



QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY

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ICQU 2025-26 Annual Report

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About

The Indigenous Council of Queen's University provides guidance on Indigenous programs and services at Queen's. The Council is composed of representatives from Indigenous communities in Ontario, as well as Indigenous and non-Indigenous faculty, staff, students and senior administrators. The Council reports directly to the University Senate and Board of Trustees.

Meetings

The ICQU met twice over the 2025-26 academic year. The first meeting was on October 29, 2025, and the second meeting was held March 25, 2026. To best accommodate student and faculty schedules, the usual April meeting was moved to March 25, 2026, to avoid a busy exam season.

October Meeting Summary

18 members in attendance | 13 regrets

The October meeting had lower attendance than anticipated due to busy schedules of both internal and external community members.

During the October meeting, members reviewed the proposed new Terms of Reference, but did not have enough members to approve. Engagement reports and other business were discussed.

March Meeting Summary

17 members in attendance | 15 regrets

The March meeting again was poorly attended due to competing schedules for internal and external members. Our Indigenous Community (external) membership has been low for the 2025-26 year and the goal is to recruit new members ahead of the 2026-27 meeting schedule.

During the March meeting, the revised Terms of Reference (ToR) was approved and will be adapted by the ICQU moving forward. The new ToR provides changes in language (old ToR from 2013 still references Aboriginal Council), while also strengthening the goals and purpose of the Council. The revised document also includes sections on decision making, reporting, and details on the working groups that report into ICQU.

2025 in the Gazette:

- [Advancing reconciliation in higher education](#)
- [New research funding enables study of global humanitarian abuse, and Indigenous identity in sport.](#)
- [Advancing Indigenous research support](#)
- [Queen's Law partners to launch Indigenous-led legal centre in Kingston](#)
- [Honouring a legacy](#)
- [Reflection and learning for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#)
- [Spaces to help promote truth and reconciliation](#)
- [Indigenous health expert Jamaica Cass is available to speak about Indigenous access to primary care and training Indigenous health professionals](#)
- [How Indigenous-led health education in remote communities can make reconciliation real](#)
- [Queen's hosts a month of events recognizing the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#)