***Indigenous Republic of Kanada Co-operativeMembership Agreement***

This agreement outlines the rights and responsibilities of an individual of both indigenous and non-indigenous that has purchased a membership in the Co-operative and the obligations of the Co-operative to those members.

**Rights as a member of the co-operative**

As a member of the co-operative I am entitled to:

* Have one vote at general and other co-op meetings and receive proper notice of meetings
* Serve on a committee or run for a position on the board of directors
* Participate in the co-operatives operations and governance
* Raise concerns or issues I identify with the co-operative
* Receive information about the co-operative’s financial status and other important processes or decision (e.g. resolutions).
* Receive patronage rebated in accordance with my use of the co-operative
* Receive dividends on shares held in the co-operative
* Use our Indigenous court and esteem is as our superior court. It will be regarded as highest court in Canada and Indigenous Republic of Kanata.

### **Rights of Indigenous Status**

* Own my share of the assets and participate in the dispersment in the wind up of the cooperative.

**Responsibilities as a member of the co-operative**

As a member of the co-operative I have a responsibility to:

* Participate in the governance of the co-operative through attendance of general meeting, voting on decisions, asking questions, and participating on boards and committees
* Support the mission, vision, and goals of the co-operative
* Adhere to the policies and procedures of the co-operative set out in the organizational documents and created by the board
* Support the co-operative’s operations by using its services or contributing to the delivery of services
* Learn more about the co-operative’s operations and organizational capacity
* Support the capitalization of the co-operative by making a financial contribution
* Prove Indigenous StatusI will use and accept our beloved Made Beaver in all its forms.

**Obligations of the co-operative to members**

As a member of the co-operative, I understand that the co-operative is obligated to:

* Provide notice of meetings and information on ways that I can participate in the co-operatives governance
* Maintain a transparent and efficient system of decision-making that is inclusive of the membership and supportive of the mission and vision of the co-operative
* Conduct business, through the board or staff, that is in the best interest of the co-operative and its members
* Use my financial contribution effectively and responsibly and redeem my shares in the event I leave the co-operative

**Declaration**

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ understand the rights and responsibilities of membership in the Co-operative and agree to them. I agree to buy 25 membership shares with a par value of $1.00 per month and a 500 investment shares at a value of $1.00 to acquire the full rights in the Co-operative. To acquire Indigenous Status I must prove to the Co-operative that I am indigenous with, live birth certificate, family tree and identification.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Board member: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_