



Upper Nicola

Band Council Resolution

The Council of the Upper Nicola Band	BCR Chronological No.: 2017– 09– 30-01
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Date: September 30, 2017	

RE: Upper Nicola Band representation and planning on children, youth and family matters

WHEREAS the recent reports and recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC), the Representative for Children and Youth (RCY) and the Provincial Health Officer (PHO) have been consistent in calling for fundamental change to services available to and accessed by First Nation children, youth and families;

WHEREAS the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* sets out in Article 21 that “Indigenous peoples have the right, without discrimination, to the improvement of their economic and social conditions, including, inter alia, in the areas of education, employment, vocational training and retraining, housing, sanitation, health and social security” and that “states shall take effective measures and, where appropriate, special measures to ensuring continuing improvement of their economic and social conditions. Particular attention shall be paid to the rights and special needs of Indigenous elders, women, youth, children and persons with disabilities”;

WHEREAS the Nicola Valley Tribal Council, AKA the Scw’exmx, as represented by the Councils of the Coldwater, Lower Nicola, Nooaitch, Shackan and Upper Nicola Indian Bands and the Province of British Columbia as represented by the Ministry of Children and Family Development signed an Aboriginal Delegation Agreement on May 31, 1994 to initiate planning and delivery of services with the intent to “facilitate the assumption by the Scw’exmx of primary responsibility for the provision of family and child welfare service for Scw’exmx families and children, wherever situated within the Province of British Columbia” and that “Scw’exmx will provide services to Members and Non-Members who are status Indians”;

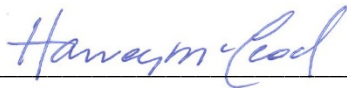
WHEREAS the Scw’exmx Child and Family Services Society, as mandated by the Chief and Councils of the Coldwater, Lower Nicola, Nooaitch, Shackan and Upper Nicola Indian Bands, and the Province of British Columbia as represented by the Ministry of Children and Family Development signed a Delegation Confirmation Agreement April 1, 2016 with the understanding the “the member bands assert that they have an inherent responsibility and authority for the social wellbeing, family matters, and child protection of their children and families who are entitled to receive services that respect and preserve their spirituality, language, culture and heritage” and that “the Board of Directors and the Member Bands they represent assert that Scw’exmx Child and Family Services Society has a responsibility to provide services to Scw’exmx Children and families regardless of where they reside” and that “the Parties acknowledge that Scw’exmx Child and Family Services Society will work towards delivering Services in an expanded Catchment Area to include but not limited to the traditional territories of the Member Bands;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Upper Nicola Chief and Council directs the Upper Nicola Grandmother's Group, including the Health Director and the Upper Nicola Child & Family Preservation Worker, to represent Upper Nicola Band Chief and Council on all matters relating to Upper Nicola Indian Band Children, Youth and Families;

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Upper Nicola Chief and Council directs the Scw'exmx Child and Family Services Society and the Upper Nicola Grandmothers Group to work collaboratively together to support the best possible outcomes for children and youth and to preserve the family unit.

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Upper Nicola Chief and Council directs the Scw'exmx Child and Family Services Society and the Upper Nicola Grandmothers Group to report back to the Upper Nicola Chief and Council on progress relating to this new relationship to support the children and families of the Upper Nicola Indian Band.

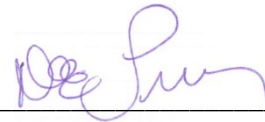
A quorum for this Band consists of **(4) FOUR**



Chief Harvey McLeod



Councillor Brian Holmes



Councillor David Lindley



Councillor Dennis MacDonald

Councillor Wallace Michel

Councillor Clarine Paul