

SCHEDULE 2-1

Nisichawayasihk Nehethowuk Customary Law Principles

The principles of *Nisichawayasihk Nehethowuk* customary law are as follows:

1. ***Kwayaskonikiwin***, which means that the conduct of a person must be reconciled with ***Kihche’othasowewin*** (the Great Law of the Creator);
2. ***Kistethichikewin***, which means that the conduct of a person must be based on the sacred responsibility to treat all things with respect and honour. In the context of road access management, ***Kistethichikewin*** means that a person must show respect by requesting access;
3. ***Tawinamakewin***, which means that a person is welcome. In the context of road access management, ***Tawinamakewin*** means that a person granting access has a duty to consider a request for access, including consideration of the well-being of the person requesting access;
4. ***Aski Kanache Pumenikewin***, which means that the conduct of a person must be in accordance with the sacred duty to protect ***N’tuskenan*** [the land, life, home and spiritual shelter entrusted to us by ***Kihche’manitou*** (the Creator) for our children ***michimahch’ohchi*** (since time immemorial)];
5. ***Ethinesewin***, which means traditional knowledge, including the influence of moons and seasons on climate, weather, animals, plants and ***Ethiniwuk*** (individuals) as well as seasonal harvesting cycles and practices. There is a duty to respect and seek ***Ethinesewin***;
6. ***N’totumakewin***, which means that a person must seek not to be understood but to first understand. ***N’totumakewin*** establishes a duty to teach as well as to understand and to share as well as to seek ***Ethinesewin***;
7. ***Ayakwamisiwin***, which means that a person must be cautious of his/her actions where there is uncertainty;
8. ***Oh’chinewin***, which means that what a person does to nature will come back to that person;
9. ***Aniskowatesewe Kanache Pumenikewin***, which means that a person must act in accordance with the sacred responsibility to protect heritage resources;
10. ***Kanatethechikewin***, which means that the conduct of a person must be in accordance with the sacred responsibility to ensure that ***Ethinewikuna*** (human remains) and ***Aniskowe Apuchetawina*** (artifacts; the things we use while here on Earth) must not be disturbed;

11. *Asehewewin*, which means that what a person does to *Ethinewikuna* (human remains) and *Aniskowe Apuchetawina* (artifacts; the things we use while here on Earth) will affect that person's whole being;

12. *Nehetho Tipethimisowin*, which means the exercise of sovereignty. The conduct of all persons must be consistent with *Kihche'othasowewin* (the Great Law of the Creator) and must reflect decision-making roles in accord with *Nehetho Tipethimisowin*.