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NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2010  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

**Resolution no. 2010-52**

## **RE: Election of UBCIC Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer**

**WHEREAS** the Union of BC Indian Chiefs' Constitution and By-Laws state:

- V (a) The officers of the U.B.C.I.C. shall be the President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer, who will form the Executive Committee of the U.B.C.I.C.  
(b) The Executive Committee will be responsible collectively for upholding the Aboriginal Title, Rights and Treaty Rights position of the U.B.C.I.C. and following the Conflict of Interest and Ethics Policy of the U.B.C.I.C.  
(c) The Executive Committee will hold office for a term of three years;

**WHEREAS** the Union of BC Indian Chiefs' Constitution and By-Laws set out the election process for the Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer:

- VIII (b)(i) The Vice-President [and] Secretary-Treasurer...will be elected in a secret ballot by simple majority vote (50% of all votes, plus one) of all Full Members in good standing present at the next Chiefs' Council meeting following the election of the President, and will serve for a concurrent term with the President;

**WHEREAS** the Union of BC Indian Chiefs' Constitution and By-Laws state in Section VIII (e)(v) that where there is only one candidate nominated for any position that candidate shall be declared by acclamation; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the UBCIC Chiefs Council formally acknowledges the following candidates to be members of the Executive Committee for the current term ending at the November 2013 Chiefs Council:

- Vice-President: Chief Bob Chamberlin, Kwicksutaineuk/Ak-Kwa-Mish Tribes
- Secretary-Treasurer: Chief Marilyn Baptiste, Xenigwet'in First Nations

**THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** as per Section V (h) of the Constitution and By-Laws, the UBCIC Chiefs Council authorizes a per diem of \$300.00 directly relating to duties and responsibilities of Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer.

**Moved:** Chief Ko'waintco Michel, Nooaitch Indian Band  
**Seconded:** Chief Bruce Underwood, Pauquachin  
**Disposition:** Carried  
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**Resolution no. 2010-53**

## **RE: Election of UBCIC Active Members**

**WHEREAS** the Union of BC Indian Chiefs' (UBCIC) Constitution and By-Laws state:

I (a)(ii) To reflect the wisdom of our past generations and our collective obligations to future generations, the following will be elected as Active Members of the U.B.C.I.C.:

- A Women's Representative who is a woman from one of the Indian Nations of British Columbia;
- An Elder's Representative who is at least 60 years old; and
- A Youth Representative between the ages of 19 and 30 years old.

Active Members must be from a community which is a Full Member of the U.B.C.I.C. and knowledgeable about the Aboriginal Title, Rights and Treaty Rights Mandate of the U.B.C.I.C.;

**WHEREAS** the UBCIC Constitution and By-Laws set out the election process for Active Members:

VIII (b)(i) ... Active Members will be elected in a secret ballot by simple majority vote (50% of all votes, plus one) of all Full Members in good standing present at the next Chiefs' Council meeting following the election of the President, and will serve for a concurrent term with the President;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the UBCIC Chiefs Council formally acknowledges the election of the following Active Members for the current term ending which ends at the November 2013 Chiefs Council:

- Women's Representative: Coo-la Louis, Okanagan Indian Band
- Elder's Representative: Jennifer Bobb, Spuzzum Indian Band
- Youth Representative: Jason Price, Campbell River Indian Band

**Moved:** Chief Fabian Alexis, Okanagan Indian Band  
**Seconded:** Chief David Walkem, Cooks Ferry Indian Band  
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**Resolution no. 2010-54**

## **RE: New Relationship Trust Board of Directors Appointee**

**WHEREAS** the \$100 million New Relationship Trust (NRT) was established in March 2006 by the *New Relationship Trust Act*;

**WHEREAS** the Union of BC Indian Chiefs may appoint one (1) representative to the NRT Board of Directors;

**WHEREAS** The United Nations *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* states:

### **Article 18**

Indigenous peoples have the right to participate in decision-making in matters which would affect their rights, through representatives chosen by themselves in accordance with their own procedures, as well as to maintain and develop their own indigenous decision-making institutions.

**WHEREAS** by Resolution 2007-03 and Resolution 2008-54, the Chiefs Council determined that candidates must be from a band who is a member of UBCIC in good standing, and an appointee will be selected by use of a secret ballot whereas an applicant with majority of votes (50% plus one of all votes cast) would be declared selected;

**WHEREAS** the UBCIC circulated notice seeking application for one (1) representative to the New Relationship Trust Board of Directors, for a two-year period beginning December 1, 2010 to November 30, 2012;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the UBCIC Chiefs Council appoints George Saddleman to serve as the UBCIC representative to the New Relationship Trust Board of Directors for the two-year term beginning December 1, 2010 to November 30, 2012;

**THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** the UBCIC Chiefs Council asks that George Saddleman provide updates to the UBCIC Chiefs Council as deemed necessary.

**Moved:** Chief Jonathan Kruger, Penticton Indian Band  
**Seconded:** Chief Tim Manuel, Upper Nicola Indian Band  
**Disposition:** Carried  
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**Resolution no. 2010-55**

**RE: Endorsement of BC First Nations Gaming Commission Draft Terms of Reference Framework**

**WHEREAS** First Nations were not consulted, nor were party to the 1985 federal-provincial agreement that unconstitutionally transferred the authority to operate gaming facilities to the provinces who then retained the associated revenues;

**WHEREAS** First Nations have been discussing the issue of shared revenues and jurisdiction over gaming in British Columbia since 1993. In 2006, a Steering Committee of the BC First Nations Gaming Revenue Sharing Initiative (the “Steering Committee”) was established for the purpose of supporting research and developing a gaming revenue sharing proposal (supported by UBCIC Resolution 2007-02);

