

2022 Call for Expressions of Interest: Seeking Indigenous Members for Expanding Our Vision Committee BC Human Rights Tribunal

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The BC Human Rights Tribunal is seeking Indigenous people to serve on its volunteer *Expanding Our Vision* Committee. This Committee supports and advises the Tribunal to implement the recommendations set out in [*Expanding Our Vision: Cultural Equality & Indigenous Peoples' Human Rights \(2020\)*](#).

If you are an Indigenous person with knowledge, experience, or an interest in Indigenous human rights, we would love to hear from you! The Committee meets monthly (by Zoom) for one hour, and Committee members may also work on specific issues between meetings.

Please express your interest to Amber Prince, BC Human Rights Tribunal and member of Sucker Creek (Cree) Nation, by email at: amber.prince@gov.bc.ca or by phone at: 236-455-1906. Thank you for your interest in this important initiative.

Background

On January 15, 2020, the Tribunal released the report of Ardith Walpetko We'dalx Walkem, QC, called *Expanding Our Vision: Cultural Equality & Indigenous Peoples' Human Rights*. That report identified serious access to justice concerns for Indigenous people bringing human rights complaints to the Tribunal, and made recommendations for the Tribunal to address those concerns.

The *Expanding Our Vision* report tasked the Tribunal with creating a committee to guide implement of its recommendations:

Create a staff/tribunal committee tasked with developing the Expanding Our Vision Implementation Plan. Indigenous lawyers and cultural leaders or academics with knowledge of human rights should be recruited to join these efforts. The Expanding Our Vision Implementation Plan should include immediate steps to be taken in the first 6 months, and then be renewed on a yearly basis:
Recommendation 2.2

Further to Recommendation 2.2 of the Report, the Tribunal created the *Expanding Our Vision* Committee in 2020. The Committee is made up of a diverse group of Indigenous lawyers, community leaders, and academics from across the province, as well as representatives from the Tribunal and BC's Office of the Human Rights Commissioner.

The Committee has been instrumental in moving forward the Tribunal's work. As the Tribunal's work implementing the recommendations continues, we invite you to join us.

For more information about the work of the Committee, click [here](#).