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From: Dyble, John C PREM:EX
Sent: Tuesday, February 3, 2015 1:27 PM
To: BCPSA Agency DMC List
Cc: Mayhew, Neilane ABR:EX
Subject: DM Announcement

Colleagues,

As you know, s.22
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Neilane Mayhew will become the Acting Deputy Minister effective February 23, 2015. Currently the Associate Deputy Minister at MARR, Neilane will provide strong continuity to the important work currently underway at the ministry.

Please join me in wishing s.22

John

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Sent: Sunday, February 1, 2015 9:01 AM
To: Richter, Kevin J TRAN:EX
Cc: Main, Grant TRAN:EX; Nikolejsin, Dave MEM:EX; Wharf, Sandy PREM:EX; McKnight, Elaine L PSA:EX
Subject: Mount Polley report

Kevin,

I have had a chance to read the report this weekend.

I want to thank you for your work with the independent panel. I think the report is very well done!

I know these kind of assignments take a toll on family and add considerable pressure to already heavy workloads. Further, I understand you ^{s.22} in the middle of this.

You have done a tremendous job for the province. I really appreciate your agreeing to take this work on.

As a small token of appreciation for the effort this entails, I am requesting that Grant provide an additional 2 weeks of vacation time. I know this cannot make up for the ^{s.22} but the public service is grateful for your dedication.

Many thanks,

John

Sent from my iPad

McCann, Meghan PREM:EX

From: Henderson, Kim N FIN:EX
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2015 1:03 PM
To: McCann, Meghan PREM:EX
Subject: FW: UBCIC Letter to BCAFN & FNS: First Nations Child and Family Services in BC
Attachments: 2015Feb20_UBCICtoFNS&BCAFN_Resolution2015-08_ChildrenandFamilies.pdf; ATT00001.htm

For #52939

From: Dyble, John C PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, February 20, 2015 1:43 PM
To: Sieben, Mark MCF:EX; Brown, Stephen R HLTH:EX; Henderson, Kim N PREM:EX
Subject: Fwd: UBCIC Letter to BCAFN & FNS: First Nations Child and Family Services in BC

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

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To: "Dyble, John C PREM:EX" <John.Dyble@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: UBCIC Letter to BCAFN & FNS: First Nations Child and Family Services in BC

John

My apologies, I neglected to include you on this email.

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'Lucinda.phillips@lilwat.ca'

Subject: UBCIC Letter to BCAFN & FNS: First Nations Child and Family Services in BC

FNS Task Group & Regional Chief Jody Wilson-Raybould

On behalf of the UBCIC Executive and in follow up to the UBCIC Chiefs Council meeting, please see attached for your information and use UBCIC Resolution 2015-08, "First Nations Child and Family Services in BC," and related correspondence that was sent via email and regular mail this morning. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Maureen Grant

Policy Analyst

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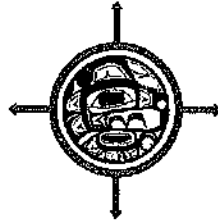
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February 20th, 2015

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BC Assembly of First Nations
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Via facsimile: 604-926-9923

Via facsimile: 604-922-7433

RE: Union of BC Indian Chiefs Resolution 2015-08, "First Nations Child and Family Services in British Columbia"

Dear FNS Task Group and Regional Chief Jody Wilson-Raybould,

We are writing with respect to Union of BC Indian Chiefs Resolution 2015-08, "First Nations Child and Family Services in British Columbia," which was presented, affirmed and endorsed by consensus at the UBCIC Chiefs Council on February 12th, 2015. (enclosed)

As noted in the resolution the UBCIC Executive as well as those appointed to the Joint Chiefs Working Group on Children and Families seek to work with your organizations and representatives to consider the current landscape of service delivery for children and families in BC, to engage with organizations and agencies that have an interest in children and families issues and provide recommendations for next steps at the upcoming Chiefs meetings (UBCIC Chiefs Council June 10-11th, FNS Meeting June 17-19th, BCAFN Meeting June 24-25th) in June 2015. Attached you will also find UBCIC Resolutions 2013-17, 2013-59, 2014-02 and 2014-03 which will inform much of the work of the Joint Chiefs Working Group.

We must work collectively to improve the outcomes for our communities, families and children. Further we reiterate it is imperative that we advocate for appropriate programs and services to be delivered with First Nations full participation, support, consultation and consent. Thank you and we look forward to our ongoing work in this area.


