

DIRECTIVE TITLE	Death of An Indigenous Elder Protocol
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RESPONSIBLE OPERATIONAL LEADER	Executive Director of Eyē? Sqâ'lewen
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS	D-1.8.1 Death of An Indigenous Elder Protocol Standards and Procedures

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 members of the Elders' Voices 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 Elder in culturally responsive ways. The ways in which the College honours the death of an Elder will be reflective of local Indigenous traditions and the Indigenous identity of the deceased Elder.
4. Camosun College acknowledges that the passing away of an Indigenous Elder may be painful for members of the College community. The College will outline available supports to those who are grieving and mourning the loss of our Elder.

LINKS TO RELATED CAMOSUN WEBSITES

- [Eyē? Sqâ'lewen - Centre for Indigenous Education & Community Connections](#)