**WHEREAS** First Nations require consistent, predictable and sustainable funding in order to support the rebuilding of our nations, our governments, our economies; to improve the capacity and infrastructure of First Nations communities; to develop effective long-range planning and pursue development opportunities to address the economic, social and cultural needs of our communities in the effort to combat systemic poverty;

**WHEREAS** First Nation communities in all the other provinces of Canada enjoy the annual benefits of multi-million dollar gaming revenues, while BC First Nations continue to receive no gaming revenue sharing;

**WHEREAS** the Steering Committee has repeatedly attempted to engage the Province of British Columbia in negotiations. To date, these attempts have been unsuccessful, as evidenced by the latest reply from Premier Campbell, May 25, 2010, denying the most recent request for a meeting to resolve these issues; and

**WHEREAS** the First Nations Gaming Steering Committee obtained resolutions in September 2010 including UBCIC Resolution 2010-42, to establish the BC First Nations Gaming Commission to “pursue

*all opportunities for regulating, managing and conducting First Nations gaming including Bingos, Casinos, Lotteries, Video Lottery Terminals (VLTs), internet and other forms of gaming for all BC First Nations, and to research and devise a draft Terms of Reference Framework for consideration and endorsement by the UBCIC Chiefs Council at the November 29, 2010 UBCIC Chiefs Council meeting;*

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the UBCIC Chiefs Council acknowledge and reaffirm our common position that BC gaming legislation does not apply nor have jurisdiction over gaming activities on First Nations lands in British Columbia;

**THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the UBCIC Chiefs Council endorse and adopt the draft Terms of Reference Framework as amended for the BC First Nations Gaming Commission to allow for the Gaming Commission to research, support and regulate all gaming revenue opportunities for BC First Nations.

**Moved:** Chief Jonathan Kruger, Penticton Indian Band  
**Seconded:** Chief Maureen Chapman, Skawahlook First Nation  
**Disposition:** Carried  
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**Resolution no. 2010-56**

**RE: Rejection of Forest and Range Consultation and Revenue Sharing Agreement Template**

**WHEREAS** the Province of British Columbia is replacing FRAs and FROs with Forest and Range Consultation and Revenue Sharing Agreements (“FCRSA” or “Agreement”), and is offering a template agreement to First Nations which stands to negatively impact Aboriginal Title and Rights, and revenue;

**WHEREAS** the FCRSA is substantially different than FRAs and FROs, and the following specific issues are of concern:

- *Shift from Population-Based Accommodation to Provincial Revenue-Based Accommodation:* Shift from offering forest tenures and payments based on Band population to revenue sharing based on a percentage of forest revenue;
- *Expenditure of Moneys Received under FCRSAs:* Agreement requires First Nations to identify socio-economic priorities, outcomes and measurement criteria, and the annual amount of revenue to be spent on each priority;
- *Consultation:* Agreement sets out provisions around consultation that First Nation must agree to, including that part of the revenue sharing contribution is to be used to participate in the consultation process and that the consultation process results in appropriate accommodation; additionally, the consultation process outlined is extremely vague, yet the First Nation is bound to this process;
- *Stability for Industry:* Agreement seeks to provide greater stability for industry to pursue forest and range development and to encourage First Nations to pursue their claims to aboriginal rights and title “through other agreements or processes” instead of taking legal or protest action challenging the Province’s forestry and/or range development decisions;
- *First Nation Acknowledgement of Accommodation:* as in FROs, the First Nation accepts that the Revenue Sharing Contributions are an accommodation for impacts on Aboriginal title and rights;

**WHEREAS** the United Nations *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* states:

**Article 25**

Indigenous peoples have the right to maintain and strengthen their distinctive spiritual relationship with their traditionally owned or otherwise occupied and used lands, territories, waters and coastal seas and other resources and to uphold their responsibilities to future generations in this regard.

**Article 32**

1. Indigenous peoples have the right to determine and develop priorities and strategies for the development or use of their lands or territories and other resources;
2. States shall consult and cooperate in good faith with the indigenous peoples concerned through their own representative institutions in order to obtain their free and informed consent prior to the approval of any project affecting their lands or territories and other resources, particularly in connection with the development, utilization or exploitation of mineral, water or other resources;
3. States shall provide effective mechanisms for just and fair redress for any such activities, and appropriate measures shall be taken to mitigate adverse environmental, economic, social, cultural or spiritual impact;

**WHEREAS** current case-law affirms that Indigenous Nations must be meaningfully consulted and accommodated by the Crown before resource-related proposals commence that may impact on Aboriginal Title, Rights and Treaty Rights;

**WHEREAS** the template agreement contains clauses which did not appear in the FROs and FRAs and which seem to continue the Province's position of denial of Aboriginal Title, Rights and Treaty Rights and of Crown obligations;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the UBCIC Chiefs Council oppose and reject the Province of BC's template approach regarding forest and range decisions and rejects the Forest and Range Consultation and Revenue Sharing Agreement template;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the UBCIC Chiefs Council directs the UBCIC Executive to immediately communicate their opposition to the template approach of the Province of BC, and in collaboration with the First Nations Summit and the BC Assembly of First Nations at the All-Chiefs' Assembly, call on the provincial government to work with First Nations on a jointly-designed approach to forest and range decisions within their respective territories;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the UBCIC Chiefs Council calls for the UBCIC Executive to work with the First Nations Forestry Council and like-minded organizations to provide recommendations for a template, and to seek a meeting with appropriate Ministers as soon as possible;

**THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** the UBCIC Chiefs Council directs the UBCIC Executive to explore all available options for a strategy to assert Aboriginal Title, Rights and Treaty Rights concerning forest and range issues.