On behalf of the UNION OF BC INDIAN CHIEFS



Grand Chief Stewart Phillip
President



Chief Robert Chamberlin
Vice-President



Kukpi7 Judy Wilson
Secretary-Treasurer

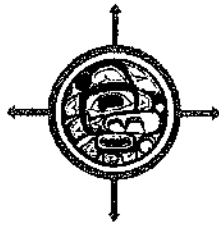
CC: Honourable Stephanie Cadieux, Minister of Children & Family Development for BC
Grand Chief Doug Kelly, Chair, First Nations Health Council
First Nations Child and Family Wellness Council
Chief Don Tom, Tsartlip First Nation
Chief Maureen Chapman, Skawahlook First Nation
Chief Coreen Child, Kwakiutl First Nation
Chief Lucinda Phillips, Lil'wat Nation

Enclosed: UBCIC Resolution 2015-08, First Nations Child and Family Services in British Columbia
UBCIC Resolution 2014-03, All Chiefs Task Force on Children and Families
UBCIC Resolution 2014-02, Support for a BC First Nations Assembly to Discuss a
Provincial approach to First Nations Children and Family Issues
UBCIC Resolutions 2013-59, Direct Fiscal Relationship Regarding the Enhanced
Prevention Focused Approach between Indigenous Peoples and Aboriginal Affairs and
Northern Development Canada
UBCIC Resolutions 2013-17, Bilateral Enhanced Prevention Focused Approach
Arrangements (EPFA) between First Nations (not affiliated with Delegated Agencies)

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UNION OF B.C. INDIAN CHIEFS
CHIEFS COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 12TH-13TH, 2015
X^WMƏƏK^WƏYƏM (MUSQUEAM TERRITORY)

Resolution no. 2015-08

RE: First Nations Child and Family Services in British Columbia

WHEREAS Indigenous Peoples have the right of self-determination which embodies our own legal orders and jurisdictions related to children and families. Canada's constitutional framework recognizes and protects the continuity of Indigenous laws and traditions. Section 91(24) of the Constitution Act, 1867, which reflects the Royal Proclamation of 1763 reflects an enduring constitutional and solemn commitment for a lasting relationship between the Federal Government and Indigenous Peoples. Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982* constitutionally enshrined Aboriginal Title, Rights and Treaty Rights;

WHEREAS UBCIC has a long history of politically promoting and advocating for enhanced measures that improve the outcomes of our children and families;

WHEREAS Canada's common law has long recognized – and continues to recognize – the inherent jurisdiction of Indigenous Peoples over matters internal to them, including child welfare: *Connolly v. Woolrich*; *Casimer v. I.C.B.C.*; *Campbell v. B.C.*; *R. v. VanderPeet*;

WHEREAS the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* recognizes the right of Indigenous Peoples to flourish as Peoples caring for children and families according to our own languages, laws and social structures;

WHEREAS UBCIC Resolution 2013-17 "Bilateral Enhanced Prevention Focused Approach Arrangements (EPFA) between First Nations (not Affiliated with Delegated Agencies)" and AANDC urges the federal government to develop bilateral fiscal arrangements with the 84 First Nations not affiliated with a delegated agency and that EPFA will be contained within those arrangements and to work with the First Nations Child and Family Wellness Council to advocate on behalf of those 84 First Nations;

WHEREAS UBCIC Resolution 2013-59 "Direct Fiscal Relationship Regarding the Enhanced Prevention Focused Approach between Indigenous Peoples and Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development

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Canada” calls for the establishment of a Chiefs Working Group to outline Indigenous Peoples’ inherent jurisdiction in the areas of children and families and further to this states that EPFA funding flowing to BC must be made available to all BC First Nations directly;

WHEREAS UBCIC Resolution 2014-02, “Support for a BC First Nations Assembly to Discuss a Provincial approach to First Nations Children and Family Issues” calls for UBCIC to work with the First Nations Summit (FNS) and BC Assembly of First Nations (BCAFN) to hold a BC Chiefs meeting to discuss the future provincial approach to First Nation children and families issues;

WHEREAS UBCIC Resolution 2014-03, “All Chiefs Task Force on Children and Families” supports the creation of an All Chiefs Task Force on children and families that will advocate for appropriate services to be delivered with our full participation by promoting our Nation based, community directed child and family plans and seeks meetings with Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) to discuss plans and funding with respect to children and families; and

