



Outdoor Play Canada
Indigenous Liaison Committee
Terms of Reference

1. ROLE/PURPOSE

The purpose of the Indigenous Liaison Committee is to serve as a bridge between Indigenous communities in Canada and Outdoor Play Canada (OPC). This committee seeks to ensure that perspectives, priorities, and cultural values of Indigenous Peoples in Canada are respectfully integrated into OPC's activities, where relevant and applicable. The committee's work is grounded in principles of collaboration, reciprocity, and meaningful engagement, fostering relationships built on trust and mutual understanding. By championing Indigenous voices and knowledge systems, the committee supports the development of initiatives that honor Indigenous rights, traditions, and aspirations.

2. TERMS

The term for each member of the Indigenous Liaison Committee is two years (renewable) with terms of inaugural members staggered (e.g., half with one year term initially).

3. MEMBERSHIP

The Indigenous Liaison Committee will comprise the Chair (who will also be an OPC Board member) and at least three additional members, who may or may not be Board members and a support person from OPC staff.

4. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Indigenous Liaison Committee will help the Board fulfill OPC's commitment to integrating Indigenous perspectives, priorities, and cultural values into OPC's activities, where relevant and applicable, and will be responsible for the following:

- Acting as advocates for Indigenous perspectives, working to identify opportunities where Indigenous voices and knowledge systems can inform OPC's initiatives.
- Advising OPC on culturally respectful engagement, facilitating dialogue between OPC and Indigenous communities, and ensuring that all dialoguing activities reflect principles of reciprocity, collaboration, and mutual respect.
- Supporting the development and review of projects and programs to ensure alignment with Indigenous priorities and values and providing ongoing feedback to OPC leadership regarding the effectiveness and appropriateness of these efforts.



The Chair of the Indigenous Liaison Committee will serve as a voting member on the Board of Directors. Under the direction of the Chair, the support person will coordinate meetings, agendas, minutes and provide other administrative support as required.

5. MEETINGS

Meetings will be held on an as-needed basis (but no less than twice per year) via Zoom or equivalent. Quorum for meetings will be a simple majority (50% plus one) of existing members. More frequent communication among committee members will occur through email or telephone. Decisions will be made by consensus; if not possible, a simple majority vote will prevail. Meeting agendas/minutes will be provided by the OPC support person or designate.

6. BUDGET

The committee has no budget per se. All initiatives and suggestions that have associated costs will be brought to the Board of Directors for approval.

7. AMENDMENT, MODIFICATION OR VARIATION

This Terms of Reference may be amended, varied, or modified through a motion made to the OPC Board of Directors.