**Moved:** Chief Tim Manuel, Upper Nicola Indian Band  
**Seconded:** Chief Spencer Siwallace, Nuxalk Nation  
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Resolution no. 2010-57

## RE: UBCIC Specific Claims Research Program and Resource Centre

**WHEREAS** the Union of BC Indian Chiefs Specific Claims Research Program is one of a number of Claims Research Associations across Canada;

**WHEREAS** the mission of the UBCIC Specific Claims Research Program is to promote research excellence and support land rights research education in British Columbia's Aboriginal communities and to encourage high standards in claims preparation and land rights research;

**WHEREAS** the UBCIC Research Department seeks support, partnerships and funding to undertake community outreach and education endeavors;

**WHEREAS** the UBCIC Specific Claims Research Program has been operating since the early 1970s conducting band-directed research, technical studies and legal analysis for First Nations communities throughout British Columbia;

**WHEREAS** the UBCIC Specific Claims Research Program provide its services at no cost to Nations and carries them out with a continuity of expertise;

**WHEREAS** the UBCIC Specific Claims Research Program is committed to providing community outreach in the form of regular workshops, conferences, research assistance, facilitating access to materials, information sharing, updates concerning federal and provincial legislation and access procedures, publishing manuals and other activities as communities request; and

**WHEREAS** the UBCIC Resource Centre is an integral component of the UBCIC Specific Claims Research Program both in terms of the technical work of UBCIC Research staff and in terms of fulfilling our community outreach mandate;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the UBCIC Chiefs Council fully supports the continued work of the UBCIC Specific Claims Research Program and the UBCIC Resource Centre.

**Moved:** Chief Jonathan Kruger, Penticton Indian Band  
**Seconded:** Chief Maureen Chapman, Skawahlook First Nation  
**Disposition:** Carried  
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**Resolution no. 2010-58**

## **RE: Participation in Reviews of Specific Claims Action Plan**

**WHEREAS** the Government of Canada introduced a Specific Claims Action Plan on June 12, 2007 to “ensure impartiality and fairness, greater transparency, faster processing and better access to mediation” for specific claims, resulting in new legislation, *The Specific Claims Tribunal Act* (SCTA), to eliminate the backlog of specific claims by creating an independent tribunal to review rejected or backlogged specific claims; and

**WHEREAS** Article 8 of the United Nations *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* provides that, “States shall provide effective mechanisms for prevention of, and redress for... Any action which has the aim or effect of dispossessing them of their lands, territories or resources”;

**WHEREAS** Article 27 of the United Nations *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* provides that:  
States shall establish and implement, in conjunction with indigenous peoples concerned, a fair, independent, impartial, open and transparent process, giving due recognition to indigenous peoples’ laws, traditions, customs and land tenure systems, to recognize and adjudicate the rights of indigenous peoples pertaining to their lands, territories and resources, including those which were traditionally owned or otherwise occupied or used. Indigenous peoples shall have the right to participate in this process;

**WHEREAS** Article 28 of the United Nations *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* provides that:  
1. Indigenous peoples have the right to redress, by means that can include restitution or, when this is not possible, just, fair and equitable compensation, for the lands, territories and resources which they have traditionally owned or otherwise occupied or used, and which have been confiscated, taken, occupied, used or damaged without their free, prior and informed consent.  
2. Unless otherwise freely agreed upon by the peoples concerned, compensation shall take the form of lands, territories and resources equal in quality, size and legal status or of monetary compensation or other appropriate redress;

**WHEREAS** the House Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development convened on October 4, 2010 passed a motion to undertake a study examining the status of the Specific Claims Tribunal process as well as the issue of claims over \$150 million, which was the subject of a political agreement between Canada and the Assembly of First Nations as a condition of moving forward with the SCTA; and

**WHEREAS** the Senate Standing Committee on Aboriginal Peoples convened on November 23, 2010 to review progress made in the area of specific claims since the coming into force of the SCTA on October 16, 2008; and

**WHEREAS** the Senate Committee heard from only two witnesses, a Senior Assistant Deputy Minister (Patrick Borbey) and the Director General of Specific Claims (Anik Dupont), both representing Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), and they remarked on the significant progress made in the area of specific claims and First Nations satisfaction with the negotiation process; and

**WHEREAS** both witnesses commented on the delayed progress associated with the Specific Claims Tribunal, which is not expected to become operational until October 2011, despite an already daunting projected work plan, and the witnesses failed to offer any explanations for the delays, remarking that the Tribunal is an independent body for which the witnesses are unable to speak; and

**WHEREAS** the witnesses failed to discuss longstanding concerns of First Nations, including:

1. Our demand that Canada develop a process to fairly address specific claims valued over \$150 million
2. Our rejection of Canada's plans to house mediation services at INAC offices, where they will be administered by INAC staff
3. The likelihood that the backlog of specific claims that once resided with the Department of Justice will shift to the Tribunal
4. The stability of research funding; and

**WHEREAS** the witnesses cited INAC's initiation of a formal review process, currently underway, a statement confirmed by UBCIC Research Director Jody Woods' receipt of a formal request to participate in a formative evaluation of Canada's Specific Claims Action Plan to be conducted by Prairie Research Associates, said to be an independent research firm, via telephone interview; and

**WHEREAS** the Senate Committee Chair (Senator Gerry St. Germaine) stated that the Senate Committee itself may want to call other witnesses to give evidence related to progress made in the area of specific claims;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the UBCIC Chiefs Council directs the UBCIC Executive to write to the Chair of the House Committee on Aboriginal Peoples and Northern Development to request that the UBCIC be formally invited to appear as witnesses before any House Committee hearings that may take place in relation to the progress in the area of specific claims or status of the Specific Claims Tribunal;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the UBCIC Chiefs Council directs UBCIC to participate in the formative evaluation of Canada's Specific Claims Action Plan;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the UBCIC Chiefs Council directs the UBCIC Executive to write to the Chair of the Standing Senate Committee on Aboriginal Peoples and insist that First Nations and the UBCIC be given an opportunity to appear as witnesses before the Senate Committee and give evidence related to progress in the area of specific claims;

**THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** the UBCIC Chiefs Council directs the UBCIC Executive to write to the Minister of Indian Affairs to insist that all First Nation in BC who are involved in the specific claims process be provided the opportunity to participate in the formative evaluation of Canada's Specific Claims Action Plan.

