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## Interment Policy

### Definitions

**Interment:** means disposition by (a) burial of human remains or cremated remains, (b) entombment of human remains, or (c) interment of cremated remains.

**Five (5) Bundle of Individual Rights:** The Individual Land Holder receives five (5) bundle of rights when they are allocated a parcel of land and those 5 bundle of rights, do not include establishing burial sites thereon.

1. Right to use and occupy.
2. Right to transfer to another band member or to the band.
3. Right to enter without trespass.
4. Right to lease.
5. Right to devise.

**Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory:** is situated on the east end of Manitoulin Island Ontario in Georgian Bay of Lake Huron. Our territory includes the main village of Wiikwemkoong and satellite areas known as Pointe Grondine, Rabbit Island, Cape Smith, Wiikwemkoongsing, Kaboni, South Bay, Murray Hill, and Buzwah;

**Wiikwemkoong Anishinaabe(k):** means a person (people) who is a registered Anishinaabek of the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory and whose name appears on the Wiikwemkoong Anishinaabek List in accordance with the Wiikwemkoong Gchi-Naaknigewin and Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory Wiikwemkoong Anishinaabek law and, until Wiikwemkoong passes its Wiikwemkoong Anishinaabek Law, it includes members on the Band List as defined under the Indian Act;

**Non Wiikwemkoong Anishinaabek:** means a person who is not a Wiikwemkoong Anishinaabek;

**Resident:** means a person who resides on Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory;

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## Purpose

The Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT) Chief and Council approves the provisions of this Interment Policy. The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines regarding the interment and burials of deceased within Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory.

## Policy

This policy states who and where burials are authorized within Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory.

## Policy Guidelines

- 1.0** All Wiikwemkoong Anishinaabek have the right to be buried on Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory.
- 2.0** In light of the above, further consideration will be given to non Wiikwemkoong Anishinaabek based on the following:
  - a. The deceased was a former registered member of Wiikwemkoong,
  - b. The deceased was entitled to be registered as a member of Wiikwemkoong but due to certain circumstances was not registered prior to the death,
  - c. The deceased was a long-time Resident of Wiikwemkoong for a minimum of 10 years,
  - d. At the discretion of Chief and/or Council.
- 3.0** Human remains or cremated remains can only be buried in designated cemeteries (*refer to Wiikwemkoong Land Use Plan*) within Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory. Any scattered remains will not be protected outside of designated cemeteries, as all commonly held lands and any acquired held lands may be used for future development.
- 3.1** Cremated remains can be placed in the same plot of a deceased loved one in a designated cemetery.
- 4.0** The Burials on Individual land holding parcels are not permitted. (*Refer to the 5 bundle of individual rights*).
- 5.0** There are no burial fees for Wiikwemkoong Anishinaabek.

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**6.0** A fee of \$800.00 will be applied for burial costs to non Wiikwemkoong Anishinaabek who wish to be buried in a WUT designated cemetery if given permission as per section 2.0. This will not apply to cremated remains that are buried in a WUT designated cemetery.

## **Amendment and Review**

This Interment Policy will be reviewed and revised by the Governance Unit, Governance Committee and Council when such review and revisions are required.