WHEREAS further to UBCIC Resolution 2014-03, FNS passed Resolution #0614.10 and BCAFN passed Resolution 04(b)/2014 which calls for the three organizations (UBCIC, FNS, BCAFN) to create an ad hoc Chiefs Working Committee to examine the current landscape for First Nations child and family services across BC, to seek meetings with MCFD and prepare a report with recommendations for possible next steps.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the UBCIC Chiefs Council reiterates support for a Joint Chiefs Working Group on Children and Families as per UBCIC Resolution 2014-03 and that builds upon UBCIC Resolutions 2013-17, 2013-59, and 2014-02;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the UBCIC Chiefs Council directs the UBCIC Executive to work with the First Nations Summit (FNS) and BC Assembly of First Nations (BCAFN) to establish and support the Joint Chiefs Working Group on Children and Families to consider the current landscape of service delivery for children and families, to engage with organizations and agencies that have an interest in children and families issues, and provide recommendations for next steps at the upcoming Chiefs (UBCIC, FNS, and BCAFN) meetings in June 2015; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the UBCIC Chiefs Council, having called for nominations from the floor to participate in the Joint Chiefs Working Group on Children and Families; hereby appoints the following members to the Working Group:

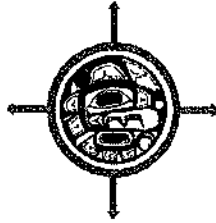
1. Chief Coreen Child
2. Chief Maureen Chapman
3. Chief Don Tom
4. Chief Lucinda Phillips

Moved: Chief Maureen Chapman, Skawahlook First Nation
Seconded: Chief Don Tom, Tsartlip First Nation
Disposition: Carried
Date: February 12, 2015

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UNION OF B.C. INDIAN CHIEFS CHIEFS COUNCIL APRIL 3RD - 4TH, 2014 MUSQUEAM NATION

Resolution no. 2014-03

RE: All Chiefs Task Force on Children and Families

WHEREAS Indigenous Peoples have the right of self-determination which embodies our own legal orders and jurisdictions related to children and families. Canada's constitutional framework recognizes and protects the continuity of Indigenous laws and traditions. Section 91(24) of the Constitution Act, 1867, which reflects the Royal Proclamation of 1763 reflects an enduring constitutional and solemn commitment for a lasting relationship between the Federal government and Indigenous Peoples. Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 constitutionally enshrined Aboriginal Title, Rights and Treaty Rights;

WHEREAS Canada's common law has long recognized – and continues to recognize – the inherent jurisdiction of Indigenous Peoples over matters internal to them, including child welfare: *Connolly v. Woolrich*; *Casimer v. I.C.B.C.*; *Campbell v. B.C.*; *R. v. VanderPeet*;

WHEREAS the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) recognizes the right of Indigenous Peoples to flourish as Peoples caring for children and families according to our own languages, laws and social structures;

WHEREAS the Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) and the Ministry of Children and Families Development (MCFD) have asserted that they have the legal authority to provide Child and Family Services to Aboriginal Peoples;

WHEREAS reported outcomes about MCFD services show that Aboriginal children and families are not receiving adequate service from MCFD resulting in the overrepresentation of Aboriginal children in stranger care (56% of all children in care and that number continues to grow despite all of the unilateral changes and policy statements made calling for improvement;

WHEREAS this has led to a vast review of MCFD practices and funding resulting unilateral, comprehensive changes to program and funding cuts. This has put the work of all participating Nations

for improvement of services to Aboriginal children and families in jeopardy as the impact is that the capacity for moving forward will be non-existent;

WHEREAS the Okanagan Nation has been actively strategizing and planning for Child and Family Services for the Okanagan Nation for 30+ years that ensures services that are culturally relevant and those initiatives have shown promising results for improving quality of life of children and families; and

WHEREAS there is a critical and urgent need for the development of a political strategy to ensure our full and informed participation into matters dealing with Children and Families.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCIC Chiefs Council politically promote and advocate for measures that improve the outcomes of Aboriginal Children and Families;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the UBCIC Chiefs Council recommends the creation of partnerships that would include all other like-minded organizations to achieve the mutual goal of improved outcomes for Aboriginal Children and Families;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UBCIC Chiefs Council fully support the creation of an All Chiefs Task Force on Children and Families that will advocate for the appropriate services to be delivered with our full participation by promoting our Nation based, community directed Child and Family Plans;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UBCIC Chiefs Council supports the All-Chiefs Task Force urgent efforts to strategize, plan for and demand meetings with the Minister and Deputy Minister of the BC Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) to discuss long term plans and permanent funding before April 30, 2014 with input from an advisory board which includes the directors forum; and

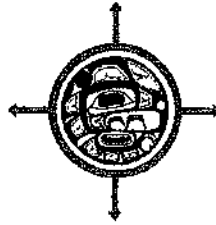
THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the UBCIC Chiefs Council direct the UBCIC Executive and staff to work with the First Nations Summit (FNS) and the BC Assembly of First Nations (BCAFN) to explore funding possibilities for the All Chiefs Task Force and for a BC Chiefs Assembly to discuss the future and approach to First Nations children and family issues.