**Moved:** Chief Fabian Alexis, Okanagan Indian Band  
**Seconded:** Chief Jonathan Kruger, Penticton Indian Band  
**Disposition:** Carried  
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**Resolution no. 2010-59**

**RE: Support for Nak'azdli First Nation concerns to be consulted and accommodated on Mt. Milligan Mine Project at Shus Nadloh**

**WHEREAS** Terrane Metals, a subsidiary of Thompson Creek Metals has received federal and provincial approval to develop a major gold-copper mine and Shus Nadloh (Mt. Milligan) in the Nak'azdli territory. The Crown is inaccurately using this project as an example of a mine that has been successfully developed. For the last five years the Nak'azdli First Nation has attempted to be adequately consulted and accommodated but the company and the Crown has failed to fairly respond;

**WHEREAS** in recent days three Nak'azdli members have been arrested for protesting at the mine site and a blanket Court injunction has been provided to the company that restricts any Nak'azdli member from protesting within the project area. The Nak'azdli no longer have the right to use their own Nak'azdli Territory due to the third-party interests of a mining company;

**WHEREAS** according to the United Nations *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* the Nak'azdli has the right to free, prior and informed consent. This consent has not been given;

**WHEREAS** the Nak'azdli First Nation, through their Keyoh holders and with the full support of the Chief and Council are attempting to engage with the company on process that includes their view of sustainable development. The government and industry, however, have engaged in divide and conquer tactics with First Nations in the area to further this project. Nak'azdli seeks to avoid a First Nation-to-First Nation dispute;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the UBCIC Chiefs Council fully supports the Nak'azdli First Nation to be consulted and accommodated prior to any further development at the Mt. Milligan mine site;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Nak'azdli seeks the support of the UBCIC Executive to raise these concerns with the Provincial and Federal governments and Thompson Creek Metals;

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**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the UBCIC Chiefs Council supports the right of the Nak'azdli First Nation to freely protest their concerns without the fear of further arrest and that a political solution must be found with the involvement of BC and Canada;

**THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** the UBCIC Chiefs Council calls upon the BC First Nations Energy and Mining Council to provide the necessary technical support to assist First Nations and the UBCIC Executive to compel the Provincial and Federal governments to make sweeping reforms to the mining free entry and environmental assessment processes to ensure that Aboriginal Title, Rights and Treaty Rights are protected.

**Moved:** Chief Bev Sellars, Xat'sull (Soda Creek)  
**Seconded:** Chief Marilyn Baptiste, Xenigwet'in First Nation  
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**Resolution no. 2010-60**

**RE: Support for British Columbia First Nations Enhanced Prevention Services and Accountability Framework**

**WHEREAS** a Strategic Relationship Building was held on November 22, 2010 between the First Nations Child & Family Wellness Council (the “Wellness Council”), Chiefs of the First Nations represented by the Delegated Agencies, Chiefs of the fifteen (15) Nation-based projects, Delegated Agencies, and Caring for First Nations Child Society;

**WHEREAS** the parties discussed ways they can work in collaboration to address the following issues:

- a. Representation;
- b. The need for political support and advocacy for adequate resources and culturally appropriate programs and services; and
- c. Effective communication;

**WHEREAS** it was reiterated that the parties must respect each Chief’s responsibility and inherent right to speak and act in the best interest of their respective communities, which includes child and family wellness matters;

**WHEREAS** the Delegated Agencies have a delegated authority by band council resolutions to represent children and families services of 148 First Nations in BC;

**WHEREAS** the Wellness Council holds a mandate delegated from the Chiefs Assembly of the First Nations Summit, Union of BC Indian Chiefs, and BC Assembly of First Nations, collectively comprising the First Nations Leadership Council, to implement the Indigenous Child at the Centre Action Plan;

**WHEREAS** the Chiefs-in-Assembly gave the direction for the Wellness Council and the Delegated Agencies to work in collaboration in the best interest of all First Nations children and families in BC,

which includes providing political support and advocacy for improved child and family services and resources, and in the development of an efficient and effective communication strategy;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the UBCIC Chiefs Council fully supports recommendations arising from the Strategic Relationship Building meeting on November 22, 2010, that:

1. The Union of BC Indian Chiefs, First Nations Summit, BC Assembly of First Nations, and the Wellness Council support the Enhanced Prevention funding flowing to BC for the fiscal year 2011-2012 and that all BC First Nations are eligible to receive prevention funding;
2. The Union of BC Indian Chiefs, First Nations Summit, BC Assembly of First Nations, along with the Wellness Council, provide letters of support for enhanced prevention funding and to actively advocate collectively for these resources;
3. All parties involved respect the responsibility and inherent right held by each Chief to speak for their respective community, which includes on behalf of their children and families;
4. The Union of BC Indian Chiefs, First Nations Summit, BC Assembly of First Nations, and the Wellness Council advocate to accept the estimated \$53 million over a 3-year period as approved by Treasury Board; however, all future funding be provided on the basis of equitable services for all children and families in BC; and
5. The BC First Nations Leaders collectively direct Indian and Northern Affairs Canada to delay the implementation of the funding model to actual costs until adequate consultation and collaboration with First Nations, Delegated Agencies and the Wellness Council takes place.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the UBCIC Chiefs Council directs the UBCIC Executive to work with the First Nations Summit, the BC Assembly of First Nations and the Wellness Council to provide letters of support for the Enhanced Prevention Funding flowing to BC for the fiscal year 2011-2012;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Chiefs Council directs the UBCIC Executive to work with the First Nations Summit, the BC Assembly of First Nations and the Wellness Council to actively advocate for the estimated \$53 million over a 3-year period as approved by Treasury Board; however, all future funding be provided on the basis of equitable services for all children and families in BC; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Chiefs Council directs the UBCIC Executive to work with the First Nations Summit, the BC Assembly of First Nations and the Wellness Council to collectively direct Indian and Northern Affairs Canada to delay the implementation of the funding model to actual costs until adequate consultation and collaboration with First Nations, Delegated Agencies and the Wellness Council takes place.

