

# People of Migisi Sahgaigan

## Principles of Consultation for Proponents

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## Eagle Lake Keep the Land Sacred *Declaration*

The people of Migisi Sahgaigan (which is translated to Eagle Lake for the remainder of this document) has enacted the Eagle Lake Keep the Land Sacred Declaration which asserts our beliefs, values and principles as the people of Eagle Lake. The Declaration in its entirety is for internal use however the following information provides the foundation of this Declaration, for the purposes of information sharing with the proponents.

The Great Spirit gave to the people, duties and responsibilities for the sacred resources which encompasses all that is within the land. Our duties and responsibilities were passed down by the Creator through the sacred laws and teachings that the people follow.

We, the people of Eagle Lake in enacting and implementing laws, protocols and other similar documents agree that such enactment and implementation will follow the overriding principles that contain the following Seven Grandfather teachings which have applied to the people of Eagle Lake since time immemorial: (1) Courage; (2) Wisdom; (3) Humility; (4) Truth; (5) Honesty; (6) Love; and (7) Respect.

## Eagle Lake Keep the Land Sacred *Principles of Consultation*

The entire document is for internal use however the following information provides the substance of these Principles of Consultation, for the purposes of information sharing with proponents. Consultation **MUST** occur where past, current or future activities impact our lands, resources, culture and rights. The following Principles of Consultation are *mandatory* for meaningful consultation based on Anishinaabe traditions and practices:

- Give direction to achieve a wise result and healing through informed consent
- Everyone's views are listened to, consequences (costs) have been considered and a decision is made based on consensus
- Be careful in our decision making, our actions, interactions, and to consider everyone, everything, past, present and future
- We will have a clear understanding of all facts, impacts and future costs
- There is a procedure to make things right as part of decision making
- There is an order or way of doing things
- See things clearly, to be transparent, an openness of procedures, actions and decisions
- Show respect to those who have knowledge i.e. Elders





### *General* Principles for Meaningful Consultation with the people of Eagle Lake

- The Declaration will be understood and respected
- Government is required to consult with and accommodate our community in good faith with clear intent of the proposed activities
- Consultation procedures will be guided by mutually acceptable protocols, plans and timelines and the objectives and scope clearly laid out to our community before consultation begins and before decisions are made
- Adequate financial, human and expert resources will be made available to our community through the Government or the proponent
- Consultations will strengthen our people to state the value of the land and decisions will be based on consensus
- We will be informed as to what changes will take place
- Consultations will meaningfully support our land use plan and provide adequate time to consider all objectives and questions and will be conducted through mutual respect
- Where there are disagreements, the proponent will be responsible, or through third party mediation if deemed necessary. The proponent is still responsible for the costs.

### **Procedures to Activate Consultation**

1. When the people of Eagle Lake are to be consulted, a written request for consultation will be addressed to the Eagle Lake Chief and Council and copied to the Lands and Resources Coordinator prior to personal contact.
2. A request for consultation should include an explanation of the purpose and intent of the consultation and any background information on the matter
3. The Eagle Lake Chief and Council have a responsibility to provide a timely response to the consultation request.
4. Eagle Lake Chief and Council may request additional information or a presentation to understand the request for consultation, assess its role and requirements in the consultation.
5. Eagle Lake shall be given a reasonable amount of time to consider the matter depending on the complexity of the consultation. This timeline will be determined by the Elders and the people of Eagle Lake.
6. A Terms of Reference will be negotiated and entered into by the parties to ensure a consistent, meaningful and effective process for consultation and will include but not be limited to:
  - a. Detailed process and timeline for consultation
  - b. Costs to be paid by the proponent for meaningful participation by Eagle Lake
  - c. Means and costs to resolve issues outstanding
  - d. Means and costs to review the consultation process





## Community Decision Process

The following steps are general guidelines for the community to follow while negotiating the Terms of Reference:



1. The proponent asks Chief and Council for Consultation.
2. Chief and Council Send to Elders to review plans to ensure there are no issues with areas of concern.
3. Elders send recommendations to a Committee of Community Members with at least 5 community members present made up of at least one elder and one youth.
4. The Community Committee then send recommendations to the Community Negotiation Team with at least 5 community members present made up of at least one elder and one youth.
5. The Community Negotiation Team will then present Terms of Reference to the Chief and Council. The Elders would decide on if a ceremony is needed and what ceremony would be required.
6. Chief and Council are briefed on information and sign any agreements as the political body.