Moved: Chief Maureen Chapman, Skawahlook First Nation
Seconded: Chief Don Tom, Tsartlip Nation
Disposition: Carried
Date: April 4, 2014

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UNION OF B.C. INDIAN CHIEFS
CHIEFS COUNCIL
APRIL 3RD - 4TH, 2014
MUSQUEAM NATION

Resolution no. 2014-02

RE: Support for a BC First Nations Assembly to Discuss a Provincial approach to First Nations Children and Family Issues

WHEREAS the First Nations Child and Family Wellness Council (FNCFWC) was created and endorsed by the Chiefs in Assembly in the fall of 2008;

WHEREAS the provincial Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) signed the *Recognition and Reconciliation Protocol on First Nations Children, Youth and Families* on March 30, 2009, establishing the FNCFWC as the lead for child and family discussions with MCFD;

WHEREAS MCFD has not fulfilled its commitments under the Protocol signed in March 2009 and has not engaged First Nations in a meaningful way;

WHEREAS MCFD unilaterally and without consultation cut funding to the FNCFWC and all Indigenous Approaches groups in December 2013, effective January 2014; and

WHEREAS MCFD has not responded to repeated requests for dialogue and information sharing and continues to make decisions without regard and recognition of Indigenous Peoples' rights as confirmed in, among other documents, the Canadian Constitution and the UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, specifically:

Article 3: Indigenous Peoples have a right to self-determination. By virtue of that right, they freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development,

Article 8: Indigenous peoples and individuals have the right not to be subjected to forced assimilation or destruction of their culture,

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, and

Article 22: Particular attention shall be paid to the rights and special needs of indigenous elders, women, youth, children and persons with disabilities in the implementation of this Declaration.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the UBCIC Chiefs Council directs the UBCIC Executive and staff, to work with the First Nations Summit (FNS) and the BC Assembly of First Nations (BCAFN) to establish a date for BC Chiefs to meet in assembly as soon as practicable to discuss the future of the First Nations Child and Family Wellness Council and the provincial approach to First Nations children and family issues;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the UBCIC, in conjunction with the FNS and BCAFN, demand a meeting with the Minister and Deputy Minister of the provincial Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) to discuss long-term plans and permanent funding for First Nations children and family programs that are community-driven and culturally-appropriate; and

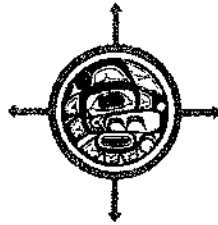
THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the UBCIC, in conjunction with the FNS and BCAFN, demand that MCFD end its unilateral decision-making processes that are contrary to the established and stated rights of Aboriginal people.

Moved: Chief Maureen Chapman, Skawahlook First Nation
Seconded: Chief Nelson Leon, Adams Lake Indian Band
Disposition: Carried
Date: April 4, 2014

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UNION OF B.C. INDIAN CHIEFS
CHIEFS COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 27TH – NOVEMBER 28TH, 2013
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Resolution no. 2013-59

RE: Direct Fiscal Relationships Regarding the Enhanced Prevention Focused Approach between Indigenous Peoples and Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada

WHEREAS Indigenous Peoples have the right of self-determination which embodies our own legal orders and jurisdictions related to children and families. Canada's constitutional framework recognizes and protects the continuity of Indigenous laws and traditions. Section 91(24) of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, which reflects the *Royal Proclamation of 1763* reflects an enduring constitutional and solemn commitment for a lasting relationship between the Federal government and Indigenous Peoples. Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982* constitutionally enshrined Aboriginal Title, Rights and Treaty Rights;

WHEREAS Canada's common law has long recognized – and continues to recognize – the inherent jurisdiction of Indigenous Peoples over matters internal to them, including child welfare: *Connolly v. Woolrich*; *Casimer v. I.C.B.C.*; *Campbell v. B.C.*; *R. v. VanderPeet*;

