

# ENAGB Indigenous Youth Agency

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January 11th, 2025

## THUNDER BAY YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

Youth Council			
Eternity Neekan	Present	Kentley Gardner	Absent
Tisha Duncan	Present	Nevaeh Morriseau	Absent & Acknowledged
Eryn Genno	Present	Destiny Linklater	Absent
Lucas Sinoway	Present	Chase Lester	Absent & Acknowledged
Niizhoonag Penajin-Kejick	Present	Cam Pitchigabow-Achneepineskum	Absent
Donna Tremble	Present	Madisyn Yerxa	Absent & Acknowledged
Jesslynn Friday	Present		

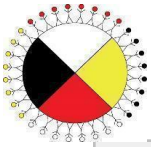
### Present

Kaitlyn Adams Lewis - Director  
Jada Ferris – Program Coordinator

### Opening Prayer

Donna Tremble

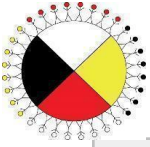
001-025	<b>Donna + Niizhoonag</b>  Motion to accept the agenda.	cd.
002-025	<b>Niizhoonag + Tisha</b>  Motion to approve Dec 14th, 2024 minutes.	cd.
003-025	<b>Tisha + Jesslynn</b>  Motion to approve finance update.	cd.
004-025	<b>Eternity + Donna</b>  Motion to approve the following staff updates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Interview with Eli Gagnon, interested in the drop-in relief support role. Application accepted.</li> <li>2. Student placements start next week. Jada &gt; Richard and Bess &gt; Mathew = Placements run from January 14th to April 11th.</li> </ol>	



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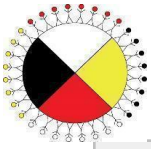
	<p>3. Hiring Program coordinator before January 31, 2025. (Mat leave)</p> <p>4. Eternity, Donna, Eryn, Tisha interested in assisting with interview.s</p> <p style="text-align: right;">cd.</p>
005-025	<p><b>Niizhoonag + Eryn</b></p> <p>Motion to accept the following grant updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Indigenous Futures Foundation grant for financial literacy &gt; FT position.</li> <li>2. Summer jobs application has been submitted.</li> <li>3. Jordan's Principle application has been submitted.</li> <li>4. OIYPP grant &gt; will submit to provide books for the space/book club.</li> <li>5. Mental Health Fund (Canada) will be submitted for Jan 22. April 2025 start date (inquire with Kait for further information)</li> <li>6. <i>We Matter</i> Arts grant opens January 15th closes February 15th. Grant from \$2000 to \$5000.</li> <li>7. Laidlaw Foundation Grant: \$30,000 &gt; partial youth council meeting honorarium, \$10,000 to fund for an event (list of ideas for the event) Would you like to apply to have certain events? Example: the trade event next winter, art creation.</li> <li>8. Roots to Harvest Grants (research)</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;">cd.</p>
006-025	<p><b>Tisha + Jesslynn</b></p> <p>Motion to accept the following outreach updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. AETS, Jan we will join them to do a lunch and learn and see where we can do a partnership. Inquire about a joint career fair.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;">cd.</p>
007-025	<p><b>Eternity + Tisha</b></p> <p>Motion to accept the following program updates and to approve drop-in hour changes.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hours and Operation, propose to change drop-in and programming from 12-8 on Monday and Tuesday. Approved.</li> <li>2. 215 registered youth, would like to get to 300.</li> <li>3. Website contract will be submitted on Monday. Site link (inquire with Kait)</li> <li>4. Need new photos for our poster</li> <li>5. Doodle poll for youth dinner. Feb 1st.</li> <li>6. Laidlaw grant opens up again. Partial funds go to a yc meeting honorariums. Would you like to apply to have certain events? Example: the trade event next winter, art creation. It costs \$19200</li> <li>7. Next meetings: Feb 8th and March 8th-April 12th, we can vote in new members or we can wait until exams are done (April 19th) proposed = April 26, 2025. How will this look?</li> <li>8. Are we providing sponsorship with WTG this year? 10,000 + can we approach them to add programming, mini conferences or pay for indigenous artists to perform here.             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. DFC partnership</li> <li>b. 5,000 now and next year (if there is not the funds available)</li> </ol> </li> <li>9. Kait will be away at the next YC meeting - do you feel comfortable meeting here with Bess and possibly the new program coordinator?</li> <li>10. Cassandra Spade programming, dates. Wednesdays in the evening every second</li> </ol>



