

BC ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS

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BCAFN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING October 28, 29 & 30, 2025 Hybrid - In person & online via Zoom Resolution 41/2025

SUBJECT: CALL FOR THE RESIGNATION OF MLA DALLAS BRODIE FOR VIOLATING THE BC

LEGISLATURES RESPECTFUL WORKPLACE GUIDELINES AND THE 2024-2028

RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

MOVED BY: KÚKWPI7 ROSANNE CASIMIR, T'KEMLÚPS TE SECWÉPEMC

SECONDED BY: CHIEF VICTOR ISAAC, NAMGIS FIRST NATION

DECISION: CARRIED

WHEREAS:

- A. Residential School denialism, or the rejection, dismissal or minimization of Indian Residential School Survivors' accounts of the tragic, systematized and governmentally endorsed treatment of Indigenous children at Indian Residential Schools, causes immense harm to Residential School Survivors, Inter-generational survivors, First Nations communities and to reconciliation initiatives.
- B. MLA Dallas Brodie was elected in the 2024 BC election in the riding of Vancouver-Quilchena as a Conservative Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA).
- C. MLA Dallas Brodie and her party, OneBC, have actively promoted and used public dollars to create and distribute Residential School denialist sentiments and anti-Indigenous rhetoric publicly and within the Legislative Assembly.

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- D. The *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (UN Declaration), which the government of Canada has adopted without qualification, and, has alongside the government of BC committed to implementing, 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(2): Indigenous peoples have the collective right to live in freedom, peace and security as distinct peoples and shall not be subjected to any act of genocide or any other act of violence, including forcibly removing children of the group to another group.

Article 8(1): Indigenous peoples and individuals have the right not to be subjected to forced assimilation or destruction of their culture.

- (2): States shall provide effective mechanisms for prevention of, and redress for: (a) Any action which has the aim or effect of depriving them of their integrity as distinct peoples, or of their cultural values or ethnic identities; (b) Any action which has the aim or effect of dispossessing them of their lands, territories or resources; (c) Any form of forced population transfer which has the aim or effect of violating or undermining any of their rights; (d) Any form of forced assimilation or integration; (e) Any form of propaganda designed to promote or incite racial or ethnic discrimination directed against them;
- E. In February of 2025, MLA Dallas Brodie shared a series of messages on social media diminishing and refuting the findings of Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc, who hired specialists to uncover potential unmarked burials at the Kamloops Indian Residential School and reported preliminary findings that up to 215 potential remains could be uncovered.
- F. In February of 2025, the BCAFN Chiefs-In-Assembly passed Resolution 21/2025, Call to Reject and Criminalize Residential School Denialism, as a direct response to the spreading of denialist sentiment by MLA Dallas Bodie on social media. The resolution also called for her removal from the Conservative caucus.
- G. In March of 2025, leader of the BC Conservative Party, John Rustad, removed Dallas Brodie and several other MLAs from the Conservative Caucus in response to an attack on an Indigenous colleague and calls from Indigenous organizations due to her ideological misalignment with the party's values.
- H. In June of 2025, MLA Dallas Brodie announced the establishment of OneBC, comprised solely of her and MLA Tara Armstrong for Kelowna-Lake Country-Coldstream. Since its establishment the party has sought to undermine and minimize any and all partnerships between BC First Nations and the provincial government, notably by calling for repeal of the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* (DRIPA), seeking a ban on land acknowledgments, banning public

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signage using Indigenous languages, eliminating First Nations rights under the *Indian Act* and using public funds to develop a documentary denying the reality of the Indian Residential School System.

- Throughout the Summer of 2025, MLA Dallas Brodie continued to publicly share and promote
 Residential School denialist sentiment, anti-Indigenous rhetoric, and continuously attempting to
 undermine existing relationships and partnerships between BC First Nations and all levels of
 government.
- J. On September 30, 2025, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, MLA Dallas Brodie shared a series of problematic, disturbing and bigoted sentiments on social media:
 - 1. An image on social media, once again refuting the findings of unmarked gravesites at former residential schools, while posed in front of an *Every Child Matters* sign within the territory of the Penticton Indian Band. This image was reshared on official OneBC social media pages.
 - 2. A trailer for a documentary produced by OneBC fueled by denialist sentiments that seeks to once again, undermine and minimize the widespread harm and violence perpetrated by the residential school system.
- K. On October 14, 2025, Chief Greg Gabriel of the Penticton Indian Band (PIB) penned a letter to Premier David Eby citing the racist and disrespectful conduct of Dallas Brodie. The letter also explains that Brodie entered PIB lands without permission to stage and circulate the image shared on social media. This behaviour contradicts the Province of British Columbia's stated commitments to reconciliation and respectful Nation-to-Nation relationships.
- L. MLA Dallas Brodie and OneBC continue to promote harmful ideologies that attack and undermine the inherent title and rights of BC First Nations by belittling all traditional ways of knowing, undermining First Nations governance and attacking First Nations who vocalize their opposition of her political views.
- M. The Legislative Assembly of BC has respectful workplace guidelines which prevent and address incidents of bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence within the Legislative Assembly.
- N. The Legislative Assembly of BC has established a discipline framework which identifies processes and actions that may be taken to address disciplinary matters and provides opportunities to improve their performance or conduct, which states:
 - a. Employees must meet standards of performance and conduct, demonstrate respectful behaviour towards others, and be accountable for their actions. When an employee's performance or conduct fails to meet the Legislative Assembly's expectations, including contraventions of *Policy 4015 – Standards of Conduct*, corrective action may be taken using progressive discipline

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- O. In 2024, the Legislative Assembly released the *Reconciliation Action Plan 2024-2028*. The Plan outlines the commitments and actions the Legislative Assembly will undertake to contribute to reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples. MLA Brodie's actions directly oppose every commitment proposed in the plan, especially Commitments 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.
- P. The implementation of the *Reconciliation Action Plan* is overseen by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- The BCAFN Chiefs-In-Assembly categorically reject the deeply disturbed anti-indigenous and residential school denialist rhetoric perpetrated by MLA Dallas Brodie and the OneBC party against BC First Nations, but especially against Residential School survivors;
- 2. The BCAFN Chiefs-In-Assembly call on MLA Dallas Brodie to resign as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of BC, and to read the reports of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada and meet with survivors of the Indian Residential School System to understand the harms that her beliefs continue to cause;
- 3. The BCAFN Chiefs-In-Assembly call on the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Assembly's Management Committee to launch an investigation into MLA Brodie's conduct for the harm her actions have caused to First Nations peoples in contravention of the Legislative Assembly's code of conduct and the Reconciliation Action Plan and, subject to the findings, subject MLA Brodie and the OneBC party to disciplinary action as per the Legislative Assembly's discipline framework;
- 4. The BCAFN Chiefs-In-Assembly continue to call on all Members of Parliament to prioritize amendments to the federal Bill C-9, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (hate propaganda, hate crime and access to religious or cultural places) to criminalize residential school denialism and hate speech directed to First Nations and to protect First Nations' spiritual and cultural sites; and
- 5. The BCAFN Chiefs-In-Assembly stands with survivors and intergenerational survivors of Indian Residential Schools and their families, as well as the children who never made it home and all those who are harmed by the deeply troubling trend of Indian Residential School denialism and any unwillingness to accept historical fact of the multitudes of harm that the Federal government, provincial MLAs, federal MPs, and the churches have admitted to and apologized for, and the work of experts to uncover these truths.

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