

Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians

Open Discussion/Public Comment Policy LEG 100-00

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council will entertain two (2) open discussion periods during the Tribal Council meetings. These shall be fifteen (15) minutes per period set aside on the agenda for open discussion, provided that there is a member, spouse of a member, or parent of a member present who wishes to discuss a matter with the Tribal Council. A member, spouse of member, or parent of a member shall be limited to three (3) minutes per person. If necessary, an additional three (3) minutes can be requested but the request is subject to the approval of the Tribal Council Legislative Leader. All speakers shall give their name and tribal affiliation.

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.

The public, for all purposes and intent of this policy, shall be a member, spouse of a member, or parent of a member 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 Manager to the Tribal Council. The request will be submitted to the Tribal Council Legislative Leader for approval.

Open discussion shall not be used as a method for Tribal employees to circumvent appropriate chain of command as established by either LTBB Employee Handbook as may be amended or any other Tribal business employee handbook that outlines a chain of command process for complaints.

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 unacceptable behavior occurs, that person shall be asked to leave by the Tribal Council Legislative Leader or Sergeant at Arms.