

**MINISTER'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON ABORIGINAL WOMEN  
- POSITION DESCRIPTION -**

POSITION: Member – Elder Representative

REPORTS TO: Chair of the Minister's Advisory Council on Aboriginal Women

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Purpose

In addition to the key responsibilities laid out in the Member position description, the Elder Representative carries out additional duties related to the responsibilities and governance of the Council.

Key Responsibilities

- Guide MACAW and MARR towards a knowledgeable, respectful approach to working with, and building connections within, Aboriginal and Elder communities
- Bring Elders' issues or concerns to the attention of MACAW
- Act as a cultural advisor
- Provide wise guidance and sound judgment
- Teach and correct others in kind and respectful ways

Working Conditions

A Member can expect to dedicate 10 hours per month to her role, in addition to quarterly (4), two-day meetings. Additional meetings may be convened, as determined by the Chair or the Minister. Members are compensated at a rate of \$250 per day, as pre-approved by the Secretariat. Travel expenses are reimbursed according to provincial government rates.

Skills and Abilities

- Comprehensive knowledge of Aboriginal histories, cultures and peoples, with a particular understanding of Elders' lived experiences
- Active and respected within the Aboriginal community as an Elder
- Deeply committed to sharing knowledge, providing guidance and teaching others
- Sees the goodness in others and encourages them to reach their optimum potential

## Core Competencies

The Elder Representative has the following competencies of a Member:

- Stewardship
- Creates impact
- Teamwork
- Integrity

Plus the following:

- Strong cultural values
- Commitment to lifelong learning
- Mentors others