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BCAFN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Resolution 14/2019

Musqueam Community Centre, Xʷməθkʷəy̓əm, Vancouver, BC
September 18-20, 2019

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR THE FIRST NATIONS PUBLIC SERVICE SECRETARIAT

MOVED BY: CHIEF HARVEY MCLEOD, UPPER NICOLA BAND

SECONDED BY: CHIEF MICHAEL LEBOURDAIS, WHISPERING PINES INDIAN BAND

DECISION: CARRIED

WHEREAS:

- A. BC First Nations Leadership determined in 2008 that there was a significant need for support for BC First Nations to build capacity in their administrations to be able to effectively and efficiently carry out their increasing decision-making powers through jurisdiction, authority and administration;
- B. The First Nations Public Service Secretariat (FNPSS) was established in 2008 as a provincial-level body mandated to create and implement a collective plan to support First Nations communities and organizations in BC as they pursue excellence in capacity building and human resource development;
- C. The *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, which the government of Canada has adopted without qualifications, and has, alongside the government of BC committed to implement, affirms:

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A blue ink signature of Terry Teegee, BC Regional Chief.

Terry Teegee, BC Regional Chief

Article 4: Indigenous peoples, in exercising their right to self-determination, have the right to autonomy or self-government in matters relating to their internal and local affairs, as well as ways and means for financing their autonomous functions;

Article 5: Indigenous peoples have the right to maintain and strengthen their distinct political, legal, economic, social and cultural institutions, while retaining their right to participate fully, if they so choose, in the political, economic, social and cultural life of the State;

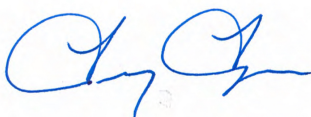
Article 23: Indigenous peoples have the right to determine and develop priorities and strategies for exercising their right to development. In particular, indigenous peoples have the right to be actively involved in developing and determining health, housing and other economic and social programmes affecting them and, as far as possible, to administer such programmes through their own institutions;

- D. Between 2008 and 2013, the FNPSS made significant progress towards its primary goals to:
- Strengthen and support relationships between First Nations Leadership, Administration and Communities;
 - Coordinate and strengthen human resource development for Nation workers in the core competencies: human, financial and information management, and policy development;
 - Support and enhance human resource development efforts for Nation workers in a range of professional sectors such as health, education, children and families, resource management, etc;
- E. FNPSS progress was halted when federal funding support stopped in 2013, but in November 2017 the FNPSS was re-established, with federal funding through the First Nations Summit;
- F. FNPSS confirmed through conferences in March 2018, November 2018 and other outreach that it continues to have the support of BC First Nations for it to pursue its previous mandate and towards its existing goals; and
- G. Over the past year, FNPSS has re-established previous partnerships, developed and implemented training and capacity building courses, and engaged in various activities in continued successful support of its mandate and goals.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The BCAFN Chiefs-in-Assembly fully supports the First Nations Public Service Secretariat (FNPSS) in its work to strengthen and enhance public service capacity in BC First Nations communities and organizations, on an individual and Nation level.

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