**Moved:** Chief Bruce Underwood, Pauquachin  
**Seconded:** Chief Tim Manuel, Upper Nicola Band  
**Disposition:** Carried  
**One (1) opposed-** Chief Fabian Alexis  
**Date:** November 29, 2010

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NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2010  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

**Resolution no. 2010-61**

**RE: Further Action on Bill C-3 *Gender Equity in Indian Registration Act***

**WHEREAS** Bill C-3 was passed in the House of Commons on November 22, 2010 by the federal government with support of opposition parties, without the any of the amendments UBCIC suggested. Bill C-3 is now moving quickly through the Senate in response to timelines imposed by the BC Court of Appeal, which called on the Government of Canada to implement a solution to the offending sections identified by McIvor in the *Indian Act* by January 31, 2011;

**WHEREAS** in its current form, Bill C-3 will not address the many aspects of discrimination against Indigenous women and their descendants that continue to exist in the *Indian Act*. Importantly, the second generation cut-off provisions will continue to mean that the numbers of status Indians declines in the long run, and that people who are recognized under the laws of their own communities and nations as being citizens will continue to be denied status;

**WHEREAS** the status and registration provisions of the *Indian Act* violate the United Nations *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* which recognizes the rights of Indigenous Peoples to continue to exist, as Peoples, and contains Article 8, which expressly rejects the forced assimilation of Indigenous Peoples (as Bill C-3 will continue to do):

1. Indigenous peoples and individuals have the right not to be subjected to forced assimilation or destruction of their culture.
2. States shall provide effective mechanisms for prevention of, and redress for:
  - a. Any action which has the aim or effect of depriving them of their integrity as distinct peoples, or of their cultural values and ethnic identities;
  - b. Any action which has the aim or effect of dispossessing them of their lands, territories or resources;
  - c. Any form of forced population transfer which has the aim or effect of violating or undermining any of their rights;

d. Any form of forced assimilation or integration; ...

**WHEREAS** the UBCIC adopted a position paper on Bill C-3, and with other like-minded organizations has strongly urged the Government and opposition parties to make amendments to Bill C-3 to:

1. Eliminate the 1951 Cut-Off date for return of status, and to include those who are denied status, even though their Indian woman ancestor lost status due to marriage, because they were born before September 1951; and,
2. Include those who lost status because they were born outside of marriage, and the Registrar deemed their father to be non-status (under s. 11(e) of the *Indian Act* as it then was);

**WHEREAS** Canada has still not articulated an adequate plan to assist and properly resource Indigenous communities in addressing the increase in status Indians and Band members that will result from Bill C-3 and has instead created a situation that will further fracture Indigenous Nations, communities and families;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the UBCIC Chiefs Council strongly objects to the passage of Bill C-3 without suggested amendments, and is extremely disappointed in the missed opportunity to substantially correct a very real, hurtful and obvious discrimination towards Indigenous women and their children; in effect, the actions of the federal government and opposition parties indicate an acceptance for continued discrimination;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the UBCIC Chiefs Council directs the UBCIC Executive to immediately communicate our concerns to the federal government and all federal opposition parties, and demand a meeting with the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the UBCIC Chiefs Council calls upon the UBCIC Executive to work with the BC Assembly of First Nations, and the First Nations Summit to prioritize this issue at the National and International levels;

**THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** the UBCIC Chiefs Council directs the UBCIC Bill C-31 Working Group and UBCIC Executive to work with like-minded organizations to continue advocating for an adequate plan from the federal government to assist and properly resource Indigenous communities in coping with the immediate and long-term services and financial effects of Bill C-3.

**Moved:** Chief David Walkem, Cooks Ferry Indian Band  
**Seconded:** Chief Maureen Chapman, Skawahlook First Nation  
**Disposition:** Carried  
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NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C.

**Resolution no. 2010-62**

## **Re: UBCIC Meeting Schedule for 2011**

**WHEREAS** the Union of BC Indian Chiefs' Annual General Assembly and Chiefs Council meetings constitute the primary mechanisms through which the member communities are informed of new legislation, policies and initiatives;

**WHEREAS** the UBCIC Annual General Assembly and Chiefs Council meetings are the mechanisms by which UBCIC Executive and staff receive ongoing mandates and direction from UBCIC members;

**WHEREAS** the UBCIC will host one (1) Annual General Assembly and three (3) Chiefs Council meetings in the 2011 calendar year;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the UBCIC Chiefs Council has reviewed and commits the following as tentative dates:

- March 9-10
- June 1-2
- September 14-16 (Annual General Assembly)
- November 23-24

**THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the UBCIC staff will confirm dates, locations and draft agendas, and provide notice to the UBCIC Chiefs Council.

