



Upper Nicola

## Band Council Resolution

The Council of the <b>Upper Nicola Band</b>	BCR Chronological No.: 2019-06-19-01
<b>Physical:</b> 2225 Village Road, Douglas Lake, BC <b>Mailing:</b> Box 3700, Merritt, British Columbia V1K 1B8	File Reference (if applicable):
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### **RE: UNB support Scw'exmx Child and Family Services Society (SCFSS) to Acquire Adoption Delegation**

**WHEREAS** the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* sets out in Article 18 that “Indigenous peoples have the right to participate in decision-making in matters which would affect their rights, through representatives chosen by themselves in accordance with their own procedures, as well as to maintain and develop their own indigenous decision-making institutions” furthermore in Article 23, it states that “Indigenous peoples have the right to determine and develop priorities and strategies for exercising their right to development. In particular, indigenous peoples have right to be actively involved in developing and determining health, housing and other economic and social programs affecting them and as far as possible, to administer such programs through their own institutions”;

**WHEREAS** the SCFSS, as mandated by the Chief and Councils of the Coldwater, Lower Nicola, Nooaitch, Shackan and Upper Nicola Bands, and the Director representing the Ministry of Children and Family Development signed a Bilateral Agreement December 2017 recognizing that “SCFSS meets the operational requirements to provide C3-Voluntary Services, C4- Guardian Services, and C6 Protection Services as set out in AOPSI operational standards. The Director provides Delegated Authority in accordance with SCFSS’s operational status to the Delegated Staff who have the Director’s criteria for delegation.”;

**WHEREAS** the SCFSS’s Vision is “We are all somebody’s 7<sup>th</sup> Generation. We are working collaboratively to facilitate opportunities for our children, families, and communities to achieve their full potential and realize a healthy quality of life through the implementation of our laws, jurisdiction, and ancestral beliefs, values and teachings.”;

**WHEREAS** Upper Nicola Grandmother’s Group, including the Health Director and the Upper Nicola Child & Family Preservation Worker, represent Upper Nicola Band Chief and Council on all matters relating to Upper Nicola Indian Band Children, Youth and Families. The Scw'exmx Child and Family Service Society, and the Upper Nicola Grandmothers Group work collaboratively together to support the best possible outcomes for children and youth and to preserve the family unit.

**WHEREAS** the SCFSS wishes to acquire its Adoption Delegation.


### **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

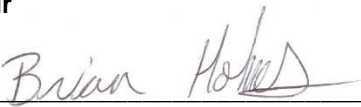
**THAT** the Upper Nicola Band supports the Scw'exmx Child and Family Services in its efforts to acquire its Adoption Delegation;

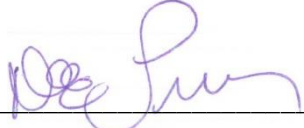
**THAT** the Upper Nicola Chief and Council directs the Scw'exmx Child and Family Services Society and the Upper Nicola Grandmothers Group to continue to work together and develop an adoption program that is respectful to the Upper Nicola Band’s Traditional Laws and Practices;

**THAT** the Upper Nicola Chief and Council directs the Scw'exmx Child and Family Services and Upper Nicola Grandmothers Group to report back to the Upper Nicola Chief and Council on progress relating to the Adoption Program

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

  
Chief Harvey McLeod

  
Councillor Brian Holmes

  
Councillor David Lindley

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Councillor Dennis MacDonald

  
Councillor Wallace Michel

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Councillor Clarine Paul