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# **TOTA Industry Advisory Committees TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association (TOTA) has established the following five (5) Industry Advisory Committees that serve as core strategic program areas of the association:

- 1. Experiences Development Committee
- 2. Travel Trade and Media Committee
- 3. Regional Marketing Committee
- 4. Industry Development Committee
- 5. Community & Consortium Development Committee

### **Role of the Committees**

Industry advisory committees are intended and designed to provide industry insight and act as a sounding board for the appropriate TOTA program staff specialists.

## **Responsibilities of the Committees**

- Provide advice on developing the core strategic program areas and implementing a sustainable model for successful delivery.
- Provide advice on issues that affect the programs.
- Provide a forum for discussion of progress from all industry partners in the region.
- Provide advice to help guide the development of recommendations for future activities.

#### Ways of working

- Each Committee will meet a minimum of three (3) times a year together with the appropriate TOTA program staff specialists either in person or via webinar.
- Members of the Committee will receive agenda and meeting materials one week before each meeting.
- Minutes of the meeting will be kept by a minutes secretary and agreed by all committee members of the Group who attended the meeting.
- Committee members may be contacted between meetings for advice should the need arise.
- From time to time sub-groups may be formed to work on specific issues as appropriate.
- From time to time individuals may be brought in to provide specific advice and expertise as required.



## Membership

- Each committee will be made up of no less than eight (8) members who have industry expertise in one of the core strategic program areas.
- Committee membership would normally last for a period of two years but there
  would be the opportunity to continue for another year. Committee members may
  be added annually.
- Rotation of committee membership will be staged to ensure that continuity is maintained.
- Members of the committee are expected to be involved in one of the core program areas or have an interest in the advancement of tourism in the Thompson Okanagan region.

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