WHEREAS The *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (UNDRIP) recognizes the right of Indigenous Peoples to flourish as Peoples caring for children and families according to our own languages, laws and social structures;

WHEREAS AANDC states that *the welfare of all children, including First Nations children, is a priority of the Government of Canada*. Funding under the First Nations Child and Family Services Program is provided under several funding models across the country which provide for the delivery of protection and prevention services to improve the safety and well-being of First Nation children on-reserve. AANDC is willing to implement an enhanced prevention approach to funding child and family services on-reserve in British Columbia;

WHEREAS we are not accepting a process that continues to ignore children and families, this has been the status quo process since the residential school era, and has always failed our people;

WHEREAS UBCIC Resolution 2010-60, *Support for the BC First Nations Enhanced Prevention Services and Accountability Framework* which states that the UBCIC, will work will collectively with like-minded organizations to advocate for the EPFA funding flowing to B.C. and that all B.C. First Nations are eligible to receive prevention funding;

WHEREAS in January 2013, an implementation structure was developed for the EPFA to include a Tripartite Steering Committee comprised of representatives from the Directors Forum, AANDC, MCFD, and First Nations Leadership [designated for leaders of Indigenous Nations who are not represented by Delegated Authorities]; and a Technical Working Group to support the implementation of the EPFA. To date, these discussions have not been successful;

WHEREAS on September 4, 2013, in a letter addressed to the First Nations Child and Family Wellness Council (FNCFWC), Minister Valcourt stated that: *At this time, all provincial governments have jurisdiction over child and family welfare, including Aboriginal children living on and off reserve... Due to the legislative requirement for provincial delegation, the federal government cannot develop bilateral relationships with individual First Nations with respect to child and family services program funding... For First Nations not affiliated with a Delegated First Nations agency, funding for child welfare protection and prevention services will continue to be provided to (MCFD); and*

WHEREAS the UBCIC Chiefs Council fully support that:

- a. EPFA funding be accessible to all Indigenous Nations;
- b. That Indigenous Nations have the right to choose, according to their own laws, how to direct funds to carry out the objectives of protection and prevention, which could include Indigenous approaches, partnerships with delegated agencies or MCFD, or other options determined by their own internal processes and what they determine will achieve the best results for their children and families; and
- c. EPFA funding in B.C. must be equal or greater to what other provinces receive as Indigenous children in BC have been prejudiced by Canada's refusal to provide these funds in BC.
- d. The current draft EPFA guidelines do not recognize Indigenous jurisdiction and flow all funding through the provincially delegated agencies or MCFD, which is not acceptable.
- e. Indigenous Peoples have independent jurisdiction and responsibility for our children and families. This includes the right to choose what relationships to enter to best take care of our children and families. Some Indigenous communities may choose to build prevention services and programming independently, while others might choose to enter partnerships

with delegated agencies or the MCFD. Each Nation's right of self-determination gives them the right and obligation to determine what is in the best interests of their children and to act accordingly. This may mean, for example, that even though communities are part of a delegated process that they may choose to administer EPFA funds separate from that, or involve the delegated agency in only part of the programming.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the UBCIC Chiefs Council request a working group be struck with AANDC to outline Indigenous Peoples' inherent jurisdiction in the area of children and families and how it continues to be protected within the Canadian constitution and common law, to provide an alternative to the limited approach built on provincial jurisdiction currently relied on by the federal EPFA policy; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the UBCIC Chiefs Council direct the UBCIC Executive to work in conjunction with the Executives of the First Nations Summit and the BC Assembly of First Nations (collectively working as the 'First Nations Leadership Council') and the FNCFWC to the degree practical, to collectively advocate for the EPFA funding flowing to B.C., and recognizes that all B.C. Indigenous Nations are eligible to directly receive prevention funding.

Moved: Chief Maureen Chapman, Skawahlook First Nation
Seconded: Kukpi7 Judy Wilson, Neskonalith Indian Band
Disposition: Carried
Abstention: Kukpi7 Wayne Christian
Date: November 28, 2013

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UNION OF B.C. INDIAN CHIEFS CHIEFS COUNCIL MAY 29TH – MAY 30TH NANAIMO, B.C.

