

SAWRIDGE FIRST NATION

ELDERS RECOGNITION ACT

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The Sawridge General Assembly enacts as follows:

Title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Elders Recognition Act*.

Regulations

2. The Council may make regulations respecting the subject matter of this Act.

Naming of Elders by Council as "Recognized Elders of the Sawridge First Nation"

3. Upon passage of this Act and from time to time thereafter, the Council may name those persons who in the opinion of Council are valued by the Sawridge First Nation as persons with knowledge of life and culture, wisdom, experience, vision, high values, compassion as "Recognized Elder of the Sawridge First Nation".
4. A "List of Recognized Elders" containing the names of all persons named pursuant to this Act as "Recognized Elders of the Sawridge First Nation", shall be kept current by Council and posted in the principal offices of the First Nation.

Persons Elected as Members of the Elders Commission

5. A person elected for two consecutive terms as a member of the Elders Commission shall be named "Recognized Elder of the Sawridge First Nation" and their names shall be added to the List of Recognized Elders.

Removal of Persons from the List

6. Upon the decision of two-thirds of the persons whose names appear on the List of Recognized Elders, a person whose name appears on the List may be removed from the List or the appearance of the person's name on the List may be suspended for a specified period of time because of conduct deemed to be unbecoming of a Recognized Elder.

Representations

7. No person shall represent herself or himself to be an Elder of the Sawridge First Nation unless that person's name appears on the List of Recognized Elders.

8. Should the Council become aware that a person who is not a Recognized Elder is representing him or herself as an Elder of the Sawridge First Nation, or that others are making such representations about a person who is not a Recognized Elder, Council shall provide appropriate notice that such a person is not a Recognized Elder of the Sawridge First Nation.

Respect Owed to Recognized Elders

9. The Council or the Assembly may provide for measures which demonstrate the First Nation's esteem and respect for Recognized Elders of the Sawridge First Nation and for the use of Sawridge monies for their well-being.

Coming into Force

11. This Act shall come into force on the date it is passed by the Assembly.