

DEATH OF AN INDIGENOUS ELDER PROTOCOL

PURPOSE AND/OR RATIONALE

The purpose of this directive is to provide Camosun College with direction and guidance on how to commemorate a recently deceased Indigenous Elder.

DIRECTIVE APPLICATION AND SCOPE

The directive applies to Camosun College Elders who are current and past and have a deep-rooted connection to the college community, employees, and students.

PRINCIPLES

- 1. Camosun College acknowledges that Indigenous Elders are an integral part of the college community through their service and guidance to students and employees.
- 2. The death of an Indigenous Elder is a moment of grieving for our collective loss in the College community and an opportunity for remembrance and paying respect. The College, through its protocol, will honour and remember the life and contributions of the deceased Elder.
- 3. Camosun College will honour the memory of a recently deceased Indigenous Eder in culturally responsive ways. The ways in which the College honours the death of an Eder will be reflective of local Indigenous traditions and the Indigenous identity of the deceased Eder.
- 4. Camosun College acknowledges that the passing away of an Indigenous Elder may be painful for members of the College community. Th11.04Tr may be painful for



LINKS TO RELATED CAMOSUN WEBSITES

- Centre for Indigenous Education & Community Connections