



Anishinabek Nation Expression of Interest Form Mzhinwek Advisory Council and the Chiefs Veterans Committee

The Anishinabek Nation is seeking applications for new members for the Nation Council's individual Advisory Councils and the Chiefs Veterans Committee for the 2025 to 2028 term.

This Expression of Interest Form is for interested applicants to complete. The final page provides some background on commitment and responsibilities:

Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Doodem (Clan):

Region: Please choose the community you are from (see below)

Select from the options below.

Lake Huron Region:

Atikameksheng Anishnawbek

Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation

Dokis First Nation

Henvey Inlet First Nation

M'Chigeeng First Nation

Magnetawan First Nation

Mississauga #8 First Nation

Nipissing First Nation

Ojibways of Garden River First Nation

Serpent River First Nation

Sheguiandah First Nation

Sheshegwaning First Nation

Thessalon First Nation

Wahnapiatae First Nation

Wasauksing First Nation

Whitefish River First Nation

Wiiwemkoong Unceded Territory

Zhiibaahaasing First Nation





Southeast Region:

Alderville First Nation
Algonquins of Pikwákanagán
Beausoleil First Nation
Chippewas of Georgina Island
Chippewas of Rama First Nation
Curve Lake First Nation
Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation
Moose Deer Point First Nation

Southwest Region:

Aamjiwnaang First Nation
Chippewas of Kettle and Stoney Point
Chippewas of the Thames First Nation
Munsee Delaware Nation

Northern Superior Region:

Biigtigong Nishnaabeg
Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek
Fort William First Nation
Long Lake #58 First Nation
Michipicoten First Nation
Namaygoosisagagun First Nation
Netmizaaggamig Nishaabeg
Pays Plat First Nation
Red Rock Indian Band

1. What Advisory Council or Committee are you applying for (please select one):

- Kwewag Advisory Council (Women):
- Niniwag Advisory Council (Men):
- Eshki-Niigijig Advisory Council (Youth 15-25): Age:
- Niizhwaadzhiwag Advisory Council (2SLGBQQIA+):
- Chiefs Veterans Committee:

2. Why do you want to be considered for a position on the Advisory Council or Committee?



3. What specific skills will you bring to this role?

Examples may include interests or experience: Law, Policing, Military Service, Firefighting, Mining, Forestry, Social Justice, Health Transformation, Kwe issues, Youth issues, Elder, Finance, Administration, Politics, Fundraising, Advocacy, Outreach, networking, peer support groups, Governance, MMIW, Family Violence, Water, Food Security, Anishinaabemowin, Culture or other areas of interests.

Please explain:

4. What is your background (ex: professional or scholastic or volunteer), and how would your experience help you as an Advisory Council or Committee Member?





5. What are your key priorities and passions and how will they support your role as an Advisory Council or Committee member?

6. Please describe any other Committee, Council, or volunteer work that you have been involved in or any other pertinent information about you:





Notes for Applicants' Consideration:

- Kwewag Advisory Council (Women): will address issues related to traditional roles and responsibilities of Anishinaabekwe including but not limited to: language, culture, water (nibi), political governance, knowledge keepers, life giving, genealogy, and resource management.
- Getzidjig Advisory Council (Elders): will address issues related to traditional roles and responsibilities of Anishinaabe Getzidjig including, but not limited to: spirituality, medicines, oral history, conflict resolution and advisors to all E'Debendaagzjig. Getzidjig play a critical role in preserving and passing down Anishinaabe culture and traditions to future generations.
- Eshki-Niigijig Advisory Council (Youth Ages 15-25): will address issues related to traditional roles and responsibilities of Anishinaabe Eshki-niigijig including but not limited to: learning, caretaking, visioning, and networking.
- Niniwag Advisory Council (Men): Niniwag will address issues related to the traditional roles and responsibilities of Anishinaabe Niniwag including, but not limited to: fire (Shkode), harvesting, advocacy, protection, and teaching. The Niniwag Council will consider how to decolonize roles and responsibilities of Anishinaabe Niniwag.
- Niizhwaadzhiwag Advisory Council (2SLGBQQIA+): will address issues related to the traditional roles and responsibilities of Anishinaabe Niizhwaadziwag including, but not limited to: mediation, spirituality, caretaking, health and well-being, and gender and sexuality advocacy. Niizhwaadzhiwag play a critical role in decolonizing Anishinaabe Aadziwin for an inclusive and traditional future.
- Meeting Commitments: Nation Council Members may be asked to attend Regional Meetings, Grand Council Assemblies in June and November, quarterly Individual council meetings, monthly Nation Council and Commissioners meeting, work plan and strategic planning sessions. From time to time, other Anishinabek Nation programs may invite members to be on panels, forums, and summits.
- Nation Council members receive honorariums for attending meetings and all expenses paid for attendance at meetings (meals, mileage, accommodation, incidentals).
- Chiefs Veterans Committee will meet quarterly to improve the lives of Anishinabek Nation veterans and their families. The Committee works to better support and honour military veterans of past and current wars. Veterans not only includes those in military service, but is also dedicated to policing, and firefighting positions. The Committee brings forward the plight and highlights the struggles that veterans often face from homelessness, mental health, PTSD, unemployment to physical health as examples of impacts. The Committee's work centers on providing support and advocacy to improve the outcomes for those who served and continue to serve to protect our great Anishinabek Nation.
- Expenses for meeting/travel/accommodations/honorariums are covered by the Anishinabek Nation for Chiefs Veterans Committee participation.
- Nation Council members and the Chiefs Veterans Committee are supported by the Governance and Nation Council Coordination Team at the Anishinabek Nation.
- Term of Appointment: November 2025 to November 2028.
- The Anishinabek Nation will accept Expressions of Interest applications for consideration from July 2025 until September 30, 2025.
- Expressions of Interest will be reviewed with the Regional Chiefs for appointment approvals.

Please send in applications to Rhonda Couchie, Governance and Nation Council Coordination Manager, via email at: rhonda.couchie@anishinabek.ca or mail to my attention at the Anishinabek Nation, P.O. Box 711, North Bay ONP1B 8J8. Kindly contact Rhonda Couchie by phone at 1-877-702-5200 ext. 2340 or by email, should you have any questions.

Chi-Miigwech for your interest in supporting the Nation Council.