



WEST MOBERLY FIRST NATIONS

INTERPRETATION POLICY

Adopted:	April 24, 2009
Amended:	May 14, 2015
	March 21, 2017
	April 4, 2019
	September 29, 2020
	May 12, 2024

Objective:

To provide consistent interpretation of WMFN policies and enactments.

Application and Scope:

WMFN policies and enactments.

Policy:

These definitions apply to every other WMFN policy and enactment, unless a contrary intention appears in the WMFN policy or enactment.

Definitions:

In a WMFN policy or enactment, the following definitions apply:

- Ad Hoc Committee:* A committee formed or approved by Council for a specific task or objective and dissolved after the completion of the task, the achievement of the objective, in accordance with its Terms of Reference, or by direction of Council. WMFN Ad Hoc Committees are advisory only and have no decision-making authority.
- Adult:* An individual who is 19 years or older.
- Band Member/Member:* Any person who is registered on the most current WMFN Registry List.
- BCR* Band Council Resolution
- Chief:* The duly elected Chief of WMFN. A member of Council.
- Code:* The Custom Governance Code (1999), as it may be amended or replaced according to its terms.
- Community Guest:* A non-Band Member cohabiting on reserve with a Band Member in a roommate, boarder, or guest relationship.
- Community Member:* A non-Band Member cohabiting with a Band Member in a married or common-law relationship for at least one (1) year and the non-band member children of that union. This applies both on and off reserve.
- Contractor:* Any individual or business that provides a service or performs work for compensation that is not considered an employee by Revenue Canada or a contract employee by WorkSafeBC.
- Council:* The elected Chief and elected/appointed Councillors.
- Council Member:* The members of the WMFN Council (including Chief and Councillors).
- Councillor:* A Family Councillor. Each a member of Council.
- Director of Operations:* The person appointed by, and responsible to Council, who is responsible for directing WMFN operations and is the senior WMFN employee.
- Elder:* Any Band Member who is 60 years of age or older.
- Emergency:* Any material threat to the health or safety of members, residents or interested parties, or to the integrity of West Moberly reserve lands and property,

including contagious or infectious disease, flood, earthquake or other natural disaster, or acts of war, terrorism or physical violence.

Family:

The WMFN family groupings established under the Code. Families include Brown, Desjarlais, Dokkie, Miller.

Family Councillor:

The representative on WMFN Council that is elected or appointed by the Family grouping as per that Family group's election/appointment process.

Immediate Family:

A spouse (including common-law and same sex spouse), parents, children, siblings, grandparents, grandchildren and includes in-law and step relationships, and any relative permanently residing in the employee's household or with whom the employee resides.

Good Financial Standing:

Any Band Member, Community Member, Employee, or Contractor that does not owe any monies to WMFN, unless there is a written repayment agreement in place that has been honoured for the preceding 6 consecutive months.

WMFN:

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WMFN Affiliated Business:

A business entity in which WMFN owns 50% or more of the ownership units of that entity.

WMFN Registry List:

The registered list of WMFN Band Members.