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The Academic Librarian's Role In Supporting Indigenous Research

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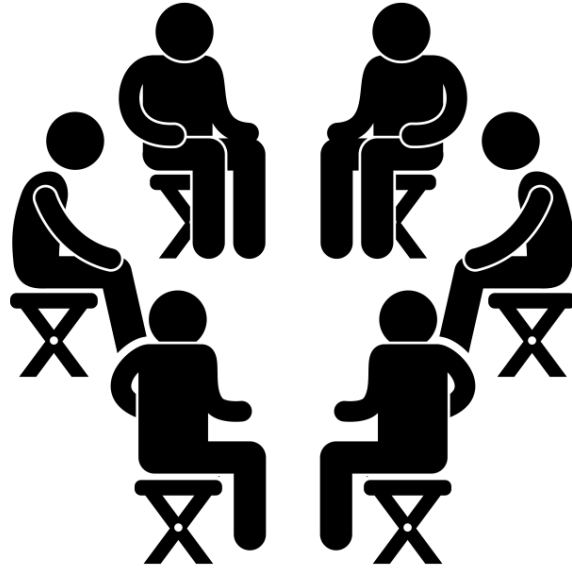Edwards Thomson ● Victoria
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Walking Together
Applying OCAP® to College Research in Central Alberta

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What is the current academic, government, and community knowledge on the role of institutional Research Ethics Boards in advising both Indigenous and non-Indigenous academic researchers working with Indigenous individuals and communities in Central Alberta on OCAP® principles, particularly given differences in language and understanding about the concepts of research ethics?

Kiquay Ehmiskamahk - Key Findings

- The **relationship** between the researcher and the community is key.

- A strong **disconnect** exists between **community practices** and **institutional policies and practices**.

- There is a need to be **flexible in how** traditional ethical principles are applied and implemented.

- **Thoughtful and thorough** consideration of how **language structures meaning and understanding** needs to be a part of the research process.

- Definitions of **"community"** are far more **complex** than the current guidance documents suggest.

Tansi Isi Pakamskakweyak - Implications for Researchers

- Learn about the **community**.
- Learn the **protocols**.
- Learn the **laws**.
- Read and utilize key documents, and consider how they would be understood from an **Indigenous language** perspective.
- **Advocate** for adoption of best practices and protocols.

Tansi Isi Pakamskakweyak - Implications for Libraries

- Create **partnerships** with Indigenous researchers, organizations, and communities.
- Create a **database** of local community contact points and protocols.
- Provide **resources** on Indigenous history, languages, cultures, local communities, etc.
- Support faculty to ensure **citation** of key documents in their grant applications and research design.
- Ensure communities have **access** to key documents.
- Examine and **revise relevant policies** to better reflect communities' practices and the realities of doing research with Indigenous communities.

Tansi Isi Pakamskakweyak - Implications for Administrations

- Create a research strategic plan that encourages projects that **benefit** local communities, **as identified by them**

- Create an **engagement policy** that invests in and commits to maintaining consistent and ongoing relationships with communities

- Create **partnerships** with Indigenous researchers, organizations, communities

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