



# CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) Women's Initiatives department is calling for Membership Applications from women in the **Keewaytinook Okimakanak Chiefs Council** catchment area who are interested in sitting on the NAN Women's Council.

## **Mandate:**

The NAN Women's Council was established to work with NAN to carry out their mandate to provide guidance and advice to the NAN Executive Council and NAN Chiefs-in-Assembly, and to ensure the representation of women within Nishnawbe Aski Nation.

## **Roles & Responsibilities:**

- i. Engage in important discussions through their participation at the table at NAN Chiefs Assemblies.
- ii. Support the collective needs of women, and to address their issues, concerns, and priorities.
- iii. Promote and facilitate community-based and governmental action required to address women's issues by leading forums, advocating for resources, and embracing their leadership and advisory role.
- iv. Ensure women are informed and have meaningful participation in the strategies and initiatives led by Nishnawbe Aski Nation.
- v. Sit on certain committees, according to the portfolio that is held by each member, with appointment for committees to be made by consensus through the NAN Women's Council.
- vi. Empower and mentor new members on the Women's Council.

## **Composition/Seats Available:**

The NAN Women's Council consists of ten (10) selected women. Letters of Interest are invited for the following vacancies:

Six (6) appointed members from the following NAN Tribal Councils:

1. **One (1) individual from Keewaytinook Okimakanak**
2. ~~One (1) individual from Matawa First Nations~~
3. ~~One (1) individual from Mushkegowuk Council~~
4. ~~One (1) individual from Shibogama First Nations Council~~
5. ~~One (1) individual from Wabun Tribal Council~~
6. ~~One (1) individual from Windigo First Nations Council.~~

Three (3) appointed members from the following:

1. ~~One (1) individual from Independent First Nations Alliance~~
2. ~~One (1) individual from one (1) of the three (3) Independent First Nations that are situated in the East portion of the NAN territory: that is,~~
  - i. ~~Apitipi Anicinapek Nation~~
  - ii. ~~Hornepayne First Nation~~
  - iii. ~~MoCreebec Council of the Cree Nation~~

3. ~~One (1) individual from one (1) of the three (3) Independent First Nations that are situated in the West portion of the NAN territory: that is,~~
- ~~i. Mishkeegogamang First Nation~~
  - ~~ii. Sandy Lake First Nation~~
  - ~~iii. Weenusk (Peawanuck) First Nation.~~

**Eligibility:**

To be eligible for consideration, applicants must be 24 years of age or older, be a member of one of the Keewaytinook Okimakanak First Nations and must provide a Criminal Records Check to the NAN Women's Initiatives department with their application.

**Process:**

All individuals interested in being considered for membership will submit the following to NAN Women's Initiatives department:

- Completed NAN Women's Council Application Form
- Letter of Endorsement from recommended list of endorsers
- Criminal Records Check

Applications will be reviewed for eligibility and completion and shortlisted by the NAN Women's Initiatives department. Shortlisted applications will be forwarded to Keewaytinook Okimakanak for final selection and appointments.

**Deadline:**

The deadline to submit applications is **Friday, November 8, 2024.**

**Completed applications and supporting documentation are to be submitted to:**

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