

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Public Comment Policy

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council will entertain two (2) "Public Comment" periods during the Tribal Council meetings.

Public comment periods will only be available to a Tribal Citizen, spouse of a Tribal Citizen, or parent of a Citizen of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. All others must go through the proper channels by requesting to be placed on the agenda with the Legislative Office. The request will be submitted to the Tribal Council Legislative Leader, or the person presiding over the meeting for approval.

The Public Comment period shall be fifteen (15) minutes set aside on the agenda for open discussion. Each person shall be limited to three (3) minutes. If necessary, an additional three (3) minutes can be requested but the request is subject to the approval of the Tribal Council Legislative Leader or the person presiding over the meeting. All speakers shall give their name and tribal affiliation. Additional comments, beyond the total of six (6) minutes, shall be accepted in writing.

Elders will be able to speak first. Elders are recognized as Tribal Citizens who are fifty-five (55) years of age or older.

Written public comment will be accepted. It must be signed and dated. Written public comment will be available for public viewing at the Tribal Council's Legislative Office in the Government Building of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. A request for copies of the written public comment shall be processed as a "Request for Public Documents".

Tribal Council will not accept comments--verbal or written, nor discuss matters that relate to the following:

1. Personnel matters
2. Personal information affecting an individual's privacy, including personnel matters or medical conditions or similar matters that constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy unless it pertains to the Tribal Citizens who is raising the matter.
3. Matters covered by attorney client privilege.
4. Matters considered confidential by other Statutes.
5. Matters regarding confidential business or legal matters of the Tribe or a Tribal Citizen.

6. Matters that could impair a criminal investigation.

Initiatives and referendums shall go through the proper legislative procedures.

Unruly behavior, abusive language, or any personal attacks will not be tolerated. If in the opinion of the Tribal Council Legislative Leader, or the person presiding over the meeting unacceptable behavior occurs, that person shall be asked to leave by the Tribal Council Legislative Leader or the person presiding over the meeting.

This Policy was approved by Tribal Council on:

Julie Shananaquet 06-18-2015
Julie Shananaquet, Tribal Council Secretary Date