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UBCIC CHIEFS COUNCIL MEETING (HYBRID) FEBRUARY 22nd – 23rd, 2023 FINAL NOTICE, DRAFT AGENDA, AND ELECTION NOTICE

February 21st, 2023

Dear Chiefs Council, sister organizations, and friends:

The next UBCIC Chiefs Council meeting will take place February 22nd – February 23rd, 2023. The hybrid meeting will be held at **Musqueam Community Centre, x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam Territory)** with a **virtual option via Zoom**. **We invite meeting attendees to wear pink on February 22nd in support of Anti-Bullying/Pink Shirt Day.** **There will be an election for the UBCIC Active Member position, Youth Representative (notice attached).** Only those communities who are Full Members in good standing (have paid their membership dues for the current fiscal year) will be eligible to vote in the election and on resolutions. Please contact Tracy Point (tpoint@ubcic.bc.ca or 604-831-4265) if you have not yet renewed your membership for the current fiscal.

We are pleased to announce that through acclamation, Chief Don Tom has been re-elected to the position of Vice President, Chief Marilyn Slett elected to the position of Secretary Treasurer, Elder Amelia Washington re-elected to the position of Elder Representative, and Melissa Moses re-elected to the position of Women's Representative. If you have not already done so, please fill in the UBCIC [Elector Registration form](#) if you are eligible to vote.

We look forward to hearing from Premier Eby, Attorney General Niki Sharma, Minister Bowinn Ma, Minister Cullen, Minister Rankin, Jessica Wood and Priscilla Sabbas-Watts from the Province, and Minister David Lametti and Minister Guilbeault from Canada, as well as Special Interlocuter Kimberly Murray. As always, Mandell Pinder will provide a legal update and we will have a specific claims report. The agenda will have a climate emergency focus including hearing about flood strategy and preparing for wildfire season. We will also hear about First Nations issued permits for foraging, health governance reviews, a panel on sex discrimination in the *Indian Act* with **Sharon McIvor, Pam Palmater and Shelagh Day**; implementation of the UN Declaration and discussion on the proposed negotiations forum. There will be an update on Day Scholar Class Action – Band Class Settlement Agreement as well as on the CHRT decision, and a presentation from the Justice Council. An updated draft agenda (V2) is attached.

The meeting will follow all public health guidance and orders regarding COVID-19 safety. Please [register here](#) and reach out to cregistration@ubcic.bc.ca if you would like assistance with registration. Attached, please find a proxy template letter if needed.

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Respectfully,

Andrea Glickman
Policy Director
Union of BC Indian Chiefs

INFORMATION TO ATTEND UBCIC CHIEFS COUNCIL FEB 22-23, 2023

Registration for In-Person and Virtual Attendance

Please **PRE-REGISTER** through this link (no later than 4:00 pm on February 20th, 2023):
(<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0vfu-upz0pE9ZrflAJ5XocxoBrcI3oFXnW>)

- **Everyone must pre-register for the UBCIC Chiefs Council Zoom meeting whether attending in-person or virtually.** Registration helps staff track and support meeting delegates (Chiefs, proxies, representatives), speakers and observers. Pre-registration is also required to receive a unique Zoom meeting link. UBCIC uses Zoom to register all delegates, even those attending in person. All registrants will receive a Zoom meeting link. If you are attending in person, you may ignore this link.
- Be sure to use an email address that you can access the meeting link as needed. Only those who register in advance for the UBCIC Chiefs Council meeting will receive their unique Zoom meeting link via email.
- You will receive a confirmation email upon registering and again the day prior to the meeting. Please flag the email with the Zoom meeting link as it will be required to attend the meeting.

Registration Confirmation: Once you have submitted the online registration form, you will receive an email within 48 hours indicating that your registration has been confirmed. The email will be sent from no-reply@zoom.us under the subject line "UBCIC CHIEFS COUNCIL Confirmation".

If you have indicated upon your registration that your community is not currently in good standing (membership dues owing), please contact Tracy Point (tpoint@ubcic.bc.ca) or 1-604-831-4265) to arrange for payment.

Per the UBCIC Constitution and Bylaws, only members in good standing in the current fiscal year (April 1st, 2022, to March 31st, 2023) may speak from the floor or vote on resolutions brought forward during the meeting.

Registration Support: Please direct any registration questions or concerns to Angie Bain, Registration Lead (cregistration@ubcic.bc.ca). Angie and the registration team are also available for registration support during the meeting.

Proxy Information

We strongly encourage members to be prepared with a **proxy letter** in advance of the meeting, whether in-person or via Zoom, a proxy letter is required in case you need to step out of the meeting briefly (and return later), or if you need a proxy to stand-in for you throughout the entire meeting. In order for a registered proxy to enter and participate in the meeting, a proxy letter must be on file. Advance preparation will also help ensure that the meeting maintains quorum for voting purposes.

Attached is a proxy template letter for your convenience. You are welcome to put the wording on your own letterhead, OR you can copy, paste, and fill in the proxy letter directly into the body of an email to Elena Pennell (proxy@ubcic.bc.ca). Please reach out to Elena if you have questions regarding proxy letters.

