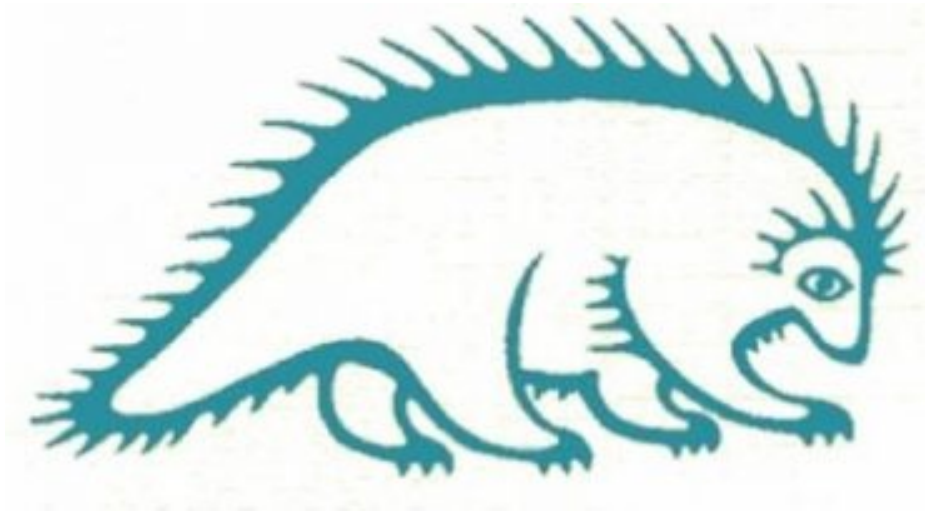


OKANAGAN INDIAN BAND
YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

WE ARE BEAUTIFUL.

WE ARE STRONG.



TERMS OF REFERENCE

YOUTH. LEADERSHIP. RESPECT.

1. **PURPOSE-**

THE OKANAGAN INDIAN BAND YOUTH COUNCIL IS FORMED TO:

- Provide a way for S'yilx' youth from OKIB to participate in the OKIB government to raise issues affecting S'yilx' youth.
- Promote the development of programs and services aimed at the social, cultural and community needs of OKIB youth.
- Create opportunities that may provide positive change for OKIB youth as well as community through empowerment, culture, training and education.
- Create and develop leadership skills for youth. (facilitate program)
- Respect S'yilx' culture, history, customs and traditions. As well as teach.
- Provide a voice for OKIB youth to bring forward issues, barriers, and concerns that S'yilx' youth may face.

2. **Vision**

To engage our youth to inspire, motivate, and empower them to participate and be actively involved in the future decisions that will shape their lives, family, community and nation.

3. **Mission**

The youth council represents youth and will promote healthy lifestyles by incorporating our traditions, culture, spirituality, and language, with honesty and integrity. With the interests of all youth in mind.

4. **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

4.1 COUNCIL

The Youth council shall be appointed under part 6 of the terms of reference.

OKIB Youth council shall:

- a) Help raise awareness of, and advocate for, youth issues that may affect OKIB youth.
- b) Represent OKIB youth at public events and as requested by Council and the community.

- c) Make annual reports of the Youth council, to council and general band membership.
- d) Perform any other duties consistent with terms of reference requested by band council.
- e) Know culture and traditions and teach to others.

4.2 COUNCILLORS

The duties and responsibilities of the councillors shall include

- a) Youth council meetings
- b) Scheduled youth events
- c) Council meetings as required
- d) Any community celebration eg. (community Christmas party)
- e) Learn traditional ways

5. **CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

The OKIB youth council will have a chair and a vice-chair. Both have to be 18 years old at the time of the nomination.

5.1 Election

- a) The Chair and vice-chair will be elected by a majority vote of councillors at convened Youth council meeting.
- b) Youth Chairmen will serve a term of one year from the date of election.
- c) The Chair and Vice-chair will alternate between male and female councillors.