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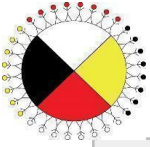
	<p>week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Labelling the space.</li><li>b. Long-term what the language plan would be like.</li></ul> <p>11. Intrinsic - Workout Wednesdays, every second week - Jan - Mar, will continue if there is enough interest.</p> <p>12. Roots programming - cooking classes - come up with possible dates on either Tuesdays or Thursdays, what types of food?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Bigmac pizza</li><li>b. Lasagna</li><li>c. Budget-friendly meals</li><li>d. How to make meals healthier, healthy menu plan on a budget</li><li>e. Nutrition</li><li>f. Meals and nutrition based on an Indigenous diet</li><li>g. Mexican food</li></ul> <p>13. Discord - should we open it up to the public?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. No</li></ul> <p>14. Gloria Ranger wednesday powwow fitness starting January 15th at 7pm (Canada Games Complex)</p> <p>15. Potential gathering for youth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Youth conference</li><li>b. Inviting indigenous artists to facilitate sessions, workshops, panels, etc. TBD</li><li>c. Potentially in October<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Sara Kae</li><li>ii. Jen Harper</li></ul></li></ul> <p>16. <b>Suggestion:</b> Buy white noise machines for the private room (for appointments with Youth)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">cd.</p>
008-025	<p><b><i>Eternity + Donna</i></b></p> <p>Motion to approve February Calendar and the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Staff will record Youth Council participation in programming each month.</li><li>2. Jan 31 - Healthy mindsets/relationships - hosted by Lucas</li><li>3. Money Mondays and Budgeting funding options for youth SEVENGEN, NAN, how to budget and manage settlement funds.</li><li>4. February 7th - Valentine's Day Card-making with Eternity and Tisha</li><li>5. February 13th - Resume and Cover Letter workshop (Thursday 6-8pm)</li><li>6. February 27th - Business Start-ups<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Create forms as an exit-ticket for feedback and suggestions during workshops.</li></ul></li><li>7. March 9th - ribbon skirt/shirt making</li><li>8. March 14th - Buffalo ceremony, Mallory Solomon: substance use/misuse/abuse</li><li>9. Programming Reports written by Youth Council members or staff after a period of workshops. Staff will create a feedback survey.</li></ul> <p style="text-align: right;">cd.</p>



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009-025	<p><b>Jesslynn + Niizhoonag</b></p> <p>Motion to approve the following March program ideas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Pizza making, more mario kart/mario party or game tournaments, ribbon skirt/shirt workshops (male facilitator for shirt teachings), head roach making (male facilitator for teachings), hand-drumming/singing/back-up singing (importance of the drum) workshop,</li><li>2. Young Mothers programming: postpartum depression session, helping partner's navigate postpartum, March 11</li><li>3. Basketball, floor hockey, volleyball, dodgeball: competitive and recreational</li><li>4. March 5th - Language nights with Cass (youth-focused but also open to elders)</li><li>5. March 6th - Powwow singing</li><li>6. March 8th - Panel with Cass</li><li>7. March 10th - Drum teachings with Jeff Neekan</li><li>8. March 20 - Basketball night</li><li>9. March 28 - Volleyball night</li><li>10. March 18th - Traditional food tasting - 6pm-8pm</li><li>11. Strength-training</li><li>12. March 28th - Volleyball night</li><li>13. March 25th - Lacrosse-stick making</li><li>14. Fillet a fish - March (TBD)</li><li>15. March 22 - Outdoor walk</li><li>16. Fishing - April (first weekend)</li><li>17. March 3-5 - Money Mondays, Movie Night, Language Nights with Cass Spade</li><li>18. March 17th - Ryan Pooman mural</li></ol> <p style="text-align: right;">cd.</p>
010-025	<p><b>Eternity + Donna</b></p> <p>Motion to approve, continuing with the United Way Partnership:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. They would like to partner with us on the 'Planet Youth' project. <a href="http://www.planetyouth.org">www.planetyouth.org</a></li><li>2. Collaborate on fundraising events for ENAGB (match dollars).</li><li>3. Invite them to our next YC meeting to present ideas of future partnerships.</li></ol> <p style="text-align: right;">cd.</p>
011-025	<p><b>Moved by Consensus</b></p> <p>Motion to approve Tikinagan Outreach:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Reach out to Tikinagan for their youth; to provide them with programming</li><li>2. Let the workers know that ENAGB can provide them with a space during our hours</li><li>3. Also the same case with Dilico</li></ol> <p style="text-align: right;">cd.</p>
	<p><b>Moved by Consensus</b></p> <p>Motion to approve committee for Adopt an Elder Program:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. At Least four YC members need to assist with the Needs Assessment<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Donna</li><li>b. Eryn</li></ol></li></ol>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>c. Tisha</li><li>d. Jesslynn</li><li>e. Eternity</li></ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. Shared calendar with the Carleton YP and Adopt and Elder program.</li><li>3. First six weeks include planning, figuring out partnerships and the types of interests the elders have</li><li>4. Write and implement surveys to elders within these spaces, emailing as well.</li><li>5. Youth Council Business cards (potentially), or Adopt an Elder business card for this project, and our own emails.</li><li>6. Google sheets - track each members progress</li><li>7. Goal for Completion of Phase One by April</li><li>8. Meetings every two weeks, virtual meetings</li></ol> <p style="text-align: right;">cd.</p>
012-025	<p><b><i>Moved by Consensus</i></b></p> <p>Open discussion about the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Ottawa - Elizabeth Fry program</li><li>2. Assist youth who have just left the incarceration system</li><li>3. Attendance policy, send strike notification to Cam, Madysin and Kentley</li></ol> <p style="text-align: right;">cd.</p>
013-025	<p><b><i>Tisha + Niizhoonag</i></b></p> <p>Motion to adjourn the meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">cd.</p>

## Items Deferred