

TCSA Policies & Procedures

Section: Foundations & Basic Commitments

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Reference: 1.3

Policy Title:

Official Language of the Agency

Policy Statement:

The TCSA recognizes that the Tlicho language is essential for the expression of our values, knowledge and skills as a people. Therefore the official spoken language of the Agency is Tlicho.

Purpose:

The purpose of an official language policy is to promote our language and ensure its continued use in the day to day work of the Agency.

Procedures:

The CEO is directed to ensure that

1. All Board meetings will be conducted in Tlicho with English translation as needed. Interpreter services will be provided wherever possible by the trained interpreters employed by the TCSA. Other interpreter translators will be hired by the Board when their services are required;
 2. Important Board documents will be translated into Tlicho orthography wherever possible;
 3. Signs in all TCSA facilities and offices will be displayed in Tlicho and English;
 4. The Agency is committed to the principle of serving the general public in Tlicho as required;
 5. The Agency is committed to the employment of Tlicho speaking staff to positions with the Agency;
 6. The Agency is committed to the training of staff to read and write in the Tlicho language.
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Authorities:

TCSA Act 13; Education Act, 117; Hospital Insurance & Health and Social Services Administration Act, 10(10), 13(1)

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