

TK Framework FAQ

A Traditional Knowledge Framework for Northeast Alberta: Guidelines for Clear, Respectful and Informed Decision-Making

What is the TK Framework?

The TK Framework is a policy document that will provide guidelines and standards for including Aboriginal knowledge and Aboriginal knowledge holders in clear, respectful, and informed decision-making in Northeast Alberta.

How is it being developed?

The TK Framework is being developed over a 14-month period (July 2014–September 2015). The process consists of four rounds of face-to-face meetings, each culminating in larger community workshops. These in-person sessions will be held with First Nations and Metis communities located in northeast Alberta. Other Aboriginal communities, as well as industry, government and NGOs will also have the opportunity to provide input and comments in each round.

Will the TK Framework make a difference?

If successful, the TK Framework could improve protection of Aboriginal values, environmental outcomes, regulatory certainty and public trust in decisions that affect the region.

By September 2015, the TK Framework should be ready for each of the Aboriginal communities, industry and NGO representatives involved to ratify the document for presentation to, and approval by, the Government of Alberta.

What if there is disagreement about the TK Framework?

The TK Framework will only include items that are broadly agreed to by the core communities. Other items will be included in a set aside document. Technical guidance documents will also be developed for each of the three areas and may include a variety of possible approaches and perspectives.

Who can provide input?

The core communities involved in the TK Framework are members of CEMA's Aboriginal Caucus and/or have explicitly requested to be engaged in the TK Framework project during the initial phases. The following communities will have the opportunity to meet face-to-face with the TK Framework team in three of the four rounds and will be prioritized in disbursement of participant funding.

First Nations

1. Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation
2. Mikisew Cree First Nation
3. Fort McKay First Nation

Metis

1. Willow Lake Métis Local 780
2. Conklin Métis Local 193
3. Fort Chipewyan Métis Local 125
4. Fort McKay Métis Local 63
5. Fort McMurray Métis Local 1935
6. Fort McMurray Métis Local 2020
7. Elizabeth Metis Settlement
8. Metis Nation of Alberta Region One
9. Owl River Metis Local 1949
10. Lakeland (Lac La Biche) Métis Local 1909

Urban Aboriginal Organizations

1. Nistawayou Association Friendship Centre

Each core community will have the opportunity to select one or two representative to be directly involved in the workshops, to provide review and feedback, and to provide the local contact for their community. Input from other Aboriginal communities, NGOs, industry and government entities are also welcome. If you want to provide input, talk to your community representative, visit www.tkframework.ca, or contact Sarah Stoner at info@tkframework.ca.

How can I learn more?

Visit www.tkframework.ca, contact Sarah at info@tkframework.ca, or talk to one of your community representatives.

How can I provide input?

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Is there funding for me to attend meetings?

CEMA has some funding for one or two representatives from each of the core communities to participate, review material, and attend the four planned group workshops. Each organization will approve one or two participants to represent their interests in the TK Framework process. Requests for participation funding will be administered through CEMA. Please contact Nestor Manalo, CEMA Program Administrator—Aboriginal Initiatives at 780-799-3915 or by email at nestor.manalo@cemaonline.ca.

Timeline

In each round of the TK Framework development process, we hope to visit each of the core communities for face-to-face meetings. Meetings are planned in Fort McMurray, Fort Chipewyan, Anzac, Janvier, Conklin, Fort McKay and Lac La Biche.

Four Rounds of Meetings	Meeting Schedule—DRAFT
1. Introductions and Groundwork	Face-to-Face community meetings: weeks of July 14th and August 11th (details TBC). Review workshop (held at CEMA Elders Workshop): August 13, 2014.
2. Draft Options and Recommendation Review	Face-to-Face community meetings: weeks of January 19th and February 9th (details TBC). Review workshop held at CEMA Coaching Workshop: February 2015.
3. Full draft TK Framework Review	Face-to-Face community meetings: weeks of May 4th and May 11th (details TBC). TK Framework Community Summit: June 2015.
4. Finalizing the draft TK Framework	Face-to-Face community meetings: weeks of July 20th and 27th (details TBC). Review workshop held at CEMA Elders Workshop: August 2015.