

Manitoba Collaborative Indigenous Education Blueprint

## Elders/Grandparents/Knowledge Keepers Council

**The Blueprint is an official partnership** between educational institutions, Indigenous organizations, and government. Guided by 10 commitments that are informed by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action, the partners are committed to making excellence in Indigenous education a priority in Manitoba.

**A Steering Committee** of partner representatives works collaboratively to develop and implement policies, procedures and practices that will advance Indigenous education and reconciliation. Recognizing that being advised by a strong Elders' Council must be at the heart of this work, the committee hopes to form a diverse council that will share their wealth of experience and knowledge.

**The main role of the Council** will be to provide guidance to the Steering Committee on strategic decisions, planning and implementation of projects to ensure Blueprint initiatives are community driven and focused on meeting the needs of Indigenous students.

**A Council Launch** will be held in Winnipeg on August 30 and 31, 2023 to establish good relations amongst Council Members, with the Steering Committee, and with Blueprint staff. At this event, the name for the council will be decided by its own members and there will be time to learn about the Blueprint's history, current projects, and for building relationships with one another. We will send more information about the launch, including a map, parking and transportation information and an agenda, at a later date.

### Invitation, Honorariums, and Time Commitment for Council Members

Elders/Grandparents/Knowledge Keepers are invited to sit on the council for one-year renewable terms. Blueprint staff will pass tea, tobacco, or other offerings according to everyone's wishes or their Nation's customs or protocol.

Council members will be compensated for their time and expertise in the form of an honorarium (or gift if they prefer) in the amount of \$250 per half-day and \$500 per full day.

The council will meet quarterly to consult on and discuss Blueprint activities, issues of concern, and determine how to advise the Steering Committee and staff. We also hope the Council will attend the Annual Conference and other special events.

### The Role of the Council Chair

Martha Peet has been the Blueprint Elder since 2020 and has kindly agreed to lead the Elders/Grandparents/Knowledge Keepers Council meetings and bring the Council's advice and input back to the Steering Committee meetings.

### The Role of Blueprint Staff

The Blueprint Manager will be present at Council meetings to answer questions regarding current projects, opportunities for collaboration or other agenda items. Administrative staff will arrange meeting times, take minutes, distribute them to council members and process paperwork related to honorariums etc.