

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION POLICY

Alpine Yukon understands and embraces the uniqueness of all individuals, appreciating that each contributes a diversity of views, experiences, cultural heritage/traditions, skills/abilities, values and preferences.

When Alpine Yukon respects differences yet acknowledges shared commonalities uniting their communities, and then develop meaningful priorities based upon their knowledge, they genuinely represent their communities.

When Alpine Yukon represents their communities, they gain strength and effectiveness through increased volunteer and resource support.

The recognition of diversity within organizations is valuing differences and similarities in people through actions and accountability. These differences and similarities include age, ethnicity, language and culture, economic status, educational background, gender, geographic location, marital status, mental ability, national origin, organizational position and tenure, parental status, physical ability, political philosophy, race, religion, sexual orientation, and work experience.

Therefore Alpine Yukon at every level must:

- Openly assess beliefs and practices to assure inclusiveness and guard against discrimination;
- Make every effort to create an Alpine Yukon board and membership that is inclusive and reflective of its community;
- Encourage that all Alpine Yukon activities planned by a committee which is representative of the population
- Foster programs and practices that eliminate bias, prejudice and misunderstanding within their communities;
- Become acquainted with the leaders of the many diverse groups in the community and collaborate with them to increase parent, family and community involvement;
- Educate its leaders and members to the needs, cultural beliefs, traditions and family structures of the population they serve; and
- Propose change wherever discriminatory practices are perceived.

Alpine Yukon values and appreciates diversity, which enriches and strengthens the structure of our society within our Territory and Country.