

Line 3 IAMC Membership Succession Principles



The following **principles** guided the original selection of Members during co-development and the Committee's first year of operation.

They are the same principles that have been **followed during each term succession.**

GENERAL

- Indigenous Nations determine Indigenous Members.
- The rights-holders and target beneficiaries of the Committee's work are the potentially impacted Indigenous Nations, not the Committee. Vacancies in membership therefore require the Committee to engage the leadership of potentially impacted Nations.
- Indigenous Members are accountable to the constituencies they represent. Members representing Indigenous Nations in a given province should therefore be broadly representative of all potentially impacted Indigenous Nations in that province.
- Processes to select Members must be transparent, fair, documented, and defensible.
- Processes should be inclusive of all Indigenous communities impacted by the project and representative of various Indigenous interests involved.

PRECEDENTS SET DURING CO-DEVELOPMENT

- Members must be directly nominated by and hold the support of the leadership of at least one potentially impacted Indigenous Nation within the constituency they represent.
- Different provinces may choose different approaches to decision-making (i.e. voting vs. consensus, prioritizing different criteria).
- The elected leadership of the Métis Nation of Alberta, the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan, and the Manitoba Métis Federation directly determine Métis membership.
- In Saskatchewan, the Line 3 route is forty percent within Treaty 6 and sixty percent within Treaty 4. The Saskatchewan First Nation Working Group noted that the composition of four Treaty 4 members and two Treaty 6 members appropriately represents the two Treaty groups.

PROCESS PRINCIPLES

The succession process incorporates the following principles:

1. Ensure a common understanding among leadership of potentially impacted Nations of:
 - a. Committee's mandates, powers, and activities, and;
 - b. Members' roles, responsibilities, and rights.
2. Share a set of minimum qualifications and/or criteria (i.e. availability, role, knowledge, etc.) Members must hold in order to sit on the Committee (in order to appropriately guide potential new Members' expectations of workload/responsibilities).
3. Seek nominations of qualified individuals from leadership of potentially impacted Nations (accompanied by letters of support ratified by the Nation) by a deadline.
4. Seek decision from leadership (or leaders' proxies) via either a majority vote or consensus (one vote per potentially impacted Nation) by a deadline.
5. Allow period for leadership of potentially impacted Nations to raise concerns or dispute process by a deadline.
6. Communicate results of process to leadership of all potentially impacted Nations.