

# SECWÉPEMC NAMES FOR BUILDINGS



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## POLICY

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### General

Building names are an important part of creating a sense of identity and acknowledging the relationships an institution has with local First Nations. As both TRU campuses are located on traditional and unceded Secwépemc territory, with the TRU Kamloops campus on Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc (TteS) and the TRU Williams Lake campus on T'éxelc (Williams Lake First Nation), it is important to acknowledge the local Secwépemc people who have occupied these lands since time immemorial and their history. This policy establishes the guidelines for naming buildings that incorporates the use of Secwépemc names.

## REGULATIONS

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### 1. Scope

- 1.1. This policy applies to all buildings possessed by TRU on all of its campuses in Secwepemcúlecw. All agreements to be entered by TRU in the future with regard to naming of buildings in Secwepemcúlecw will take this policy into account.

### 2. Procedure

- 2.1. Wherever possible, the university will provide English names and Secwépemc names for all of its buildings on Secwepemcúlecw.
- 2.2. Both names will appear on external building signage.
- 2.3. A committee will be established by the office responsible for Indigenous education at TRU which encompasses local Secwépemc language experts to ensure accuracy, cultural appropriateness, and respect for Secwépemc language and culture for the proposed Secwépemc name of a building.
- 2.4. The committee will provide building name recommendations to the office responsible for Indigenous education and that office will then present its recommendations to either the TteS or T'éxelc for recommendations pertaining to

buildings on the Kamloops or Williams Lake campus, respectively. Before approving any building names, the office responsible for Indigenous education will take into account any feedback of TteS or T'excelc; once approved, it will provide its recommendation to the President.

- 2.5. Online campus maps will be updated to include 3 versions of the campus map – one with the English building names, one with Secwépemc building names and one with both names.

**Related Policies** include but are not limited to:

- [BRD 04-01: Fundraising and Recognition](#)