


**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN INDIGENOUS JUSTICE STRATEGY  
BETWEEN:  
THE MINISTRY OF ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL AND  
THE BRITISH COLUMBIA ABORIGINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL**

The Ministry of Attorney General, the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General (the ministries), and the British Columbia Aboriginal Justice Council (BCAJC) recognize that significant improvements are required in the way that the justice system interacts with Indigenous people in British Columbia and agree to jointly develop an Indigenous justice strategy, with a focus on:


1. Reconciliation with Indigenous people;
2. Decreasing the overrepresentation of Indigenous people in the justice system;
3. Improving the experience of Indigenous people within the justice system;
4. Addressing violence against Indigenous people, especially women and girls;
5. Engagement with Indigenous communities and organizations in a respectful and culturally appropriate manner;
6. Improved access to justice services by Indigenous people; and,
7. Designing services that provide Indigenous people with culturally relevant, flexible and user-focused processes;

The Partners agree that sufficient capacity funding to sustain BCAJC participation in this work is a necessary condition for success. To that end, the ministries agree to provide BCAJC with capacity funding in the amount of \$400,000 in 2017/18 to participate in the development of the strategy. The Partners will consider the future capacity needs of the BCAJC at a future date.

The Partners agree that they will make best efforts to develop and plan for the implementation of an Indigenous justice strategy within two years of the signing of this Memorandum, which is not to preclude mutually agreed upon immediate actions improving outcomes for Indigenous people in the justice system.

  
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Co-Chair, Criminal Justice  
BC Aboriginal Justice Council

Date: *September 7, 2017*



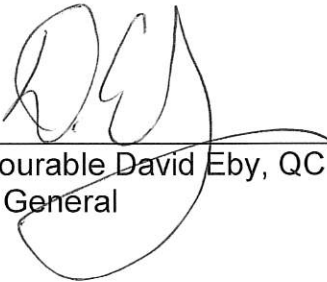
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The Honourable Mike Farnworth  
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

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The Honourable David Eby, QC  
Attorney General

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