



**YUKON
REGION**

ROLES AND REPONSIBILITIES FOR THE REGIONAL CHIEF YUKON REGION

Background:

The Yukon Regional Chief coordinates and advocates at the direction of Yukon First Nation leadership on regional, nation and federal issues affecting Yukon First Nations.

Roles and Responsibilities:

1. The Yukon Regional Chief provides advocacy, leadership and support to Yukon First Nations.
2. The Yukon Regional Chief is responsible for:
 - a. Acting as the spokesperson for the AFN-Yukon Region;
 - b. Advocating, as directed by Yukon First Nations, for the rights and interests of Yukon First Nations;
 - c. Supporting the relationships of Yukon First Nations with all levels of government;
 - d. Sharing and disseminating information which may impact Yukon First Nations;
 - e. Building a policy environment under which the AFN-Yukon operates;
 - f. Providing reports to members on activities and developments at the national Assembly of First Nations;
 - g. Managing the process for appointing, supporting and maintaining accountability for Yukon First Nations' participation in AFN Committees and Councils as directed by Yukon First Nations;
 - h. Attending Assembly of First Nations Executive Committee and Portfolio meetings that may be called from time to time by the Assembly of First Nations; and
 - i. In conjunction with the AFN Yukon Executive Committee, building a policy environment under which the AFN-Yukon operates.
3. The Yukon Regional Chief is a member of the national Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Executive Committee ("AFN Executive Committee") and works to ensure that Yukon First Nation concerns are included in national political discussions and decision-making processes.

4. The following outline the Yukon Regional Chief's responsibilities as a member of the AFN Executive Committee:
 - a. AFN Executive Committee members shall function as a unit and any decisions or actions by any individual member of the AFN Executive Committee shall be null and void and of no force or effect;
 - b. AFN Executive Committee regional members shall make representations on behalf of First Nations consistent with properly delegated mandates;
 - c. On matters of concern to an individual First Nation that will not affect other First Nations, the AFN Executive Committee shall consider a request from any First Nation and decide on an appropriate course of action;
 - d. AFN Executive Committee regional members shall bring to the attention of First Nations and the First Nations-in-Assembly any matters which, in their opinion may jeopardize the security, survival, rights, aspirations and jurisdiction of First Nations;
 - e. In implementing the decisions of the First Nations-in-Assembly, the AFN Executive Committee shall comply in all cases with the true spirit and intent of the delegation granted from time to time; and
 - f. In performing their duties or responsibilities, the AFN Executive Committee and its regional members may establish portfolios and deploy resources as deemed necessary.
5. The Yukon Regional Chief is elected every three (3) years by Yukon First Nations at the annual Yukon First Nations Assembly meeting.
6. If, for whatever reason, the Yukon Regional Chief is unable, or unwilling, to complete their full three-year term, the Yukon First Nations Chiefs' Summit will select an interim Regional Chief until the next Yukon First Nations Annual Summit meeting when a new Yukon Regional Chief will be elected.

Duties of the Regional Chief:

The Yukon Regional Chief shall:

- a. Preside at the following:
 - a. Yukon First Nations Annual Summit;
 - b. Yukon First Nations Chiefs' Summit;
 - c. AFN Yukon, Executive Committee;
- b. Be responsible for ensuring that the policies, motions, and resolutions of the AFN Yukon Region are implemented;
- c. Represent the interests and priorities of the AFN Yukon Region at the territorial, national and international levels; and
- d. Oversee the political office of the AFN Yukon Region.