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Veterans Recognition and Honouring

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1. Policy

Selflessness, self-sacrifice, leadership, and giving are not only *syilx* values, but they are also a key part of healthy living. We are all dependent on each other's willingness to sacrifice for the good of others. In light of this, *stqá?tk^w†niwt sqilx^w*/Westbank First Nation (WFN) wishes to recognize and honour WFN Community Members who have honourably served with Canada's armed forces, or other military forces allied with Canada.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to outline the eligibility criteria and process for the placement of a Veteran recognition and honouring plaque (Veteran Plaque) on WFN's Veterans' Wall.

3. Scope

This Policy applies to *ýilmix^wm na† sáx^wk^wina?mám*/Council, Members, WFN Community Members, and *sáx^wk^wu!m*/Workers responsible for administering this Policy.

- a) Those eligible to have a Veteran Plaque placed on WFN's Veterans' Wall include WFN Members or WFN Community Members who have honourably served in combat, peacekeeping assignments, or other military action in;
 - i. Canada's Allied Armed Forces,
 - ii. The United States of America's Allied Armed Forces; or
 - iii. Any other military or paramilitary forces allied with Canada (Allied Forces).
- b) Requests for consideration for the placement of a Veteran Plaque must be made through the submission of a completed Application for Veteran Recognition and Honouring Plaque (Appendix A) to Membership Services, and may be submitted by the Veteran themselves, or a family member.

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4. Responsibilities

- a) Council is responsible for setting aside funds, as part of the annual WFN budgeting process, to ensure the administration of this Policy, on a best efforts basis.
- b) The Membership Services Manager is responsible for;
 - i. Receiving, reviewing, and making decisions on, applications submitted under Section 3. of this Policy,
 - ii. Notifying applicants of the outcome of their application,
 - iii. Making arrangements for the creation and installation of Veteran Plaques; and
 - iv. Preparing and submitting the report required under Section 5. of this Policy.
- c) Applicants are responsible for submitting the application required under Section 3.b) of this Policy.

5. Monitoring and Reporting

The Membership Services Manager must provide Council with the Veteran Recognition and Honouring Annual Report (Appendix B) no later than míktú?tin/May 31 of each year.

6. Definitions

“Veteran” means an individual, living or deceased, who has completed basic military training, who may or may not have been actively deployed, and who has been honourably discharged from the Allied Forces.

“WFN Community Member” means an individual who, due to their relationship to a Member, such as a spouse, partner, or dependent, has an interest in, and actively supports, the well-being of the WFN Community.

7. Cultural Context

- a) **Cultural Context of Policy**



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The syilx have a tradition of giving of themselves and their possessions to see life passed on to subsequent generations and those living in the present generation. There is no greater way to do this than to be willing to lay your life down that others might live. The example set by these everyday leaders is what continues to strengthen the community of Westbank First Nation, and they are deserving of our recognition, honour, and prayers.

b) Cultural Context of Definitions

míktú?tin (May) Moon of sunflower seeds (smúk^wa?xm means sunflower).

səx^wk^wuím (Worker) The literal translation of səx^wk^wuím is “the person responsible for” (səx^w) “to work, fix, or create (k^wuím). The root of səx^wk^wuím comes from k^wíncutn, the word for “Creator”. WFN’s Workers are, in a sense, creators, working to create important and valuable programs, services, and tools, and to solve issues as they arise, in order to ensure a productive, excellent, and fruitful government and community. The word also denotes value. Originating from the Creator, WFN’s Workers have inherent value and are to be treated as such - by their supervisors, colleagues, and clients.

səx^wk^wuím k^wí yʕayʕat (Director of Operations) The Director of Operations is the Worker who is over (k^wí) everyone (yʕayʕat). Through their team of managers and directors, they oversees all WFN’s Workers.

stqá?tk^w+niwt sqilx^w (Westbank First Nation) The people (sqilx^w) living where wind blows (niwt) and forms swamps or puddles alongside a large lake (stqá?tk^w). Being a windy area, the winds would wash along the shore creating puddles which would either seep into the land, creating wet, marshy areas or wash back into the lake.

