



# BRITISH COLUMBIA ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS

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BCAFN SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY - ONLINE  
March 9 & 10, 2022  
Online via Zoom

Resolution 03/2022

**SUBJECT:** AMENDMENTS TO THE GOVERNANCE MANUAL RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

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**MOVED BY:** CHIEF JERRY JACK, MOWACHAHT

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**SECONDED BY:** CHIEF AILEEN PRINCE, NAK'AZDLI WHUT'EN

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**DECISION:** CARRIED

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## WHEREAS:

- A. The Governance Committee is mandated to undertake a periodic review of the BCAFN Bylaws and Governance Manual.
- B. Having received advice and recommendations from BCAFN policy staff and legal counsel and with regard to BCAFN Resolution 11/2020 - *Support for Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+* and AFN Resolution 01/2021 – *Amendment to Charter Re: Establishment of a 2SLGBTQQIA+ Council as a Recognized "Principal Organ" Under Article 5 of the Charter*, the Governance Committee is proposing amendments to the Governance Manual as shown in the document attached as Schedule "A" (the "**Draft Amended Governance Manual**");
- C. In addition to minor corrections and clarifications, the changes shown in the Draft Amended Governance Manual include the following:

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Terry Teegee, BC Regional Chief

- (i) provide for the election of a 2SLGBTQQIA+ representative to serve on the recently established AFN 2SLGBTQQIA+ Council;
- (ii) align with recent amendments to the AFN Charter that renamed the AFN Knowledge Keepers Council (formerly the Elders Council) and call on each region to appoint three Knowledge Keepers, inclusive of male, female and 2SLGBTQQIA peoples;
- (iii) replace gendered pronouns with gender inclusive pronouns;
- (iv) expand the Principles to Combat Bullying and Harassment to cover online harassment, physical violence and discrimination; and
- (v) add consistent nomination requirements for elected representatives (Women's Rep, Youth Reps and 2SLGBTQQIA+ Rep);
- (vi) make minor adjustments to election provisions to align with current BCAFN practices, such as making the appointment of scrutineers optional.

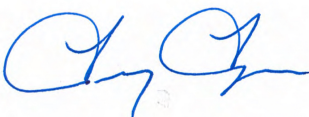
D. Bylaw 12.2 provides that the Governance Manual may only be amended by an ordinary resolution at an assembly of the Chiefs.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The BCAFN Chiefs-in-Assembly approve the amendments to the Governance Manual as shown in the Draft Amended Governance Manual attached as Schedule "A" and direct staff to create a new version of the Governance Manual with such amendments incorporated and to circulate that new version to all members following this Special Chiefs Assembly.

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Terry Teegee, BC Regional Chief