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BCAFN SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY Nicola Valley Institute of Technology, Merritt, BC March 7 & 8th, 2019 Resolution 06/2019

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF ELECTIONS APPEAL COMMITTEE ON AN INTERIM BASIS

MOVED BY: CHIEF HARVEY MCLEOD, UPPER NICOLA INDIAN BAND

SECONDED BY: CHIEF LOUISE JOHNSON, KISPIOX

DECISION: CARRIED

WHEREAS:

- A. On October 24, 2018 at the BCAFN 15th Annual General Meeting ("**AGM**"), the Chiefs-in-Assembly passed a special resolution adopting new bylaws (the "**Bylaws**") and the Bylaws came into effect on November 29, 2018;
- B. Bylaw 10.1 provides that, at every AGM in which there is an election of the Regional Chief, the Chiefs-in-Assembly will
 - a. establish and provide terms of reference for an Elections Appeal Committee to hear and decide appeals of elections results, and
 - b. appoint three (3) individuals to serve on the Elections Appeal Committee, each for a term of three (3) years that terminates at the close of the third AGM after their appointment;
- C. Bylaw 10.3 provides that the individuals appointed to the Elections Appeal Committee will, collectively, have the following mix of skills and experience:
 - a. experience managing or supervising elections,
 - b. legal expertise,
 - c. experience adjudicating disputes as part of an administrative tribunal or similar body, and
 - d. familiarity with BCAFN processes and procedures;
- D. the next AGM in which there is an election of the Regional Chief is the 17th AGM to be held in 2020;

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- E. Bylaw 10.2 provides that the Chiefs-in-Assembly may, at any time before the AGM in 2020, establish the Elections Appeal Committee on an interim basis, with all of the duties and powers set out in the Bylaws and on the same terms, except that the term of the three (3) individuals appointed will terminate at the close of the next AGM in 2020;
- F. the Chiefs-in-Assembly received a recommendation at the 2018 AGM to appoint the Elections Appeal Committee on an interim basis; and
- G. Terms of reference have not yet been developed for the Elections Appeal Committee.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. the following individuals are appointed to the Elections Appeal Committee on an interim basis, to serve until the AGM in 2020:
 - a. Merle Alexander
 - b. Edith Kuhanga-Loring, Councillor, Gitwangak
 - c. Victoria Russell, Deputy Chief, Gitsegukla
- 2. the appointees named above are authorized and directed to develop the terms of reference for the Elections Appeal Committee in consultation with the Board and to put those terms of reference forward for ratification and approval by the members at the 2019 AGM.

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