**Moved:** Chief Jonathan Kruger, Penticton Indian Band  
**Seconded:** Chief Maureen Chapman, Skawahlook First Nation  
**Disposition:** Carried  
**Date:** November 29, 2010

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Resolution no. 2010-63

## RE: Urgent Support for the Mandate and Operation of the First Peoples' Cultural Foundation

**WHEREAS** the First Peoples' Cultural Foundation (the "Foundation") is a B.C.-registered charitable non-profit organization whose primary mission is to increase public awareness of, and to raise resources to support, B.C. First Peoples' languages, heritage and culture;

**WHEREAS** the Foundation also administers the Aboriginal Languages Initiative (ALI) a federal program funded by the Department of Canadian Heritage providing limited financial support for the maintenance, revitalization and promotion of First Nations' languages (\$10 million divided equally between all provinces and territories);

**WHEREAS** according to the *2010 Report on the Status of B.C. First Nations languages in B.C.* released by the First Peoples' Heritage, Language and Culture Council:

- Fluent First Peoples' language speakers make up a small and shrinking minority of the B.C. First Peoples population;
- Most fluent speakers are over the age of 65;
- The number of speakers is diminishing yearly; and,
- All of the 32 First Peoples' languages in British Columbia are severely endangered or nearly extinct;

**WHEREAS** the Foundation has no core infrastructural funding and resources to enable it to employ staff, establish an office, and initiate ongoing fundraising and public awareness campaigns;

**WHEREAS** the United Nations *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* provides:

**Article 11** supports the right to practice and revitalize cultural traditions and customs and the responsibility of states to provide redress through effective mechanisms, developed in conjunction with indigenous peoples, with respect to cultural property taken without their free, prior and informed consent or in violation of their laws, traditions and customs;

**Article 13** supports the right to revitalize, use, develop and transmit to future generations languages, writing systems and literatures, and the responsibility of states to take effective measures to ensure that this right is protected; and

**Article 14** supports the right of indigenous peoples to establish and control their educational systems and institutions providing education in their own languages, in a manner appropriate to their cultural methods of teaching and learning and the responsibility of states, in conjunction with indigenous peoples, to take effective measures, in order for indigenous individuals, particularly children, including those living outside their communities, to have access, when possible, to an education in their own culture and provided in their own language;

**WHEREAS** over the past year, the volunteer Board of the Foundation sought out grant moneys and other preliminary financial support through meetings with community foundations, private sector companies, national and international foundations and individuals, as well as with Provincial and Federal governments;

**WHEREAS** the Board believes that unless infrastructure funding is made available within the next six months, the Foundation will be forced to permanently close and an opportunity to engage in a proactive, meaningful long term fundraising strategy to help save B.C.'s First Peoples' languages will be lost;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the UBCIC Chiefs Council supports the mission and role of the First Peoples' Cultural Foundation;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the UBCIC Chiefs Council directs the UBCIC Executive to work with the BC Assembly of First Nations and First Nations Summit to urgently seek and/or advocate for government and private sector financial resources to assist the Foundation to fulfill its purpose and mission statement.

**Moved:** Chief Fred Robbins, Esketeme First Nation  
**Seconded:** Chief Robert Pollard, Campbell River Indian Band  
**Disposition:** Carried  
One (1) opposed- Chief Keith Matthew  
**Date:** November 29, 2010

## **APPENDIX A: BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

### **History of Foundation**

Between 2000, when it was created, and 2009, the activities of the First Peoples' Cultural Foundation were largely limited to stewardship of the FirstVoices web-based language archiving project. Fundraising efforts were very limited in their success because the Foundation was so closely linked to the First Peoples' Heritage, Language and Culture Council, a provincial crown corporation.

In 2004, following a decision by the Board of Directors, the Foundation and the Council merged their operations and the Foundation became operationally dormant. In 2006, the then Board of Directors set the course to revitalize and re-establish the Foundation as an independent entity by putting in place a key modification to its Constitution expanding the scope of its purpose beyond exclusively funding Council activities to include "other charitable organizations with similar purposes."

In 2007 the Foundation acted on this direction by developing a strategic plan designed to establish a new Board of Directors and to build an organization capable of meeting its expanded mandate.

The Foundation was restructured in 2009 as an arms' length organization, separate and distinct from the Council. Its role is to act as a non-political, independent fundraiser, working in the spirit of partnership and collaboration with other organizations such as the Assembly of First Nations, to support the Council and the efforts of all other B.C. First Nations organizations in promoting language, heritage and culture preservation and raising public awareness.

Seven volunteer directors with extensive experience and networks were recruited to the Board of the Foundation and tasked with setting up the Foundation's operations as an independent unit. At its AGM in September 2009, the new Board of Directors were appointed by the membership and the task of creating the operational infrastructure began.

For additional background information on the Foundation, including its Mission Statement, **please see Appendix B with Backgrounder and Board profiles.**

## **APPENDIX B: BACKGROUNDER AND BOARD PROFILES**

### **First Peoples' Cultural Foundation: Backgrounder**

*...working to revitalize and celebrate Aboriginal languages, arts and culture*

#### **Purpose of Foundation**

The First Peoples' Cultural Foundation recognizes that there are thousands of endangered cultural practices and traditional art forms unique to B.C. and found nowhere else in the world. For example, B.C. has 60% of Canada's Aboriginal languages and some have already been lost. There is an urgent need to document and archive language knowledge before our fluent speakers – our Elders – are gone.

The Foundation solicits charitable donations to:

- preserve and enhance Aboriginal heritage, language, arts and culture.
- increase understanding and sharing of Aboriginal knowledge.
- heighten appreciation for the wealth of Aboriginal cultural diversity.

#### **Mission Statement**

*Culture and language: a race against time to avoid extinction.*

A strong culture and language are fundamental to a strong identity. They are vital for the promotion of tolerance, understanding and good relations. They support the dignity and aspirations of peoples and individuals. For the First Peoples of British Columbia, language is the foundation for oral stories to relay their history and the traditional laws and practices that are written on the hearts of their children.

For all these reasons and more, promotion and preservation of the rich and diverse languages of the First Peoples of British Columbia, and the heritage and culture they represent, are important to all Canadians. But the number of speakers is diminishing yearly, and many of the First Peoples' languages in British Columbia are at risk of extinction.

