

The Tribunal is committed to ensuring that Indigenous Peoples have access to culturally appropriate services that take into account the uniqueness of Indigenous culture and heritage.

Cultural/spiritual practices and customs

A variety of Indigenous cultural/spiritual practices may be used by Indigenous Peoples appearing before the Tribunal. This includes smudging and swearing in using an eagle feather or some other sacred object. A party may also request the attendance of an Elder or other culturally relevant person. If a Tribunal hearing is in person, a blessed eagle feather can be made available for an Indigenous party's usage while affirming or giving evidence.

Interested parties should inform the Tribunal Registrar of their request well in advance of a Tribunal Dispute Resolution (TDR) or Tribunal hearing. In the request, the Indigenous party should provide the details of the culturally appropriate practice they are requesting, or a description of the cultural supports they require at their TDR or hearing.

In some cases, the Tribunal Registrar may ask for more information on the requested practice in an effort to determine how best to support the party.

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