Resolution no. 2013-17

RE: Bilateral Enhanced Prevention Focused Approach Arrangements between First Nations (not Affiliated with Delegated Agencies) and AANDC

WHEREAS Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) is proposing a tripartite process (First Nations, First Nations Delegated Aboriginal Agencies, AANDC, and the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD)) to develop the Enhanced Prevention Focused Approach (EPFA) Framework, which will guide the implementation of the EPFA;

WHEREAS by UBCIC Resolution #2010-60, the UBCIC Chiefs Council directs the UBCIC Executive to work with the FNS, the BCAFN, and the FNCFWC to collectively advocate for the EPFA funding flowing to B.C., and recognizes that all B.C. First Nations are eligible to receive prevention funding;

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

Article 18: Indigenous peoples have the right to participate in decision-making 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.

Article 21(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 in January 2013, the FNCFWC was invited by AANDC to observe tripartite discussion on the development process for the EPFA, based on AANDC's acknowledgement that eighty-four (84) First Nations were not being represented by a Delegated Authority. Other participants at the meeting included the Directors Forum and MCFD;

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WHEREAS in January 2013, an implementation structure was developed for the EPFA to include a Tripartite Steering Committee comprised of three (3) representatives from the Directors Forum, 3 from AANDC, 3 from MCFD, and 3 representing First Nations Leadership (those 3 seats are designated for leaders of First Nations who are not represented by Delegated Authorities); and a Technical Working Group to support implementation of the EPFA;

WHEREAS by UBCIC Resolution #2013-06, the UBCIC Chiefs Council fully supports the FNCFWC to advocate:

1. EPFA funding be accessible to all 203 First Nations;
2. That First Nations who are not represented by a Delegated Authority receive representation and involvement of their leadership of in the implementation of the EPFA;
3. EPFA funding be implemented by 2014/2015 or sooner;
4. EPFA funding in B.C. be equal or greater to what other provinces receive; and
5. EPFA funding be reflective of community requirements, i.e. primary, secondary and tertiary prevention models;

WHEREAS AANDC hosted a Leadership Meeting on March 14-15, 2013 to provide general information on the EPFA. The proceedings included discussion around: the EPFA; what the EPFA looks like in other provinces; evaluations of the EPFA in other provinces; and proposed implementation structure for EPFA (Tripartite Steering Committee and Technical Working Group). The Chiefs in attendance directed the FNCFWC to host a subsequent meeting to invite the eighty-four (84) First Nations not represented by a Delegated Agency to further discuss the EPFA;

WHEREAS at the meeting hosted by the FNCFWC on April 15, 2013, in Richmond, B.C. for the 84 First Nations not represented by a Delegated Agency, the Chiefs in attendance unanimously decided:

1. Not to participate in the AANDC-tabled tripartite process to implement the EPFA; the Chiefs also did not appoint a representative by virtue of this position;
2. Each First Nation not affiliated with a Delegated Agency requires a direct fiscal relationship with AANDC and the EPFA would be a program within the funding arrangement;
3. To direct the FNCFWC to participate at the technical level in advocacy and information sharing;

WHEREAS the Chiefs in attendance at the April 15, 2013 meeting directed the FNCFWC to seek action from the UBCIC, FNS, and BCAFN to:

1. Urge the federal government to develop direct fiscal arrangements with the 84 First Nations not affiliated with a Delegated Agency and that EPFA will be contained within those funding arrangements; and
2. Urge the federal government to remove the provincial government, specifically MCFD, from the EPFA process with the 84 First Nations not affiliated with a Delegated Agency.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the UBCIC Chiefs Council directs the UBCIC Executive to:

1. Urge the federal government to develop direct bilateral fiscal arrangements with the 84 First Nations not affiliated with a Delegated Agency, and that Enhanced Prevention Focus Approach (EPFA) will be contained within those funding arrangements; and
2. Urge the federal government to completely remove the provincial government, specifically MCFD, from the EPFA process with the 84 First Nations not affiliated with a Delegated Agency;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the UBCIC Chiefs Council directs the UBCIC Executive to work with the First Nations Child and Family Wellness Council (FNCFWC) to continue advocating for the 84 First Nations not affiliated with a Delegated Agency throughout the EPFA process;

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the UBCIC Chiefs Council directs the FNCFWC to report back to the UBCIC Chiefs Council on any progress regarding implementation of the EPFA.

Moved: Chief Maureen Chapman, Skawahlook First Nation
Seconded: Grand Chief Bob Pasco, Oregon Jack Creek Indian Band
Disposition: Carried
Abstention: Chief Rita Matthew, Simpcw First Nation
Date: May 30, 2013