

Ta'an Kwäch'än Council Elders Pension Policy



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1.0 PREAMBLE

- 1.1 Payments to Elders were established prior to Ta'an Kwäch'än Council becoming a Self-Governing First Nation in order to acknowledge our Elders for their work in establishing Ta'an Kwäch'än Council and settling our land claim.

2.0 PURPOSE

- 2.1 To subsidize Ta'an Kwäch'än Elders.

3.0 APPLICATION

- 3.1 This policy applies to all Ta'an Kwäch'än Elders.
- 3.2 An Elder must apply, in writing, to the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council to be considered for payments.

4.0 PAYMENTS

- 4.1 The Ta'an Kwäch'än Council will issue monthly payments to Elders who are Ta'an Kwäch'än Citizens.
- 4.2 Payments shall be capped at CAD \$300.00 (Three Hundred Dollars) per month and subject to available Ta'an Kwäch'än Council budgets.
- 4.3 The Ta'an Kwäch'än Council shall issue payments in the last week of one month for payment for the next month.
- 4.4 An Elder shall make available to the Finance Department of the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council their banking information for electronic transfer of payment. Where an Elder does not deal with a bank, the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council will issue a manual cheque.
- 4.5 The Ta'an Kwäch'än Council shall not issue retroactive payments.

5.0 ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 An Elder is deemed eligible if they can verify that they are 60 years of age or above.
- 5.2 An Elder is added to the eligibility list in the month they apply. If an Elder applies after cheques have been issued for that month, they shall not receive payment until the next month.

6.0 VERIFICATION

- 6.1 Acceptable means of birthdate verification comprise of a
- a) birth certificate,
 - b) baptism certificate, or

- c) delayed birth certificate; and
- d) confirmation from the Enrollment Coordinator that he or she is a Ta'an Kwäch'än Citizen.