



**ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PETERBOROUGH**

## **Indigenous Reconciliation Fund Local Committee**

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

#### **VISION**

The Diocese of Peterborough wants to engage with First Nations and Métis Councils residing within its territorial boundaries to further the work of reconciliation and healing.

#### **MANDATE OF THE IRF LOCAL COMMITTEE**

The primary role of the committee is to review project proposals submitted by local First Nations, Métis, and Inuit groups, organizations, institutions, and communities.

The Local Committee will establish an Application Form for project funding and can:

- recommend the project go forward to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund National Committee for final approval or
- ask that it be revised for reconsideration or
- state that it does not fall within one of the four purposes for project funding.

The four criteria for project funding are as follows:

1. Healing for communities and families,
2. Culture and language revitalization;
3. Knowledge-sharing, heritage & traditions and community building; and
4. Dialogues for promoting indigenous spirituality and culture.

All projects recommended by the local committee will be forwarded to the IRF National Committee for final approval.

The total of the projects recommended for funding will be \$400 000.

The IRF Local Committee will ask the grant recipients to acknowledge receipt of the funds when granted, to write a report to the National Indigenous Reconciliation Fund Committee at the conclusion of the project (and copied to the Local IRF Committee), and to account for fund expenditures to achieve the goal(s) of the project.

## **TERM**

The IRF Local Committee has a five-year term (2023-2028). If there are projects continuing beyond the five-year term, the committee would be asked to sit for another two years.

## **MEETING TIMES**

The Committee will hold **quarterly meetings** or **as needed at the Call of the Chair**. The meetings may be held in person or virtually or a hybrid model of both.

## **REPORTING**

It is the responsibility of grant recipients to acknowledge receipt of the funds when granted. Grant recipients are also to provide a written report to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund, annually or at the conclusion of the project with a copy to the Diocesan IRF Committee, accounting for how the funds were invested and demonstrating the reconciliation impact of the funds received.

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The role of the IRF Local Committee is to:

- Promote the Indigenous Reconciliation fund and invite project proposals from First Nations, Metis, and Inuit groups, organizations, institutions, and communities.
- Review project proposals generated by First Nations, Metis, and Inuit groups, organizations, institutions, and communities.
- Verify that the project proposals fall within one or more of these areas:
  - Healing for communities and families,
  - Culture and language revitalization;
  - Knowledge-sharing, heritage & traditions and community building; and
  - Dialogues for promoting indigenous spirituality and culture.
- Determine if the project can be recommended for final approval to the National Indigenous Reconciliation Fund Committee or suggest revisions to those who initiated

the project proposals or state that it does not fall within one of the four purposes for project funding.

- Formally note its assessment and determination in a letter to the project proposal applicant stating if the project will be forwarded for final approval to the National IRF Committee or will not be recommended.
- Recommend FNMI projects for funding to the National Indigenous Reconciliation Fund up to the Diocesan cap of \$400 000 or pursue partnerships with other Dioceses for funding beyond the local cap.

### **IRF LOCAL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Most Reverend Bishop Miehm has contacted the following First Nations and Métis Councils and urban Indigenous organizations to invite representatives to serve as members:

- Alderville First Nation, Roseneath, Chief David Mowat
- Curve Lake First Nation, Chief Keith Knott
- Henvey Inlet First Nation, Pickerel, Chief M. Wayne McQuabbie
- Hiawatha First Nation, Chief Laurie Carr
- Magnetawan First Nation, Britt, Chief Lloyd Myke
- Moose Deer Point First Nation, Mactier, Chief Rhonda Williams-Lovett
- Shawanaga First Nation, Nobel, Chief Adam Pawis
- Wahta Mohawks First Nation, Bala, Chief Philip Franks
- Wasauksing First Nation, Parry Sound, Chief Warren Tabobondung
- Métis Nation of Ontario - Moon River Métis Council, Marc Mantha, President
- Métis Nation of Ontario - Peterborough and District Wapiti Métis Council, Christa Lemelin, President
- Nogojiwanong Friendship Centre, Georgie Horton Baptiste, President
- Parry Sound Friendship Centre, Dora Tabobondung, President
- First Peoples House of Learning at Trent University
- Indigenous Student Services at Fleming College

### **MEMBERS**

#### **Members**

Chief Laurie Carr, Hiawatha First Nation

Gayelyn Heffernan, Métis Nation of Ontario - Peterborough and District Wapiti Métis Council

Georgie Horton Baptiste, President, Nogojiwanong Friendship Centre

Dr. Dawn Lavell-Harvard, Director, First Peoples House of Learning, Trent University

Darlene Lent, Moon River Métis Council

Chief David Mowat, Alderville First Nation  
Arnold Taylor, Curve Lake First Nation  
Clorise Taylor, Manager, Indigenous Student Services, Fleming College

### **Advisory Members**

Most Reverend Bishop Miehm  
Rev. Fr. Bill Moloney  
Sr. Anne Karges, CSJ  
Deb McRae, Director of Finance, Property, and Administration  
Deirdre Thomas, Assistant to the Bishop/Communications

### **CHAIR / VICE CHAIR**

The Chair and Vice Chair will be named by the members of the IRF Local Committee.

### **TERM OF MEMBERSHIP**

IRF Local Committee representative members will be selected by the First Nations or Métis community or urban Indigenous organization s/he represents. The Advisory Members on the IRF Local Committee are appointed by the Bishop. If a member has to step down, it is recommended that appropriate notification (two months) be given to the Chair understanding that notice period may not be feasible in all circumstances.

### **DECISION MAKING**

Decisions and recommendations are rendered through discussion, discernment, prayer, and consensus of the members.

**FINAL ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS – June 22 2023**