



## BC ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS

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**BCAFN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**September 21, 22, & 23, 2022**  
**Hybrid - In person & online via Zoom**

**Resolution 26/2022**

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**SUBJECT:** SUPPORT FOR THE FNLC PUBLIC SAFETY PROTOCOL WITH THE RCMP

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

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**SECONDED BY:** CHIEF HARVEY MCLEOD, UPPER NICOLA INDIAN BAND

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**DECISION:** CARRIED

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**WHEREAS:**

- A. public safety continues to affect Indigenous peoples in Canada as we continue to confront discriminatory, negligent, and oppressive policing – including surveillance, racial profiling, and excessive force – that is tied to the destructive colonial legacy of institutionalized racism and violence against Indigenous peoples;
- B. the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, which the government of Canada has adopted without qualification, and has, alongside the government of BC, committed to implement, affirms:
- Article 2:** Indigenous peoples and individuals are free and equal to all other peoples and individuals and have the right to be free from any kind of discrimination, in the exercise of their rights, in particular that based on their indigenous origin or identity.
- Article 7(1):** Indigenous individuals have the rights to life, physical and mental integrity, liberty and security of person.
- Article 18:** Indigenous peoples have the right to participate in decision-making in matters which would affect their rights, through representatives chosen by themselves

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in accordance with their own procedures, as well as to maintain and develop their own indigenous decision-making institutions;

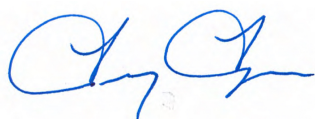
- C. the BC First Nations Justice Strategy (2020), in particular, Strategy 22, mandates the BC First Nations Justice Council to establish new models of structured relations between First Nations, the RCMP, and other police forces, including the creation of protocols;
- D. the BC Assembly of First Nations, Union of BC Indian Chiefs and First Nations Summit, working together as the First Nations Leadership Council, has developed in collaboration with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and the BC Association of Municipal Chiefs of Police a draft Cooperation Protocol which aims to create a path forward that respects and recognizes the human rights of Indigenous Peoples; and
- E. the draft Public Safety Protocol between the First Nations Leadership Council, and the RCMP and BC Association of Municipal Chiefs of Police has been developed to establish a process for joint dialogue, action, and cooperation on promoting safe and resilient First Nation communities.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. the BCAFN Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Regional Chief to sign the draft Cooperation Protocol between the BC Assembly of First Nations, Union of BC Indian Chiefs and First Nations Summit, working collectively as the First Nations Leadership Council, the BC First Nations Justice Council, and the RCMP and the BC Association of Municipal Chiefs of Police;
2. the BCAFN Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Regional Chief to clearly articulate to the RCMP and BC Association of Municipal Chiefs of Police that the Cooperation Protocol is not a substitute for the RCMP or the BC Association of Municipal Chiefs of Police to engage directly with Nations regarding on the ground support and is not a delegation of authority in any way;
3. the BCAFN Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Regional Chief to support the BC First Nations Justice Council in implementing Strategy 22 of the BC First Nations Justice Strategy, including the creation of additional protocols with other police service agencies in BC and work with the BC First Nations Justice Council to ensure the inclusion and involvement of the BC First Nations Justice Council in the adoption of the RCMP Safety Protocol ;
4. that the BCAFN Chiefs-in-Assembly fully support and endorse the renewal of the Public Safety Cooperation Protocol between the First Nations Leadership Council, the RCMP and the BC Association of Municipal Chiefs of Police for the next three years.

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