ýílmix^wm naʔ səx^wk^winaʔməm (Chief and Council) The Chief of WFN has been chosen by the people to be the overall manager or leader (ýílmix^wm) of WFN. This leadership position is one of servanthood and self-sacrifice. ýílmix^wm’s willingness to lead by example through lifestyle, experience, and wisdom sets the example for səx^wk^winaʔməm – the other members of Council - who have also been chosen by the people to be responsible for (səx^w) working (k^w) to oversee things (inaʔməm). In seeking to lead well, ýílmix^wm naʔ səx^wk^winaʔməm are dependent on each other’s willingness to sacrifice for the good of others. Traditionally, səx^wk^winaʔməm were those chosen to oversee



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hunting and fishing or to serve as a sort of enforcer of community laws but the term has now been broadened to incorporate the oversight of government. “nał” is simply the ńsyilxcń term for “and”.



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8. Approval

The Director of Operations approved this policy on the _____ day of _____, 2022.

Simon Melanson səx^wk^wulm̓ k̓l̓ yɣayɣat/Director of Operations



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9. References and Related Authorities

[Westbank First Nation Self-Government Agreement](#)

WFN Governance

[Westbank First Nation Constitution](#)

[Policy 2015-01 Governance Instrument Creation, Review, and Approval](#)

[kc̓iplaʔtət iʔ kəc nlaʕpusax/Westbank First Nation Community Plan](#)

10. Attachments


Appendix A - Application for Veteran Recognition and Honouring Plaque

Appendix B - Veteran Recognition and Honouring Annual Report



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Appendix A - Application for Veteran Recognition and Honouring Plaque (page 1)

 <p>Application for Veteran Recognition and Honouring Plaque To be used in accordance with Policy 2017-10 Veteran Recognition and Honouring <i>Protected once submitted</i> Community. Leadership. Pride.</p>	
Name of Applicant:	
Mailing Address:	
Phone Number:	Email:
Date:	
I hereby request the individual identified below be honoured with a Veteran recognition and honouring plaque placed on the stqá?tkw+niwt sqilxw/Westbank First Nation (WFN) Veterans' Wall.	
Veteran Information	
Veteran's Full Name:	
Allied Force:	
Position:	
Time Span Served / Serving:	
Location(s) Served At:	
Combat Year:	
The Veteran is/was a: <input type="checkbox"/> WFN Member <input type="checkbox"/> WFN Community Member	
If the Veteran is/was a WFN Community Member, 1. Please list any family relations who are WFN Members. 2. Please explain how the Veteran has/had an interest in, and actively supports/supported, the well-being of the WFN Community,	



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Appendix A - Application for Veteran Recognition and Honouring Plaque (page 2)

Supporting Documentation	
Please submit:	
<input type="checkbox"/> A picture of the Veteran	
<input type="checkbox"/> Military documentation such as, but not limited to, discharge papers	
<input type="checkbox"/> Any letters of in support of this application	
Signature of Applicant	
Signature:	Date:



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Appendix B - Veteran Recognition and Honouring Annual Report



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Reporting Year:

Total \$ Spent This Fiscal Year:

To be completed by Membership Services, reviewed by yilmixʷm siyaʔ/Chief Saskatoon Berry Committee, and submitted to yi-saxʷkʷinaʔmam/Council by May 31 of each year.

	Previous Year	Previous Year	Current Year
(e.g. 2019/20 2020/21 2021/22) →			
A. Total Veteran Plaque applications received			
1) WFN Member applications			
2) WFN Community Member applications			
B. Total number of applications approved			
1) WFN Member applications			
2) WFN Community Member applications			
Additional comments:			
Membership Services Manager Signature & Date:	<input style="width: 100%; height: 30px;" type="text"/>		
yilmixʷm siyaʔ/Chief Saskatoon Berry Committee Chair Signature & Date:	<input style="width: 100%; height: 30px;" type="text"/>		