

Indigenous Education Department

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URBAN PEOPLES' HOUSE INDIGENOUS ADVISORY (UPHIA)

TERMS OF REFERENCE

“Setting the Table”

We work towards the day when all our children are able to shine with joy and confidence;
when their beauty, brilliance and strength are seen and nurtured;
when they are emotionally, mentally, physically and spiritually nourished;
when they hold knowledge and pride in who they are;
when they are safe, intact, loved and protected.

We are grateful for and responsible to all our children.

We do this work for them.

Preamble:

In 2015, the UPHIA was created to ensure that local Indigenous knowledge, pedagogy, and worldviews

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The Urban Peoples' House Indigenous Advisory (UPHIA)

Terms of Reference

1. Acknowledgement:

We recognize and acknowledge the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations as the traditional Stewards of the lands on which our students live and are educated. We acknowledge all parents, families and communities as the first educators of their children. Indigenous people have a long tradition of teaching and learning through sharing their connections with the land and sea, and through their culture, stories and lived experiences that are passed from generation to generation. We recognize and value the learning that children bring with them from their homes and communities into the classroom

2. Who We Are:

The Urban Peoples' House Indigenous Advisory (UPHIA), alongside three other Indigenous Houses, supports the work of the Indigenous Education Department (IED). The IED provides supplementary supports to Indigenous learners that are culturally-specific and promotes Indigenous perspectives and Ways of Knowing in their schools. The IED provides leadership in our district to support the inclusion of Indigenous knowledge into curriculum, teaching practices and professional learning opportunities. Everyone in our school district has a role to play in ensuring the success of Indigenous students and in supporting all learners as they develop their understanding of Indigenous cultures and worldviews.

The IED enhances the educational experience of Indigenous students by developing and delivering

3. The Urban Peoples' House Indigenous Advisory's Purpose:

Our purpose is to provide community voice to the school district on behalf of urban Indigenous children and families and ensure that voice has adequate influence. This committee is comprised of Indigenous serving agencies, post-secondary institutions; and has seats for the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations, the Métis; an Elder; student(s), and parent(s). Representatives of these groups are determined by the community.

4. The Urban Peoples' House Indigenous Advisory's Vision:

Our influential and impactful presence ensures that the Greater Victoria School District will uphold the respect and dignity of Indigenous students, families and communities and foster an environment of potential, success, joy and love of learning.

The Urban Peoples' House Indigenous Advisory's Guiding Principles:

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Metaphorically, we "set the table." We work in the background, alongside the teachers and service providers

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Elections for the Chair and Associate Chair will occur every 2 years.

- Subcommittees may be established from time to time. The Chairs of such committees will report to the UPHIA Chair.

UPHIA Chair may be removed from office at the request or with the permission of

UPHIA community members or UPHIA as a whole.

Meetings:

- School district members are responsible to organize and host regular meetings.
- The frequency of such meetings will be determined by the UPHIA Chair and Director of Indigenous Education but will occur at least 4-5 times throughout the school year.



This Terms of Reference shall be effective from 25th April of 2022

Between

**The Urban Peoples' House Indigenous Advisory
(hereafter called UPHIA)**

And

**The Board of Education School District No.61
(hereafter called the Board)**

SI on behalf of UPHIA:

SI of the BOARD OF EDUCATION Greater Victoria School District #61

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