Accommodation

We are pleased to inform you the UBCIC will reimburse travel and accommodation costs for **one** representative per member community- the Chief or the Chief's proxy- for this Chiefs Council meeting if you are attending in person. We have rooms reserved at the **River Rock Resort (8811 River Road, Richmond BC V6X 3P8)** under the Union of BC Indian Chiefs block.

Please book your room as soon as possible.

Reservations can also be made by calling the hotel's reservation department at 604-247-8900 or toll free at 1-866-748-3718 or by email reservations@riverrock.com. Please quote group confirmation "Union of BC Indian Chiefs Block". Please contact Mildred Chartrand (mildred@ubcic.bc.ca) if you require assistance booking a guest room, if the room block is full, or if there is no answer at River Rock Reservations department.

Shuttle Bus Pick-Up Times (February 22 and 23)

River Rock Resort	Musqueam Community Centre
8811 River Road, Richmond	6777 Salish Dr, Vancouver
7:30 a.m.	After end of meeting

Meeting Materials & Resolutions

Meeting materials will be available in advance for download, rather than provided in hard copy. **Instructions for accessing the digital kit are at the bottom of this notice.**

Please bring your laptop if you are attending the meeting in-person so you can use the digital kit.

Draft resolutions will be provided by email to delegates and will also be available in hard copy at the meeting for those attending in person.

A draft agenda is attached and incorporates directions on priority items provided by the Chiefs Council. If you would like to suggest an agenda item for a future meeting, please don't hesitate to call 1-800-793-9701 or email andrea@ubcic.bc.ca.

Covid-19 Health and Safety

The health and safety of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs members and staff is of utmost importance to the organization. As such:

- Do not attend the meeting in-person if you are ill. All registrants will be provided with a Zoom link, so please join the meeting that way if you are feeling at all unwell.
- While the need to show proof of vaccination is no longer necessary, masks will still be required, including on the bus to and from the meeting.
 - We strongly recommend using N95/KN95 masks, rather than cloth masks, as these have been shown to provide higher protection against the omicron variant. UBCIC will provide these. Please ensure your mask is well-fitted.
 - Masks are not required while being seated, but are required while moving around the gym.
- There will be cleaning of the meeting space throughout the day. Hand sanitizer will be provided. Please use it before and after touching common touchpoints, eating, and drinking, and removing and putting on your mask.
- Please follow any other instructions provided during the meeting to ensure participant safety. Rapid tests will also be available onsite.

UBCIC Contacts:

- Policy Director, Andrea Glickman andrea@ubcic.bc.ca
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- Membership Clerk, Tracy Point tpoint@ubcic.bc.ca
- Proxy Letters/Support, Elena Pennell proxy@ubcic.bc.ca
- Draft Resolutions/Briefing notes resolutions@ubcic.bc.ca

Accommodation:

- River Rock Resort, Hotel reservation dept. reservations@riverrock.com
1-866-748-3718

Attachments:

1. Draft Agenda V2
2. Proxy template letter
3. Resolutions process
4. UBCIC membership letter (fiscal year April 1st, 2022, to March 31st, 2023)
5. Notices of acclamation to UBCIC Vice President, Secretary Treasurer, Elder Representative, and Women's Representative and Bios for Youth Representative
6. UBCIC Simply Voting Guide

How to view Chiefs Council Material on the UBCIC website

Link to kit: https://www.ubcic.bc.ca/chiefs_council_february_2023_kit

Create a login as a UBCIC Chiefs Council member on our website.

Go to this website:

https://www.ubcic.bc.ca/chiefs_council_sign_up_v2

You will not be able to find this page on our regular webpage, and you will only be able to access it with this link.

Anyone you share the link with will also be able to create a login for the private Chiefs Council pages.

Creating a new account

1. Once on the sign-up page, it will ask you for some details. You only need to fill out the following:
First Name
Last Name
Email
2. There will be additional options, these are at your discretion:
Send me email updates
Send me text message updates
Don't publish this on the website
3. Click **Sign up**
4. After that you will land on a page that will say **Please check your e-mail for a link to activate your account**
5. You will receive an email with the subject line **Thank you for joining**
Open the email and click the text **Click here** to activate your account.
6. This will lead you to a page requesting more details. You will only need the following:
First Name
Last Name
Username
Password
7. Once you have entered all the details, click **ACTIVATE ACCOUNT**
8. This will lead you to the home page, and you will be signed in.

Registering an existing account as a Chiefs Council Member

1. Once on the page the sign-up will ask you for some details; you only need to fill out the following:
First Name
Last Name
Email
2. There will be additional options, which are at your discretion:
Send me email updates
Send me text message updates
Don't publish this on the website
3. Click [Sign up](#)
4. You will land on a Welcome! Page

Viewing Chiefs Council Documents

Website link: https://www.ubcic.bc.ca/chiefs_council

1. After you created your account, you will be able to see the restricted pages. Use the link or find the page with the following instructions:
Hover the mouse over [Resources](#) at the top of the page
Select [Chiefs Council](#)
2. Once on this page, you will find the most current Chiefs Council Update. Click on [AGA September 2022](#).
3. If you are logged in it will ask you to please verify your password, and click [SIGN IN WITH PASSWORD](#)
OR
If you are not logged in, it will prompt a login page.
Enter your email address and password
Click [SIGN IN WITH EMAIL](#)

You will land on the page you have clicked, where you will find the documents related to Chiefs
