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Resolution 09/2020

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR BAMFIELD ROAD UPGRADES

MOVED BY: BEN CLAPPIS, PROXY, HUU-AY-AHT FIRST NATION

SECONDED BY: THOMAS RUSH, PROXY, UCHUCKLESAHT TRIBE GOVERNMENT

DECISION: CARRIED

WHEREAS:

- A. The United Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UN Declaration) states:
- i. Article 21 (1) Indigenous peoples have the right, without discrimination, to the improvement of their economic and social conditions, including, inter alia, in the areas of education, employment, vocational training and retraining, housing, sanitation, health and social security.*
 - ii. Article 39 Indigenous peoples have the right to have access to financial and technical assistance from States and through international cooperation, for the enjoyment of the rights contained in this Declaration.*
 - iii. Article 43 The rights recognized herein constitute the minimum standards for the survival, dignity and well-being of the indigenous peoples of the world.*
- B. Bamfield Road is a 78-kilometre long logging road that connects Port Alberni to Bamfield on Vancouver Island;
- C. Bamfield Road is the only road that connects HUU-ay-aht First Nations to Port Alberni;

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- D. Safe and reliable road/travel access is a crucial part of economic and social development for communities in order to ensure consistent economic activities and access to services outside of communities;
- E. Bamfield Road frequently experiences travel advisories due to road's conditions. Funding for road maintenance is provided by British Columbia while road maintenance is to be executed by logging companies; and
- F. On September 13, 2019, two University of Victoria students were killed in a bus crash on Bamfield Road. Following these fatalities, Premier John Horgan committed to upgrading the road to improve road safety. To date, no upgrade activities have taken place.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The BCAFN Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Regional Chief to advocate for immediate road upgrades to Bamfield Road to ensure improved safety and social, and economic opportunities for Huu-ay-aht First Nation.

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