



LIFELONG LEARNING TASKFORCE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

CONTEXT FOR ACTION

The establishment of a lifelong learning education system is premised on two overarching key principles; control and/or jurisdiction and adequate/sustainable funding to ensure that the education needs of learners and the community are met now and in generations to come.

The current lifelong learning system in place on Six Nations is mainly in the control of the federal government and the education of learners in the provincial system is predominantly controlled by the province. Funding is piecemeal, overly complicated and inadequate to meet the needs of our learners and community.

The 2019 Six Nations Community Plan states, Our Vision for the future is that... “Six Nations is a community where all have access to holistic education that centres around our culture and prepares our people for employment opportunities in all fields.” There is a strong need to strive for excellence in lifelong learning programs and services to support successful educational outcomes and ensure our learners are confident in their self-identity, their families, their communities and traditional values, language and cultures. We must give our learners the skills they need to be confident in who they are and also thrive in contemporary society by fully preparing them to access any opportunities they choose for higher learning, employment and life choices.

AUTHORITY

The establishment of the Lifelong Learning Taskforce (LLTF - herein referred to as the Taskforce) was mandated by the Six Nations Elected Council on April 28, 2020 via Resolution #GC#104/04/28/2020.

ACCOUNTABILITY

The Taskforce reports to the SNGR Elected Council either directly or through a designated SNGR Elected Council Committee. The Taskforce provides updates to the Six Nations community as often as possible.

MANDATE

The Taskforce is mandated to explore options and make recommendations on a world-class lifelong learning (education) system grounded in language and culture, to the Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council and community pursuant to the approval of

SNGREC. The Taskforce will build on previous activity in this area and work with community members and internal and external partners in the review of the current education system and development of a recommended education plan.

TASKFORCE STRUCTURE

In order to ensure timely adherence to a complex work plan the Taskforce is comprised of the following components with clear roles and responsibilities:

1. Core Team
2. Taskforce (large representative group)

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTICIPANTS

Core Team

Participants:

- SNGR Elected Chief
- SNGR Elected Council Councillor – LLTF Core Team Chair
- Six Nations Polytechnic – President
- Six Nations Lands and Resources representative
- Federal schools representative
- Six Nations Language Commission representative

Roles:

- Oversee all activity related to the development of recommendations on a world-class lifelong learning education system for Six Nations
- Bring substantive political matters to the SNGR Elected Council directly or through a designated Committee of Council with recommendations on actions to be taken

Responsibilities:

- Relationship building and maintenance with internal/external partners
- Work with the Six Nations Education Manager to review, and make recommendations on work plans and proposals for Taskforce activities to be presented to the SNGR Elected Council directly or through a designated Committee of Council
- Provide recommendations for discussion with the Taskforce
- Reports to the SNGR Elected Council directly or through a designated Committee of Council on a monthly basis.
- The Six Nations Education Manager directly reports to the SNGR SAO

Taskforce

Participants:

- SNGR Elected Chief
- SNGR Elected Council Councillor – LLTF Chair
- Six Nations Polytechnic – President
- Six Nations Lands and Resources representative
- Six Nations Language Commission
- Six Nations community representatives
- Six Nations Social Services
- Representation from all schools
- Six Nations Health Services

- Grand River Employment and Training
- Grand River Post Secondary Education Office
- Ogwehoweh Skills and Trades Training Centre
- Grand Erie District School Board – Six Nations Trustee
- SNGR Youth Council
- Six Nations Public Library

Roles:

- Provides feedback and input on all activities in the development of recommendations on a world-class education system for Six Nations
- Provides recommendations to the Core Team on requests for political action to be presented at the SNGR Elected Council or designated SNGR Elected Council Committee
- Provide diverse perspective from the front line services and community as relevant

Responsibilities:

- Assist with communication, information sharing and engagement as requested/required
- Assist with the development and review of work plans and timelines
- Participate in Taskforce meetings and on Taskforce sub-committees relevant to the development of recommendations for a fulsome education plan.

Note: Participation in the LLTF does not imply or confirm any current or future endorsement of the recommendations by the individuals, departments or entities involved.

MEETINGS AND TIMELINE

- Meetings will be chaired by the LLTF Chair as designated by the Taskforce Participants.
- Core Team meetings will take place as required.
- Taskforce meetings will take place quarterly or as required.
- External partners will be invited to attend meetings as deemed appropriate by the Taskforce, Core Team, or the SNGR Elected Council and/or a designated SNGR Elected Council Committee

1. Agendas and meeting packages for all meetings will be distributed at least 3 working days prior to meetings.
2. Meeting minutes will be provided no more than five working days following a meeting.
3. Progress reports and briefing notes will be distributed to SNGR Elected Council directly or through a designated Committee of Council.
4. Reports will be made to the Taskforce participants and the community at large on a quarterly basis.

These Terms of Reference can be revised as agreed upon by the participants of the Taskforce and approved by the SNGR Elected Council directly or through a designated Committee of Council. Review of the Terms of Reference will be on an annual basis.

- Last review December 9, 2020. Revisions approved by SNGR Political Liaison January 25, 2021 re Motion PL#73-22/01/2021.