5.2 CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR ROLES

The duties of the chair and vice-chair shall include;

- a) Being spokesperson for the Youth council at public events, meetings and other events as delegated by the Youth council
- b) Chairperson for meetings and events.
- c) Delegating assignments or responsibilities to other Youth councillors.
- d) Organizing meetings
- e) In the absence of chair the vice-chair will act in their place.
- f) The Youth council will work closely with the youth justice worker and youth program coordinator on issues related to Youth council. YJW and YPC will report to Youth council advisory committee.

6. APPLICATION

The OKIB Youth Council shall have 6 band youth, with 3 males and 3 females who are between the ages of 15 -25

- a) The Youth council advisory committee shall notify band members of the application process by posting notifications on the band website, through the Senklip, social media sites, posting flyers on band offices, buildings and band member owned businesses.
- b) Interested applicants must fill out completed application form handed in to Youth Justice Worker, Youth program Coordinator, or Youth Council Advisory Committee.
- c) The application form must contain the name and signature of 3 nominators, 2 OKIB youth and 1 OKIB elder (Grandmother, Aunt, Uncle, etc.)

6.1 APPOINTMENT

Appointments to the Youth Council will be made by the Youth Advisory committee.

6.2 ELIGIBILITY

- a) Be an Okanagan Band member between the ages of 15 – 25 years old
- b) Be of good character, reputation and credibility
- c) Be able to pass a criminal record check with vulnerable sector search
- d) Be an active participant
- e) No drugs or alcohol use.

6.3 Terms

- a) The terms of each Youth Council member shall be two years, starting from the time of appointment, or until his or her 25 birthday.

6.4 Removal

Youth councillors may be removed for the following reasons:

- a) Failing to perform duties and responsibilities as set forth in Terms of reference
- b) Violation of Okanagan Indian Band law
- c) Not following the code of conduct or oath.
- d) Too many unauthorized absences (two or more) in consecutive meetings.

7. MEETINGS

- a) The Youth Council will meet at least 10 times per year.
- b) A yearly meeting schedule will be set by Youth Council at the beginning of each fiscal year.
- c) If no agenda the chair will create one with Youth justice Worker or Youth Program coordinator.
- d) Quorum is required to hold meeting (5 councillors).
- e) Unless in terms of reference, decisions are made by consensus.
- f) Council meetings shall be open to Okanagan Band members who wish to observe.



CALLING ALL YOUTH! AGES 14 -25!

THE OKANAGAN INDIAN BAND INVITES YOU TO APPLY TO THE OKANAGAN
YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL!

APPLICATION FORM

Please let us know a little bit about yourself and why you would be a great member of the youth leadership council.

NAME: Click here to enter text.

DATE OF BIRTH: Click here to enter text.

PHONE NUMBER: Click here to enter text.

EMAIL ADDRESS: Click here to enter text.

1.) Why do you want to be on the Youth Leadership council?

Click here to enter text.

2.) What would you like to accomplish in the two years as a member of the Youth Leadership Council?

[Click here to enter text.](#)

3.) What experience, interests, or community involvement do you have that would help you as a member or the Youth Leadership Council?

[Click here to enter text.](#)

4.) What inspired you to want to make a difference?

[Click here to enter text.](#)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

- 1.) Please complete the application form and Email it to: youthjustice@okanagan.org
- 2.) Include a letter of reference from a Teacher, Elder or other Community leader who nominates you as a Youth Leader and supports your participation as a member of the Youth Leadership Council.

Both the completed application form and letter of reference must be received by **4:00 on Friday, July 17, 2020.**

Accepted applicants will be notified by phone or email on or before Friday, July 24, 2020

Only six members will be chosen! APPLY NOW!

THANK YOU!

Contact Michael Ochoa @ (250) 309-0353, or by email @ youthjustice@okanagan.org , or Jami Tonasket @ publicsafety@okanagan.org for more info.