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Indigenous
Ceremonies Policy

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Indigenous Ceremonies

King's recognizes that the community may in engage in a variety of traditional ceremonies, including but not limited to smudging. King's permits the on-campus use or burning of any of the four sacred medicines, whether burned together or separately, only in connection with Indigenous spiritual practices. Smudging is a traditional practice involving the burning of sacred medicines including tobacco, sage, sweetgrass and cedar. This policy is meant to provide guidance to the community in engaging in the traditional ceremonies on campus.

Roles and Responsibilities:

There are many types or forms of ceremony: individual; or as part of engagement with Indigenous pedagogies in a classroom; and for community engagement. In order to carry out a ceremony the individual(s) hosting will:

- Post notices on campus around the area
- Make sure doors are closed so as not to impact others
- Notify neighbouring units
- Contact Facilities management to prepare affected ventilation and fire systems

Recommended Smudging Spaces

Provided Facilities Management is consulted with ahead of time, all or almost all areas of campus are available for smudging. The following areas are recommended spaces.

- Willwerth Garden (Mini-Quad)
- King's Gym
- Prince Hall
- Shatford Room
- Seminar Rooms 3 & 7
- TV Room

This policy is an exception of the existing no-smoking policy on campus.
