

# THE GOVERNMENT BRANCHES OF THE TA'AN KWÄCH'ÄN COUNCIL

## General Assembly

Composed of 6 representatives appointed by each of the Traditional Families

Decisions by quorum of 18 people comprised of the 6 representatives from 3 Traditional Families

A 3-quarter majority vote of at least 60 citizens may:

- Nullify any law or regulation enacted by the TKC
- Remove any Board member or judge of the Judicial Council

## Elders Council

Composed of all citizens who are at least 60 years of age

Decisions by consensus or 3-quarter majority of those present

- Provides advice and guidance to citizens and Board members
- Establishes the cultural and heritage committee
- Recommends to the Board the enactment of laws, regulations and policies
- Approves laws and regulations passed by the Board
- Appoints an Elder to the Youth Council
- Appoints members of the Judicial Council
- Appoints a member of the Elders Council as an ex-officio member of the Board
- May remove a Judicial Council judge

## Board of Directors

Composed of the elected Chief and Deputy Chief and 9 Family Directors appointed by 5 Traditional Families for a 3-year term

1 ex-officio Elders Council member and 1 Youth Council member as observer

Decisions by consensus or a quorum of the Chief or Deputy and any 5 Directors for approval of laws, motions or resolutions

- Develops laws and regulations
- Approves all agreements and contracts
- Borrows monies
- Fulfills the mandates and directions provided by the General Assembly
- Designates portfolios among the Family Directors

### Chief and Deputy-Chief

Elected for 3-year terms

- TKC spokesperson for inter-governmental affairs
- Presides over meetings of the Board or General Assembly
- Establishes policies and guidelines
- Supervises TKC departments, agencies and the administration of programs and services
- Arranges and organizes General Assembly meetings
- Breaks a tied vote of the Board
- Oversees the TKC final and self-government agreements implementation

The responsibilities of the Chief may be carried out by the Deputy Chief

## Youth Council

Composed of 1 representative appointed by each of the Traditional Families and 1 Elder appointed by the Elders Council

Decisions by consensus of those present or a quorum of 3 representatives of 3 respective Traditional Families

- Advises the Board and Elders Council
- Assists the Board with the coordination and organization of General Assemblies
- Assists the Elders Council with the cultural heritage committee
- Appoints 1 youth as an observer on the Judicial Council
- May make recommendations to the Board and Elders Council, including the enactment of laws or regulations

## Judicial Council

Composed of 3 judges, including 1 Elder, appointed by the Elders Council for 5-year terms except for initial appointments

The Board may expand the Council to 5 judges, including 2 Elders

The Youth Council appoints 1 of its members as an observer

Judges may be removed by the Elders Council

- Adjudicates any cases of alleged violation of TKC laws and imposes sentences provided by law to ensure compliance
- Where the parties agree, mediates or arbitrates any disputes between citizens and the TKC
- Appoints investigative committee to review any financial irregularities of the TKC
- Determines the validity of a law or regulation enacted by the TKC which has been challenged
- May remove a Board member
- Such additional authorities and responsibilities as are prescribed by law