



TAKLA NATION

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TAKLA NATION Funeral Support Policy

Policy Statement

As the elected government of Takla Nation, Chief and Council are responsible to provide certain benefits and services to all Takla Nation members. Providing families with support for funeral costs is part of that responsibility. The Nation will use revenues derived from the Traditional Territory of the Takla people for this purpose, ensuring all Takla Nation members are assisted financially during a difficult time.

Purpose/Rationale

Funeral services and practices vary from family to family, and between funeral service providers. The Nation is committed to providing consistent and equitable support to member families through defined financial support. While the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia may provide various levels of financial support for funerals, the Takla Nation Government provides additional funds to ensure cultural and/or family commitments can be met by the families. These revenues are drawn from the Nation's use of its traditional lands.

Principles

- Takla Nation Government does not direct or guide families regarding services and/or ceremonies and traditional practices, though information and support can be provided if requested;
- The Government recognizes that members follow various traditions and practices, which may include the clan and potlatch settlement and repayment model;
- The immediate family of a deceased Takla Nation member has access to the funding available from Takla Nation.

Scope/Limitations

This Policy applies to the funeral expenses of deceased, registered members of the Takla Nation. Between them, the organizing funeral home and the immediate family of a deceased Takla Nation member will receive \$10,000 towards funeral and related costs.

This funeral support policy is not retroactive. The \$10,000 available towards funeral support may be claimed up to three months from the date of death, with appropriate documentation that funds were expended at the funeral home.

Definitions:

Takla Nation member: As identified on the Indian Registry as administered through Indigenous Services Canada and/or through Takla Nation's current membership list.

Immediate family: Current legal spouse and all adult children over the age of 19 at the date of death. Any other family circumstances will be assessed by Chief and Council.

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Funeral Support Procedures

In conjunction with the Funeral Support Policy, these procedures outline how Takla Nation provides financial support for funeral expenses.

Procedures

- A. When a Takla Nation member dies, the immediate family notifies Nation Administration, either the Takla or the Prince George Office;
- B. Immediate family will be directed to a funeral home with whom the Nation has a partnership, or may select another funeral home;
- C. The Nation will arrange to pay the funeral home directly, to a maximum of \$10,000, for the following services as determined by the immediate family with the funeral home:
 - a. Casket
 - b. Burial plot if arranged through the funeral home
 - c. Funeral home services, including embalming or cremation
 - d. Newspaper obituary
 - e. Required legal documents
- D. Any funds remaining from the \$10,000 support contribution from Takla Nation paid to the funeral home will be divided evenly between individual immediate family members as defined in the Policy. These remaining funds are intended to support families in covering transport, clothing, ceremonies, food and other costs related to the death of the family member. However, the choice of expenditure once the Nation has paid costs to the funeral home and distributed the remaining funds to family members is at the sole discretion of the family.
- E. Any funds available from federal or provincial governments and provided to the funeral home for services listed in C. above are additional to the \$10,000 provided by Takla Nation towards funeral support. If such funds are available, they decrease the amount the Nation pays directly to the funeral home, thereby increasing the amount the Nation pays to the immediate family. It is the responsibility of the immediate family to determine whether these funds are available and if so how they are accessed. The Social Development Worker is available to assist with this process.

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