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BCAFN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
September 19-21, 2023
Hybrid - In person & online via Zoom

Resolution 30/2023

SUBJECT: ELECTIONS APPEAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

MOVED BY: PROXY SEMPULYAN GONZALES, SQUAMISH NATION

SECONDED BY: CHIEF VICTOR ISAAC NAMGIS FIRST NATION

DECISION: CARRIED

WHEREAS:

- A. BCAFN Bylaw 10.1 requires the Chiefs-in-Assembly at this AGM to:
- a. appoint three (3) individuals to serve on a committee to hear and decide appeals of BCAFN election results, each for a term of three (3) years (the **"2023-2026 Elections Appeal Committee"**), and
 - b. provide terms of reference for that committee;
- B. The Board has reviewed draft terms of reference for the 2023-2026 Elections Appeal Committee, a copy of which is attached as Schedule "A" (the **"Draft 2023-2026 Terms of Reference"**);
- C. The Draft 2023-2026 Terms of Reference are substantially the same as the terms of reference for the Elections Appeal Committee that were adopted and ratified by the Chiefs-in-Assembly at the AGM in 2020 by Resolution 12/2020 and 13/2020;
- D. Sections 5.2 and 5.3 of the Draft 2023-2026 Terms of Reference clarify that the term of the individuals appointed to the 2023-2026 Elections Appeal Committee will begin after the close of the appeal period after this AGM or, if an appeal is filed, after the outcome of that appeal, whichever is later;

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- E. The BCAFN Board recommends that the Chiefs-in-Assembly approve and ratify the Draft 2023-2026 Terms of Reference; and
- F. BCAFN Bylaw 10.3 requires that the individuals appointed to the Elections Appeal Committee will, collectively, have the following mix of skills and experience:
 - (i) experience managing or supervising elections,
 - (ii) legal expertise,
 - (iii) experience adjudicating disputes as part of an administrative tribunal or similar body, and
 - (iv) familiarity with BCAFN processes and procedures; and
- G. The Chiefs-in-Assembly wish to accept the Board's recommendation to adopt and ratify the Draft 2023-2026 Terms of Reference and to appoint the 2023-2026 Elections Appeal Committee.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. the following individuals are appointed to the 2023-2026 Elections Appeal Committee, to serve until the close of the appeal period after the 2026 AGM or, if an appeal is filed at that AGM, after the outcome of that appeal, whichever is later:
 - a. Chief Lara Mussell, Skwah First Nation
 - b. Chief Victor Isaac, Namgis First Nation; and
 - c. Leah George Wilson, Tsleil-Waututh Nation.
- 2. the Draft 2023-2026 Terms of Reference are hereby ratified and approved.

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