

GITGA'AT FIRST NATION FUNERAL ASSISTANCE POLICY

This Policy is dated for reference July 17, 2023.

1. Definitions

- 1.1 **“Gitga’at”** or **“Gitga’at First Nation”** means the Gitga’at First Nation, formerly known as the Hartley Bay Indian Band, a “band” as defined under the *Indian Act*.
- 1.2 **“Gitga’at Member”** means a person whose name appears on the Band List of the Gitga’at First Nation or who is entitled to have his or her name appear on the Band List of the Gitga’at First Nation.
- 1.3 **“Funeral Assistance”** mean financial assistance provided by Gitga’at up to a maximum amount of \$2,500 to support the family or legal representative of a deceased Gitga’at Member in securing funeral services for that Gitga’at Member, including for the following:
 - (a) Funeral home services;
 - (b) Embalming;
 - (c) Clothing for deceased;
 - (d) Casket;
 - (e) Urn;
 - (f) Cremation;
 - (g) Clergy or officiate (includes Traditional);
 - (h) Transportation of remains;
 - (i) Transportation assistance for immediate family members;
 - (j) Medical certificate of death;
 - (k) Registration of death;
 - (l) Burial or cremation permit; and
 - (m) Internment.

2. Application

- 2.1 This Policy applies to the circumstances of a deceased Gitga’at Member only.

3. Purpose

3.1 The purpose of this Funeral Assistance Policy is to define the parameters of assistance that Gitga'at may provide to the family or legal representative of a deceased Gitga'at Member with the costs of funeral services.

4. Policy

4.1 A family member or legal representative of a deceased Gitga'at Member may apply to Gitga'at for Funeral Assistance by submitting the Funeral Assistance Application, and other information as required by Gitga'at, to the Gitga'at Band Manager.

4.2 The maximum amount of Funeral Assistance that Gitga'at may provide under this Policy is \$2,500.

4.3 Where an application for Funeral Assistance under 4.1 is approved, the Funeral Assistance will be paid directly to the funeral home or other business providing the funeral services.

5. Policy Limitations

5.1 Funeral Assistance will not be disbursed without the documentation required by Gitga'at, and the authorization and approval of Gitga'at.

5.2 Funeral Assistance under this Policy is subject to allocations through the annual Operating Budget as approved by Chief and Council.

6. General

6.1 A decision of the Band Manager under this Policy is final and not subject to appeal.

6.2 This Policy is a policy only and does not have the force of law or bylaw.

6.3 No action lies against the Gitga'at First Nation, Council, or any individual for anything that is done or not done pursuant to or in respect of this Policy.

Funeral Assistance Application

Name of Applicant: (Next of Kin or Legal Representative):

Address:

Telephone #:

Name of Deceased:

Documents to be attached:

_____ Proof of Gitga'at Membership

_____ Notarial Copy of Will (if applicable)

_____ Original Copy of death certificate

Name, address and phone number of Funeral Director:

Amount Requested: \$ _____

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date _____

Reviewed by: _____ Date _____

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Approved by: _____ Date _____