



BC ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS

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Hybrid - In person & online via Zoom

Resolution 31/2023

SUBJECT: **BCAFN APPOINTMENT TO THE FIRST NATIONS FORESTRY COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Moved BY: **SEMPULYAN GONZALES, PROXY, SQUAMISH NATION**

SECONDED BY: **LEAH GEORGE-WILSON, PROXY, TSLEIL-WAUTUTH NATION**

DECISION: **CARRIED**

WHEREAS:

- A. The First Nations Forestry Society, as represented under the First Nations Forestry Council (FNFC), supports and assists First Nations in their efforts to improve and sustain the economic wealth and well-being of BC First Nations based on sustainability principles and Indigenous values that ensure the viability of the forests and lands for current and future generations.
- B. The FNFC supports First Nations in their work with governments and others to ensure that First Nations' priorities, values, and principles are factored into forestry-related legislation, policy and program development.
- C. The FNFC is the body mandated by First Nations in BC to work on their behalf to implement the *BC First Nations Forestry Strategy*, which is a collaborative effort with the province of BC and First Nations that is intended to increase the participation of First Nations in the governance and stewardship of forests lands and resources, advance reconciliation, and support the full implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- D. The FNFC achieves its mandate by:

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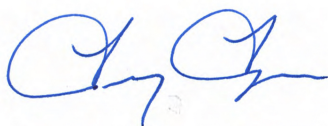
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- Serving as an advocacy voice, and acting in the best interests, of all 204 First Nations in BC in achieving their forestry-related priorities and objectives;
 - Overseeing forestry-related policy analysis and research;
 - Participating in policy and program planning processes related to First Nations forestry and forestry development issues;
 - Providing leadership in the implementation of the *BC First Nations Forestry & Land Stewardship Action Plan*; and
 - Participating in communications and regularly reporting on progress and activities to First Nations and their representative political organizations.
- E. In accordance with FNFC Bylaw 7.5, the BC Assembly of First Nations (BCAFN), as one of the three (3) Founding Members of the First Nations Forestry Society, which also includes the Union of BC Indian Chiefs and the First Nations Summit, must appoint one (1) Director per its own internal procedures where a vacancy shall arise.
- F. Chief Bill Williams of Squamish Nation, BCAFN's appointed FNFC Director, has resigned from the FNFC Board due to retirement as of September 21, 2023.
- F. In accordance with FNFC Bylaw 7.8, the First Nations Forestry Society will request that the Founding Member who appointed such Director promptly appoint a replacement in accordance with Bylaw 7.5.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The BCAFN Chiefs-in-Assembly endorse the appointment of Chief Robert Michell of Stellat'en First Nation as Director of the First Nations Forestry Council for a three-year term effective September 21, 2023, in alignment with the BCAFN Regional Chief's term of office, and will be reviewed after the BCAFN Annual General Assembly in 2026.

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