We are engaged in a race against time to ensure those languages form a vibrant, living part of British Columbia's future. The primary mission of the First Peoples' Cultural Foundation is to increase public awareness of this challenge and to raise resources to support First Peoples' languages, heritage and culture: before it's too late.

#### **FIRST PEOPLES' CULTURAL FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Pauline E. Terbasket, Chair.** Pauline Terbasket is a proud Syilx (Okanagan) woman and member of the Lower Similkameen Indian Band. Ms. Terbasket has led her community and her Nation as a council member of her local band and most recently as the Executive Director of the Okanagan Nation Alliance. Ms. Terbasket has more than 25 years of experience working for a variety of First Nations organizations and government. In addition to her professional endeavours, she has sat as volunteer board member with numerous local and regional organizations and societies including the BC Native Women's Society, UBC Okanagan, Aboriginal Peoples Family Accord and the Ki-low-Na Friendship Society. Ms. Terbasket was also appointed to the Okanagan College Board of Governors. A strong advocate for social change, she has committed herself to tackling difficult issues confronting the prosperity and wellness of Indigenous people. Ms. Terbasket believes that the revitalization of Indigenous cultures and language is critical to self-determination and survival of Indigenous peoples.

**Dan Smith, Vice Chair.** Dan Smith is a member of the Campbell River Indian Band of the Laich-Kwil-Tach First Nation. He has an extensive history of working with First Nations, Aboriginal organizations and the federal government, including his serving as Vice President of the Native Council of Canada, President of the United Native Nations, member of the BC Human Rights Commission, as well as numerous other boards and committees. He has worked in senior positions with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Heritage Canada, and Canada Employment and Immigration. Currently, Mr. Smith is the Chief Negotiator for the Hamatla Treaty Society on Vancouver Island. In June 2008, he was elected to the three member political executive of the First Nations Summit, the Summit Task Group.

**Anne Drozd FCA, Treasurer.** Anne Drozd is a Chartered Accountant and was elected a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario in 1985. Ms. Drozd has been an active volunteer in both the accountancy and consulting professions -having sat on special purpose committees and chaired standing committees, such as the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario's Discipline Committee. As a result of her extensive experience in the regulatory sector and financial background, she was appointed a member of the Ontario Energy Board. – and has been a member of the boards of a number of community, social, cultural and arts organizations.

**Katherine Gordon, Secretary.** Katherine Gordon is freelance writer based on Gabriola Island, contributing to BC Business, Canadian Geographic and The Globe and Mail amongst other publications. She is also the award-winning author of five best-selling non-fiction books about B.C. Gordon also has 15 years' experience as a business lawyer and a Maori land claims negotiator in New Zealand, a chief negotiator and, subsequently, an intergovernmental relations facilitator in B.C. Her next book will be a collection of conversations with young First Nations people, set in the context of 21st century British Columbia and cultural rights and traditions.

**Peter Heap PhD.** Peter Heap is a Senior Research Associate for the Centre for Global Studies at the University of Victoria and is the author of *Globalization And Summit Reform: An Experiment in International Governance*, which describes the Centre's research into breaking the political deadlocks that too often prevent progress on critical global issues. He has extensive experience in government, including roles as Foreign Service Officer and Assistant Deputy Minister in the Government of Canada, as well as a Chief Treaty Negotiator, and Assistant Deputy Minister in the Government of British Columbia. He is the former Director of the Governability Research Program at the Institute for Research on Public Policy.

**Russell T. Mark CA.** Russell Mark is a Vancouver-based consultant specializing in cross-Pacific corporate diplomacy, business development and government affairs, and has completed major assignments in Japan, Hong Kong, China and India. He has extensive experience in relationship development and management, enriched by work experience in Canada as a public accountant, in Japan as a provincial government representative and Canadian diplomat, and significant ongoing business travel in Asia. He has been, and continues to be, active as a mentor to university students and volunteer in athletic, community and bilateral trade organizations.

**Lynda Price.** Lynda Price has served two terms as chief of the Ulkatcho First Nation, spent eight years as a band councillor and two years on the executive of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs on the First Nations Leadership council. Ms. Price also spent four years on the Carrier Chilcotin Tribal Council and ten years as a school trustee on the Cariboo Chilcotin School Board. She also served on the board of directors of the First Nations Schools Association, Cariboo Chilcotin Training & Education Centre, and the First Nation Forestry Council. Ms. Price has recently been appointed to The University of Northern British Columbia Board of Governors --and is a proud mother of two children, Carey and Kayla.

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**Resolution no. 2010-64**

## **RE: Support for UBCIC Resolutions Process**

**WHEREAS** resolutions are the essential mechanism by which the Union of BC Indian Chiefs Council provides specific mandates and direction to the Union of BC Indian Chiefs' Executive and staff;

**WHEREAS** as per Section XI (a) of the UBCIC Constitution and Bylaws (2010):

- The Resolutions Committee, working with UBCIC staff, will ensure that:
  - (i) Resolutions uphold and reflect the Aboriginal Title, Rights and Treaty Rights Mandate of the U.B.C.I.C. and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;
  - (ii) Timelines are set for the receipt of proposed resolutions from Full and Active Members in good standing;
  - (iii) There is no duplication or inconsistency between resolutions and encourage parties to reach consensus and submit joint resolutions; and
  - (iv) Final resolutions are distributed to all eligible members prior to voting at the Chiefs' Council, A.G.A. or Special General Meetings.

