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1. Policy

1.1 The use of tobacco is permitted for Indigenous ceremonial or spiritual activities pursuant to Section 52 of the *Correctional Services Act*.

2. Plants Sacred to Indigenous People

- 2.1 Plants sacred to Indigenous people as well as associated devices are permitted in correctional facilities, these include
- 2.1.1 tobacco
 - 2.1.2 sweet grass
 - 2.1.3 sage
 - 2.1.4 cedar

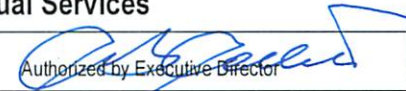
3. Indigenous Spiritual and Ceremonial Considerations

- 3.1 The Superintendent or designate will authorize staff who can maintain a supply of plants sacred to Indigenous people as well as matches and lighters in the correctional facility for the purpose of Indigenous spiritual activities or ceremonies.
- 3.2 Elders are authorized to have in their possession and bring into the correctional facility or its grounds plants sacred to Indigenous people, matches or lighters and other related items for spiritual and ceremonial purposes.

4. Standard Operating Procedures

- 4.1 Superintendents, in consultation with the Indigenous Liaison Officer will establish local SOP to
- 4.1.1 facilitate and accommodate the ceremonial use of plants sacred to Indigenous people for Indigenous spiritual or ceremonial activities
 - 4.1.2 approve inmates to have small quantities of plants sacred to Indigenous people, but not matches or lighters, in their possession for ceremonial purposes
 - 4.1.3 specify details related to the retention by incarcerated individuals of a medicine bag containing a small quantity of tobacco and other sacred plants during custody

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- 4.1.4 ensure items used for spiritual and ceremonial purposes, normally considered contraband, are properly accounted for