

Policy Statement - Sharing of Information Regarding Cultural Knowledge and Resources

The Ktunaxa Government will evaluate, preserve, and protect the Ktunaxa Nation's cultural knowledge and resources through the regulation of undertakings that may result in changes in the character of, access to, or use of such cultural knowledge or resources.

Implementation Directive:

With respect to cultural knowledge, only that information, which has been approved and marked for public distribution, may be released in any manner, way, shape or form, to any non-Ktunaxa individual or organization, and then, only in accordance with the conditions attached to that information by the appropriate Ktunaxa Government authority. All other cultural information that has not been designated for public distribution can only be released with the express written approval of the Ktunaxa Nation Government, in accordance with the conditions attached to that information by the appropriate Ktunaxa Government authority.

Possession of information regarding cultural knowledge and resources, does not release any non-Ktunaxa Nation third-party or government interest from their duty of consultation and accommodation of Ktunaxa Nation interests and aboriginal rights.

Ownership of information regarding Ktunaxa cultural knowledge and resources rests collectively with the Ktunaxa Nation, as represented by the Ktunaxa Government.

Ktunaxa/Kinbasket Tribal Council

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