**WHEREAS** to facilitate an efficient and effective resolution process, the UBCIC Resolution Committee proposed a resolution process for consideration of the UBCIC Chiefs Council, to serve as the new "UBCIC Resolution Process";

**WHEREAS** the UBCIC Resolution Committee presented the proposed resolution process to the Chiefs Council on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the UBCIC Chiefs Council endorses the proposed resolution process with the following amendments:

- “Urgent resolution” is defined as a resolution that is of extraordinary nature and requires action prior to the following UBCIC Chiefs Council or Annual General Assembly, and arises on the floor of a UBCIC Chiefs Council or Annual General Assembly;
- Resolutions and accompanying Briefing Notes for consideration at an Annual General Assembly or Chiefs Council meeting must be received by the UBCIC Resolutions Committee at least ten (10) business days prior to the start of the Assembly or meeting;

**THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** the UBCIC Resolution Committee will circulate the amended and endorsed new “UBCIC Resolution Process” to the UBCIC Chiefs Council.

**Moved:** Chief Bernie Elkins, ?Esdilagh First Nation  
**Seconded:** Chief Jonathan Kruger, Penticton Indian Band  
**Disposition:** Carried  
**Date:** November 29, 2010



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**Resolution no. 2010-65**

## **RE: Appointment to the UBCIC Credentials Committee**

**WHEREAS** the Union of BC Indian Chiefs' Constitution and By-Laws state that:

VIII (f) The Chiefs-in-Assembly at the start of each AGA where an election for President is taking place will appoint a Credentials Committee, comprised of three Full or Active Members in good standing who are members of three separate Indian Nations (and not merely Indian Bands), and are not standing for election;

**WHEREAS** Resolution 2010-28 appointed the following members in good standing to the UBCIC Credentials Committee: Chief Fabian Alexis, Okanagan Indian Band; Chief Don Moses, Lower Nicola Indian Band; and Chief Mike LeBourdais, Whispering Pines Indian Band;

**WHEREAS** Chief Don Moses stepped down from the UBCIC Credential Committee;

**WHEREAS** the Union of BC Indian Chiefs Council directed the Chair of the Council to call for nominations from the floor to participate in the UBCIC Credentials Committee;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the UBCIC Chiefs Council hereby appoints Chief Bernie Elkins to the UBCIC Credentials Committee for the remainder of the three-year term ending at the Annual General Assembly in September, 2013.

**Moved:** Chief Ko'waintco Michel, Nooaitch Indian Band  
**Seconded:** Chief Fred Sampson, Siska Indian Band  
**Disposition:** Carried  
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**Resolution no. 2010-66**

## **RE: INAC Social Development Policy on Rent and Personal Mortgage Payments**

**WHEREAS** the Okanagan Indian Band has been informed that current policy enforcement of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)'s Social Development Policy Chapter 5.4 on Rent and Personal Mortgage Payments ("the Policy") is in full effect, and that INAC BC Region does not have authority to amend or overlook the issue pending a policy change;

**WHEREAS** enforcement of the Policy is extremely problematic for all First Nations on-reserve because:

- The Policy states that if a house was built with any monies from Government and the mortgages have been paid, the Social Assistance program cannot pay rent costs;
- Residential building owners cannot charge rent to social assistance clients unless they hold a current mortgage on their residence;
- The Policy allows the Federal Government to dictate who can reside in a home; and,
- A Band, as a landlord providing affordable units to members, is in a unique situation of being told to enforce a policy by the Federal Government when it is clearly not in the best interests of the membership or the Band as a collective;

**WHEREAS** the United Nations *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* states:

### **Article 21**

1. Indigenous peoples have the right, without discrimination, to the improvement of their economic and social conditions, including, inter alia, in the areas of education, employment, vocational training and retraining, housing, sanitation, health and social security.

2. States shall take effective measures and, where appropriate, special measures to ensure continuing improvement of their economic and social conditions. Particular attention shall be paid to the rights and special needs of indigenous elders, women, youth, children and persons with disabilities.

**WHEREAS** INAC Pacific Region has previously followed Provincial practice in social welfare policy, but in this instance is following the far more discriminatory Federal policy, and First Nations in BC could face funding claw-backs if they are found to be non-compliant;

**WHEREAS** enforcement of the Policy stands to have an extremely negative impact on all First Nations throughout BC, because on-reserve housing units subsidized by Federal Government programs such as CMHC and INAC Housing Subsidy will not be eligible places for Social Assistance recipients to have their rent paid, nor will privately owned properties with no personal mortgage costs;

**WHEREAS** enforcement of the Policy could lead to homeowners and Bands being forced to evict Social Assistance recipients, and being unable to rent to Social Assistance recipients in the future, which is extremely concerning because the majority of First Nations communities are extremely spread out in BC and have low vacancy rates, and all First Nations should be able to remain in their community if they so choose;

**WHEREAS** enforcement of the Policy stands to have the greatest impact on the most vulnerable members of our communities such as single parent families with children and those who are underemployed and unemployed;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the UBCIC Chiefs Council strongly objects to INAC's Social Development Policy Chapter 5.4 on Rent and Personal Mortgage Payments ("the Policy") given the potentially devastating social impacts that enforcement will have on our Nations, and because Bands could be faced with funding claw-backs if found non-compliant;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the UBCIC Chiefs Council directs the UBCIC Executive to inform INAC of UBCIC's strong objections to this Policy, to call on INAC Pacific Region to have the Policy rescinded in advance of this fiscal year ending March 31, 2010, and to work jointly with Chiefs and Councils to create a replacement policy on Rent and Mortgage Payments that will not limit the housing options available for Social Assistance Recipients;

**THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the UBCIC Chiefs Council directs the UBCIC Executive to immediately bring this urgent issue to the attention of the Leadership Council for further action.

**Moved:** Chief Ko'waintco Michel, Nooaitch Indian Band  
**Seconded:** Chief Fred Robbins, Esketeme First Nation  
**Disposition:** Carried  
**Date:** November 29, 2010