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BCAFN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Musqueam Community Centre, X^wməθk^wəỷəm, Vancouver, BC
September 18-20, 2019

Resolution 19/2019

SUBJECT: CALL FOR TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

COUNCIL (FNHC) & FIRST NATIONS HEALTH AUTHORITY (FNHA)

MOVED BY: KUKPI7 WAYNE CHRISTIAN, SPLATSIN

SECONDED BY: CHIEF BYRON LOUIS, OKANAGAN INDIAN BAND

DECISION: CARRIED

3 OPPOSED

2 ABSTENTIONS

WHEREAS:

- A. Splatsin, Sto:lo Tribal Council and the Okanagan Nation Alliance wrote to the First Nations Health Council on July 22, 2019 and July 26, 2019 to seek transparency and accountability on a "leadership transition." Each of these letters set out questions and concerns about communication, due process, and liabilities and asked for a written explanation or response;
- B. On August 7, 2019, the FNHC wrote a brief reply acknowledging receipt of the letters and indicating that they were preparing a review and would provide a full summary as soon as possible;

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- C. The Office of the Auditor General (OAG) released a Report on the First Nations Health Authority on February 2, 2016. The FNHA developed a plan to address the policy issues and OAG Recommendations in late 2016; and
- D. Since late 2016, the FNHA has not provided open and transparent reporting to Chiefs and leaders on the issues set out by the Office of the Auditor General.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- The BCAFN Chiefs-in-Assembly call on the First Nations Health Council to provide a full, transparent, written and verbal report that accounts for the decision to undergo a leadership transition;
- 2. The BCAFN Chiefs-in-Assembly call on the First Nations Health Council to respond to all of the questions and issues set out in correspondence from the Splatsin, Sto:lo Tribal Council and the Okanagan Nation Alliance at the First Nations Regional Health Caucuses in the Fall of 2019;
- 3. The BCAFN Chiefs-in-Assembly call on the First Nations Health Authority to provide a full, transparent, written, and verbal accounting on all past, current and future actions to address the recommendations of the 2016 Office of the Auditor General Report;
- 4. The BCAFN Chiefs-in-Assembly urge the First Nations Health Council and the First Nations Health Authority to ensure that the agenda for the Fall 2019 Regional Caucuses provides ample time for reporting and for Chiefs and leaders to provide advice and give direction to achieve good governance standards, uphold reciprocal accountability, and to address the recommendations of the 2016 Office of the Auditor General Report.

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