



YOUTH COUNCIL TEMPLATE

Article 1

Name of First Nation's Youth Council:

Article 2

Mission Statement: The purpose or overall goal(s) of the First Nation's youth council to NAN youth in the First Nation community and the vision of the NAN people.

Objectives: Listing what specifically needs to be accomplished in order to meet the Mission or overall goal(s).

Article 3

Membership:

What would the ages be for the membership and members of the youth council?

What other requirements in order to be a member?

What would the voting privileges be?

What about resignations?

Article 4

Youth Council Assembly/Structure:

What will the composition of the Youth Council be? (titles, numbers, ex-officio) Will there be alternates to the council? What about balance (male/female)?

Will there be any advisory capacity to the council, if so how? (ie. Elder)

How will the YC be involved or affiliated with First Nation's Chief and Councils and First Nation's technical staff (youth workers, NNADAP, et cetera)? How will the YC be affiliated with the NAN Decade Youth Council?

How will the YC be accountable to First Nations youth?

How will the YC members be determined and when? (selection, election, application)

What would the roles and responsibilities be of each of the members to the council?

Article 5

Meetings:

When, where will the YC meet? Special meetings?

What would constitute quorum? Alternates?

How will the meetings be conducted, and who will conduct them? Reports?

Who will coordinate the meetings?

Planning and coordinating of special events – delegation – sub-committees?

How will the decision making process occur? (consensus, tie, conflict of interest)

Article 6

Sub-committees:

What kind of sub-committees and for what?

Who would be the chairperson for these sub-committees?

What would be the responsibility of the sub-committee?

Article 7

Code of Conduct and Ethics:

What if members fail to attend the meetings without due cause?

What would be the discipline or consequences?

What are the YC goals regarding role models, personal conduct, drug and alcohol abuse?

Article 8

Affiliations:

Who will the Youth Council be affiliated with? (First Nation's Chief and Council, NAN Decade Youth Council, AFN, UNITY)

Article 9

Communication:

How will the operations of the YC be communicated to the membership? (Newspaper, regional meetings, newsletters, web site)

Article 10

Amendment of Guidelines:

When and how current guidelines can be amended.