 p.m. by N. Halcrow.  
Next meeting: June 15/22 at 9:00 am in Thompson.

COE-05/18/22-10.0  
Adjournment/Closing  
Prayer



T. Pidskalny, Tri-Council Executive Officer

June 15, 2022

Dated



Elder M. Jonasson, Chair

June 15, 2022

Dated