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UBCIC Welcomes Chief Don Tom as the New UBCIC Vice-President

(Coast Salish Territory/Vancouver, B.C. – June 19, 2019) On June 17, 2019, the UBCIC Chiefs Council elected Chief Don Tom, Tsartlip First Nation, as Vice-President of the UBCIC.

Chief Don Tom has a long history advocating for the Title and Rights of Indigenous Peoples. First elected in 2005 as a Councillor for the Tsartlip First Nation, the largest First Nation in southern Vancouver Island, he was then elected as Chief in 2013.

Born and raised in the WSANEC territory on the Tsartlip First Nation reserve in Brentwood Bay. Chief Tom holds the traditional name, Kwul'thut'stun, and is a SENCOTEN and Hul'q'umi'num language speaker.

"It is a great honour to be elected as Vice-President of the UBCIC. I have long respected and held in high regard this organization as one which respectfully and cooperatively works with its membership to advance Indigenous Title and Rights," stated Chief Don Tom, Vice-President of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs. "I look forward to working beside Grand Chief Stewart Phillip and Kukpi7 Judy Wilson as we collectively advance the recognition and implementation of Indigenous Title and Rights and the implementation of the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*."

The UBCIC Executive and staff welcome Chief Tom's appointment.

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